



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2023-1:00 PM  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING Room 102**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 P.M. by Chairman Scott McNeley. Chairman McNeley welcomed patrons and led the pledge.

Board members present were:

Scott McNeley	Chairman
Allen Merrick	Vice Chairman
Steve Boren	Trustee
Gary Jones	Absent
Raelynn Schkade	Trustee
Jeff Blaser	Superintendent
JayDene Aquiso	Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk Aquiso confirmed a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC INPUT I** - None

**ACTION ITEMS I**

**A. Approve Agenda**

Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to approve the agenda, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

Vice Chairman Merrick abstained from discussion and voting on Action Items B and C.

**B. Approve Merrick Diesel Solutions bill**

Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Schkade to approve the Merrick Diesel Solutions bill, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

**C. Approve Ashley Merrick's paycheck**

Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Schkade to approve Ashley Merrick's paycheck, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

Chairman McNeley gave control of the meeting to Vice Chairman Merrick and abstained from discussion and voting on Action Item D.

**D. Approve Kelli McNeley's paycheck**



**Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Schkade to approve Kellie McNeley's paycheck, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

Chairman McNeley resumed control of the meeting.

**E. Consent Agenda**

- Approve minutes of January 10, 2023 regular meeting
  - Approve Accounts Payable/Payroll
  - Approve Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary, and Rimrock Accounts
- Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to approve the consent agenda, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

**REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**A. Elementary Principal Report - Alex Meyers**

Alex explained the scores and reports of each grade school and how the students are doing.

**Spotlight employee Ashley Merrick** started my career with the Bruneau-Grand View School District almost 17 years ago, teaching the 3 and 4 year old preschool classes at Bruneau Elementary. Over the years it has evolved into coaching volleyball and softball at Rimrock, teaching Pre-K at both Bruneau and Grand View Elementary, and taking on the Athletic Director responsibilities at Rimrock. I truly enjoy teaching the youngest learners in the district, and take pride in setting them on a successful educational path in our district! Outside of BGV time, my family enjoys exploring the outdoors with our family and friends! Austin and I love taking our kids (Crew – 8th grade and Kimber – Pre-K) on adventures and strive to instill in them the motto of "we work hard, so we can play hard"!

**Upcoming Events:**

February 14 Valentine's Caroling @ BES  
February 17 Bruneau is Capital for a Day  
March 6 Scratch for Schools  
March 7-8 Federal Programs on-site review  
March 9 End of 3rd Quarter  
March 10 Professional Development  
March 14 Board Meeting @ GVE 1 p.m.  
March 17-26 Spring Break

**B. Secondary Principal Report - Tony Richard**

**School Government, Class Officers, and Club Officials**



Presentations conducted by student representatives of Rimrock Junior Senior High School and the RRJH/HS FFA

Each class told about who they are and what money they have raised and what Fundraisers they are planning to do.

MAP Results-Mr. Richard explained the results for MAP Testing. Mr. Boren would like the number of incomplete assignments from the end of last year.

### **8th Grade Field Trip**

Mrs. Waterlander- Field Trip Overview

8th Grade Earth Science - Tentatively, Monday, April 3rd.

Purpose: In Earth Science we have been covering the rock cycle and plate tectonics. I would like to take the class to the College of Idaho Orma J Smith Museum of Natural History in Caldwell, ID where they can learn from experts about the rich natural history of our area. Later in the school year we will be covering the Solar System and so I'd like to also take the students to the College of Idaho Planetarium, where they do an hour-long presentation on our solar system. After lunch, I would like to take the class to the Discovery Center in Boise which has a hands-on exhibit exploring a variety of science principles which will be a great launch into our review prior to the ISATs.

8:00AM - Leave RR for Caldwell

9:30-11:00 - Natural History Museum (\$1/student)

11:00-12:00 - Planetarium (Only Available on Monday or wednesday: \$130 for 60 minute presentation)

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch (Sack Lunches)

12:30-1:00 Travel to Discover Center in Boise

1:00-2:30 Discovery Center (90 - minute gallery tour: \$6/student)

2:30 - Depart back to Rimrock

### **Athletics Update**

Athletic Events And Winter Season Outcomes

Girls JV Basketball Finishes The Season 2nd in league

Girls Varsity Basketball Finishes The Season

Boys JV Basketball Finishes The Season 8-0-2nd place in the district

Upcoming Schedule

JHS Boys Basketball @ Greenleaf 2/14/23 at 3:00 p.m.

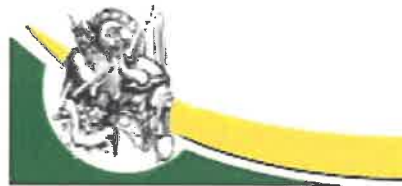
JHS Boys Basketball Vs Liberty 2/16/23 at 3:45 p.m.

HS Varsity Boys Basketball Vs TBD (Districts) 2/16/23 at 7:00 p.m.

HS Varsity Boys Basketball Vs TBD (Districts) 2/18/23 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Employee Recognition**

Spotlight-Julia Collopy Counselor



Julia was born in Wurzburg, Germany, where her father served in the US Army and her mother was a young German lady attending university. When she was 3 months old, Julia came to the States and grew up on the Central Coast of California. When she was a Junior in high school, Julia lived in Stuttgart, Germany for a year as an exchange student. After graduating high school, Julia in her free time, Julia enjoys mountain biking, whitewater rafting, skiing, gardening, and hunting. She was a chef in her previous career and enjoys cooking and baking. Recently she married the mountain man of her dreams, Tofor, an Idaho native from Stanley. Julia and Tofor have two bird dogs. Chloe, a Catahoula, is a lion-hunting hog dog who can flush and retrieve the most devilish chukker. Roja is a gun-shy Vizsla, and lucky for her, super cute and sweet.

When Julia decided to pursue a career in education, she was working in the restaurant industry and at a crossroads. She wanted to either open her own bakery/general store or go back to school for teaching. She chose the teaching route and is glad she did. After one year of teaching, Julia determined her skills would best serve students as a counselor. Her professional goal is to build a comprehensive counseling program at BGVSD, where all students have the opportunity to quality social and emotional counseling services, as well as college and career guidance. Of all the daily duties Julia has in her counseling position, she enjoys working with kids the most, especially the Seniors. She is committed to the kids of our community, and works diligently to be a person they can trust as a guide and resource.

All of us at Rimrock are appreciative of Julia and the joy she brings each day to the school. Julia packed up her pickup (the Danger Ranger) and fled California in search of wide open spaces.

Her passion for mountain biking brought her to Idaho. She was working as a customer service and sales rep for a company in the bicycle industry. When asked if she would relocate with the company to Boise, Julia Googled the local mountain areas, bike trails, rivers, and hot springs, and packed her things.

### **Spring Athletics**

Presenter: Ashley Merrick

Topics:

Rimrock JHS/HS Golf Team/conversation for the second year, and we have several students interested in it. Easiest would be to co-op with Mountain Home, but it is not what we could do as they split it. Mountain Home is not interested in co-oping with Rimrock, they want those spots for their own students. Region 1, 2 and 3 went to spring golf. How can we make golf work for Rimrock? TJ Gomez gives lessons to quite a few of our students already and he agrees to coach our Rimrock students boys/girls High School if the board approves. Sign up sheets for interest in golf are 13- 9 boys and 4 girls. Lots of money involved golf clubs, travel etc... Mr. Gomez says that 2-3 days a week they could go to Mountain Home to practice and practice the



other days here at Rimrock. Mrs. Merrick has in mind to use a White Bus to practice in Mountain Home. Mrs. Merrick thinks that it would be a good fit for the students at Rimrock. 5 to make a golf team at district or state, if you do not have enough for a team they can still compete individually. A lot of the tournaments do not even charge to participate and if they do it is very inexpensive. Most of the golf tournaments are at the beginning of the week.

### **C. Superintendent Report - Jeff Blaser**

**Cory Freese - TRIO Upward Bound  
(BSU Sponsored Grant Program)**

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. Cory graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts. Right after graduation he moved to Idaho.

Cory has been married to his wife, Melissa for twenty-eight years. They have four children: Collin, Camille, Corban and Caitlyn. Camille went to be with the Lord on November 7, 2014. "I have always found joy and excitement working with youth and teens. I am so excited for the 2022 - 2023 school year and I'm thrilled about starting my ninth year at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School.

Cory is normally at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

#### **• Policy Committee Review**

The next scheduled Policy Committee meeting will be March 7th-Upcoming Policy review will include: This meeting needs to be changed, Mr. Blaser will communicate and send it out to the committee.

**2395 Online Learning Classes (Review)**

**Review Recommended Revisions of 9409 (Safety Committee)**

**Policy Recommendation:**

**706.8 Education of Homeless Children (Approve New 3060)**

The Policy Committee reviewed the recommended model policy 3060 with Patty Dalrymple (Federal Programs Director).

**Recommendation – Approve and update from 706.8 to 3060**

#### **• Curriculum Committee**

**Committee Members-Initial Work-Sequence Proposal-Request – Approve 6-12 Science Course Sequence-Mrs. Darymple explained who was on the committee.**





These two proposals include changing the sequence of science topics/courses taught at Rimrock.

Current JH Science course sequence		Proposed JH Science course sequence	
Grade 6	<u>Physical Science</u> matter & energy motion waves	Grade 6	earth/spheres (earth science) water/weather (earth science) living things (life science)
Grade 7	<u>Life Science</u> cells & structure living things body systems ecology	Grade 7	cells & structure (life science) waves (physical science) ecology (life science)
Grade 8	<u>Earth Science</u> sphere water & weather universe	Grade 8	matter/energy (physical science) motion (physical science) *review topics for ISAT, which is an accumulation of 6-8th grades
<b>Problems:</b> The topics needed to support high school science are currently done in 6th & 7th grade. It is needing to be retaught in high school.  7th grade has too much to get done in the year as they are currently in their 2nd out of 4 topics		delete "body systems" because it is done in health  "universe" could be done in any grade if extra time is available near the end of the school year - no current essential standards fit this topic, but it is included in our curriculum materials  <b>Potential Solutions to Problems:</b> Those topics needed in high school are now being taught mostly in 8th grade, which should reduce the amount of reteaching needed.  7th grade is more manageable to get topics taught at a deeper level	
Note: a meeting Mrs. Waterlander, Mr. Waterlander, and Mrs. Dalrymple was held to ensure the sequence would support high school			

#### • Safety Committee Review

GVE held an evacuation drill at 1:42 on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

BES held an evacuation drill on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Rimrock held an evacuation drill on January 31<sup>st</sup>. It took just 2 minutes to completely evacuate the building and check all rooms and areas.

The safety committee met twice in January. On January 13 at RR. Training consisted of building scenarios and movement drills. Then, at GVE on January 31<sup>st</sup> for 2 hours of training at the elementary school setting working through scenario and movement drills. All training consistent with policy 9409.

Committee also viewed the proposed remodel plans for moving the secretary's station and window to the front corner of the hall.

#### • Grounds and Maintenance Review

Current Projects Near Completion



1. ADA Door Opener – Completed at all three schools by February 17th but they are not powered yet.
2. Fencing around the Ag Shop and Maintenance Building at RR-Bill Mead will be doing the fencing.

**Future Project Information and Request to Proceed**

1. GVE Office Relocation (Remodel).
2. Duplex Residential Conversion (Explore Options)
3. District Daycare (Recruiting and Retention of Staff)

- **GVE Office Relocation (Remodel).**

Step-1 Board Interest and Approval to move forward with gaining cost estimates

Step-2. At March Board Meeting, update the board regarding cost estimates and seek approval to move forward

Step-3. Upon approval, seek bids with appropriate contractors. (Policy 307.2 Bids and Procedures)

Mr. McClure explained that it would be best to show the board of Trustees his and Mrs. Draper's plan and do a walkthrough and see what would be the best at the next board meeting.

- **Conversion of the Integrity Building into a residential duplex (Recruiting & Retention of Staff)** The board wants to explore the possibility and options.

Step-1 Seek Board interest and then approval to explore advantages and possibilities and see if it is even feasible to do so. Close to 1900 square feet in the building.

Step-2 Upon Approval, seek contractor's opinion if a residential conversion is possible and cost effective (Stacy Buckingham)

Step-3 Upon Approval, obtain county use permit (this takes 60 days)

Step-4 Solicit Bids (Policy 307.2, IC 67-2805)

Step-5 Press Release to Community

- **District Provided Daycare (Recruiting & Retention)**

Step-1 Board interest and approval to move forward

Step-2 Upon approval, obtain licensing with the County and State

Step-3 Establish position with salary and benefits

Step-4 Advertise and hire Staff

Step-5 Prepare building – RR Large bathroom portable (During Steps 3-4)

Step-6 Begin Federal and State Grant Application Process

Step- 7 Furnish portable. Set Start Date

Chairman McNeley suggested that we find out if we could qualify for the grants that are available. We are also going to explore how it would look, opening it up to the public. CTE was discussed as some options if it was to be here at Rimrock.

- **Financial Report**

Revenues should be at 66% or above in February



Earning on Investments continue to show above budget due to interest rate

Other Local is high due to reimbursements coming into the account

Border Tuition - 70% has been allocated from the \$1.16M Budget.

**EXPENDITURES (41% Expended)**

Expenditures should be at 66% or below in February

Total Instructional Improvement - All professional development funds since July - Includes:

Safety Conference, Powerschools, travel and accommodations, CPR, etc.

Fund transfers are complete. We met with the Food Service Director yesterday and talked about keeping costs down and other expenditures. We talked about how to get parents to fill out the free and reduced lunch applications. We also discussed how to collect the funds for lunches.

- **ISBA Bill Tracker**

**ID - H24 Idaho Launch Program/In-Demand Careers Fund** This legislation expands the Idaho Launch program to high school graduates starting with the class of 2024. Eligible graduates can receive a grant of \$8,500 to be redeemed at a workforce training provider, career, technical program, community college, or college of that students' choice.

**Financial Literacy HB92** will require each school district and charter school in Idaho to provide one or more courses on financial literacy – including the influence of money, how to evaluate investment options, credit, and credit ratings, understanding insurance with independent living, building a budget and more.

**In God We Trust** This bill would require that if public schools were to donate a poster or framed copy of the representation of “In God We Trust” – the national motto – that it shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the school.

**School Closures on Election Day** This bill comes from Rep. Greg Lanting – a retired school administrator – and Secretary of State Phil McGrane. It would close school to in-person instruction or activities on the May and November election.

**"Freedom in Education" Savings Account - ESA Voucher** This legislation creates a universal "savings account" that anyone of eligible school age could apply for. While the uses are almost identical to Empowering Parents - for devices, educational supports, therapies, etc - it can also be used for private school tuition, fees, and uniforms. It can also seemingly allow parents to reimburse themselves for tutoring and homeschooling their students.

See - Capitol Notes Hand Out in Packet

**PUBLIC INPUT II -None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote)**

**Trustee Merrick made a motion In accordance with Idaho Code 74-206(1)(A),(B) the Board may hold an Executive Session to hear complaints brought against a staff**





member, with a second by Trustee Schkade to approve going into executive session, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

Chairman McNeley asked Clerk Aquiso to poll the board. Roll call vote:

Steve Boren – yes  
Gary Jones – Absent  
Scott McNeley – yes  
Allen Merrick – yes  
Raelynn Schkade – yes

3:14 P.M. - The Board took a short break while they moved to hold an executive session.

3:15 P.M. - Trustees considered a student issue. Trustee Schkade explained some information from the parents' perspective. Mr. Blaser and Mrs. McClure explained some information from the district perspective.

Trustees considered adding a bus route

4:00 P.M. - Superintendent Blaser and Clerk Aquiso were excused while trustees considered and completed the superintendent's evaluation.

4:25 P.M. - Clerk Aquiso was invited into the executive session.

4:30 P.M.-Clerk Aquiso left executive session and Superintendent Blaser was invited into executive session.

4:45 P.M. - Superintendent Blaser and trustees returned to and resumed the open session.

## **ACTION ITEMS II**

A. Possible action item(s) resulting from executive session-Approve additional Bus Route. Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to approve an additional bus route and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

B. Approve Policy update-Education of Homeless Children 706.8 to New 3060 Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to approve Policy 3060 replacing 706.8 Policy and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

C. Approve moving forward to next steps as presented for  
a. Approve GVE Office Relocation  
b. Exploring options to convert double wide into a residential duplex  
c. Creating an employee daycare to be housed at Rimrock for the purpose of employee retention

Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to approve moving forward with A, B and C and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

D. Approve Open Enrollment applications



**A, B and C open enrollment students**

**Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to approve students A, B and C Open Enrollment Applications and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

**E. Approve Superintendent Evaluation**

**Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to approve Superintendent Blaser Evaluation and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

**F. Approve 2023-2024 contract for Superintendent Jeff Blaser**

**Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to approve Superintendent Jeff Blaser 2023-2024 Contract and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

**G. Approve RR to field a high school golf team and T.J. Gomez, Head Golf Coach**

**Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to approve Rimrock to field a high school golf team and T. J. Gomez as Head Golf Coach and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

**H. Approve Border Contract for the 2023-2024 School Year**

**Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Schkade to approve Border Contract for the 2023-2024 School Year and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**


**DISCUSSION**

**A. March Board Meeting at 1:00 pm Grand View Elementary School**

**ADJOURN**

**Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Schkade to adjourn, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

All businesses of the Board having been completed, Chairman McNeley adjourned the meeting at 4:55 P.M.

  
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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE  
February 14, 2023

  
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CLERK/TREASURE