

## Welcome and Introduction

- 1. Call to Order:** chairman Fred Anderson called meeting to order 1:01 pm

- 2. Roll Call**

Fred Anderson – Chair - present  
Kelly Haverlandt – *Vice Chair* - present  
Cammie Knapp – present  
Jay Phalen – present  
Eric Myers – present  
Ashley Olson – present  
Hannah Nieskens – present  
Eric Matthews – present  
Nancy Stiffarm - present after Item 9  
Abby Moscatel - present

- 3. Statement of Public Participation -** Fred Anderson

- 4. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion:** Eric Matthews moved to adopt the agenda  
**Second:** Cammie Knapp  
**Vote:** YES 9 – NO 0

- 5. Review of ARM 10.55.604 Variances to Standards Process and ARM 10.55.608 Charter School Applications** - Ellery Bresler

- 6. Welcome of New Members and Member Terms** - Ellery Bresler

- 7. Approval of October 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Eric Matthews moved to approve the minutes  
**Second:** Hannah Nieskens  
**Vote:** YES 9 – NO 0



**8. Application 1 - Corvallis K-12 Schools – Quentin Brown Primary K-4 (SC: 1557), Corvallis High School (SC: 0964), Edna Thomas School (SC: 0963) – TENTATIVE, Corvallis 7-8 (SC: 1558) – TENTATIVE**

10.55.710 – School Counselor FTE

This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler and Pete Joseph, the superintendent of Corvalli, presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** Board discussion of application. General discussion centered on staff becoming certified at a later date and the current enrollment.

**Motion:** Eric Matthews moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Ashley Olson

**Vote:** YES 9 – NO 0

**9. Application 2 - Corvallis K-12 Schools – Rise Charter & Distance EL (SC: 3010), Rise Charter & Distance 7-8 (SC: 3014), Rise Charter & Distance HS (SC:3012)**

10.55.709 - Library Media Specialist FTE

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This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler and Pete Joseph, the superintendent of Corvalli, presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** Board discussion of application. General discussion centered on charter school enrollment and the number of students off campus.

**Motion:** Ashley Olson moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Hannah Nieskens

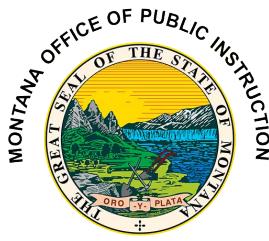
**Vote:** YES 9 – NO 0 Nancy Stiffarm chose to abstain due to joining the meeting during the discussion.

**10. Application 3 - East Helena K-12 Schools – 227 Academy High School (SC: 3029), 227 Academy Middle School (SC: 3028)**

10.55.709 - Library Media Specialist FTE

This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler and Lynsi Morris, the administrator for the 227 Academies, presented the application.



**Board Discussion/Comment:** Board discussion of application. General discussion centered on the charter schools being located within the schools.

**Motion:** Cammie Knapp moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Ashley Olson

**Vote:** YES 10 – NO 0

**11. Application 4 - Frenchtown K-12 Schools – *Bronc Fast Track (SC: 3017)***

10.55.709 - Library Media Specialist FTE

This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler and Les Meyer, the superintendent of Frenchtown, presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** None

**Motion:** Eric Matthew moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Cammie Knapp

**Vote:** YES 10 – NO 0

**12. Application 5 - LaMotte Elementary – *LaMotte 6-8 (SC: 1825)***

10.55.902 – Basic Education Program: Junior High School, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program, or Middle School

This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler and Spencer Johnson, the superintendent of LaMotte, presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** Board discussion of application. General discussion centered on the continuing delivery of instruction for music and the difference between the junior high model of units based on instructional minutes and the middle school model of self-contained delivery without the restriction of minutes.

**Motion:** Eric Matthews moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Hannah Nieskens

**Vote:** YES 10 – NO 0

**13. Application 6 - Lockwood Public Schools – *Lockwood High School (SC: 1862)***

10.55.709 - Library Media Specialist FTE

This application is an Initial Request for two years.



**Public Comment:** Ellery and Andrea Meiers, the curriculum director of Lockwood, presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** None

**Motion:** Ashley Olson moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Kelly Haverlandt

**Vote:** YES 10 – NO 0

**14. Application 7 - Marion Elementary – Marion School (SC: 0455) & Marion 7-8 (SC: 1697)**

10.55.710 – School Counselor FTE

This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** Board discussion of application.

**Motion:** Eric Matthews moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Cammie Knapp

**Vote:** YES 10 – NO 0

**15. Application 8 - Missoula County Public Schools – Missoula Connect Academy MS (SC: 3007) & Missoula Connect Academy HS (SC: 3008)**

10.55.709 - Library Media Specialist FTE

This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler and Kacie Laslovich, Head of Schools for Missoula Connect Academy, presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** Board discussion of application.

**Motion:** Ashley Olson moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Kelly Haverlandt

**Vote:** YES 10 – NO 0

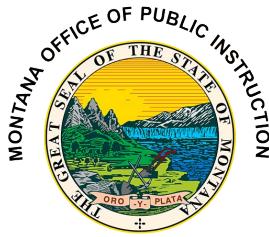
**16. Application 9 - Missoula County Public Schools – Missoula TEACH Academy (SC: 3009)**

10.55.709 - Library Media Specialist FTE

This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler and Barbara Frank, the Academic and Community Services Director of Missoula County Schools, presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** None



**Motion:** Eric Matthews moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Eric Myers

**Vote:** YES 10 – NO 0

**17. Application 10 - Thompson Falls Public Schools – Thompson Falls Elementary School (SC: 1047) & Thompson Falls 7-8 (SC: 1764)**

10.55.709 - Library Media Specialist FTE

10.55.710 – School Counselor FTE

This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler and Edward Scully, the superintendent of Thompson Falls, presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** Board discussion of application.

**Motion:** Kelly Haverlandt moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Cammie Knapp

**Vote:** YES 10 – NO 0

**18. Application 11 - Three Forks Public Schools – Three Forks 7-8 (SC: 1658) & Three Forks High School (SC: 0483)**

10.55.709 - Library Media Specialist FTE

This application is an Initial Request for two years.

**Public Comment:** Ellery Bresler and Rhonda Uthlaut, the superintendent of Three Forks, presented the application.

**Board Discussion/Comment:** Board discussion of application. General discussion centered on the enrollment numbers and the location of the libraries and resources.

**Motion:** Hannah moved to approve the variance recommendation

**Second:** Kelly Haverlandt

**Vote:** YES 10 – NO 0

**19. Recommendations to the Superintendent.**

**20. Meeting Adjourned**

**Motion:** Eric Matthews moved to adjourn

**Second:** Kelly Haverlandt



**Meeting adjourned @ 2:11 pm.**

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