

BITTERROOT VALLEY EDUCATION COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Tuesday, May 26, 2026
10:00 AM – Cooperative Office

MINUTES - DRAFT

1. **Call to Order** – Mr. Stiegler called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. Board members present: Mr. Stiegler, Mr. Fiske, Ms. Weems, Mr. Konen. Mr. Biesiot via Zoom. BVEC admin present: Ms. Rammell, Ms. Gillespie via Zoom. Staff present: Cami Hildebrand. Board Clerk: Jill Reynolds.
2. **Staff Representative** - Cami Hildebrand, School Psychologist/Florence-CPI Instructor. Ms. Hildebrand talked about the difficult transition from a five-day work week to a four-day work week. Things are better now, but it was difficult. Key learning was to space out evaluations to accommodate the four-day work week.
3. **Consent Agenda** – Motion from Mr. Fiske to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Konen seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-0.
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Warrants
 - C. Resignations-
 - a. Heather Berry, BVEC Preschool teacher, resignation letter attached.
 - D. New Hires-None
 - E. Next Meeting: June 23, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the BVEC conference room. Ms. Rammell may need a Special Meeting the week of June 1, 2026, for Board approval of a new preschool teacher. This meeting will be via Zoom on June 2, 2026, at 10:00 AM.
4. **Public Comment** – None.
5. **Correspondence/Communications** – None
6. **Board Action**
 - A. **2026-2027 Administrative/Office Staff Contract Renewals** – Ms. Rammell proposed administrative salary increases to be the same 2.5% (1.75% base + step) average agreed to in the collective bargaining agreement for other staff. Mr. Fiske made a motion to approve the administrative salary increases as proposed. Mr. Konen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B. **Cooperative-Wide Behavioral Support Training / Consultation Plan** - Ms. Rammell spoke to the discussions at the last meeting regarding cooperative-wide training. She recommended contracting with Dr. Ann Garfinkle to train staff on how we provide service to students with very complex needs. Dr. Garfinkle teaches a proactive approach that can be used to avoid major events. Cost would be \$2000 that covers the training, mileage, per diems, etc. Mr. Konen spoke about his work with Dr. Garfinkle when he worked in Corvallis and how Corvallis still uses these methods today. Mr. Konen made a motion to approve contracting with Dr. Garfinkle as proposed. Mr. Fiske seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

C. **Board Chair Selection for 2026-2027** – Ms. Rammell explained that our Board policies state that Board Chairs rotate annually by district alphabetically. Next chair would be Mr. Biesiot from the Darby School District. Mr. Biesiot agreed he would serve as Board Chair for 2026-27 school year. Mr. Fiske made a motion to approve Mr. Biesiot as presented. Mr. Stiegler seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

7. Information and Discussion

A. Confirm CPI Schedule – Ms. Hildebrand shared the dates for CPI training by district. Ms. Hildebrand will email these schedules. She will also be attending the January board meetings in the future, to get dates confirmed earlier and in time for calendars.

- i. August 4, 2026 – Florence, Lone Rock, and Preschool renewals.
- ii. August 5, 2026 - Stevensville renewals.
- iii. August 11, 2026 – Initial and new staff all districts to be held in Stevensville Elementary gym.
- iv. August 12, 2026 – Darby, all person’s full day.
- v. August 17, 2026 – Victor, renewal staff
- vi. Possible class on October 15th MEA day if needed as a makeup day.

B. June Board Meeting Options – see consent agenda.

8. **Adjourn** – Mr. Stiegler adjourned the meeting at 11:05 AM.