

**MEETING/PROJECT NAME:**

Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

DATE OF MEETING: December 7, 2021

TIME: 4:32 PM – 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Zoom/Phone Conference

MEETING OBJECTIVE: Business Meeting

PRESIDER: Elsie Arntzen Superintendent, Montana Office of Public Instruction, and Retired Sergeant Ray Shaw, Montana Compact Commissioner

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Jessica Flint, Communications Program Specialist, Montana Office of Public Instruction, [Jessica.flint@mt.gov](mailto:Jessica.flint@mt.gov) or 406-438-3400

**ATTENDEES****PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Ray Shaw, Retired Sergeant, Montana Compact Commissioner

Lisa Sapp, Malmstrom Air Force Base

Col. Christopher Karns, United States Air Force, Malmstrom Air Force Base

Mark Beckman, Montana High School Association

Representative Ed Buttrey, Montana State Legislature

Elsie Arntzen, OPI Superintendent

LTC John Bleile, Montana Army National Guard

Tom Moore, Great Falls Public Schools Superintendent

**AGENDA AND NOTES, DISCUSSIONS, ISSUES (OPEN PRESENTATIONS)****TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Meeting Begins: 4:32AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Review and Approval of September 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to Approve minutes from September meeting made by Representative Ed Buttrey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Moore
- Minutes approved – passed unanimously, no discussion

Purple Star Applicants and Nominees Review

- Jessica and Lisa Reviewed the Purple Star Schools applicants and Champion Awards nominees for the Commission.



- Valid Purple Star Schools Applicants Are:
  - Flathead High School
  - Holy Spirit Catholic School
  - Morningside Elementary School
  - Ben Steel Middle School
  - Great Falls Central Catholic High School
  - Townsend School
- Valid Purple Star Champion Nominees Are:
  - Jennifer Bernhart, Missoula (Community Supporter)
  - Hunter Jones, Will James Middle School (Educator)
    - Discussion was opened by Superintendent Arntzen to invite additional nominations for Purple Star Champions by the Commission
  - Superintendent Tom Moore and Lisa Sapp nominated Joe Ferda, a longtime member of the U.S. Air Guard and community supporter of military-connected students and families and Kim Ray, Morningside Elementary, Principal.
  - It was suggested that Purple Star Champions be recognized with a challenge coin.
- Motion to approve a three-year Purple Star commitment of all valid school applicants and a one-year recognition of champion nominees to receive a Purple Star Award was seconded and passed unanimously with no discussion.
- Motion that any former Montana Military Interstate Children's Compact Commissioner immediately become an adjunct member of the commission after their service as commissioner has expired was seconded and passed unanimously with no discussion.

#### Other Business

- The possibility of OPI sharing MIC3 virtual town hall flyers with schools was discussed.

End of Meeting: 5:00 pm