

Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative Management Board

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

10:00 AM-Cooperative Office

MINUTES- DRAFT

1. Call to Order – Mr. Stiegler called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Board members present: Mr. Stiegler, Mr. Fiske, Ms. Weems, Mr. Biesiot via Zoom, Mr. Jamison – Victor Superintendent effective 7/1/26. BVEC Admin present: Ms. Rammell, Ms. Gillespie. Staff present: Cami Hildebrand. Board Clerk: Jill Reynolds, Kimberly Waggener

2. Consent Agenda – Motion from Mr. Fiske to accept consent agenda. Mr. Biesiot seconded the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

- A. Minutes
- B. Warrants
- C. Resignation-None
- D. New Hires-None
- E. Next Meeting: July 21, 2026.

3. Public Comment – None.

4. Correspondence/Communication – None.

5. Board Action – None.

6. Information and Discussion

- A. Cooperative Wide Digital Assessment Library (DALs) – Ms. Rammell and Ms. Hildebrand provided an overview of how the districts and co-op utilize Q-Interactive for special education assessments. Currently the districts pay for licenses, and some licenses are shared between users. This fall, Q-Interactive will not allow licenses to be shared, causing some districts to see an increase in cost when having to purchase licenses for all users.

Ms. Rammel proposed transitioning to DALs and consolidating district licensing and assessment needs under the Co-op, allowing the co-op to purchase all required licenses and assessments on behalf of both Co-op staff and the districts. The cost for DALs is based on the number of IEPs at the beginning of the school year and allows for unlimited assessment usage. Under this model, the Co-op would cover the annual DALs cost and then bill districts based on their number of licenses and IEP counts at the start of the school year. Since districts are already using Q-Interactive and these assessment tools, there would be no change to the actual assessment process for district staff.

Switching to DALs for assessments would:

- allow access to a broader variety of evaluations
- make ordering more streamlined and immediate. Ms. Hildebrand is working on logistics of ordering, but she would coordinate with the school psychologists for assessment needs

- eliminate having to purchase physical kits
- allow 35% time-savings on assessment process

The board is requesting to move this item to an action item for July and would like more specific details on the cost of DALs.

B. August Special Education Training – Ms. Rammell will be providing training to any new special education staff. 1st Session – August 12, 2026, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at BVEC. 2nd Session – September 18, 2026, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at BVEC. Ms. Rammell will send out an informational flier to district special education departments.

C. Potential Dates/Topics for Dr. Garfinkle Training – Dr. Garfinkle will be brought into districts throughout the year. Ms. Rammell is looking at scheduling her for September 25th to provide training to special education staff and admin staff. Mr. Fiske suggested looking at scheduling the training during one of the MEA days in October if possible. Dr. Garfinkle will be discussing understanding difficult behaviors and proactive strategies. Ms. Rammell asked for feedback on any other topics the board would like to see discussed during these training sessions.

7. Adjourn – Mr. Stiegler adjourned the meeting at 10:51 AM.

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