



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date:	July 16, 2026
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 at 9:02 a.m. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise stated.

ATTENDEES

Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director
Dale Olinger, Superintendent, Lolo Schools
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
Jason Sargent, Superintendent, St. Ignatius School

GUESTS

Kendal Baldwin, Superintendent, Arlee School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Logan Labbe moved to accept the Minutes of the June 11, 2026 Management Council meeting. Jim Howard- 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 July year-to-date expenditures so far were \$46,516.00.
 - B. Rhonda reported that she has a tentative reconciled cash balance with the Missoula County Treasurers for June at \$650,283.27. She explained that the County reported an interest issue going back to May and June of 2025 and that is to be corrected in June 2026 reports, but revised reports have not been made available yet. Both Jim Howard and Dale Olinger commented on the concern with the ongoing issues.
 - C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay August claims and payroll. Jim Howard moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Logan Labbe- Second.

PERSONNEL REPORT

- A. None

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

- A. None

POLICY UPDATES

- A. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Special Education Professional Development Update- The Director is in the process of developing best practices in special education webinars that will be shared with districts the second week of August.
- B. Cooperative Special Education Preschool Teacher & Case Management Services- Anna Grussling, Special Education Teacher, will continue to provide special education case management for three-year-olds with disabilities in member districts as assigned by the Director. MAEC invoices those districts on the 1st of each month for Ms. Grussling's special education case management services as well as mileage from Cooperative to the particular school district and back to the Cooperative. To inquire about this as an option, Superintendents are encouraged to contact the Director.
- C. Cooperative Special Education Teacher Support, Case Management & Consultations for Elementary, Middle and/or High School- The Director has assigned Anna Grussling, Special Education Teacher, to serve as case manager for Sunset school district for the 2026-27 school year. Ms. Grussling may have availability to conduct achievement testing on a case-by-case basis for member districts as assigned by the Director. MAEC then invoices those districts on the 1st of each month for Ms. Grussling's achievement testing services as well as mileage from Cooperative to the school district and back to the Cooperative. To inquire about this as an option, Superintendents are encouraged to contact the Director.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

6. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: 8/12/2026 @ 10:00 a.m.

OTHER

7. None

ADJOURN

8. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Rhonda Allen

Business Manager, Attest

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Date Copies sent to JAB

Dale Olinger

Chairman

8/12/2026

Date