



Joint Advisory Board (JAB) Meeting Minutes

Date: June 17, 2024
Time: 1:17 p.m.
Meeting called to order by: Dale Olinger, Board Chair

The Joint Advisory Board of the Missoula Area Education Cooperative met for a regular meeting in person with a virtual (Zoom link) option at MAEC Conference Room located at 2825 Stockyard Rd, Suite i-2, Missoula, MT. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise stated.

ATTENDEES

Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director
Dale Olinger, Superintendent, Lolo School
Erin Lipkind, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools (via ZOOM)
Jason Sargent, Superintendent, St. Ignatius School (via ZOOM)
Jim Howard, Superintendent, Bonner School
Crista Anderson, Principal, Dixon Elementary (via ZOOM)
Amanda Cyr, Superintendent, Clinton Elementary (via ZOOM)
Matthew Driessen, Principal, DeSmet Elementary
Josh Gibbs, Superintendent, Seeley Lake Elementary (via ZOOM)
Steve Love, Superintendent, Charlo Schools (via ZOOM)
Sarah Schmill, Principal, Potomac School (via ZOOM)
Anne Tanner, Principal, Arlee Schools
Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager

ABSENT

Damian Droessler, Superintendent, Albertson Schools
Logan Labbe, Superintendent, Superior Schools
Jon Martin, Superintendent, Woodman School
Angela Mock, Principal, Swan Valley School

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Dale Olinger called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

1. Attendance of the 2023-2024 Joint Advisory Board members was conducted by Rhonda Decker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Jim Howard moved to accept the Minutes of the October 4, 2023 Joint Advisory Board meeting minutes.
Matt Driessen- Second.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. None

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTION

4. Stacia Vaughn presented the following:
 - A. New Cooperative Staff for 2024-2025: Sidney Stoner- 1.00 SLP, Shanell Latta- Temporary SLP for Swan Valley Elementary and Seeley Lake Elementary from September- November, Emily Brook- .40 School Psych and Katie Canepa- 1.00 School Psych. There is an open 1.00 SLP or SLPA position to be filled.
 - B. New Member District Administrators for 2024-2025: TBD- Arlee Superintendent, Teresa Weems- Charlo Superintendent, TBD- Dixon Principal, Christina Hartman- Seeley Lake Elementary Superintendent and TBD- Superior Elementary Principal.
 - C. Special Education Compliance Monitoring by OPI to be held the week of February 3-7, 2025, and it is expected to be challenging given that OSEP's recent monitoring of OPI did not go well.
 - D. Private School/Home School meeting to be held in June. Stacia will be sending out a letter to all the school principals with guidance soon.
 - E. Best Practices in Sped Trainings being offered on August 23rd, 1:00-3:00 p.m. on how to write an IEP and hold an IEP meeting and September 4th, 1:00-3:00 p.m. on best practices in sped. All special educators, related service providers and principals are encouraged to attend.
 - F. Summary of Cooperative Preschool services- Director reviewed the 2022-2023 centralized preschool model, then outlined the preschool services provided via the push in model throughout 2023-2024. A total of 12 preschool students were served by the Cooperative preschool teacher (Bonner -1, Clinton- 6, DeSmet-1, Lolo-3 and Potomac- 1). Six out of the 12 students served will be returning for preschool sped services during the 2024-2025 school year. In addition to the preschool student caseload, the total number of students served via K-12 case management was 50 across two districts (Alberton and Dixon).
 - G. Cooperative Preschool & K-12 Sped Fee for Service for 2024-2025- The Director recommended the board approve the new fee for service preschool and K-12 case management/consultation model for the 2024-2025 school year. Matt Driessen moved to approve the new fee for service model.
Amanda Cyr- Second.
 - H. Director's Assistance Completing IDEA E-grant Application- The Director offered to assist district superintendents with their respective districts' completion of the IDEA e-grants submittal this summer/fall. All 15 districts must complete their applications in order for the Cooperative to then complete its application. The Director will be in touch with superintendents over the summer.

ADJOURN

Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Rhonda De
Business Manager, Attest

11/20/2024
Date

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Date Copies sent to JAB

Steads
Chairman

11/20/2024
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