



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: October 2, 2024
Time: 8:15 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 in person with a virtual (Zoom link) option 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
Jason Sargent, Superintendent, St. Ignatius School
Jim Howard, Superintendent, Bonner School
Logan Labbe, Superintendent, Superior School
Rhonda Decker, Cooperative Business Manager

GUESTS

Sarah Schmill, Principal, Potomac School
Amanda Cyr, Superintendent, Clinton School
Christina Hartmann, Superintendent, Seeley Lake Elementary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Erin Lipkind moved to accept the Minutes of the September 10, 2024 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. Year to date expenditures through September were \$193,235.00.
 - B. Treasurer's Financial Statement Fund Balance for August was \$388,251.60.
 - C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay November claims and payroll. Erin Lipkind moved to approve the Business Manager's report. Logan Labbe- Second.

PERSONNEL REPORT

- 6. None

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

- 7. None

POLICY UPDATES

- 8. None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- 9. Ms. Vaughn reviewed her Director's report.
 - A. MCASE Conference review including IDEA e-grant application and compliance monitoring for districts and Cooperatives subsequent to OPI's recent audit conducted by OSEP.
 - B. OPI's Special Education Division is fractured and the staff are working as quickly as possible to fix the IDEA e-grant application errors. The Director will be providing assistance to member districts in completing the district portion of the IDEA E-grant applications once OPI has all the bugs worked out of the e-grants applications.
 - C. OPI Compliance Monitoring- the Director will continue to hold monthly virtual Best Practices in Special Education In-services in preparation for OPI compliance monitoring which will take place the first week of February 2025. The next in-service will occur on October 9th, where Yvonne Field, Special Education Teacher, will be presenting information for sped teachers and admins regarding the new statewide assessment MAST and special education accommodations for IEPs.
 - D. Child Count day is October 7th and it is very important for special education funding. It is imperative for districts to follow the instructions that were emailed out to sped teachers and administrators yesterday for Child Count. Districts have until October 31st to find errors and complete final submission.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

- A. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: To be determined for a date in November.

OTHER

- B. None

ADJOURN

C. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

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Business Manager, Attest

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Date

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Date Copies sent to JAB

Dale Olinger

Chairman

11/20/2024

Date