

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

May 11th, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

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

Board members in attendance were Chairwoman Mary Jo Marlow, Treasurer Cleon Chapman, Trustee Taryn Shoyo, and Trustee David Barlow. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brian Kress, Assistant Superintendent Ryan Wilson, Federal Programs Director Rebecca Walker, Director of Student Support Services Lynette Carter and Board Clerk Jennifer Hatch.

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

Board Vacancy (Action) – Mrs. Marlow thanked the candidates for being here tonight and for their desire to serve on the board. Due to the resignation of Zone 2 Trustee Carlos Mercado, the board must appoint a trustee to fill his spot for the remainder of his term. We received 4 letters of interest for this Trustee position. We are going to have each candidate address the board. Mrs. Marlow invited them to introduce themselves and talk about why they would like to be on the board, their vision for the board, and their vision for the Blackfoot School District.

Jacklyn Alvarez taught at Snake River High School for 32 years. She has 4 grandkids at Riverbend. She loves public education. She loves kids and teachers. She loves the opportunities that education provides. There are 2 things that are very important to her- what we put in our minds and what we put in our hearts. People don't see the magic that takes place in schools. She is an independent thinker. She has no agenda except to serve, to listen, and to discuss. She likes to look for win/wins when at all possible.

Joey Call graduated from BHS. He has always enjoyed serving and helping to better the community. He has 3 students attending the Blackfoot School District. He has helped in classrooms. He would love to collaborate with board members. There are a lot of teachers in his family. He found a new level of respect for teachers during Covid. He appreciates the teachers and what they do. He wants to serve and do what is in the best interest of our teachers and students.

Brett Peterson came to Blackfoot in 1991. He graduated from BHS. He speaks Spanish and feels like that would be beneficial in a position as a board member. His mom was a teacher and taught in our district for many years. He has 2 kids in the District. He wants to make sure it is the best possible place to prepare students. He prioritizes safety and wants all students to feel safe. He has good listening skills and feels like that would be helpful.

Kyle Pratt graduated from Blackfoot High School. He does a lot of volunteer work. He volunteers with Bingham County Search & Rescue. He is a Construction Field Rep at the INL and handles construction budgets. He has a student in the district. He has no agenda coming in. He just wants to help the community and creates policies to help the students.

Mr. Kress thanked the candidates for coming and being willing to serve on the board. They all presented themselves very well. Being on the board is very rewarding. Mrs. Marlow told the candidates that she enjoys serving and working with the public and thanked them for being willing to serve.

The board members filled out and signed their ballots. Mr. Joey Call received a majority of the votes.

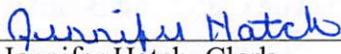
Mr. Chapman made the following motion: Whereas Zone 2 Trustee Carlos Mercado resigned his position; and whereas the board of trustees declared a vacancy for Zone 2 Trustee on April 23, 2026; therefore, be it resolved that the board of trustees appoint Joey Call to fill the Trustee Zone 2 vacancy as per Board Policy 246: Trustee Vacancy and Idaho Code 33-504. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Call will be sworn in as Board Trustee of Zone 2 at the May 21, 2026, regular board meeting.

Adjournment (Action) – Ms. Shoyo moved that the special meeting of the board of trustees be adjourned. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.



Mary Jo Marlow, Chairwoman



Jennifer Hatch, Clerk