

Montana Board of Public Education Executive Summary

Date: July 12-14, 2023

Presentation	Recommend Approval of 2023 Variance to Standards Board Members.
Presenter	Crystal Andrews
Position Title	Director of Accreditation, EPPs, and Licensure
Overview	This presentation provides the Board of Public Education recommendations from Superintendent Arntzen for the six open Variance to Standards Board Member positions. The Board Members and Terms of Service is attached.
Requested Decision(s)	Approval of the six Variance to Standards Board Members.
Related Issue(s)	None
Recommendation(s)	Action: Approve State Superintendent Arntzen's recommendations of the six members for the Variances to Standards Review Board.



VARIANCES TO STANDARDS REVIEW BOARD BOARD MEMBERS and TERMS OF SERVICE

June 2023

ARM 10.55.604(1)(d)(iii) The review board members shall serve five-year terms with no limit to the number of terms any one person may serve.

Name <i>Term Expiration</i>	Position	Title <i>School/District</i>
Fred Anderson <i>Term Expires: 2026</i>	Chairperson	Middle School Principal Retired <i>Great Falls</i>
Kelly Haverlandt <i>Term Expires: 2026</i>	Vice-Chairperson	High School Teacher <i>Whitefish Public Schools</i>
Cammie Knapp <i>Term Expires: 2028</i>	Board Member	High School Principal <i>Corvallis Public Schools</i>
Jay Phalen <i>Term Expires: 2028</i>	Board Member	Board of Trustee Member <i>Glendive Public Schools</i>
Eric Myers <i>Term Expires: 2026</i>	Board Member	High School Teacher <i>Broadus Public Schools</i>
Ashley Olson <i>Term Expires: 2028</i>	Board Member	Elementary School Teacher <i>Billings Public Schools</i>
Hannah Nieskens <i>Term Expires: 2028</i>	Board Member	District Superintendent <i>Whitehall Public Schools</i>
Eric Matthews <i>Term Expires: 2026</i>	Board Member	Elementary School Teacher <i>Bozeman Public Schools</i>
Nancy Stiffarm <i>Term Expires: 2028</i>	Board Member	<i>Tribal Representative Fort Belknap</i>
Abby Moscatel	Board Member	<i>Family or Community Representative Lakeside</i>



New Variance to Standards Board Members

Abby Moscatel is the Family and Community Representative. Abby is a lawyer at the Blacktail Law Firm in Lakeside, Montana. She is admitted to practice in California, Montana, and some federal court jurisdictions.

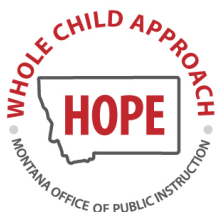
Nancy Stiffarm is the Tribal Representative. Nancy is a Junior High Math teacher at Harlem Public Schools on the Fort Belknap Reservation in Montana.

Hannah Nieskens is the District Superintendent Representative. Hannah has been an educator for 24 years. She is entering her fifth year as the district superintendent in Whitehall, Montana. She was formerly a 6-12 principal in Whitehall. Prior to that she was an intermediate principal and HS dean of students in Wolf Point and elementary teacher in Billings.

Ashley Olson is one of the Elementary School Teacher Representatives. Ashley has been a classroom teacher for over 20 years and is currently pursuing her Master's in Educational Leadership. Her family includes her supportive husband and 3 active children: one each in elementary, middle, and high school. During the '21-'22 school year, she received the elementary teacher Golden Apple award for Billings Public Schools in Montana.

Jay Phalen is the Board of Trustees Member Representative. Jay was elected to the Glendive Board of Trustees in 2021 and serves on the board's policy committee. He was raised in Dawson County Montana where he lives with his wife and three children.

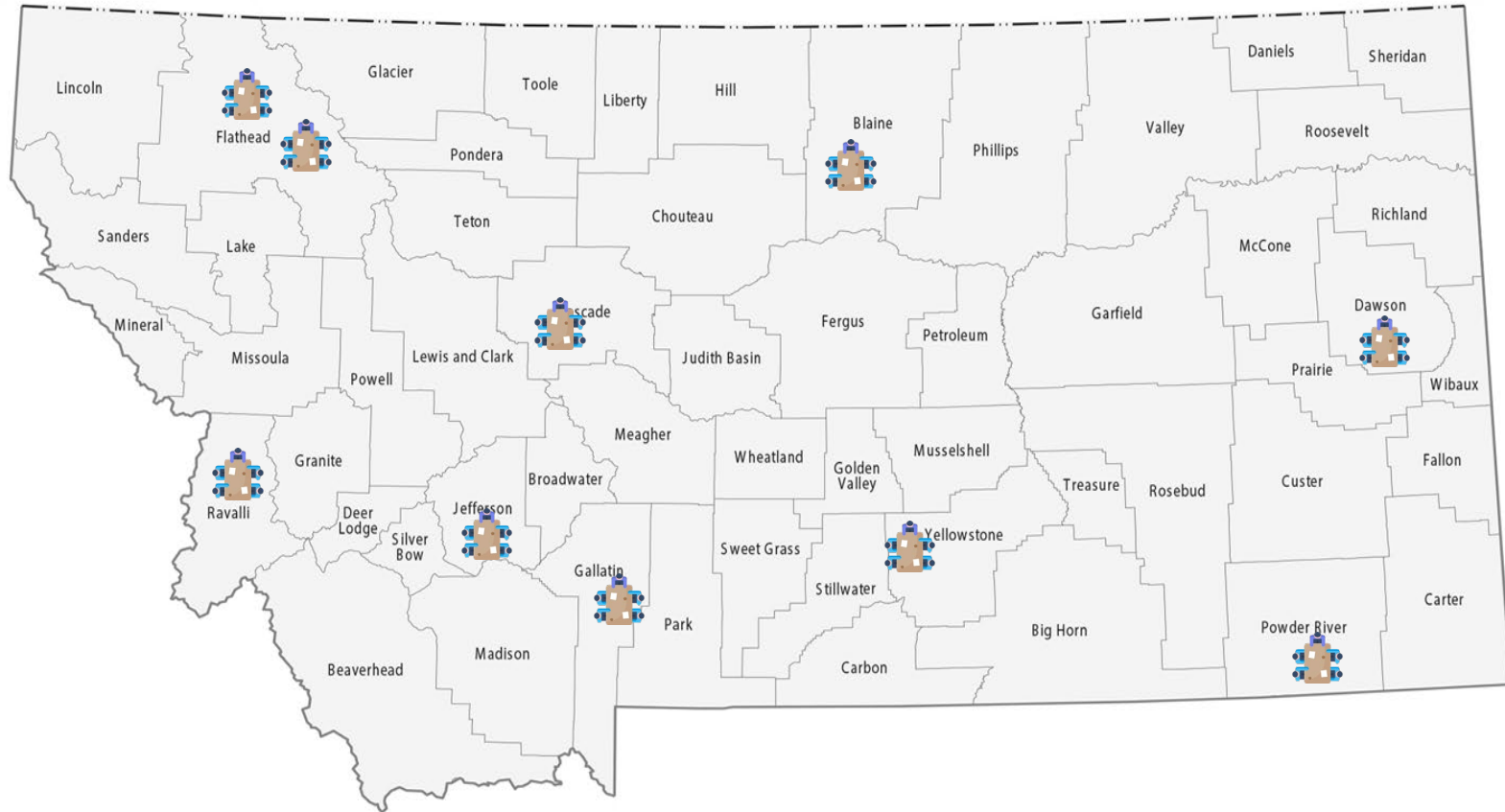
Cammie Knapp is one of the High School Principal Representatives. Cammie started her career at Corvallis High School over two decades ago. She has been principal for five years, and since then, has turned the football program around, revamped the homecoming festivities and made sure every student was cared for and had a mentor to go to, according to her students. In 2023 she was named the Montana Association of Secondary Principals Principal of the Year.





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Participating Board Members per county (4)

Fred Anderson, Chairperson - Middle School Principal - Great Falls, Cascade County
Kelly Haverlandt, Vice-Chairperson - High School Teacher - Whitefish Public Schools, Flathead County
Cammie Knapp, Board Member - High School Principal - Corvallis Public School, Ravalli County
Jay Phalen, Board Member - Board of Trustee Member - Glendive Public Schools, Dawson County
Eric Myers, Board Member - High School Teacher - Broadus Public School, Powder River County
Ashley Olson, Board Member - Elementary School Teacher - Billings Public School, Yellowstone County
Hannah Nieskens, Board Member - District Superintendent - Whitehall Public Schools, Jefferson County
Eric Matthews, Board Member - Elementary School Teacher - Bozeman, Gallatin County
Nancy Stiffam, Board Member - Tribal Council Representative - Fort Belknap, Blaine County
Abby Moscatel, Board Member - Family or Community Representative - Lakeside, Flathead County