

# BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2025  
Zoom

Friday, October 17, 2025  
11:30 AM

## CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tharp called the meeting to order at 11:30AM. The Chair led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Kris Stockton took Roll Call. The Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Board members: Dr. Tim Tharp, Chair; Dr. Ron Slinger, Vice Chair; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan; Ms. Lisa Schmidt; Dr. Hannah Nieskens. Staff: Ms. McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist. Guests: Superintendent Paul Furthmyre, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

## ADOPT AGENDA

**Vice Chair Slinger moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Board member Schmidt.**

***No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

### ❖ MSDB COMMITTEE – Lisa Schmidt (Item 1)

#### Item 1                      ACTION ON MSDB OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST Superintendent Paul Furthmyre

Superintendent Furthmyre presented two Out of State Travel requests for the Goal Ball team to travel to tournaments out of state.

**Board member Schmidt moved to approve the MSDB Out of State Travel Requests as presented in the agenda packet. Motion seconded by Board member Quinlan.**

***Vice Chair Slinger stated his excitement for the students.***

***Chair Tharp asked if the staff providing transportation had additional training and Superintendent Furthmyre stated they do receive additional training.***

***No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.***

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

## ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.

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