



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: May 14, 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
Erin Lipkind, Missoula County Superintendent of 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

GUESTS

Amanda Cyr, Superintendent, Clinton School
Sarah Scmill, Principal, Potomac School
Melanie Rosenthal, MAEC Association President

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Erin Lipkind moved to accept the Minutes of the April 23, 2025 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 May year-to-date expenditures were \$1,242,722.00.
 - B. Treasurer's Financial Statement Fund Balance for March was \$561,644.60.
 - C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay June claims and payroll. Logan Labbe moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Erin Lipkind- Second.

PERSONNEL REPORT

6. The Director updated the board on the following:
 - A. Claire Polley's letter requesting an extended leave for FY 2025-2026. To begin the discussion, the Board Chair asked for a motion. Erin Lipkind moved to approve Claire's request for extended leave from August 2025 to January 1, 2026. There was no Second. Jim Howard moved to approve Claire's request for extended leave for the full 2025-2026 school year. Erin Lipkind- Second. After much discussion about each extended leave scenario and the possibility of denying the request altogether, Management Council voted unanimously to grant a full year extended leave to Claire Polley.
 - B. Yolie Bodie's request to increase her FTE from .80 to 1.00 for FY 2025-2026. Logan Labbe moved to approve Yolie's request for a 1.0 FTE position. Jason Sargent- Second.
 - C. Stacia recommended the hire of Carin Williams as a temporary SLP at .80 FTE for FY 2025-2026. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the hire of Carin Williams. Logan Labbe- Second.
 - D. Stacia recommended the hire of Anna Grussling as a temporary, part-time Special Education Teacher for up to 380 hours for FY 2025-2026. Jim Howard moved to approve the hire of Anna Grussling. Erin Lipkind- Second.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

7. The Director recommended the following FY 2025-2026 contracts:
 - A. While Stacia has been actively attempting to recruit an in-person OT, the need to use Rock Creek Therapy is still necessary for FY 2025-2026. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the Rock Creek Teletherapy contract. Logan Labbe- Second.
 - B. Shanell Latta, Independent Contractor, will be used again for the FY 2025-2026 to conduct ADOS evaluations for Member Districts. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the contract with Shanell Latta. Jason Sargent- Second.

POLICY UPDATES

8. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9. The Director informed the Board of a three-part Special Education Training Series on "What to consider before disciplining students with disabilities" to be held August 18-20th from 9 – 11 a.m. each of those days. She encouraged all administrators to participate. The sessions will be recorded and available for administrators from member districts to review with the special education teachers and case managers.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

10. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: Meeting Scheduled for June 19, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. which will be immediately followed by the Spring Joint Advisory Board (JAB).

OTHER

11. None

ADJOURN

12. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Rhonda Olinger

Business Manager, Attest

6/19/2025

Date

6/23/2025

Date Copies sent to JAB

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Chairman

6/19/2025

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