

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

November 19-20, 2025

Missoula County Public Schools, Administration Building, Board Room
909 South Ave. West, Missoula, MT

November 21, 2025

University of Montana, Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, Room 334
32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Missoula County Public Schools
10:30 AM

❖ PERKINS COMMITTEE MEETING

10:30 AM Missoula County Public Schools, Administration Building, Board Room
909 South Ave. West, Missoula, MT
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❖ BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND MONTANA COUNCIL OF DEANS OF EDUCATION LUNCH AND DISCUSSION

12:00 PM Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium
1075 South Ave. West, Missoula, MT

*****CONVENE AT 1:30 PM*****

CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- C. Statement of Public Participation
- D. Welcome Visitors

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Action may be taken on any item listed on the Board agenda. Per §2-3-103, MCA, the Board encourages public comment on any item prior to Board final action.

CONSENT AGENDA – page

(Items may be pulled from Consent Agenda upon request)

- A. September 11-12, 2025 and October 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- B. Financials

ADOPT AGENDA

❖ **REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 1- 4)**

- Item 1 **CHAIRPERSON REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #25**
Dr. Tim Tharp
- Item 2 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #26**
McCall Flynn
- Item 3 **COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT – 20 Minutes, page #27**
Dr. Angela McLean
- College Access Arc of Events, ACT Connections for 2025-26
 - Future Ready Efforts
 - MUS Workforce Training Update
 - Montana State University Northern Traffic Education Summer 2024
 - GEAR Up Update
- Item 4 **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #35**
Lydia Comstock

❖ **MSDB COMMITTEE – Lisa Schmidt (Item 5)**

- Item 5 **MSDB REPORT – 30 Minutes, page #36**
Superintendent Paul Furthmyre
- ACTION ITEMS:**
- Action on Personnel Items
 - Action on Out of State Travel Request
 - Action on OPI SPED Discretionary Grant

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Renee Rasmussen (Item 6)**

- Item 6 **INITIAL REVIEW AND WORK SESSION OF EARLY LITERACY AND NUMERACY
ADVISORY COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STANDARDS – 15 Minutes, page #176**
McCall Flynn

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 7-11)**

- Item 7 **ACTION AND INFORMATION ON RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE
FAFSA COMPLETION PRIOR TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION – 30 Minutes, page
#191**
Dr. Angela McLean
- Item 8 **ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO
RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND
LITERACY CONTENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE
WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA
ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 5 Minutes, page #193**
Madalyn Quinlan
- Item 9 **ACTION ON VARIANCE TO STANDARDS REQUESTS AND RENEWALS – 15
Minutes, page #197**
Ellery Bresler and Crystal Andrews
- ACTION ITEMS:**
- Initial Applications
 - Renewal Applications

Item 10 **ACTION AND PRESENTATION ON THE CORRECTIVE PLANS FOR SCHOOLS IN DEFICIENT STATUS FOR ACCREDITATION – 30 Minutes, page #212**
Crystal Andrews and Ellery Bresler

ACTION ITEMS:

- Superintendent Victoria Falls Down, Lame Deer Public Schools
- Superintendent Wes Young, Lustre Christian High School

Item 11 **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS FOR ACCREDITATION – 15 Minutes, page #241**
Dr. Julie Murgel and Tyler Capece

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Thursday, November 20, 2025
Missoula County Public Schools
8:30 AM

❖ **BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TOURS WITH LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

9:00 AM **SCHOOL SAFETY VISIT AND TOUR**
Hellgate Elementary School, Missoula, MT

10:15 AM **TEACH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL TOUR**
Franklin Elementary, Missoula, MT

11:20 AM **SPECIAL EDUCATION VISIT AND TOUR**
Rattlesnake Elementary School, Missoula, MT

*******LUNCH BREAK*******

****Lunch will be provided for Board Members and Legislative Education Interim Committee Members****

*******RECONVENE AT 1:15 PM*******

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❖ **BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 12-18)**

Item 12 **PRESENTATION ON SAFE SCHOOL CENTER SURVEY – 15 Minutes, page #250**
Nancy Berg, Tina Eblen

Item 13 **DISCUSSION ON TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL PREPARATION AND EDUCATOR PIPELINE CHALLENGES – 45 Minutes, page #251**
Dr. Dan Lee, University of Montana; Dr. Tricia Seifert, Montana State University;
Dr. Jodi Carlson, Rocky Mountain College

2:30 PM **BREAK – TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING GRANT OBSERVATION**
SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL

- Item 14 **FUTURE READY UPDATE – 15 Minutes, page #253**
Superintendent Susie Hedalen
- Item 15 **SCHOOL FUNDING INTERIM COMMISSION UPDATE – 15 Minutes, page #254**
Dr. Tim Tharp, Representative Lee Deming, Senator Sara Novak, Representative
Melissa Romano, Senator Sue Vinton
- Item 16 **INFORMATION ON MONTANA ALIGNED TO STANDARDS THROUGH-YEAR (MAST)
AND REVIEW OF STATEWIDE PROFICIENCY SCORES – 45 Minutes, page #255**
Cedar Rose
- Item 17 **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PANEL AND PRELIMINARY ANNUAL REPORT DATA –
45 Minutes, page #282**
McCall Flynn; Pad McCracken; Superintendent Micah Hill, Missoula County Public
Schools; Superintendent Les Meyer, Frenchtown School District; Superintendent
Pete Joseph, Corvallis School District; Superintendent Dave Thennis, Hamilton
School District
- Item 18 **OPEN DISCUSSION AND FINAL THOUGHTS, page #291**
Dr. Tim Tharp and Representative Linda Reksten

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Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, Room 334**

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❖ **REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 19)**

- Item 19 **STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – 1 Hour, page #293**
State Superintendent Susie Hedalen
- Assessment Update
 - Federal Update
 - Content Standards Update
 - Accreditation Update
 - Annual Data Collection

❖ **CHARTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 20-22)**

- Item 20 **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE SCHOOLS COMMISSION – 15 Minutes, page
#304**
Cathy Kincheloe

- Item 21** **INFORMATION ON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FALL ENROLLMENT DATA – 15 Minutes, page #305**
Christy Mock-Stutz
- Item 22** **UPDATE ON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – 15 Minutes, page #310**
McCall Flynn
- **Performance Framework Revisions**
 - **New Applicants and Interviews**
 - **Application and Evaluation Criteria Review**
- ❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 23-27)**
- Item 23** **NOTICE OF SURRENDER IN BPE CASE #2025-05 – 5 Minutes, page #319**
Brenton Craggs
- Item 24** **INFORMATION ON THE ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT PROVIDERS LIST – 15 Minutes, page #320**
Marie Judisch, Aimee Konzen, Eva Cox
- Item 25** **ACTION ON THE SUPERINTENDENT’S REQUEST TO REVISE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 55, SPECIAL EDUCATION STANDARDS AND INITIAL REVIEW OF NEW RULES PERTAINING TO A CLASS 9 SPECIAL EDUCATION TECHNICIAN LICENSE – 30 Minutes, page #365**
Dr. Julie Murgel and Patrick Cates
- Item 26** **ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #369**
Crystal Andrews
- Item 27** **UPDATE ON CORRECTIVE ACTION FOR MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM PROVIDER ACCREDITATION – 15 Minutes, page #409**
Crystal Andrews
- ❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Julia Maxwell (Item 28)**
- Item 28** **MACIE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #423**
Jordann Lankford Forster
- ACTION ITEMS:**
- **Regalia Protections Letter**
- ❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Renee Rasmussen (Item 29)**
- Item 29** **ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND TIMELINE PERTAINING TO RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 54, EARLY LITERACY TARGETED INTERVENTIONS AND TITLE 10, CHAPTER 63, EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 5 Minutes, page #426**
McCall Flynn

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS January 15-16, 2026, Helena, MT

Exiting Board Member – Last Meeting & Recognition
MACIE Update
Review Community Choice School Annual Reports
Action on ABCTe Program Approval
Action on Authorizing Public Charter Schools

Transportation Report
Assessment Update
Federal Update
Accreditation Report
Teacher Licensure Report
Qualify Advanced Opportunity Grant Applications
Action on Transformational Learning Phase II Grants
Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program Report
Content Standards Revision Update
Youth Risk Behavior Survey
Annual HiSet Report
MSDB Superintendent Performance Evaluation & Contract Extension Discussion

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University of Montana University Center

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University of Montana – University Center

❖ BOARD OF EDUCATION LUNCH

12:00 PM **University of Montana, University Center**

❖ BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

1:00 PM **University of Montana, University Center, Ballroom – 1 Hour**
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