



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: April 22, 2026
Time: 1:00 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. 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 School via ZOOM
Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager

GUESTS

Christina Hartmann, Superintendent, Seeley Lake School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Logan Labbe moved to accept the Minutes of the March 25, 2026 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 April year-to-date expenditures were \$1,144,543.00.
 - B. Rhonda reported that she has not received a finalized financial report from the Missoula County Treasurers for January yet after some requested corrections, so does not have a January reconciled balance to report this month.
 - C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay June claims and payroll. Jason Sargent moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Logan Labbe- Second.

PERSONNEL REPORT

6. Stacia Vaughn, Director, presented the following:
 - A. Recommendation that the Board hire Nick Boissoneault as a part-time (.40 FTE) Physical Therapist for the 2026-27 school year. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the hire of Nick Boissoneault as a Physical Therapist. Jim Howard- Second.
 - B. Recommendation that the board re-elect all Professional Staff listed in the Director's Report for 2026-27. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the re-election of staff. Logan Labbe- Second.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

- C. None.

POLICY UPDATES

- D. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- E. Stacia Vaughn updated the board on the following:
 - A. Thanked Rhonda Decker for her work and advised the board that the 2024-25 fiscal year audit has been completed and finalized with no findings.
 - B. For the 2026-27 school year: There have been no applications for an in-person Occupational Therapist. There are three interviews scheduled for the open SLP position. Director continues to recruit for the open School Psychologist position.
 - C. The Director has established a committee of regional special education administrators to advise member districts regarding graduation and FAPE to 22 responsibilities while member districts and cooperatives wait for further guidance from OPI.
 - D. MAEC hosted the quarterly Regional Special Education Directors' Meeting on April 16th and discussed recruitment and retention concerns, options for related service delivery models, graduation and FAPE to 22 questions, and the value of collaborating with area administrators.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

- F. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: Special Meeting Scheduled for May 11, 2026 @ 1:00 p.m.

OTHER

G. None

ADJOURN

H. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Rhonda Olinger
Business Manager, Attest

Dale Olinger
Chairman

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