



MEETING INFORMATION:

Montana Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Date 11/15/2024

Time: 10:30-11:30am

Location: Zoom/Phone Conference

Meeting Objective: Business Meeting

Presider: Superintendent Elsie Arntzen

Minutes Prepared by: Katie Bloodgood, OPI Legislative Liaison

ATTENDEES PRESENT:

- Superintendent Elsie Arntzen
- Lisa Sapp, Malmstrom Air Force Base
- Brad Livingston – Retired Brigadier General MANG
- Major Christopher Oelkers, Director of Soldier and Family Support, Montana Army National Guard

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

- Ray Shaw – MIC3 Compact Commissioner Representative Edward Buttrey – Montana House of Representatives
- Brian Michelotti- Executive Director, Montana High School Association
- Heather Hoyer – Superintendent Great Falls Public Schools
- Col. Ciro E. de la Vega - 341st MSG Commander, Malmstrom AFB, US DoD Military Representative

TOPICS & DISCUSSION:

- Meeting begins at 10:30AM
- Superintendent Arntzen welcomed attendees.
- Brad Livingston introduced Major Christopher Oelkers, Director of Soldier and Family Support, Montana Army National Guard.
- Lisa Sapp discussed the national MIC3 meeting which was in October in New Mexico and attended by Lisa Sapp and Ray Shaw, retired Sergeant.
 - Increase in compact dues was discussed at the national meeting. If all states agree the dues will be increased. Montana's cap may increase from \$2,300 to \$4,000 for 2027.
- Lisa Sapp reviewed the 2024-2025 Purple Star School and Champion nominees.
 - School Nominees: Holy Spirit Catholic School, Riverview Elementary School, and Joliet Public Schools

- Champion Nominees: Mark Yeager- GFPS CTE Pathways Advisor, Tara Murillo- GFPS Librarian at Chief Jo Elementary School, and Montana Johnson- GFPS Counselor Morningside Elementary
- Members of the commission in attendance voted to approve of the nominees. The rest of the commission members will be polled for approval via email.
- Superintendent Arntzen discussed tentative dates for the next MIC3 meeting in April 2025. Members will be asked for the availability to pick a tentative date.
- End of Meeting 11:10AM