



## Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

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Date: December 18, 2024  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Meeting called to order by: Dale Olinger, Board Chair

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The Management Council of the Missoula Area Education Cooperative met for a regular meeting at the 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 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  
Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager

### ABSENT

Logan Labbe, Superintendent, Superior School

### GUESTS

Sarah Schmill, Principal, Potomac School  
Amanda Cyr, Superintendent, Clinton School  
Christina Hartmann, Superintendent, Seeley Lake Elementary  
Greg Upham, Superintendent, Alberton Schools

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Erin Lipkind moved to accept the Minutes of the November 20, 2024 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. Year to date expenditures through December were \$572,888.00.
  - B. Treasurer's Financial Statement Fund Balance for October was \$287,472.78.
  - C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay January claims and payroll. Jim Howard moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Erin Lipkind- Second.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

6. The Director recommends that the Board hire Karsen Kelly as a fulltime (1.0) School Psychologist for the 2025-26 school year, contingent upon a successful background check and completion of his program at UM. Erin Lipkind moved to approval the hire of Karsen Kelly as a School Psychologist. Jim Howard- Second.

**GRANTS/CONTRACTS**

7. None

**POLICY UPDATES**

8. None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

9. Stacia Vaughn updated the board on OPI's Special Education Compliance Monitoring of member districts this school year, which will take place onsite at the Cooperative the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

10. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: 1/8/2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

**OTHER**

11. None

**ADJOURN**

12. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

  
Business Manager, Attest

2/20/2025  
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Chairman

2/20/2025  
Date