



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: February 25, 2026
Time: 2:00 p.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 I-2. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise stated.

ATTENDEES

Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director
Dale Olinger, Superintendent, Lolo Schools via ZOOM
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 Schools via ZOOM
Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager

ABSENT

None

GUESTS

Kathy Schneider, Superintendent, Clinton School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Erin Lipkind moved to accept the Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Management Council meeting.
Logan Labbe- 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 February year-to-date expenditures were \$864,701.
- B. Treasurer's Financial Statement reconciled Fund Balance as of October is \$487,250.75. Rhonda reported to the board that she has now received July, August, September and October financial reports from the Missoula County Treasurer and has reconciled cash balances for those months.
- C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay March claims and payroll. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Jason Sargent- Second.

PERSONNEL REPORT

6. Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director updated the board on the following personnel resignations:
 - A. Elizabeth Couch, .40 FTE Physical Therapist is retiring at the end of the fiscal year.
 - B. Emily Barra, .40 FTE School Psychologist resigned effective the end of the fiscal year.
 - C. Sidney Stoner, 1.00 FTE Speech Language Pathologist resigned effective the end of the fiscal year.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS: NONE

7. None

POLICY

8. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9. Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director, updated the board on the following:
 - A. Recruitment of Personnel for 2026-2027: MAEC is seeking a full-time, in-person Occupational Therapist (OT), a part-time, in-person Physical Therapist, a full time, in-person 1.00 FTE Speech Language Pathologist, and a full-time, in-person 1.00 FTE School Psychologist. The School Psychologist position, if filled, will be an increase in total School Psychologist FTE of .60.
 - B. The Director will provide a virtual Best Practices in Special Education Training on How to Prepare for and Facilitate IEP meetings on March 12th 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The training will be recorded and available for viewing for 30 days. Administrators are encouraged to release their special educators to attend this training and/or to watch the recording within 30 days.
 - C. Anna Grussling, MAEC's Itinerant Preschool Special Education Teacher, continues to serve preschool students at Clinton and Lolo Schools.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

10. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: March 25, 2026, at 2 p.m.

ADJOURN

11. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Rhonda W.
Business Manager, Attest

Dale Olinger
Chair

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