

BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Tuesday, July 21, 2026
10:00 AM – Cooperative Office

MINUTES - DRAFT

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Biesiot called the meeting to order at 9:57 a.m. Board members present: Mr. Biesiot via Zoom, Mr. Fiske, Ms. Weems, Mr. Jamison. BVEC Admin present: Ms. Rammell, Ms. Gillespie. Board Clerk: Jill Reynolds, Kimberly Waggener
2. **Consent Agenda** – Motion from Mr. Fiske to accept consent agenda. Ms. Weems seconded motion. Motion carries 4-0.
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Warrants
 - C. Financial Review
 - D. Resignations-None
 - E. New Hires-
 - a. Rachella Moresi-School Based Mental Health Therapist-Out Patient/Lone Rock
 - b. Nick Boissoneault-Physical Therapist/All Member Districts
 - F. Next Meeting: August 25, 2026
3. **Public Comment-** None.
4. **Correspondence/Communications-** None.
5. **Board Action-**
 - A. BVEC Special Education Budget 2026-2027 – Ms. Rammell gave a summary of the budget. Jill highlighted some of the changing factors from 25/26 to 26/27 budget. Mr. Fiske made a motion to accept the BVEC Special Education Budget 2026-2027 as presented. Ms. Weems seconded motion. Motion carries 4-0.
 - B. BVEC School Based Mental Health Budget 2026-2027 (Lone Rock/Florence/Victor) – Ms. Rammell gave a summary of the budget. Ms. Gillespie and Ms. Reynolds discussed some changing factors for the 2026-2027 budget. Mr. Fiske made a motion to accept that BVEC School Based Mental Health Budget 2026-2027 as presented. Ms. Weems seconded motion. Motion carries 3-0.
 - C. Cooperative Wide Digital Assessment Library (DALs) – Ms. Waggener presented the costs and savings of using DALs for assessments. Mr. Fiske made a motion to move forward with the Cooperative Wide Digital Assessment Library (DALs). Ms. Weems seconded motion. Motion carries 4-0. Ms. Rammell reminded board members to communicate to their district to put a hold on Pearson ordering. An email will be sent out to all special education staff letting them know that Ms. Hildebrand will oversee DALs and handle the licensing and assessment needs for each district.
6. **Information and Discussion**
 - A. Upcoming Special Education Trainings – Dr. Garfinkle will be providing a training and an onsite visit September 18, 2026. The training will be repeated on October 8th or 9th with another onsite visit. Ms. Rammell will send out an email with this information.

Ms. Rammell will be providing training to any new special education staff on August 12, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

B. Special Education Services for the Upcoming Year –

- Additional SLP 1 day/week at Florence after fall months
- Additional school psychologist 1 day/week at Victor
- OT covering all districts except Darby. Darby will be covered by Rock Creek.
- Preschool counts
 - Florence 5
 - Stevensville 5
 - Lone Rock 2
 - Victor 2

7. **Adjourn** – Mr. Biesiot adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.