

**Missouri State Council Meeting
Friday, June 16, 2023, 1:00 PM CT**

Present:

- Brian Henry, MIC3 Missouri State Commissioner, & Region B Area Supervisor (Kansas City), Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Quality Schools
- Hilary Bales, Superintendent, Waynesville School District
- Representative Bill Hardwick, Missouri General Assembly
- Joan Patterman Barrett, Military Child Education Coalition
- Brigitte Plummer, School Liaison, Fort Leonardwood
- Heather Rosiere, Whiteman AFB
- Janice Scott, School Liaison, Whiteman Air Force Base
- Jocelyn Strand, MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office of Improvement and Accountability
- Jarrod Wheeler, Superintendent, Knob Noster Public Schools

Guests:

- Cherise Imai, Executive Director, MIC3
- Lindsey Dablow, Training and Operations Associate, MIC3
- Christina King, Communications Associate, MIC3

Not Present:

- Senator Justin Brown, Missouri General Assembly
- Jennifer Chapman
- John Finnane, Commission Member, Warrensburg School District
- Harry Roberts, Missouri Military Advocate
- Walter Mattil, Deputy Garrison Commander, Fort Leonard Wood Representative
- Dorsey Newcomb, Executive Director of the Sustainable Ozark Partnership
- Dr. Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education, Missouri Department of Education

Call to order:

MIC3 Missouri State Commissioner Brian Henry called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM CT.

Approval of the Agenda:

Superintendent Jarrod Wheeler motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Joan Barrett. The motion carried.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2022:

Superintendent Wheeler motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Superintendent Hilary Bales. The motion carried.

Citation correction:

- Commissioner Henry reported he spoke to the issue at the September council meeting. He said states were asked to make a technical amendment to correct their Compact statute. He noted states vary in their processes to make the correction, and some, like Missouri, required correction through a bill.
- Representative Bill Hardwick was willing to assist with the process and noted Prefiling Bills starts on December 1st. He noted Mr. Harry Roberts was working on a technical amendment regarding “shall” vs. “may” and he would connect with him on the matter.
- Ms. Cherise Imai offered to provide the annotated statute or other documentation necessary to meet the state requirements and deadline.

April and the Month of the Military Child:

- Commissioner Henry reported a ceremony was held in April in the Capitol rotunda on April 5. The event highlighted the importance of supporting military families and kids. He expressed appreciation for council members and other leadership support for organizing the event such as Gov. Mike Parson, Commissioner Margie Vandeven, as well as the Superintendents Wheeler and Bales.
- He received feedback to hold the event annually on the 1st Wednesday in April. Members seemed to feel this was a good idea. He recognized military school liaisons for their support contribution to a successful event.

Penn State Study:

- National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Report to Congress – Penn state studying the functioning and impact of the Compact, which includes interviews with Commissioners. Commissioner Henry was selected for the study and provided Missouri’s perspective, reporting on the state’s positive impact and support for military students. He looked forward to the report’s release.
- Ms. Imai reported Penn State would release a partial report in December, with an addendum.

MIC3 Executive Director Report:

- MIC3 National Guard and Reserve Discussion & the Utah Compact Update
 - Commissioner Henry stated the Commission, at their Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in October, determined they would not amend the statutes for the 50 states and District of Columbia to expand the compact to beyond National Guard and Reserve active-duty, or Title 10.
 - Concern was expressed regarding the cost to conduct the initiative, and states did not report issues with accommodating national guard and reserve children who move due to their parents’ permanent change of station.
 - The state of Utah expressed dissatisfaction with the Commission’s decision and was considering leaving the Compact.
 - Superintendent Wheeler reported Utah asked the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) for support an amendment to the Compact. The ADC officials

reviewed the matter and determined they would not support this position, noting the MIC3 has a commission, position, and voice that has ruled on the matter.

- **Travel Reimbursement Guidelines:** Commissioner Henry stated the Commission is reviewing their policy on travel to clarify processes. The Executive Committee will review the in July.
- **Forecasting Revenues**
 - Commissioner Henry reported the number of school-aged military students continues to decline annually, which impacts the Commission as dues and revenue decrease. He also noted the continued increase in expenses and cost to do business for the organization.
 - He also noted the increased demand for training and resources, and while most of the training was held virtually, some meetings/conferences were held in person and require travel by staff or members to brief or train.
 - Under the Finance Committee, an Ad Hoc committee has been created to examine the data and way forward.
 - Ms. Imai reported the US DoD provides annual data on the number of school-aged military connected students. In fiscal year 2024, Missouri dues were \$8,739 for 7,599 military students. States pay a minimum of \$2,300 and maximum of \$70,000.

FY2023 Missouri End-of-Year Report:

- Commissioner Henry was drafting the report on Missouri's activities this past year. Which is due by June 30.
- He included the MOTMC event and April highlights and asked members if they had additional items to include. Will include the April =Month of the Military child highlights
- Superintendent Bales and Wheeler would provide additional information on their district.

Next Meeting:

- Commissioner Henry said the Council will meet again prior to the ABM in October. The intent was to gather information and feedback on behalf of the state.

Adjournment:

- He thanked members for their attendance and supporting military kids. He wished everyone a great summer.
- With no business to conduct, Ms. Joan Barrett motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded Ms. Jocelyn Strand. Motion carried.
- Commissioner Henry adjourned the meeting at 1:40 PM CT.