

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, Vicki Chase, Chase James, Joy Mickelsen, Kim Jepperson, Jennifer Jacaway, Trina Brighton, Emry Oliverson, Paula Maldonado, Ronna Park, Sharon Scott, Alan Monson, Karen Alvarez, Adriana Gasca, Yamni Chandler, Logan Cox, Jasmin Avila-Valdez, Damian Bustamante, Anaili Perez, Michell Acosta-Herrera, Jaime Lora, Janessa Martinez, and Anna Maria Salas.

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

Student Recognition- Mrs. Maldonado bought a group of students from the Latinos in Action class. It is a new class offered this year. LIA is a national non-profit organization. This class was offered through a grant that was awarded to the high school. Their goal is to empower Latinos in our schools. The class focuses on 3 main components: social events, professional events, and service events. Several students highlighted different aspects of the class. They had the opportunity to go to a conference in Utah and took part in leadership training.

Members of the BHS Indigenous club came forward. They presented a slideshow and talked about their senior project. The club planned and facilitated a field trip for all 4th graders in the district. The students traveled to Fort Hall. They participated in games, dancing, crafts, storytelling, visited the Fort Hall tribal museum, and had lunch. They received a lot of positive feedback this year. The students enjoyed the day. The club loved reading the student essays and seeing what the students learned that day.

As part of the 4th grade field trip the students wrote an essay. The winning essay was presented by Emeri Oliverson. She talked about what she learned that day. She focused on the types of dancing and the meaning and stories behind the dances. She also talked about the use of beading. She also talked about how much fun the games were to play. Her wish is for everyone to be kind to themselves, to others, and to the world.

Public Forum – No one came forward during public forum.

Superintendent Update (Information) – Mr. Kress talked about the food truck day at BHS. The activity turned out to be fantastic. The students want to have a few food truck days next year. Spring sports have finished for the year. We had students and teams that performed very well. Riverbend Elementary is almost completed. The keys should be turned over within a few weeks. Voting will be held in the library there tomorrow. There are 2 ½ days left in the school year. It has flown by and a lot of things are happening. We are so thankful for the amazing staff and students that we have in our district.

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

Graduation Ceremonies (Information) – Mr. Kress talked about the upcoming graduation ceremonies. Blackfoot High School graduation ceremonies will be held on Thursday, May 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. at the BPAC. Independence High School graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 24th, at 1 p.m. at the BPAC. Blackfoot School District Jr/Sr Online School graduation ceremonies will be held Friday, May 24th, at 5:30 p.m. at the BPAC.

Request Permission for School Meal Price Increases (Action) – Mrs. Jepperson and Mrs. Jacaway discussed the need to increase the school meal prices for the 2024-25 school year. Milk prices will stay the same. Reduced meal prices do not change. Student prices will raise by 10 cents. Prices of food, freight, gas, and delivery have increased over the last year. Mr. Mercado moved that the board of trustees approve the request for the School Meal Price Increase as presented by Mrs. Jepperson. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Request Permission for Financial Audit (Action) – Ms. Rowe requested permission to have WIPFLI conduct our annual financial audit for the Blackfoot School District. Mr. Chapman moved that the board of trustees approve the request for the district’s financial audit to be conducted by WIPFLI. Mr. Mercado seconded the motion. All ayes. 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. Mrs. Marlow 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

May 20, 2024
7:16 p.m.

Mr. Kress presented the personnel recommendations. At 8:25 p.m. the board excused Mr. Kress, Mr. Wilson, and Mrs. Hatch while they discussed the evaluation of Mr. Kress. The board invited Mr. Kress into executive session to discuss his evaluation.

The board reconvened into open session at 9:19 p.m.

Superintendent Evaluation and Contract (Action) – Mrs. Hepworth asked if there was any further discussion. Mr. Chapman moved that the board of trustees approve Superintendent Brian Kress’s evaluation and extend his superintendent contract for (one) additional year. Mrs. Marlow seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Ratification of the 2024-25 Negotiated Agreement (Action) – Mrs. Hepworth asked if there was any further questions or discussion regarding the negotiated agreement. The board members had time to look over the negotiated agreement during the week. It has already been ratified by the BEA. Mrs. Marlow moved that the board of trustees ratify the 2024-25 Negotiated Agreement between the Blackfoot Education Association and the Blackfoot School District No. 55 Board of Trustees. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Compensation for the Administrators (Action) – Mrs. Hepworth asked if there was any further discussion. Mr. Marlow moved that the board of trustees approve giving the administrators, excluding the superintendent, an increase of 2.5% annually for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Mercado seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Compensation for the Superintendent (Action) – Mrs. Hepworth asked if there was any further discussion. Mr. Callahan moved that the board of trustees approve issuing the superintendent an increase of 2.5% annually for his 2024-25 contract. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Approval of Transportation Contract (Action) – Mr. Kress went over the results of the transportation bids. Mrs. Marlow moved that the board of trustees approve the transportation contract as presented by Mr. Kress. Mr. Mercado seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Approval of Custodial Contract (Action) – Mr. Kress shared the results of the custodial contract bids. Mr. Callahan moved that the board of trustees approve the custodial contract as presented by Mr. Kress. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

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 as they appear below in these minutes, the payment of April bills, and the student trips. Mr. Mercado seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

<u>New Hires</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jennifer Baron	Special Education Teacher	BHS
Kristy Cockrell	2 nd Grade Teacher	STA
Jessalyn Dye	Elementary Teacher	RC
Kelsey Evans	Secretary	WAP
Lesley Ann Gardner	Elementary Teacher	RC
Wendy McKinlay	Elementary Teacher	GRO
Sydney Moore	Elementary Teacher	RC
Curtis Scott	4 th Grade Teacher	GRO

<u>New Hires within District</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sarah Wheeler	1 st Grade Teacher- RC	Interventionist- GRO

<u>Transfers</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Clint Cousineau	ERR Teacher- STA	ERR Teacher- MVMS
Charlie Hansen	Counselor- IHS	Counselor- BHS
Rachel Shryock	Counselor- STA	Counselor- IHS
Dana Steffensen	Counselor- FH	Interventionist- FH

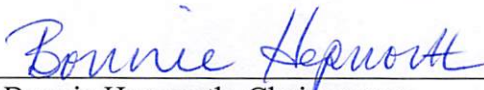
<u>Extracurricular</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ellie Fairchild	Cheer Assistant Advisor	MVMS
(William) Jody Holder	Football Assistant Coach	BHS
Cortney Leneham	Cheer Head Advisor	MVMS

<u>Resignations/Retirements</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kelsey Bender	Ag Science Teacher (on leave)	BHS
Stephen Benson	Basketball Boys Assistant Coach	BHS
Elaine Carter	Special Education Teacher	MVMS
Mariya Flynn	Lunch Duty Paraprofessional	RC
Amelia Gasca	Nursery Paraprofessional	IHS
Kaitlin Hall	4 th Grade Teacher	GRO
Deserae Jones	Elementary Music Specialist	DW
Candice Kniffin	21 st CCLC Director, Gear Up	GRO
Anna Lisota	Classroom Paraprofessional	FH
Makena Marler	Basketball JV Girls' Head Coach	BHS
Stacy Moffitt	1 st Grade Teacher	RC
Katie Jo Roberts	Soccer Girls' JV Coach	BHS
Mary Spiker	Intervention Teacher	FH
Megan Thornley	4 th Grade Teacher	GRO
Natalie Weaver	Classroom Paraprofessional	STA
Natalie Wheeler	Special Education Paraprofessional	FH


<u>Separation Agreement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kelli Jackson	Counselor	BHS

Future Agenda Items (Information) – More data was requested for the June meeting.

Adjournment (action) – Mr. Chapman moved that the May meeting of the board of trustees be adjourned. Mr. Mercado seconded the motion. All agreed. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



 Bonnie Hepworth, Chairwoman



 Jennifer Hatch, Clerk

BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
ALL DISTRICT FUNDS
For the Month Ending:
APRIL 2024

APRIL 1, 2024 Balance Forward:

\$ 8,454,851.13

REVENUE:

Base State support	\$ 889,900.00
Federal-PL 81-874 Impact Aid	\$ 577,426.00
Federal-IDEA	\$ 193,860.38
Other State Support	\$ 81,428.00
Federal-Food Service	\$ 60,765.23
Medicaid	\$ 52,921.48
Earnings on Investments	\$ 46,801.23
Federal-Title IV-A 21st Century	\$ 32,283.16
Local Property Tax	\$ 31,488.56
Local Food Service	\$ 25,734.35
Federal-Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality	\$ 25,581.89
Federal-Title I-C Migrant	\$ 22,442.43
Local Revenue (Rent, Donations, Tuition, Etc.)	\$ 9,516.37
State-Driver's Education	\$ 7,210.77
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ 4,910.54
Federal-IDEA Preschool	\$ 472.64

TOTAL REVENUE: \$ 2,062,743.03

EXPENDITURES:

April Payroll	\$ 2,634,216.84
Transportation	\$ 242,592.10
Textbooks/Computer/Equipment/Technology	\$ 115,445.70
Custodial Contract	\$ 96,872.86
Utilities/Telephone	\$ 76,474.04
Bldg. Repair, Maint., Supplies, Equip.	\$ 53,061.84
Food Services	\$ 49,766.34
Contract Service/Membership	\$ 46,095.23
Employee/Public Relations, Travel, In-service	\$ 38,284.76
Blackfoot Performing Arts Center	\$ 40.00
Liability Insurance	
Bond Principal/Interest	
Health Insurance	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 3,352,849.71

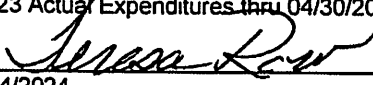
NET DECREASE IN CASH POSITION: \$ (1,290,106.68)

ENDING BALANCE:

\$ 7,164,744.45

General Fund

FY24 Revenue To Date 04/30/2024	\$ 33,310,410.20	92.6%
FY24 Expenditures To Date 04/30/2024	\$ 26,335,899.40	68.9%
FY23 Actual Revenue thru 04/30/2023	\$ 29,349,848.17	89.3%
FY23 Actual Expenditures thru 04/30/2023	\$ 23,902,509.76	70.4%


4/14/2024

BLACKFOOT TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL CENTER
Financial Report
4/30/2024

DL EVAN BANK

BTEC Construction	\$	39,718.40	
Outstanding Checks	\$	(2,452.50)	
			<u>\$ 37,265.90</u>
DL EVANS BANK TOTAL			

INVESTMENT

BTEC State Pool			<u>\$4,384,275.19</u>
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BTECH CASH HOLDING

\$4,421,541.09

EXPENDITURES

Headwaters Construction	\$	840,950.19
GPC Architects	\$	3,720.00
Connecting Testing & Inspection	\$	-

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$ 844,670.19