BRUNEAU GRAND VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Location: Rimrock Library

The Bruneau Grand View School District Mission: BGVSD will provide a high-quality education, prepare students for their futures, and enable them to be positive contributors to society.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Scott McNeley, Chairman
Allen Merrick, Vice Chairman
Steve Boren, Trustee-Absent
Raelynn Mathews, Trustee-Phone
Elaine Eldridge, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:
Ken Higbee, Superintendent
JayDene Aquiso, Clerk/Treasurer-Phone

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McNeley called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Aquiso confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC INPUT I

Those individuals wishing to address the Board may sign up at the board materials table and must submit the completed form to the Board Clerk. Individuals will be given a maximum of three (3) minutes to present their views. Open Meetings requirements limit the ability of the Board to discuss or take action on any topic not previously on the agenda; however, the issue may be included on a future agenda if appropriate. Please note: The Board cannot receive complaints against personnel in open session and recommends that concerns be resolved through the following order: (1) Teacher or Staff, (2) Principal or Supervisor, (3) Superintendent, (4) Board of Trustees. District Office Phone: 208-834-2260

No Public comment

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Trustee Eldrige moved to approve the Agenda. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented for approval:

Recommended Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda items include:

- **Approval of payroll for Ashley Merrick, Adam Eldridge, and Amee-Lynn Eldridge**
- **Approval of minutes of the June 9, 2026 regular meeting**
- **Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll for June 2026 and July 2026**
- **Approval of Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary, and District accounts for June 2026-No Rimrock Account Activity available.**
- **Approve Madison MacMillan Alternative Authorization for Physical Education**
- **Approval of Supplemental Extra Duty Contract**
  a. **Anna Whipple, Dean of Students 5,000**
  b. **Susan Wampler, Head Teacher BES 5,000**
  c. **Allison Hampton , Ag/FFA 9,660**

d. **Zach Dygert, Ag/ Woodshop 3,060**
e. **Amee-Lynn Eldridge, Stipend cleaning BES-3,000**
f. **Melissa Raymond, Jr. High and High School Cross Country**
g. **Ashley Merrick, Athletic Administrative Assistant- 2,500.00**
h. **Madison MacMillan – Varsity Volleyball Coach**
i. **Head Football Coach (Pending Participation Numbers) -Ken Higbee**

MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD (Information)

- The Grand View Elementary floor project is progressing.
- Custodial staff continue to do an excellent job preparing the buildings.
- Two new basketball backboards have been ordered for Rimrock, with one to be kept in reserve.
- Kitchen renovations are underway.
- Improvements have been completed in the Ag Department, including hot water and a new wash basin.
- Open gym has begun with student participation.
- Dr. Higbee reviewed the proposed 2026–2027 Rimrock Student Handbook and will seek student input after school begins.
- Policies 8240 (School Nutrition Program) and 8245 (Meal Charges) were reviewed.
- Mountain Home School District has expressed interest in a soccer cooperative program. This item will return to the Board in August.
- Twelve of nineteen employees responding to the insurance survey selected Select Health.
- Interviews for the cook position are scheduled. Maintenance and coaching positions remain open.
- Permanent installation of the Grand View Elementary bleachers is being considered, with the existing portable bleachers potentially relocated to the visitor side of the football field.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Reopen FY2026–2027 Budget Hearing – Amendment to Include Idaho Code 63-1305 Judgment Levy

Chair McNeley opened the public hearing to consider an amendment to the FY2026–2027 Budget to include the Idaho Code 63-1305 Judgment Levy in the amount of $38,340.18 ($8,682.18 Elmore County and $29,658.00 Owyhee County). The levy is collected separately from the District's regular property tax levy and must be published separately pursuant to Idaho Code 63-1305.

Superintendent Higbee and Clerk Aquiso presented the proposed amendment

VI. ACTION ITEMS I

A. Approve Reopening of the FY2026–2027 Budget Hearing

MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to reopen the FY2026–2027 Budget Hearing for the purpose of amending the budget to include the Idaho Code 63-1305 Judgment Levy in the amount of **$38,340.18**, consisting of **$8,682.18** from Elmore County and **$29,658.00** from Owyhee County. **Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

There was no public comment.

B. Approve the Amended FY2026–2027 Budget

MOTION: Trustee Eldridge move to approve the amended FY2026–2027 Budget, including the Idaho Code 63-1305 Judgment Levy of **$38,340.18**, authorize publication of the amended budget as required by law, and authorize submission of the amended budget to the appropriate county and state agencies. **Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion**

carried unanimously.

Chair McNeley closed the public hearing.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote)

In accordance with Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a)(b), the Board may hold an Executive Session to consider personnel and student matters.

The Executive Session will be held in the Boardroom (Library). All patrons will be excused and notified when open session reconvenes.

Motion: Trustee Merrick moved that the Board recess into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, individual agent, or student, where the respective individual has a right to a public hearing and has not requested that the matter be conducted publicly. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Open Enrollment Student A

ROLL CALL VOTE (8:03 p.m.)
Trustee Boren – no
Trustee Eldridge – Yes
Chairman McNeley – Yes
Vice Chairman Merrick – Yes
Trustee Mathews – Yes-Phone

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.
Topics Discussed:
• Open Enrollment Student A

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:05 p.m.
Staff present during the Executive Session included Dr. Higbee and Mrs. Aquiso (by phone).
Trustee Mathews disconnected from the meeting via telephone at 8:15 p.m.
5 minute recess was held

VIII. ACTION ITEMS II

A. Open Enrollment Student A

MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the Open Enrollment Student A. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Employee Health Insurance Renewal for 2026–2027

The Board reviewed the health insurance renewal options presented and consider selection of one of the following plans for eligible employees:

- **Option 1: Alternative Plan Option A**
- **Option 2: Alternative Plan Option B**

The Board reviewed the health insurance renewal proposals presented by Select Health and discussed the available plan options for the 2026–2027 plan year. Discussion included the plan offerings, employer contribution amounts, and providing employees with flexibility in selecting the plan that best meets their needs.

Motion: Trustee Merrick moved to approve Select Health as the District's health insurance provider for the 2026–2027 plan year and to offer employees the following plan options:

- **Option 7-8**
- **Option 11-12**
- **Option 17-18 (HSA Silver)**

Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motion: Trustee Merrick moved to establish the District's employer contribution toward eligible employees' health insurance and benefits at $900.00 per month for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. The motion also authorized eligible employees to enroll in the plan of their choice, with any premium cost exceeding the District's monthly contribution to be paid by the employee through payroll deduction.

Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board members discussed the rationale for increasing the District's monthly contribution, including maintaining competitive employee benefits, supporting employee recruitment and retention, and helping offset rising health insurance costs.

C. Approve Rimrock Student Handbook 2026-2027 School Year
MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the Rimrock Student Handbook 2026-2027 School Year. Trustee Eldrige seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approve Scott McNeley Reimbursement for House Rental for State Golf Tournament in Payette
Vice Chairman Merrick assumed the chair as Chairman McNeley declared a conflict of interest regarding this agenda item. Chairman McNeley left the meeting room during the discussion and vote and abstained from participation.
MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the reimbursement to Scott McNeley for the house rental for the State Golf Tournament in Payette. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Following Board action, Chairman McNeley returned to the meeting room and resumed presiding over the meeting.

E. Boys and Girls Soccer Cooperative Agreement with Mountain Home High School
Discussion was held regarding student participation numbers and the District's ability to field both boys' and girls' soccer teams.
Motion: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the Boys and Girls Soccer Cooperative Agreement with Mountain Home High School. Trustee McNeley seconded the motion.
Vote: Motion carried, with Trustee Eldridge voting in opposition.

F. Approval of Revised Policy 8240 and 8245 -School Meals
MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the revisions to Policies 8240 and 8245. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE

July 14, 2026

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CLERK/TREASURER