

# BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

September 11-12, 2025  
Dillon Elementary School, Boardroom  
22 North Cottom Drive  
Dillon, MT

Thursday, September 11, 2025  
8:30AM

## 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 8

*(Items may be pulled from Consent Agenda upon request)*

- A. July 16-18, 2025 Meeting Minutes and July 28, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Financials

## ADOPT AGENDA

### ❖ REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 1- 5)

#### Item 1

##### CHAIRPERSON REPORT – 30 Minutes, page #23

Dr. Tim Tharp

- Welcome from Superintendent Randy Shipman, Dillon Elementary School District and Superintendent Josh Patterson, Beaverhead County High School District
- Board Committee Assignments

##### ACTION ITEMS:

- Bylaws
- 2026 Meeting Calendar and Agenda
- Strategic Plan

#### Item 2

##### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #32

McCall Flynn

- Strategic Planning Timeline

- Item 3**                      **STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – 1 Hour, page #34**  
**State Superintendent Susie Hedalen**
- Federal Update
  - Accountability System Update
  - Future Ready Indicators
  - Annual Special Education Report
- Item 4**                      **COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT – 20 Minutes, page #57**  
**Dr. Angela McLean**
- Montana’s Future at Work Grantees
  - Montana Grow Your Own Educator Awardees
  - College Access Arc of Events
  - Future Ready Efforts
- Item 5**                      **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #59**  
**Lydia Comstock**
- ❖ **MSDB COMMITTEE – Lisa Schmidt (Item 6)**
- Item 6**                      **MSDB REPORT – 30 Minutes, page #60**  
**Superintendent Paul Furthmyre**
- ACTION ITEMS:**
- Action on Personnel Items
- ❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 7)**
- Item 7**                      **ANNUAL MONTANA DIGITAL ACADEMY REPORT – 30 Minutes, page #115**  
**Dr. Jason Neiffer**
- RECESS**
- ❖ **BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TOURS AND ACTIVITIES**
- 12:00PM**                      **BEAVERHEAD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL TEEN TONES CHOIR – HONORING**  
**BEAVERHEAD COUNTY VETERANS**  
**Jaycee Park**
- 12:30PM**                      **LUNCH WITH DILLON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
***\*\*Lunch will be provided for Board members and Ex-Officio members\*\****  
**Dillon Elementary School**
- 1:00PM**                      **TOUR OF ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HPE ACTIVITIES**  
**Dillon Elementary School**
- 2:00PM**                      **HIGH SCHOOL CTE AND AGRICULTURE EDUCATION TOUR**  
**Beaverhead County High School**
- 3:00PM**                      **TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAM UPDATE AND DISCUSSION WITH STUDENTS**  
**University of Montana Western**
- 4:00PM**                      **MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY VISIT AND TOUR**  
**Clark Residence Hall**

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**❖ CHARTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Item 8)**

- Item 8**                      **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE SCHOOLS COMMISSION – 15 Minutes, page #120**  
**Cathy Kincheloe**

**❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 9-10)**

- Item 9**                      **NOTICE OF SURRENDER IN BPE CASE #2025-04 – 5 Minutes, page #121**  
**Brenton Craggs**

- Item 10**                    **INFORMATION AND PRESENTATION ON THE PARA PATHWAY PROGRAM – 15 Minutes, page #122**  
**Patrick Cates**

**❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Renee Rasmussen (Items 11-12)**

- Item 11**                    **ASSESSMENT UPDATE AND INFORMATION ON MAST PROFICIENCY SCORES – 30 Minutes, page #140**  
**Cedar Rose**

- Item 12**                    **INITIAL REVIEW AND WORK SESSION OF EARLY LITERACY AND NUMERACY ADVISORY COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO EARLY TARGETED INTERVENTION RULEMAKING – 30 Minutes, page #153**  
**McCall Flynn, Marie Judisch, Early Literacy and Numeracy Advisory Council Members**

**❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 13-17)**

- Item 13**                    **INFORMATION ON THE TIMELINE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY CONTENT STANDARDS – 15 Minutes, page #166**  
**Marie Judisch**

- Item 14**                    **ACTION ON AND RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED ON REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY CONTENT STANDARDS – 15 Minutes, page #203**  
**Madalyn Quinlan**

- Item 15**                    **ACTION AND PRESENTATION ON THE CORRECTIVE PLANS FOR SCHOOLS IN DEFICIENT STATUS FOR ACCREDITATION – 45 Minutes, page #204**  
**Crystal Andrews and Ellery Bresler**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Superintendent Marcy Cobell, Heart Butte K-12 Schools**
- **Superintendent Victoria Falls Down, Lame Deer Public Schools**
- **Superintendent Wes Young, Lustre Christian High School**

**Item 16**                    **ACTION ON THE CORRECTIVE PLANS FOR SCHOOLS IN ADVISE STATUS FOR ACCREDITATION** – 15 Minutes, page #292  
Crystal Andrews and Ellery Bresler

**Item 17**                    **UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS FOR ACCREDITATION** – 30 Minutes, page #294  
Dr. Julie Murgel and Crystal Andrews

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 18)**

**Item 18**                    **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – 15 Minutes, page #301  
McCall Flynn

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS November 19-21, 2025, Missoula, MT**

Board of Education Meeting  
Montana Council of Deans of Education Update  
MACIE Update  
Assessment Update  
Federal Update  
Annual Data Collection  
Annual HiSet Report  
Action on Variance to Standards Requests & Renewals  
Accreditation Report  
Youth Risk Behavior Survey Update (Odd Years)  
Annual Professional Development Unit Providers List  
Content Standards Revision Update

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