

### 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, Treasurer Cleon Chapman, and Trustee Mary Jo Marlow. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brian Kress, Assistant Superintendent Ryan Wilson, Board Clerk Jennifer Hatch, Teresa Rowe, Joy Mickelson, Vicki Chase, Chase James, Scott Fields, Christine Silzly, Sharon Scott, Kaedon Smith, Dean Smith, Daniel Martindale, Adam Moss, Isaiah Barrow, Jaysin Torres, Ben Blake, and Corwin Blake.

**Approval of the Agenda-** Due to a lack of board members present at tonight's meeting, we will not be able to move into executive session.

**Public Forum** – Vicki Chase came forward and talked about the GT program and the competition the students just participated in. They won 14 awards and had 11 qualifiers for the state competition. Our regional contest is exemplary. Three cub scouts came forward. They thanked the board for letting them use MVMS for their scout meetings.

**Superintendent Update (Information)** – Mr. Kress pointed out that there are only 8 weeks of school left. This year is winding down quickly. We will be starting spring assessments soon. This is a state requirement. He will be eager to share the results with the board members.

**February Financial Report (Information)** - The February financial reports were given by Ms. Teresa Rowe.

**Legislative Update (Information)** – Mr. Kress talked about the legislative sessions. The “gap payment” was approved by the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. We were given 75% of the expected payment. That money will help us conclude this year but will not help us next year. HB521, better known as the facilities fund, had some caveats that were not well supported. The smaller school districts would not have received much funding. There was also some 4-day school week language that caused concerns. It would require districts to meet both hour and instructional day requirements. The legislators are working to modify some of the language in that bill. The senate and house have put forward competing bills. We are waiting to see how this plays out. Mr. Kress feels like we as a district are prepared for either bill that ends up passing. We will not be returning to a 5-day school week. School vouchers resurfaced in the house. He is hopeful that bill will be killed in the senate. Mrs. Hepworth would like to meet with legislators. Many people are not aware of what is happening on a state level until it has already been passed. She would like to see more educational opportunities available for our patrons.

**District Data Update (Information)** – Mr. Kress shared information regarding district data. He compared our data with other LEA's. We are a very diverse district in our diversity and our socio-economic status. Our ELA and Math scores are higher than other schools. Our fall to spring proficiency in the IRI made good gains. He will have a school-by-school comparison for the next meeting. Mr. Chapman would like to have CTE data presented as well.

**Projected Elementary Enrollment (Information)** – Mr. Kress wanted to make the board aware of the projections for the upcoming school year. It takes about 300 students to fund a school. Only 2 of our 6 elementary schools have more than 300 students enrolled. There are some bubbles that appear in some of the schools, but overall, our district ratios are good. With open enrollment, if a parent feels like a class size is too large in one of the schools, they have the right to put their student into another school if it has room. The district does not provide transportation for students outside of their neighborhood school. Our district still seems to be shrinking. Our kindergarten numbers are still low.

**April Board Meeting Location (Information)** – Mr. Kress reminded the board members and public that the April meeting of the school board will be held at Fort Hall Elementary on April 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

**Quarterly Policy Updates (Information)** – Mr. Wilson presented the following policies for a first reading for the first quarter. 407: Family and Medical Leave Act, 407P: Family and Medical Leave Act Procedures- NEW, 570: Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Student Activities, 571: Interscholastic Activities- DELETE, 572: Eligibility and Participation in Interscholastic Activities- DELETE, 573: Athletic Activities Insurance- DELETE, 574: Extracurricular Awards- DELETE, 575: Transportation to School-Sponsored Activities- DELETE, 676: Placement of Students at Alternative Schools, 679.80: Transportation for Students in Foster Care (renumbered to be Policy 734), 699: Technology Instruction and Determining Average Daily Attendance (ADA), 702: Student Transportation System (formerly 710- Student Transportation), 704: Establishing Bus Routes, Stops and Nontransportation Zones- NEW, 710: Student Transportation- DELETE, 714: Transportation of Nonpublic School Students- DELETE, 716: Transportation Liability Insurance, 720: Activity Busing, 722: Unauthorized School Bus Entry, 726: Safety Busing- NEW, 730: Student Bus Conduct, 734: Transportation for Students in Foster Care (formerly 679.80), 738: School Bus Drivers, 740: Duties of School Bus Drivers, 742: Bus Driver Conduct- DELETE, 746: Bus Warning Violations- DELETE, 940 Electronic Surveillance.

**Board Policy 448- Reduction in Force (Action)** – Mr. Kress, in association with the BEA, modified and compromised on our RIF policy. Form 448F1 saw several changes. It was presented for the first-time last month. He is hopeful that we will not have to utilize this policy, but needs it approved should it become necessary. Mr. Chapman moved that the board of trustees approve the changes to Board Policy 448- Reduction in Force as presented by Mr. Kress. Mrs. Marlow seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

**Safe Reopen Plan (Action)** – Mr. Kress feels that we have managed better than a lot of districts in our response to Covid-19. This should be the last time that we need a motion to approve this document. It will be posted on our district website. Mrs. Marlow moved that the board of trustees approve the changes to the Safe Reopen Plan as presented in written format. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

**Emergency Closures (Action)** – Mr. Kress talked about the mini snowmageddon that hit us during the first week of March. Because of the impact of this storm, the decision was made to close schools on March 4, 2024. We will not require any make-up days due to this closure. Mr. Chapman moved that the board of trustees approve the Districtwide emergency closure due to weather on March 4, 2024. Mrs. Marlow seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

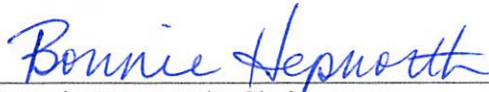
**Elementary School Name (Action)** – Mr. Kress passed out the results of the survey sent out for the name of the new school. Grandview Elementary received 18.6% of the votes. Hillside Elementary received 38.2% of the votes. Riverbend Elementary received 43.3% of the votes. Mrs. Marlow would like Mr.

Kress to check with our attorneys about using the name of Riverbend as it is a trademarked name. This will be discussed next month after the attorney has been contacted.

**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, payment of February bills, and the student trips with the absence of the personnel items. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

**Future Agenda Items (Information)** – The board will need to have a special meeting to discuss a change to the schedule at BHS. We will meet again either April 8 or 9. Mr. Kress will present an update about the name of the new elementary school at that time as well.

**Adjournment (action)** – Mrs. Marlow moved that the March meeting of the board of trustees be adjourned. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All agreed. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



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Bonnie Hepworth, Chairwoman



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Jennifer Hatch, Clerk

**BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
For the Month Ending:  
February 29, 2024**

**ZIONS BANK**

M & O - CMIA Account	\$	743,313.24
Outstanding Checks	\$	(224,426.64)

<b>ZIONS BANK M&amp;O TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>518,886.60</u></b>
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<b>DL EVANS BANK ( School Lunch)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>549,781.56</b>
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**ZIONS BANK**

Blackfoot Performing Arts	\$	356.54
Outstanding Checks	\$	-

<b>ZIONS BANK - Performing Arts Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>356.54</u></b>
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**INVESTMENTS - GENERAL OPERATIONS**

State Investment Pool	\$	<u>10,650,637.29</u>
Zions Investment Account	\$	<u>37,695.41</u>
D.L. Evans-Bond	\$	<u>80,954.28</u>

**PETTY CASH**

District Balance 2/29/2024	\$	<u>3,500.00</u>
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<b>TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS -FEBRUARY 29, 2024</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u><u>11,841,811.68</u></u></b>
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<b>TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS -FEBRUARY 28, 2023</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u><u>8,703,210.76</u></u></b>
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**BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55  
CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
ALL DISTRICT FUNDS  
For the Month Ending:  
FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2024 Balance Forward:**

**\$ 11,343,277.96**

**REVENUE:**

State Base Support	\$	4,046,821.51
Federal-Food Service	\$	88,835.64
Earnings on Investments	\$	50,517.98
Federal-Title I	\$	29,553.72
Local Property Tax	\$	29,546.55
Local Food Service	\$	27,791.30
Gear Up Grant	\$	24,501.45
Medicaid	\$	18,879.89
State-Professional/Tech	\$	15,129.00
Other State Support	\$	13,730.00
Local Revenue (Rent, Donations, Tuition, Etc.)	\$	2,386.22
Title III EL	\$	1,596.75
Johnson O'Malley	\$	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>4,350,290.01</u></b>

**EXPENDITURES:**

February 2024 Payroll	\$	2,695,669.15
Bond Principal/Interest	\$	358,130.30
Transportation	\$	240,387.70
Contract Service/Membership	\$	177,453.60
Custodial Contract	\$	95,648.86
Utilities/Telephone	\$	89,004.86
Food Services	\$	66,208.72
Bldg. Repair, Maint., Supplies, Equip.	\$	59,640.96
Textbooks/Computer/Equipment/Technology	\$	42,587.13
Employee/Public Relations, Travel, In-service	\$	26,992.01
Blackfoot Performing Arts Center	\$	35.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>3,851,756.29</u></b>

**NET INCREASE IN CASH POSITION:**

**\$ 498,533.72**

**ENDING BALANCE:**

**\$ 11,841,811.68**

**General Fund**

FY24 Revenue To Date 2/29/2024	\$	31,641,861.77	87.9%
FY24 Expenditures To Date 2/29/2024	\$	20,350,705.78	53.3%
FY23 Actual Revenue thru 2/28/2023	\$	28,119,095.56	85.5%
FY23 Actual Expenditures thru 2/28/2023	\$	18,429,432.23	54.3%

*Jana Kew*  
  
 2/14/2024

**BLACKFOOT TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER**  
**Financial Report**  
**2/29/2024**

**DL EVAN BANK**

BTEC Construction	\$	561,789.19	
Outstanding Checks	\$	(448,009.04)	
			<u>\$ 113,780.15</u>

**DL EVANS BANK TOTAL**

**INVESTMENT**

BTEC State Pool			<u>\$5,003,938.33</u>
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**BTECH CASH HOLDING**

\$5,117,718.48

**EXPENDITURES**

Headwaters Construction	\$	443,956.54
GPC Architects	\$	3,528.00
Connecting Testing & Inspection	\$	1,600.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

\$ 449,084.54