



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2025
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Meeting called to order by: Dale Olinger, Board Chair

The Management Council of the Missoula Area Education Cooperative met for a regular meeting via ZOOM. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise stated.

ATTENDEES

Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director
Dale Olinger, Superintendent, Lolo Schools
Erin Lipkind, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools
Jason Sargent, Superintendent, St. Ignatius School
Jim Howard, Superintendent, Bonner School
Logan Labbe, Superintendent, Superior School
Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager

GUESTS

Christina Hartmann, Superintendent, Seeley Lake School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Jason Sargent moved to accept the Minutes of the February 20, 2025 Management Council meeting.
Logan Labbe- Second.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. None

CORRESPONDENCE

3. None

OLD BUSINESS

4. None

NEW BUSINESS

5. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Information & Action
 - A. Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager, reported to the Board that March year-to-date expenditures are \$977,782.00
 - B. Treasurer's Financial Statement Fund Balance for January was \$390,482.68
 - C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay April claims and payroll. Jason Sargent moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Jim Howard- Second.

PERSONNEL REPORT

6. Director's Evaluation
 - A. Dale Olinger moved the Director's Annual Evaluation to the end of the meeting after the Director's report.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

7. None

POLICY UPDATES

8. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9. Stacia Vaughn, Director, presented the following:
 - A. Stacia updated the board on OPI's Special Education Compliance Monitoring. With ongoing monitoring, one more district is now fully compliant, bringing the total number of schools fully compliant to 12 out of 17. Jim Howard asked if Bonner School was one of those not complaint. Stacia explained that Bonner does have a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) pertaining to meeting timelines and OPI will continue to review their sped files for evidence of sustained post-monitoring compliance. When they determine there is sufficient evidence that the district understands the rule and is following the rule, OPI will inform Bonner School and send them a letter indicating compliance.
 - B. Stacia remarked that the Cooperative is so lucky to have Rhonda Decker as its Business Manager and thanked her for her hard work, commenting that the annual audit has been completed with no findings. The final report will be finished up before the end of the fiscal year.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

10. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: APRIL 2, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

OTHER

11. Dale Olinger reopened the meeting for public comment for those who were admitted to the meeting late and reviewed the next meeting date and time. Christina Hartmann commented on the 8:30 a.m. start time expressing concern for allowing for travel time to get to the WMASS meeting by 9:30 a.m.

immediately following. Dale advised that we will be keeping an eye on the agenda and will move the meeting time up, if necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. The board went into Executive session at 9:09 a.m. to conduct the Director's Annual Evaluation and came back into the public meeting at 9:23 a.m.

ADJOURN

13. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.



Business Manager, Attest



Date



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Chairman



Date