

***BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING***

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

ZOOM ONLY

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AGENDA

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Zoom

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Thursday November 30, 2023
8:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

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

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.

ADOPT AGENDA

❖ CHARTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Jane Hamman

- 8:10AM** BILLINGS EARLY COLLEGE SCHOOL – 20 Minutes
Jeril Hehn, Director of Advanced Academics; Erwin Garcia-Velasquez, Superintendent
- 8:30AM** BILLINGS MULTILINGUAL ACADEMY CHARTER – 20 Minutes
Chris Olszewski, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum K-12; Erwin Garcia-Velasquez, Superintendent
- 8:50AM** BILLINGS OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL – 20 Minutes
Gordon Klasna, Executive Director of Secondary Education; Erwin Garcia-Velasquez, Superintendent
- 9:10AM** BOULDER JEFFERSON CHARTER ACADEMY – 20 Minutes
Erik Wilkerson, Superintendent; Mike Moodry, High School Principal
- 9:30AM** BOZEMAN BRIDGER CHARTER ACADEMY – 20 Minutes
Dan Mills, Bozeman High School Principal
- 9:50AM** BOZEMAN CHARTER SCHOOL – 20 Minutes
Casey Bertram, Superintendent
- 10:10AM** BREAK

- 10:20AM** **CORVALLIS DISTANCE LEARNING CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
Pete Joseph, Superintendent; Jolene Tollenaar, District Clerk; Jason Wirt, Career Pathways Coordinator; Josie Hudspeth, Teacher; Amy Lewis, School Board Trustee; Richie Borden, Principal; Stacy Jessop, Teacher and Counselor
- 10:40AM** **CORVALLIS GIFTED LEARNING CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
Pete Joseph, Superintendent; Jolene Tollenaar, District Clerk; Jason Wirt, Career Pathways Coordinator; Darci Herbstritt, Teacher; Patti Healy, Teacher; Jenifer Powell, Science Olympiad Coordinator; Lisa Nagel, Administrator; Becky Anderson, School Board Trustee
- 11:00AM** **CORVALLIS TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
Pete Joseph, Superintendent; Jolene Tollenaar, District Clerk; Jason Wirt, Career Pathways Coordinator; Garrett Middleton, Teacher; Brittany Parson, Teacher; Jeff Kaiser, Teacher; Cammie Knapp, Administrator; Dan Wolsky, School Board Trustee
- 11:20AM** **EAST HELENA 227 ACADEMY – 20 Minutes**
Dan Rispens, Superintendent; Brian Kessler, East Helena High School Principal; Lynsi Morris, East Valley Middle School Principal
- 11:40PM** **FRENCHTOWN BRONC FAST TRACK PUBLIC CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
Les Meyer, Superintendent; Robyn Richarson, School Counselor; Beth Terzo, Assistant High School Principal; Jake Haynes, High School Principal; Shauna Anderson, District Clerk
- 12:00PM** **GREAT FALLS CORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – 20 Minutes**
Tom Moore, Superintendent; Rachel Cutler, Curriculum Director; Jackie Mainwaring, Executive Director of Student Achievement; Marni Napierala, Elementary TSA
- 12:20PM** **HAMILTON BITTERROOT POLYTECH – 20 Minutes**
Tom Korst, Superintendent
- 12:40PM** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:10PM** **HELENA MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL – 20 Minutes**
Rex Wertz, Superintendent; Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent; Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff; Lona Carter, Student Health; Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology; Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum Director; Kaitlyn Hess, Assessment and Federal Programs
- 1:30PM** **HELENA MOUNT ASCENSION LEARNING ACADEMY – 20 Minutes**
Rex Wertz, Superintendent; Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent; Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff; Lona Carter, Student Health; Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology; Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum Director; Kaitlyn Hess, Assessment and Federal Programs

- 1:50PM** **HELENA PROJECT FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
 Rex Wetz, Superintendent; Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent; Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff; Lona Carter, Student Health; Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology; Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum Director; Kaitlyn Hess, Assessment and Federal Programs
- 2:10PM** **KALISPELL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS K-3 CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
 Matt Jensen, Assistant Superintendent; Jeff Hornby, Elrod School Principal
- 2:30PM** **KALISPELL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS 3-5 CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
 Matt Jensen, Assistant Superintendent; Bill Sullivan, Russel School Principal
- 2:50PM** **KALISPELL FLATHEAD PACE ACADEMY CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
 Michele Paine, Flathead High School Principal; Peter Fusaro, Assistant Superintendent
- 3:10PM** **KALISPELL RISING WOLF CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
 Brad Holloway, Glacier High School Principal; Alan Stanfield, Glacier High School Assistant Principal; Peter Fusaro, Assistant Superintendent
- 3:30PM** **KALISPELL ROCKY MOUNTAIN ACADEMY CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
 Matt Jensen, Assistant Superintendent; Dallas Stuker, Kalispell Middle School Assistant Principal
- 3:50PM** **BREAK**
- 4:00PM** **LIBERTY ELEMENTARY CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
 Todd Hansen, Managing Partner, 4 Poles Consulting; David Hofer, School Board Chair; Dan McGee, District Superintendent; Jenine Synness, District Business Manager and Board Clerk; Lona Running Wolf, Instructional Program Expert
- 4:20PM** **MISSOULA CONNECT ACADEMY CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
 Micah Hill, Superintendent; Barbara Frank, Director of P-12 Academic and Community Services
- 4:40PM** **MISSOULA TEACH ACADEMY CHARTER – 20 Minutes**
 Micah Hill, Superintendent; Barbara Frank, Director of P-12 Academic and Community Services
- 5:00PM** **PARK CITY MONTANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY – 20 Minutes**
 Dan Grabowska, Superintendent; Breann Streck, School Board Trustee; Amber Tilzey, School Board Trustee

PUBLIC COMMENT

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PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND LINKS

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List of Public Charter School Applications

1. Billings Early College School
2. Billings Multilingual Academy
3. Billings Opportunity School
4. Boulder Jefferson Academy
5. Bozeman Bridger Charter Academy
6. Bozeman Charter School
7. Corvallis Distance Learning Charter
8. Corvallis Gifted Learning Charter
9. Corvallis Transformational Learning Charter
10. East Helena 227 Academy
11. Frenchtown Bronc Fast Track Public Charter
12. Great Falls Core Elementary Charter
13. Hamilton Bitterroot Polytech
14. Helena Montessori Charter School
15. Helena Mount Ascension Learning Academy
16. Helena Project for Alternative Learning Academy
17. Kalispell Community Partnerships Charter K-3
18. Kalispell Community Partnerships Charter 3-5
19. Kalispell Flathead PACE Academy Charter
20. Kalispell Rising Wolf Charter
21. Kalispell Rocky Mountain Academy
22. Liberty Elementary Charter
23. Missoula CONNECT Academy
24. Missoula TEACH Academy
25. Park City Montana Connections Academy

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