

Missouri State Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 1, 2022, 10:00am Central Time

Present:

Dr. Brian Henry, Missouri Compact Commissioner, MIC3
John Finnane, Assistant Superintendent, Warrenburg School District
Joan Barrett, Military Families Representative
Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education, Missouri Department of Education
Dorsey Newcomb, Ozarks Partnership
Hilary Bales, Superintendent, Student Services
Harry Roberts, Missouri Military Advocate
Cherise Imai, Executive Director, MIC3
Megan Ace, Waynesville School District
Jarod Wheeler, Superintendent, Knob Noster School District

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by MIC3 Missouri (MO) Commissioner, Dr. Brian Henry, at 10:08am CT.

Approval of the Minutes:

Mr. Dorsey Newcomb motioned to approve the minutes from October 12, 2021. The motion was seconded by Dr. Margie Vandeven. Motion carried.

Executive Committee Report:

Commissioner Henry acknowledged support from the MIC3 national office staff for meetings and the state council has been very helpful in supporting the work in Missouri. He also noted he serves as the Treasurer of the Commission and is a member of the Executive Committee (EXCOM), which supports high visibility and engagement for Missouri. As Treasurer, he also leads the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Henry reported he attended the EXCOM meeting which was held in-person in Lexington, Kentucky in mid-April. Over several days, the EXCOM addressed general business items and worked on the 3rd strategic plan draft with Consultant Brian Riggs. Mr. Riggs has scheduled two virtual sessions for commissioners and ex-officio members to provide input on the plan this week. The intent is to launch the plan at the Annual Business Meeting in the fall.

MIC3 Executive Director (ED), Cherise Imai reported the EXCOM and commission continues to work on the priorities of the final year three strategic plan which will conclude in August/September.

Purple Up! and Month of the Military Child:

Commissioner Henry reported Missouri coordinated a Month of the Military Child event with Missouri's First Lady Teresa Parson in May in Jefferson City. The event highlighted the importance of supporting military kids and families. Fifth grade students from Waynesville School District attended and shared about their parents' service in the military and the impact of continual transitions on their family life. Several kids had 3-6 transitions and described they moved a lot even at such a young age. Commissioner Henry thanked ED Imai for promotion of MO's efforts; and building awareness nationally.

Dr. Margie Vandeven said she really enjoyed the MOTMC this year. The students from Wayneville and Whiteman were poignant in the testimonies and highlighted the importance of the council's work for military families and children. What was clear was the importance of the school in creating a community of support for the families, and unique environment for students. The students also they spoke about how people – the teachers and personnel – are supportive which is very powerful.

Mr. Jerod Wheeler reported his district hosted First Lady, Dr. Jill Biden, and U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona in April. He thanked Dr. Vandeven for attending their event.

Commissioner Henry reported a Salute to Service event was recently held in the Waynesville School District. High ranking state and military officials attended and recognized kids for stepping up and joining the military service. Every branch, with the exception of Coast Guard, was represented in the ceremony. He hoped the district would continue to work with Fort Leonard Wood leadership on this initiative.

Commissioner Henry reported a Purple Star Award was launched in Missouri, and several members of the state council helped develop the program and the first of the designations were made this year. He noted the program is not an MIC3 program - and is a program of the developed and led by the state.

Commissioner Henry presented the draft of the MIC3 Missouri End of Year report for members' review. He noted changes and transitions of members over the past year and acknowledged new members to the state council. He noted activities and other events held in Missouri this past year; specifically training on the Compact conducted for Waynesville District school personnel. He noted previous training was conducted for Missouri State Regional Directors. He recommended members seek other opportunities for training, specifically for school personnel, to increase awareness on the Compact.

National Guard and Reserve Extended Coverage:

Commissioner Henry noted the state adopted the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children statute in August 2009; and acknowledged ongoing discussion to expand the Compact to other National Guard and Reserve members beyond title 10, active

duty. He noted prior discussion by the council regarding risks to open the Compact and possible unintended consequences in the legislative process. A suggestion was made for the Compact to be included in the Missouri's State Board policy which would trickle down to individual school districts.

MIC3 Annual Business Meeting:

Commissioner Henry reported the upcoming Annual Business Meeting will be held on October 19-20, 2022, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He noted the Commission was planning for an in-person event. ED Imai stated registration would be released in July.

Other Business:

Mr. Newcombe congratulated Commissioner Henry on the dedication for the newly remodeled Parker Educational Center building scheduled for this afternoon; as well as the grant from the Association of the Defense Communities which improves facilities for the students and families. Commissioner Henry thanked Mr. Newcombe for the acknowledgement, and said they received \$7K for the new building which includes: new boardroom facilities and new classrooms for Parker Preschool. In addition, the facility will be available for general community use.

Mr. Harry Roberts said he was not aware of the Month of the Military Child and said he promoted support for military kids this year. Mr. Roberts stated he even recorded a video and said he will help support any initiatives and future events. Commissioner Henry thanked Mr. Roberts for his advocacy and engagement.

Adjournment:

Mr. Roberts motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Joan Barrett. The motion carried. Commissioner Henry adjourned the meeting at 10:43am CT.