

Board of Trustees' Meeting
District Office
270 East Bridge Street
Blackfoot, Idaho

February 22, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Chairwoman Bonnie Hepworth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Hepworth welcomed the audience and led them in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members in attendance were Chairwoman Bonnie Hepworth, Vice-Chairman Carlos Mercado, Treasurer Cleon Chapman, Trustee Mary Jo Marlow and Trustee Kevin Callahan. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brian Kress, Assistant Superintendent Ryan Wilson, Board Clerk Jennifer Hatch, Teresa Rowe, Becky Walker, Trina Brighton, Logan Cox, Ashley Rightler, Michael Rightler, Vicki Chase, Michael Monroe, Chase James, Adam Smith, Gelin Smith, Lynette Carter, Sharon Scott, and Alan Monson

Approval of the Agenda- There were no changes to the posted agenda.

Public Forum – Two patrons spoke during executive session regarding a student matter.

Superintendent Update (Information) – Mr. Kress welcomed everyone to the meeting. We are exactly 2/3 of the way through the school year. Our elementary schools are having parent teacher conferences as we speak. Winter sports are winding down. Boys' basketball is playing in the district tournament tonight. We had state qualifiers in wrestling, dance, and cheer. They will be competing this weekend. We had national qualifiers in speech and debate. It is, as always, a great day to be a Bronco! Spring sports start tomorrow so, of course, we have snow on the ground again. We are 3 weeks from spring/2nd winter break.

January Financial Report (Information) - The January financial report was given by Ms. Teresa Rowe. (See Attachment A)

Report on Day on the Hill (Information) – Mr. Kress reported about attending the Day on the Hill convention. He and Mr. Chapman were able to attend a House tax and revenue committee meeting and a Senate committee meeting. Mr. Chapman talked about how interesting it was to sit in on the committee meetings. He feels that the legislators are trying to help us out. They had the opportunity to meet with Representative Cannon.

Legislative Update (Information) – Mr. Kress handed out a list of the legislative bills to watch. House Bill 415- Concealed Weapons on School Property passed the House floor. Mrs. Marlow expressed concern about the wording in the bill that states that any employee of the district with a concealed carry permit may carry a gun on school property. We employ students in our buildings. We will have to clarify that in our board policies. HB 447- Tax Credit Non-Public Schools is yet to be heard. We need to make our opinions known to our representatives. The vote is looking to be close. Mr. Kress has a concern over the lack of accountability. Everyone who receives public funds should play on an even playing field. HB 521- School Facilities and Taxation passed committee vote. It will increase property tax relief and it would give us a payment to start addressing facility needs. There is a section that addresses 4-day school weeks. We would have to make a commitment to attend a set number of days as students and staff. Mrs. Marlow would like to see them either track days or hours, not both. SB 1221- School library materials review. The board will be required to establish a committee to review materials. There is a \$160 million supplemental request for public schools that will be heard as well. There is a current gap in distribution. We were

promised a certain amount of money. Because of the change from enrollment to attendance there is a gap of \$160 million. There is a supplemental request for this funding that will be heard in the Joint Financial Appropriations Committee on March 4 and scheduled for vote on March 15.

Board Policy 448- Reduction in Force (Information) – Mr. Kress told the board that there is a high likelihood that we will have to conduct a reduction in force in the Blackfoot School District for next year. Mr. Kress updated and made changes to the rubric that will be used. In section 3 he will add a section for bachelor's degree plus 24 credits. It will be worth 2 points. This will recognize staff who have been pursuing further education.

Blackfoot School District Online Jr/Sr School (Information) – Mrs. Walker talked about the implementation and background of the Online school. The curriculum being used is Edgenuity. All students start with an academic success course. Everything is built into the courses so there is only the need for a lead teacher. They are offering a hybrid program for dual enrollment with BHS and MVMS. They enroll students every 3 weeks. Attendance is based off progress. They must complete 34% of their class each week. They start a new class every 3 weeks and only work on one class at a time. They can move through the classes faster if they would like. If students enroll at the online school, it is a trimester commitment. Mrs. Walker went over the expectations that students are expected to follow. There are about 150 students currently enrolled. The school will have full accreditation granted before May. The candidacy review gave them some suggestions: put a cap on the school enrollment numbers, create a school PAC, have a curriculum committee, and have teacher of record reviews. Mrs. Walker shared several success stories of the students enrolled. Mr. Mercado commended her for her hard work making this school happen.

Elementary Sources of Strength (Information) – We are about to start our 4th week of implementation. We have 95% of our students participating. Some of the apprehension has dissipated. Every week Mr. Kress sends out a family engagement handout and the schedule for the next week. The teachers have liked the opportunity to come together with their class to have fun and learn together during these lessons.

Review of Safe Reopen Plan (Information) – Mr. Kress said that this is the last review of the safe reopen plan. For the last 6 months this document has served us well. He is recommending one change. The re-entry criteria will be to follow the direction of your healthcare professional. He asked the board members to look over the plan and call him with any changes they would like to implement.

Bond Update (Information) – Mr. Kress said that he is just about ready to take the board members on a tour of the new elementary school. The carpeting is going down and cabinets are being installed. The old home bleachers at the BHS football field have been moved across the track and will now be the visiting team's bleachers. They are in the process of securing new bleachers for the home side. We are in our final legal review for getting the go ahead for the BTEC.

April Board Meeting Location (Information) – Mr. Kress reminded the board members that the April board meeting will be held at Fort Hall Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.

Autism Acceptance Day- April 2, 2024 (Information) – Mr. Kress said that we have participated in Autism Acceptance Day for the last 3 years. We are asking staff and students to wear blue on this day in recognition and support for our families who are affected by autism.

Request for Permission to Bid Custodial Contract (Action) – Mr. Kress informed the board that the contract with our custodial services is set to expire on June 30, 2024. He feels that it is in the best interest of the Blackfoot School District to continue providing custodial services through contracted services. He has been contacted by 3 companies who are interested in bidding. The contract will be for a 5-year term with an optional 5-year extension. We have had our current contract for 10 years. Mr. Callahan moved that the board of trustees approve the request for permission to bid custodial contracts as presented by Mr. Kress. Mrs. Marlow seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

Motion to Executive Session (Action) – Mr. Callahan moved that the board of trustees recess into executive session in the manner and for the purposes authorized by Section 74-206, Idaho Code (1) (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; and (d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion.

Mrs. Hepworth noted that this is proper business for consideration in executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206. All board members in attendance voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote. Mrs. Hepworth – aye. Mr. Mercado – aye. Mr. Chapman – aye. Mrs. Marlow – aye. Mr. Callahan – aye. The motion passed.

Executive Session

February 22, 2024
7:32 p.m.

Mr. Kress presented the personnel recommendations.

The board reconvened into open session at 8:23 p.m.

Consent Agenda (Action) – Mrs. Hepworth asked if there were any questions regarding items on the consent agenda. There were no questions. Mrs. Marlow moved that the board of trustees approve the prior board minutes, personnel recommendations including the separation agreement as they appear below in these minutes, payment of January bills, student trips, and school fundraiser requests. Mr. Mercado seconded the motion. All agreed. The motion passed.

<u>Transfers</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Doug Bitter	Principal- RC	Principal- GRO
Brittinee Jones	STA- Special Ed Paraprofessional	RC- Special Ed Paraprofessional

<u>Extracurricular</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Josh Stewart	Football Varsity Head Coach	BHS

<u>Resignations/Retirements</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rishay Ackley	Counselor	WAP
Brookelle Blomquist	Math Teacher	BHS
Deanna Canady	Paraprofessional	STA
Connie Forsgren	Paraprofessional	STA
Brandee Hewatt	Principal	GRO
Lisa Nelson	Consulting Teacher	ISSC
Preslie Wright	After School Educational Assistant	STA

Separation Agreement

Brandee Hewatt

Position

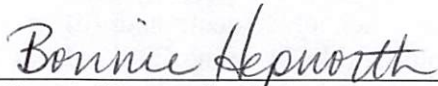
Principal

Location


GRO

Future Agenda Items (Information) – Mr. Chapman would like to have some data presented to the board.

Adjournment (action) – Mr. Mercado moved that the February meeting of the board of trustees be adjourned. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All agreed. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Bonnie Hepworth, Chairwoman



Jennifer Hatch, Clerk

**BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Month Ending:
January 31, 2024**

ZIONS BANK

M & O - CMIA Account	\$	2,469,834.02
Outstanding Checks	\$	(188,569.89)

ZIONS BANK M&O TOTAL	\$	<u>2,281,264.13</u>
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DL EVANS BANK (School Lunch)	\$	521,567.12
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ZIONS BANK

Blackfoot Performing Arts	\$	391.54
Outstanding Checks	\$	-

ZIONS BANK - Performing Arts Total	\$	<u>391.54</u>
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INVESTMENTS - GENERAL OPERATIONS

State Investment Pool	\$	<u>8,417,947.11</u>
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Zions Investment Account	\$	<u>37,689.34</u>
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D.L. Evans-Bond	\$	<u>80,918.72</u>
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PETTY CASH

District Balance 12/31/2023	\$	<u>3,500.00</u>
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TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS -JANUARY 31, 2024	\$	<u><u>11,343,277.96</u></u>
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TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS -JANUARY 31, 2023	\$	<u><u>7,097,836.31</u></u>
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**BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
ALL DISTRICT FUNDS
For the Month Ending:
JANUARY 31, 2024**

JANUARY 1, 2024 Balance Forward:

\$ 12,455,299.95

REVENUE:

Local Property Tax	\$ 1,429,371.69
State-Professional/Tech	\$ 237,432.00
Federal-Title I	\$ 87,038.25
Federal-Title IV-A 21st Century	\$ 85,684.71
Federal-IDEA	\$ 79,925.73
Title III EL	\$ 68,474.49
Earnings on Investments	\$ 60,250.20
Federal-Food Service	\$ 55,666.53
Federal-Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality	\$ 39,848.46
Medicaid	\$ 34,389.40
Local Revenue (Rent, Donations, Tuition, Etc.)	\$ 28,649.67
Local Food Service	\$ 15,422.59
Federal-IDEA Preschool	\$ 2,591.71
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ 2,099.16

TOTAL REVENUE: \$ 2,226,844.59

EXPENDITURES:

January 2024 Payroll	\$ 2,620,964.28
Transportation	\$ 207,713.82
Textbooks/Computer/Equipment/Technology	\$ 138,706.29
Contract Service/Membership	\$ 121,890.18
Custodial Contract	\$ 96,328.86
Utilities/Telephone	\$ 87,635.89
Food Services	\$ 31,220.70
Bldg. Repair, Maint., Supplies, Equip.	\$ 29,951.00
Employee/Public Relations, Travel, In-service	\$ 4,420.56
Blackfoot Performing Arts Center	\$ 35.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 3,338,866.58

NET DECREASE IN CASH POSITION: \$ (1,112,021.99)

ENDING BALANCE:

\$ 11,343,277.96

General Fund

FY24 Revenue To Date 01/31/2024	\$ 27,506,942.44	76.5%
FY24 Expenditures To Date 01/31/2024	\$ 17,357,761.72	45.4%
FY23 Actual Revenue thru 01/31/2023	\$ 23,027,562.17	70.0%
FY23 Actual Expenditures thru 01/31/2023	\$ 15,682,284.71	46.2%

2/14/2024

BLACKFOOT TECHINICAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER
Finacial Report
1/31/2024

DL EVAN BANK

BTEC Construction	\$	465,317.19	
Outstanding Checks	\$	(2,452.50)	
			<u>\$ 462,864.69</u>

DL EVANS BANK TOTAL

INVESTMENT

BTEC State Pool			<u>\$ 5,079,686.99</u>
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BTECH CASH HOLDING

\$ 5,542,551.68

EXPENDITURES

Headwaters Construction	\$	699,680.71
GPC Arcjitects	\$	13,747.07

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 713,427.78

Minutes

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Board members in attendance were Chairwoman Bonnie Hepworth, Treasurer Cleon Chapman, Trustee Mary Jo Marlow and Trustee Kevin Callahan. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brian Kress, Assistant Superintendent Ryan Wilson, Board Clerk Jennifer Hatch, and 2 patrons.

Approval of the Agenda- There were no changes to the posted agenda.

Motion to Executive Session (Action) – Mr. Chapman moved that the board of trustees recess into executive session in the manner and for the purposes authorized by Section 74-206, Idaho Code (1) (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; Mr. Callahan seconded the motion.

Mrs. Hepworth noted that this is proper business for consideration in executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206. All board members in attendance voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote. Mrs. Hepworth – aye. Mr. Chapman – aye. Mrs. Marlow – aye. Mr. Callahan – aye. The motion passed.

Executive Session

February 29, 2024
6:32 p.m.

Mrs. Hepworth explained the format of the meeting. These proceedings are confidential. The student will be known as 2024-A. The student's parents will present information followed by the district representatives presenting their information. Everyone will be excused and then the board will deliberate. The vote will be taken after the board reconvenes into open session.

The board reconvened into open session at 7:39 p.m.

Mrs. Marlow moved that the board of trustees deny the enrollment of student 2024-A for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Motion to Executive Session (Action) – Mrs. Marlow moved that the board of trustees recess into executive session in the manner and for the purposes authorized by Section 74-206, Idaho Code (1) (a) to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent; Mr. Chapman seconded the motion.

Mrs. Hepworth noted that this is proper business for consideration in executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206. All board members in attendance voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote. Mrs. Hepworth – aye. Mr. Chapman – aye. Mrs. Marlow – aye. Mr. Callahan – aye. The motion passed.

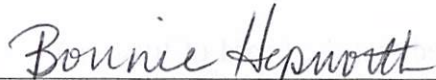
Executive Session

February 29, 2024
7:41 p.m.


Mr. Kress presented personnel recommendations.

The board reconvened into open session at 8:10 p.m.

Adjournment (action) – Mr. Chapman moved that the special meeting of the board of trustees be adjourned. Mrs. Marlow seconded the motion. All agreed. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Bonnie Hepworth, Chairwoman



Jennifer Hatch, Clerk