

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, Anthony Peterson, Lloyd George, Cory Loveland, Parveneh Colter, Lynette Carter, Chase James, Heidi Cornell, Becky Walker, and Rosalee Tendoy.

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

Recognition of National Johnson O'Malley Awards (Information) – Mr. Kress had the opportunity to travel to the national JOM conference in Oklahoma. He was impressed and amazed. He came away from that event realizing that we do a lot of things really well. The Blackfoot Indian Education Committee was recognized and received the award for having an exemplary program for Region 6. We have 632 registered tribal members, and the graduation rate has doubled in the past few years.

We also received a second award during this conference. Parveneh Colter received the award for Teacher of the year in Region 6. She spoke about her love of teaching at IHS. She loves her amazing staff and students.

Public Forum – No one came forward during public forum.

Superintendent Update (Information) – Mr. Kress acknowledged the traffic incident that occurred this week outside of Riverbend. He has been in communication with the mayor. They will be meeting with the traffic safety commission to try and come up with solutions that will improve safety in that area. There will now be 2 crossing guards at the crosswalk on Walker and York, one on either side of Walker Street. The school district will work with the City of Blackfoot to implement a solution. Homecoming week has been a successful week. We had lots of student support and a lot of great activities. We had the second annual BHS Food Truck Bonanza. There was a great turnout and the trucks were amazing. Next week is Native American cultural week. The student dancers will be performing at each school. This is always an amazing event.

July and August Financial Report (Information) - The July and August financial reports were given by Ms. Teresa Rowe. (See Attachments A and B)

Bond Update (Information) – Mr. Kress shared an interesting discovery with the board. When digging began at the student center and the façade of the building was coming down, a set of staircases were discovered buried under ground outside the legacy gym entrance. We have also broken ground on the BTEC shops. We are currently planning the renovations at I.T. Stoddard. Everything except the renovation of I.T. Stoddard is planned to be completed by the beginning of the 2025-26 school year.

District Enrollment (Information) – Mr. Kress presented updated numbers for district enrollment. K-3 capacity is 20:1, 3-6 is 23:1. Every elementary grade except 3rd and 6th is below capacity. While some schools see larger class sizes, there are still enrollment numbers available in other schools. Enrollment has declined in our district. It has declined Statewide as well.

High School Class Trends (Information) – Mr. Kress shared data showing the trends in enrollment from 2000-2024. We have a lot of students enroll in our district during their 9th grade year.

District Data (Information) – Mr. Kress presented data comparing our district with other districts in our area and statewide. Within the 11 schools compared, we tested in the top 3 schools with our IRI scores. Our 1st graders were the top scorers on the list. Our Hispanic students also tested at the top of the list. Our EL and migrant students were in second place with their scores. This data shows that we take our students where they are and help them grow. We performed phenomenally well on our Math ISAT. We showed growth in 4 out of 5 grades. We as a district are going great! We have work to do, but we are ready to do it!

Policy 838: Activity Funds (Information) – Mr. Wilson presented Policy 838 for a second reading. This policy currently allows each principal to use their school credit card to make purchases not to exceed \$1,000 without board pre-approval. Mr. Mercado proposed raising the limit to \$5,000. Mr. Wilson believes that the policy reads that this amount only includes purchases made using the credit card. Mr. Kress asked for one more month to talk to administrators and make the policy work for our district. The board was given the school funds reports for each school in the district.

Curriculum Update (Action) – Mrs. Walker thanked the board for reviewing the proposed intervention curriculum and asked for board approval. Mr. Mercado moved that the board of trustees approve the Curriculum Update as presented by Mrs. Walker. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All agreed. The motion passed.

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) (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. Mr. Mercado 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

September 26, 2024
7:54 p.m.

Mr. Kress presented the personnel recommendations.

The board reconvened into open session at 8:24 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 consent agenda including the prior board meeting minutes, personnel recommendations as they appear below, the payment of August bills, BPAC events, and Elementary Fundraisers. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All approved. The motion passed.

<u>New Hires</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dacie Cameron	ASP Educational Assistant	FH
Manuelita Chavez	PT Classroom Paraprofessional	RC
Nicole Fried	PT Classroom Paraprofessional	RB
Emily Gailey	ASP Educational Assistant	STA
Michele Gross	PT SpEd Paraprofessional	RC
Rya Wehrle	ASP Educational Assistant	DW

<u>Transfers</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Christopher Esmerio	PT Classroom Para- RB	FT SpEd Classroom Para- RB

<u>Extracurricular</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tate Sorenson	Basketball Boys’ JV Head Coach	BHS

<u>Resignations/Retirements</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Catherine Inez Bingham	Special Ed Paraprofessional	STA
Dylan Fuller	Basketball Boys’ Head Coach	MVMS
Marissa Gibson	FT SpEd Paraprofessional	RB
Danica Keller	FT SpEd Paraprofessional	MVMS
Matthew Kulicke	Football Assistant Coach	BHS
Wade Kotter	ASP Educational Assistant	RC
Cecilia Salinas	ASP Educational Assistant	DW

Future Agenda Items (Information) – The board would like to include Policy 838 on the October agenda. They would also like information on how some of the student funds are spent.

Adjournment (action) – Mr. Mercado moved that the September meeting of the board of trustees be adjourned. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All agreed. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



 Bonnie Hepworth, Chairwoman



 Jennifer Hatch, Clerk

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

ZIONS BANK

M & O - CMIA Account	\$	2,132,715.01
Outstanding Checks	\$	(403,350.02)

ZIONS BANK M&O TOTAL		\$ 1,729,364.99
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DL EVANS BANK (School Lunch)		\$ 628,898.17
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ZIONS BANK

Blackfoot Performing Arts	\$	126.54
Outstanding Checks	\$	-

ZIONS BANK - Performing Arts Total		\$ 126.54
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INVESTMENTS - GENERAL OPERATIONS

State Investment Pool		\$ 1,416,837.35
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D.L. Evans-Bond		\$ 81,141.09
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PETTY CASH

District Balance 7/31/2024		\$ 3,500.00
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TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS ~July 31, 2024		\$ 3,859,868.14
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TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS ~July, 2023		\$ 2,509,506.65
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BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
ALL DISTRICT FUNDS
For the Month Ending:
JULY 2024

JULY 1, 2024 Balance Forward:

\$ 5,071,446.31

REVENUE:

Base State Support	\$ 1,356,715.92
Local Property Tax	\$ 841,090.57
Federal-IDEA	\$ 166,410.98
Federal-Title I	\$ 131,883.64
Federal-Perkins III Professional/Tech	\$ 69,545.14
Medicaid	\$ 64,600.22
Federal-Food Service	\$ 56,547.13
Earnings on Investments	\$ 24,200.28
Local Revenue (Rent, Donations, Tuition, Etc.)	\$ 22,518.22
Federal-Title IV-A 21st Century	\$ 21,472.72
Local Food Service	\$ 18,682.83
Federal-Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality	\$ 12,970.78
Federal-Title I-C Migrant	\$ 7,128.09
Federal-IDEA Preschool	\$ 5,482.83
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ 460.53

TOTAL REVENUE: \$ 2,799,709.88

EXPENDITURES:

July Payroll	\$ 2,743,577.03
Textbooks/Computer/Equipment/Technology	\$ 347,038.36
Liability Insurance	\$ 343,474.25
Transportation	\$ 158,905.56
Contract Service/Membership	\$ 128,570.38
Utilities/Telephone	\$ 104,397.75
Custodial Contract	\$ 95,648.86
Bldg. Repair, Maint., Supplies, Equip.	\$ 46,287.00
Food Services	\$ 29,788.72
Employee/Public Relations, Travel, In-service	\$ 13,600.14
Bond Principal/Interest	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 4,011,288.05

NET DECREASE IN CASH POSITION:

\$ (1,211,578.17)

ENDING BALANCE:

\$ 3,859,868.14

General Fund

FY25 Revenue To Date	\$ 2,036,593.27	5.7%
FY25 Expenditures To Date	\$ 1,394,888.56	3.7%

Jerisa Row

BLACKFOOT TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER
Financial Report
7/31/2024

DL EVAN BANK

BTEC Construction	\$	768,718.41	
Outstanding Checks	\$	(731,636.14)	
			<u>\$ 37,082.27</u>
DL EVANS BANK TOTAL			

INVESTMENT

BTEC State Pool		<u>\$2,520,904.61</u>
Interest Earned		14867.61

BTECH CASH HOLDING \$2,572,854.49

EXPENDITURES

Headwaters Construction	\$	712,673.58
GPC Architects	\$	15,645.06
Connecting Testing & Inspection	\$	865.00
GPC Architects	\$	-

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 729,183.64

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

ZIONS BANK

M & O - CMIA Account	\$	2,104,186.61
Outstanding Checks	\$	(475,628.91)

ZIONS BANK M&O TOTAL		\$ <u>1,628,557.70</u>
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DL EVANS BANK (School Lunch)

ZIONS BANK

Blackfoot Performing Arts	\$	86.54
Outstanding Checks	\$	-

ZIONS BANK - Performing Arts Total		\$ <u>86.54</u>
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INVESTMENTS - GENERAL OPERATIONS

State Investment Pool		\$ <u>11,431,351.19</u>
D.L. Evans-Bond	\$	<u>81,177.77</u>

PETTY CASH

District Balance 8/31/2024		\$ <u>3,500.00</u>
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TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS -August 31, 2024		\$ <u>13,144,673.20</u>
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TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS -August, 2023		\$ <u>11,036,214.89</u>
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**BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
ALL DISTRICT FUNDS
For the Month Ending:
August 2024**

August 1, 2024 Balance Forward: **\$ 3,881,175.88**

REVENUE:

Base State Support	\$ 15,003,546.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$ 100,005.09
Other State Support	\$ 49,957.25
Local Property Tax	\$ 33,627.84
Earnings on Investments	\$ 32,638.91
PLC Grant	\$ 11,392.84
Local Food Service	\$ 9,187.91
Local Revenue (Rent, Donations, Tuition, Etc.)	\$ 2,318.22

TOTAL REVENUE: \$ 15,242,674.06

EXPENDITURES:

August Payroll	\$ 2,678,997.00
Bldg. Repair, Maint., Supplies, Equip.	\$ 1,365,158.00
Bond Principal/Interest	\$ 1,208,165.63
Textbooks/Computer/Equipment/Technology	\$ 239,593.99
Transportation	\$ 209,356.19
Custodial Contract	\$ 99,542.00
Utilities/Telephone	\$ 66,668.38
Contract Service/Membership	\$ 37,343.04
Food Services	\$ 28,403.08
Employee/Public Relations, Travel, In-service	\$ 27,800.73
Liability Insurance	\$ 18,108.00
Blackfoot Performing Arts Center	\$ 40.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 5,979,176.04

NET INCREASE IN CASH POSITION: \$ 9,263,498.02

ENDING BALANCE: **\$ 13,144,673.90**

General Fund

FY25 Revenue To Date	\$ 17,148,881.67	48.1%
FY25 Expenditures To Date	\$ 2,983,425.17	7.9%

Terresa Rowe

BLACKFOOT TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER
Financial Report
8/31/2024

DL EVAN BANK

BTEC Construction	\$	39,534.77	
Outstanding Checks	\$	(2,452.50)	
			<u>\$ 37,082.27</u>
DL EVANS BANK TOTAL			

INVESTMENT

BTEC State Pool \$2,273,056.95

BTECH CASH HOLDING \$2,310,139.22

INTEREST EARNED 12636.52

EXPENDITURES

Headwaters Construction \$ 260,484.18

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$ 260,484.18