

September 24, 2026

ITEM 226-1003-R0926

Request for Authorization to Enter into Off-Campus Lease with Hamilton Public Schools – University of Montana-Bitterroot College

THAT

Consistent with the Board's authority to manage and control the Montana University System and Board of Regents Policy 1003.6, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the University of Montana to renew its off-campus lease for space to accommodate the University of Montana Bitterroot College in Hamilton.

EXPLANATION

- 1) UM-Bitterroot College leases a facility located at 103 South 9th, Hamilton, MT consisting of approximately 12,700 square feet of instructional space from Hamilton School District. This lease has existed since 2015.
- 2) Bitterroot College is requesting a one-year lease renewal with Hamilton Public Schools for \$110,325 per year, or \$8.68/sf.
- 3) In 2015, the University of Montana Bitterroot College leased the facility for \$1 per year for five years in exchange for building improvements that were paid for by the University of Montana Bitterroot College. This arrangement existed through FY2022. Since that time a more conventional lease arrangement at commercial rates has been established.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Lease Agreement