



Management Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: March 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 1-2. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise stated.

ATTENDEES

Stacia Vaughn, Cooperative Director
Dale Olinger, Superintendent, Lolo 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

Erin Lipkind, Missoula County Superintendent of Schools

GUESTS

Christina Hartmann, Superintendent, Seeley Lake School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Jim Howard moved to accept the Minutes of the February 25, 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 March year-to-date expenditures were \$1,008,844.
- B. Treasurer's Financial Statement reconciled Fund Balance as of December is \$704,138.21. Rhonda reported to the board that the Missoula County Treasurer is still working on getting a report format that contains all the information needed, so outside agencies are not yet able log into their system to print their own reports.
- C. The Board approved the Business Manager to pay April claims and payroll. Logan Labbe 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 changes:
 - A. Stacia recommended the hire of Carin Williams as a SLP at 1.0 FTE for FY 2026-2027. Jim Howard moved to approve the hire of Carin Williams. Logan Labbe- Second.

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. Provided updates on OPI's special education team and contact information.
 - C. Discussed and reminded administrators about OPI's Annual Parent Involvement Survey for Parents of Students Receiving Special Education Services that is open until June 30, 2026.
 - D. Discussed OPI's Special Education Endorsement Project, including the Para Pathways program and Special Education Stipend Program.
 - E. Updated the board on the plan to provide best practices in sped webinars for district special educators and administrators and MAEC staff.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

10. NEXT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL DATE: April 22, 2026, at 1 p.m.

ADJOURN

11. ADJOURN: Dale Olinger called the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Bronda Chen
Business Manager, Attest

Dale Olinger
Chair

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