



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: January 14, 2026
Time: 10:00 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 the MAEC Conference Room located at 2825 Stockyard Rd, Suite 1-2. 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 Schools

GUESTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Jason Sargent Lipkind moved to accept the Minutes of the December 17, 2025 Management Council meeting. Erin Lipkind- 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 December year-to-date expenditures were \$737,030.
- B. Treasurer's Financial Statement Fund Balance as of December is estimated to be \$841,452.68. Rhonda reported to the board that she did receive July financial reports from the Missoula County Treasurer and has reconciled cash balances for that month. She updated the board that we have received a schedule of dates to receive July – October financials from the County through February 20th and then after that time, Business Managers should be able to log into the County's system to pull their own reports starting in late February.
- C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay February claims and payroll. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Jim Howard- Second.

PERSONNEL REPORT

- 6. None

GRANTS/CONTRACTS: NONE

- 7. None

POLICY

- 8. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 9. Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director, updated the board on the following:
 - A. In Person Academic Achievement Testing training to be held at Lolo School on January 28, 2026.
 - Online/virtual MT Autism Education Project Designing and Implementing Student-Centered Transition Plans training to be held January 28 and 29, 2028.
 - In Person Building Secondary Transition Programs that Prepare Students for Employment Success training at Staybridge Inn & Suites in Missoula to be held on February 10, 2028.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

- 10. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: February 18, 2026, at 10 a.m.

ADJOURN

11. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Rhonda De
Business Manager, Attest

Dale Olinger
Chair

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