



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: July 24, 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 via ZOOM
Jim Howard, Superintendent, Bonner School via ZOOM
Erin Lipkind, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools via ZOOM
Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager

ABSENT

Jason Sargent, Superintendent, St. Ignatius School via ZOOM
Logan Labbe, Superintendent, Superior Schools

GUESTS

None

ANNUAL ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

1. Annual Election of Officers
 - A. Jim Howard nominated Dale Olinger as Chair for a one-year term. Motion passed.
 - B. Dale Olinger nominated Erin Lipkind as Vice Chair for a one-year term. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Erin Lipkind moved to accept the Minutes of the June 19, 2025 Management Council meeting. Jim Howard- Second.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. None

CORRESPONDENCE

4. None

OLD BUSINESS

5. None

NEW BUSINESS

6. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT: Information & Action
 - A. Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager, reported to the Board that July year-to-date expenditures were \$43,040.00.
 - B. As there are no accurate May or June reports received yet from Missoula County Treasurer's Financial department due to their software conversion, there is no updated balance to report.
 - C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay August claims and payroll. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Jim Howard- Second.

PERSONNEL REPORT

7. None

GRANTS/CONTRACTS: INFORMATION & ACTION

8. None

POLICY

9. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

10. Stacia reminded the board that the Cooperative and Bonner School District are sponsoring three important special education trainings in August 2025 at no cost to Cooperative member districts. Kaleva Law will provide three, two-hour in person sessions at the Cooperative from 9:00 – 11:00 am on August 18, 19 and 20th. The broad topic addressed will be: "What to consider before disciplining students with disabilities." Participants register by emailing Rhonda Decker.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

11. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: Meeting Scheduled for August 18, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

OTHER

12. None

ADJOURN

13. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Brunda Lee

Business Manager, Attest

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Date

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Date Copies sent to JAB

Dale Olinger

Chairman

8/18/2025

Date