

Minutes

Vice Chairwoman Mary Jo Marlow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Marlow welcomed the audience and led them in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members in attendance were Chairwoman Bonnie Hepworth (via Zoom), Vice-Chairperson Mary Jo Marlow, Treasurer Sonya Harris and Trustee Karen Driscoll. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brian Kress, Assistant Superintendent Ryan Wilson, Board Clerk JaNae Smith, Teresa Rowe, Joy Mickelsen, Lynette Carter, Amy Wren, Angelen Parrish, John Craven, Angela Craven, David Boyer, Vicki Chase, Roy Chiappini, Cleon Chapman, Kim Jepperson, Ashley Stalder, Kimberley Sykes, Katie McDonald, Randy Powell, Jake Johnson, Mike Johnson, Debbie Johnson, and 3 virtual participants.

Public Forum – Two individuals came forward during the Public Forum. Ms. Ashley Stalder spoke about Critical Race Theory and Sex Education. Ms. Angelen Parrish presented information on the Hansen-Capellan Endowment for Speech Arts.

Superintendent Update (Information) – Mr. Kress stated that school is now on week 4. Temperatures are dropping, and routines are developing. Everything is going very well in our schools. Student attendance has been averaging in the low 90's. Families are taking responsibility for their children's health. When we are not able to obtain subs, classified staff and teachers are stepping in to cover classes. We can always use more substitutes. We are struggling with the supply chain, especially in our Child Nutrition Program. It may not be what's on the menu, but every day our students will be fed.

July and August Financial Reports (Information) – Ms. Rowe presented the July and August financial reports (see attachment A and B).

Board Policy 644: Controversial Issues (Information) – Mr. Wilson explained that in last month's board meeting, Board Policy 606: Selection of Curriculum Materials brought up the need to include similar verbiage regarding controversial issues in instruction in Board Policy 644: Controversial Issues. Mr. Kress said this policy will be presented to teachers at the beginning of each school year.

Vaping Prevention Curriculum (Information) – Mr. Kress introduced Mrs. Katie McDonald and Randy Powell from Bingham Health. Mrs. McDonald presented information on the percentages of vape usage among students and an overview of the grant-funded Vaping Prevention Program which would be in collaboration with teachers. Parental consent forms will need to be signed. The purpose of the program is to bring tobacco prevention and awareness education to elementary schools in the district.

November Trustee Election (Information) – Mr. Kress notified the board of the candidates who will be running in the November 2nd election. Zone 1 candidates are Kevin Callahan and Lee Griffin, Zone 4 candidates are Sonya Harris and Cleon Chapman. Zone 5 candidates are Mary Jo Marlow and Ronda Cheatham.

November Board Meeting (Information) – Mr. Kress said most of the board members will be in attendance at the ISBA convention, which will be during the time of the scheduled board meeting in November. He asked them to think about rescheduling or possibly canceling the November board meeting.

Public Input Meeting for ESSER III Funds (Information) – Mr. Kress said that the district is required to have a public input meeting regarding the safe return plan and the usage of the ESSER III funds. He will be scheduling a meeting to receive public input and will let the public know when the meeting will be held.

Board Meeting Discussion (Action) – Mr. Kress said there are options on locations where the board can hold their meeting and also social distance. Blackfoot Heritage Sixth Grade was a consideration, but it is an echo chamber. He recommended the board meetings be held at Ridge Crest Elementary Gymnasium or in the board room. Mrs. Marlow asked if there would be an option to Zoom the meeting at Ridge Crest Elementary? Yes, but the set-up would not be as nice as it is in the board room. They discussed meeting in the Ridge Crest gym. Mrs. Harris said that the information needs to be advertised if the meeting is relocated. Mrs. Sonya Harris moved that the board of trustees relocate the board meetings to be held at Ridge Crest Elementary until such time as social distancing is no longer recommended. Mrs. Karen Driscoll seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Fall 2021 Safe Return Plan (Action) – Mr. Kress presented the Fall 2021 Safe Return Plan as an informational item last month. Based on recommendations from the board and public input, Mr. Kress highlighted the changes. The school board will make decisions based on COVID cases at the school level. The district will consult with Southeast Idaho Public Health, but the district is not required to follow their plan. The plan is posted on the district website. It will be reviewed again in 6 months. It is a fluid, living document. Mrs. Karen Driscoll moved that the board of trustees approve the Fall 2021 Safe Return Plan as presented by Superintendent Kress. Mrs. Sonya Harris seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Continuous Improvement Plan (Action) – Mr. Kress explained that the Continuous Improvement Plan was an informational item last month. The plan is required by the state. The state has given approval that the plan can be the same narrative as last year. Mrs. Harris has asked about a curriculum list and how the list should be requested. Mr. Kress recommended a public records request. After some discussion, they decided the list should be available on the district's website. Mrs. Sonya Harris moved that the board of trustees approve the Continuous Improvement Plan as presented by Superintendent Kress. Mrs. Karen Driscoll seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Board Policy 656: Sex Education (Action) – Mr. Kress stated that the policy was presented last month as information and is being brought forward tonight as an action item. The policy will be sent out to staff and then reviewed annually. Mrs. Karen Driscoll moved that the board of trustees approve Board Policy 656: Sex Education as presented in written format. Mrs. Sonya Harris seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Joint Vaping Litigation (Action) – Last month Mr. Kress gave them information on JUUL litigation. Joining the litigation will not cost the district, but if there is a settlement the district would receive a portion. Mr. Kress recommended to the board that the school district join the litigation. Mrs. Sonya Harris moved whereas, the district recognized that vaping is a national and local problem impacting upon student health and the disciplinary operation of the district; and whereas multi-district litigation is pending against JUUL, as well as its shareholders in Federal Court; and whereas the board of trustees having considered the inclusion of the district in this multi-district litigation and having found it to be in the best interest of the district and its students, I hereby move that the board take all necessary steps to join this lawsuit as a Plaintiff against JUUL and direct the Board's Chairman and/or Superintendent to execute all appropriate documents to that end. Mrs. Karen Driscoll seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Trustee Zones (Action) – Mr. Kress apologized that this item is being brought to them as an action item on its very first review, but there is a time constraint. He stated that in their packets there was an email from Karen Echeverria explaining that the census data has been completed. All five trustee zones in our district comply with all the legal and State Board of Education requirements. He has investigated the possibility of having 6 board members. The district cannot have 6 board members unless the district is consolidated which has not happened. They discussed how most of the board members represent more than one school. They discussed ways to be more involved in more than one school. They want all staff and patrons to feel supported from the trustees who represent them.

Mrs. Karen Driscoll said, after reviewing the 2021 census data and how it applies to the Blackfoot School District, ISBA has informed the district that their current trustee zones are in compliance with the law and State Board of Education requirements and, therefore, do not require any revisions. As such, I move that the Blackfoot School District make no changes to their current zone boundaries and maintain what currently exists. Mrs. Sonya Harris seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

School Handbooks (Action) – Mr. Wilson explained that he is dressed more casual, because he has been involved in the Wall that Heals. He spoke about the fantastic event and the support from students and community. School handbooks are on Google Drive. They have been available for some time for board members to review. Mrs. Sonya Harris moved that the board of trustees approve the school handbooks for the 2021-22 school year. Mrs. Karen Driscoll seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

School Safety Procedures (Action) – Mr. Wilson stated that the school safety procedures have been available on the Google Drive for board members to review. Mrs. Karen Driscoll moved that the board of trustees approve the school safety procedures for the 2021-22 school year. Mrs. Sonya Harris seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Board Policy 512: School Climate (Action) – Mr. Wilson said this policy covers 11 different areas and includes policies in those areas. The policies are also on google drive. They are reviewed each year. Mrs. Sonya Harris moved that the board of trustees approve Board Policy 512: School Climate. Mrs. Karen Driscoll seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Board Policy 606: Selection of Curriculum Materials (Action) – Mr. Wilson said he had worked with Mrs. Harris on the verbiage so that it was a board policy they could approve. Mrs. Karen Driscoll moved that the board of trustees approve Board Policy 606: Selection of Curriculum Materials. Mrs. Sonya Harris seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Board Policy 569: School Wellness (Action) – Mr. Wilson said this is our existing policy but needs to be reviewed annually. Mrs. Marlow asked about the school wellness committee. Mr. Wilson said the district will be organizing the committee. They discussed the need for the afternoon recess for the older Elementary grades. Mrs. Harris said when she taught school, teachers found ways to keep students physically active. Mrs. Sonya Harris moved that the board of trustees waive the first reading and approve Board Policy 569: School Wellness. Mrs. Karen Driscoll seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Quarterly Policy Updates (Action) – Mr. Wilson presented the quarterly policy updates for approval as follows: 205: Continuous Improvement Plan, 270: Executive Sessions, 276F3: Public Records Request Form, 294P1: Civil Rights Grievance Procedure, 402: Criminal History Checks for Employees, Volunteers and Contractors, 418: Personnel Conflict of Interest, 442: Code of Ethics for Certificated Employees, 443: Certified Evaluations, 444: Certificated Contracts, 456: Reading Programs In-Service

Training, 514: Evacuation/Fire Drills, 541: Prohibition of Weapons, 543: Student Suspension, 544: Student Expulsion, 550: Assault and Battery, 555: Communicable Diseases, 560: Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, 561: Administering Medications, 562: Exclusion for Communicable Diseases, 563: Exclusion for Head Lice, 565: Immunization Requirements, 770: Food and Nutrition Services (formerly School Lunch Meals), 850: Purchasing, 872: Inventory Records of Fixed Assets, 876: District Expenditure Transparency (formerly District Expenditure Website), and 904: Uniform Public School Building Safety. There were no questions or concerns. Mrs. Karen Driscoll moved that the board of trustees approve the quarterly policy updates as presented by Ryan Wilson. Mrs. Sonya Harris seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Motion to Executive Session (Action) – Mrs. Sonya Harris 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; and (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. Chairwoman Hepworth noted that this is proper business for consideration in executive session as per Idaho Code 74-206. Mrs. Karen Driscoll seconded the motion. All board members in attendance voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote. Mrs. Hepworth – aye. Mrs. Marlow – aye. Mrs. Harris – aye. Mrs. Driscoll – aye. The motion passed.

Executive Session

September 16, 2021
7:23 p.m.

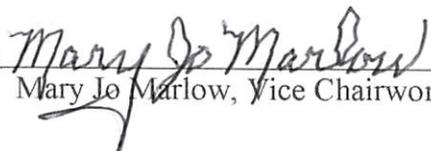
Mr. Kress presented the personnel recommendations.

The board reconvened into open session at 7:41 p.m.

Consent Agenda (Action) – Mrs. Marlow asked if there were any questions regarding items on the consent agenda. There were no questions. Mrs. Harris said that the August bills were in order. Mrs. Marlow stated that there were several BHS trips on the consent agenda and asked Mr. Kress to check on the educational value of the FFA trips. Mrs. Karen Driscoll moved that the board of trustees approve the prior board minutes, personnel recommendations as they appear below in these minutes with areas of need for a secondary English teacher and a secondary Physical Education teacher, payment of August bills and BHS student trips. Mrs. Sonya Harris seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion carried.

Future Agenda Items (information) – Mr. Kress will come up with future items.

Adjournment (action) – Mrs. Sonya Harris moved that the regular meeting of the board of trustees be adjourned. Mrs. Karen Driscoll seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.


Mary Jo Marlow, Vice Chairwoman


JaNae Smith, Board Clerk

**BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Month Ending:
July 31, 2021**

ZIONS BANK

M & O - CMIA Account	\$ 811,011.01
Outstanding Checks	\$ (226,857.52)

ZIONS BANK M&O TOTAL \$ 584,153.49

DL EVANS BANK (School Lunch) \$ 110,201.17

ZIONS BANK

Blackfoot Performing Arts	\$ 26,668.61
Outstanding Checks	\$ (624.00)

ZIONS BANK - Performing Arts Total \$ 26,044.61

INVESTMENTS - GENERAL OPERATIONS

State Investment Pool \$ 25,898.41

Zions Investment Account \$ 287,457.48

D.L. Evans-Bond \$ 80,247.77

PETTY CASH

District Balance 06/30/2021 \$ 3,500.00

TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS - July 31, 2021 \$ 1,117,502.93

TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS -July 31, 2020 \$ 971,077.83

Attachment A

BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
ALL DISTRICT FUNDS
For the Month Ending:
July 31, 2021

July 1, 2021 Balance Forward: \$ 3,158,758.60

REVENUE:

Local Property Tax	\$	1,351,018.27
State-Base Support	\$	574,930.38
Federal-IDEA	\$	195,497.94
Federal-Food Service	\$	30,326.34
Other State Support	\$	30,000.00
Gear Up Grant	\$	17,514.72
Federal-IDEA Preschool	\$	12,715.39
Local Revenue (Rent, Donations, Tuition, Etc.)	\$	401.50
Local Food Service	\$	217.20
Earnings on Investments	\$	196.25
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$	<u>2,212,817.99</u>

EXPENDITURES:

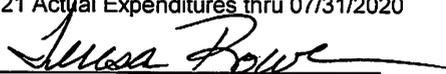
July 2021 Payroll	\$	2,010,392.88
Bond Principal/Interest	\$	805,429.50
Textbooks/Computer/Equipment/Technology	\$	681,085.50
Liability Insurance	\$	215,907.00
Contract Service/Membership	\$	142,376.88
Transportation	\$	134,023.66
Bldg. Repair, Maint., Supplies, Equip.	\$	86,521.35
Custodial Contract	\$	82,632.59
Utilities/Telephone	\$	51,658.72
Employee/Public Relations, Travel, In-service	\$	28,068.80
Food Services	\$	15,834.78
Blackfoot Performing Arts Center	\$	142.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$	<u>4,254,073.66</u>

NET DECREASE IN CASH POSITION: \$ (2,041,255.67)

ENDING BALANCE: \$ 1,117,502.93

General Fund

FY22 Revenue To Date	\$	2,212,817.99	7.8%
FY22 Expenditures To Date	\$	4,254,073.66	14.3%
FY21 Actual Revenue thru 07/31/2020	\$	1,740,357.02	6.1%
FY21 Actual Expenditures thru 07/31/2020	\$	1,187,163.62	4.9%


 9/15/2021

BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
ALL DISTRICT FUNDS
For the Month Ending:
August 31, 2021

August 1, 2021 Balance Forward: \$ 1,117,502.93

REVENUE:

State-Base Support	\$	11,715,870.00
Local Property Tax	\$	39,434.78
Medicaid	\$	29,874.53
Lillian Valley Grant	\$	11,500.00
Local-Blackfoot Performing Arts Center	\$	3,454.00
State-Driver's Education	\$	2,543.80
Federal-Food Service	\$	1,036.70
Local Food Service	\$	657.80
Local Revenue (Rent, Donations, Tuition, Etc.)	\$	200.00

TOTAL REVENUE: \$ 11,804,571.61

EXPENDITURES:

August 2021 Payroll	\$	2,057,812.69
Bldg. Repair, Maint., Supplies, Equip.	\$	264,770.01
Textbooks/Computer/Equipment/Technology	\$	320,200.88
Transportation	\$	134,669.93
Custodial Contract	\$	86,764.21
Contract Service/Membership	\$	45,561.66
Utilities/Telephone	\$	45,545.58
Employee/Public Relations, Travel, In-service	\$	21,713.06
Food Services	\$	16,097.87

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 2,993,135.89

NET INCREASE IN CASH POSITION: \$ 8,811,435.72

ENDING BALANCE: \$ 9,928,938.65

General Fund

FY22 Revenue To Date	\$	13,192,449.81	46.4%
FY22 Expenditures To Date	\$	4,818,664.47	16.2%
 FY21 Actual Revenue thru 08/31/2020	 \$	 12,064,384.75	 42.6%
FY21 Actual Expenditures thru 08/31/2020	\$	1,938,279.45	7.9%

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