



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: August 12, 2026
Time: 10:00 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 at 10:00 a.m. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise stated.

ATTENDEES

Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director
Dale Olinger, Superintendent, Lolo Schools via ZOOM
Jason Sargent, Superintendent, St. Ignatius School via ZOOM
Jim Howard, Superintendent, Bonner School via ZOOM
Logan Labbe, Superintendent, Superior School via ZOOM
Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager

ABSENT

Erin Lipkind, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools

GUESTS

Amanda Cyr, Superintendent, Alberton School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Jim Howard moved to accept the Minutes of the July 16, 2026 Management Council meeting. Jason Sargent- 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 August year-to-date expenditures so far were \$76,607.00.
 - B. Rhonda updated the board on the Missoula County Treasurer report status, stating that FY 2026 interest for all 12 months was received yesterday evening; however, no July 2026 reports have been received and no June 2026 corrections as of yet for the interest adjustment that was made to May and June 2025 reports. She again reported a tentative reconciled cash balance with the Missoula County Treasurers for June at \$650,283.27.
 - C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay September claims and payroll. Jim Sargent moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Jim Howard- Second.

PERSONNEL REPORT

- A. None

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

- A. None

POLICY UPDATES

- A. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Program Narrative- Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director, reported that the Cooperative's Program Narrative has been finalized, signed and approved by OPI; it was emailed to all Management Council members along with the board packet, and it has been posted to the Cooperative's website. Stacia will be sending it out to all JAB members who are welcome to include it on their websites if they choose.
- B. IDEA E-Grant Applications- This is the earliest the IDEA e-grant application has been open and available in the past few years. Stacia will be reaching out to Administrators to begin the application process.
- C. Annual OPI Special Education Exiting Reports originally due June 30, 2026 have been granted an extension by OPI and are due no later than September 15, 2026.
- D. MAEC New Staff Orientation and All Staff Meeting will be held August 20, 2026. Some MAEC staff will begin reporting to their assigned schools early next week to attend PIR.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

6. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: 9/3/2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

OTHER

7. None

ADJOURN

8. ADJOURN: Date Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Rhonda Dean
Business Manager, Attest

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Date Copies sent to JAB

Joe Olinger
Chairman

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