

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, JaNae Smith, Teresa Rowe, Melissa Nichols, Joy Mickelsen, Vicki Chase, Becky Walker, and Amy Wren.

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

Public Forum – No one came forward during the Public Forum.

Superintendent Update (Information) – Mr. Kress was asked to sit on a committee regarding the school funding formula. He is very pleased with how the first meeting went. Superintendent Critchfield does not want a complete overhaul of the current funding formula. It may be difficult to get enrollment back as our funding formula, but she is willing to make some changes that will help us. Sometimes little adjustments can be made to help the funding work more effectively. We want to keep hiring highly qualified teachers. Mrs. Hepworth said that it is hard to see a surplus this year and know we are going back to attendance based funding and that surplus will disappear. Mr. Kress is still fighting to get more of the funding that was appropriated to us as a district. There is a gap between what was promised and what is being received. Mr. Kress and Mr. Wilson hosted the rotary club at our new ball complex. They were given extremely positive feedback from the rotary members. They said the complex is being very well kept, and it is an asset to our community. They also toured the new elementary school. It was a great opportunity to show community members some of the great things happening in our district.

Mr. Kress will be sending a series of letters to parents the week before school starts. He wants to talk about attendance and the new attendance rules that will be coming back into play. Attendance incentives and penalties will be happening again. Mr. Thomas will be meeting with his leadership team to come up with a plan for these incentives. Mr. Kress will also be talking about security plans and protocol. He wants the community to become more familiar with our protocols. He will be talking about social media as well. We are limited in the power we have to take down social media posts. Parents have the responsibility for their children's social media usage. Questions were asked about access to the ball field complex. They are currently being used by the community and families. They just need to schedule field time through Cody Shelley. We have been asked to host another State Tournament this spring.

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

District Continuous Improvement Plan (Information) – Mr. Kress told the board that there is no action required on this plan. We just need to review it yearly and submit it to the state. There may be some small adjustments that the board wants to make. They were asked to review the plan and come back with any input. This document will be posted on our district website.

BHS Colors and Logo (Information) – Mr. Kress presented the survey that he will be sending out to the patrons, parents, and students for input on the logo for BHS. He asked for any input from the board on the survey. Mrs. Hepworth would like to have Option #1 sent out looking like it has been embroidered so it matches the rest. Next month we will talk about the color.

Curriculum Committee (Information) – Mr. Kress thanked the board for their suggestions. He presented the committee that will be reviewing the Sources of Strength Elementary curriculum. The format of curriculum committees have to be equally balanced between parents and staff. The parents have to have children associated with our district. Their first meeting will be tomorrow, July 27th, at 6:30pm at the District Office.

Bus Fees for Athletic Events (Information) – Mr. Kress reported on the fees associated with transportation costs for extracurricular and co-curricular events. The football team was handed out paperwork saying the transportation fee was \$75. Mr. Kress will honor that price. Mrs. Marlow would like for the fundraiser proceeds to be able to be applied toward their spirit pack, transportation fees, and summer camps. Mrs. Hepworth wanted to make sure that coaches are supportive of players using the money toward any of the listed fees. Mr. Kress would like to keep the prices reasonable. He will report back to the board about the fees at the next board meeting. BHS said that they are not going to let the fees accumulate anymore. There will be more communication between BHS and the parents as to what fees are delinquent. They will communicate the deadlines more clearly. Mrs. Marlow said that they were shown punch passes that will be available for BHS. They have smaller punch passes or yearly passes available.

ISBA Convention- November 15-17, 2023 (Information) – Mr. Kress has received communication about the upcoming ISBA convention in Boise. The board members will check their calendar and let Mr. Kress know who will be able to attend.

Introduction of Blackfoot School District Online Jr/Sr School (Information) – Mr. Kress knows that when it comes to education, one size does not fit all. With the social/emotional concerns facing our students he felt that it was a great time to reach out to the SDE and open a new school. It will be self-directed but there will be a check in once a week in person. It will serve students in grades 7-12. The students will meet with their teacher once a week at the district office. We want our students to succeed. The board will be asked to approve the graduation requirements. This could be an avenue for students who have been expelled to still earn a diploma. We will be reimbursed by the state at the same rate as our other schools. We will be using the Edgenuity platform. This allows them to have access to an online teacher. We will also have our diversity center available if the students need extra help.

School Handbooks (Information) – Mr. Wilson sent a link to the Google drive for each of the school handbooks. He has made sure that each of the state requirements have been met in each handbook. He asked the board to look them over and make sure there are no changes that they would like to see made. If there are any suggestions or questions, please contact Mr. Wilson.

Board Policy 356: Vacations and Holidays, Year Round Employees (Action) – Mr. Kress has come to the board the past 3 years regarding this policy. He went over a list of 14 employees that have unused vacation days. He pointed out that the year round staff needs to be better about using their days. Mr. Chapman moved that the board of trustees approve payment of the unused vacation days for year-round staff in accordance to Board Policy 356: Vacations and Holidays, Year Round Employees as presented by Superintendent Kress. Mr. Mercado seconded. All ayes. The motion passed.

Board Policy 512: School Climate (Action) – Mr. Kress said that we need to approve the school climate policies yearly. We have had a month to look them over. Many of the policies have been updated during quarterly reviews. Mr. Mercado moved that the board of trustees approve the board policy 512: School Climate as presented in written format. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Bus Stops and Safety Busing (Action) – Mr. Kress asked Mrs. Nichols to come forward and explain this item to the board. Mrs. Nichols requested the board to approve the bus routes and special education routes. Safety busing is a method of being reimbursed by the state for busing students less than 1.5 miles away from their school when there is a safety concern with them walking (lack of sidewalks, crossing busy roads, etc.). Mrs. Marlow moved that the board of trustees approve the bus routes and safety busing as presented by Mrs. Nichols. Mr. Mercado seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

Quarterly Policy Updates (Action) – Mr. Wilson presented the policies for a second reading and requested that they take action to accept the changes. The following policies were recommended for updates: 202: School District Name and Classification, 210: Composition and Authority of the Board, Policy 212: Board Authority- DELETE, 214: Functions of the Board- DELETE, 215: Powers and Duties of the Board, 242: Trustee Qualifications, 246: Trustee Vacancy, 290: Nondiscrimination Policy, 519.5: Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students, 547: Corporal Punishment- DELETE, 553: Restraint and Seclusion, 608: Middle School/Junior High School Required Instruction, 610: High School Graduation Requirements, 631: Open Enrollment, 631P: Open Enrollment Procedures, 639: Parental Rights in Education (formerly Parental Rights and Involvement Policy), 668: Self-Directed Learners, 681: Student Records, 850: Purchasing, 850P1: Supplemental Purchasing Procedures, 850.30: Purchasing Services or Personal Property (formerly Purchasing or Leasing Personal Property), 850.60: Service Contracts- DELETE, , 952: Changing Facilities, 1002: Parental Involvement in Educational Process, 1004: Cooperation with Law Enforcement and Other Agencies, and 1012: Patron Complaints,.

Mr. Kress would like to make a change to 631P. He would like to change the 4-6 grade student/teacher ratio to 23. This matches the state funding method of 23 students per class. Mr. Wilson said that we need to make sure that our teachers understand that while we try to keep the class sizes within the limits, it is not always possible. Sometimes the class sizes may increase when there are new students enrolled within our boundaries. Mrs. Marlow moved that the board of trustees approve the quarterly policies as presented in written format by Mr. Wilson with the change taking place in Policy 631P. Mr. Chapman 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. All board members in attendance voted in the affirmative in a roll call vote. Mrs. Hepworth – aye. Mr. Callahan – aye. Mr. Chapman – aye. Mrs. Marlow – aye. Mr. Mercado – aye. The motion passed. Note: This is a proper reason to enter into executive session.

Executive Session

July 26, 2023
7:35 p.m.

Mr. Kress presented the personnel recommendations.

The board reconvened into open session at 7:55 p.m.

Consent Agenda (Action) – Mrs. Hepworth asked if there were any questions regarding items on the consent agenda. There were no questions. Mr. Chapman reported that the bills looked good. Mr. Mercado moved that the board of trustees approve the prior board minutes, personnel recommendations as they appear below in these minutes, and payment of June bills. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.


<u>New Hires</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Stephanie Talbot	Art Teacher	BHS

<u>Transfers</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Kimberly Benbow	STO- P/T Food Service	FH- P/T Assistant Kitchen Manager
Kris Durham	FH- P/T Assistant Kitchen Manager	FH- Kitchen Manager
Peggy Gallegos	BHSG- P/T Food Service	STO- P/T Food Service
Drew Hansen	STO- P/T Food Service	STA- P/T Food Service

<u>Resignations/Retirements</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Ivonne Bossert	2 nd Grade Teacher	FH
Christopher Esmerio	P/T Paraprofessional	STA
Megann Lawhon	English Teacher	BHS
Liam Pope	Boys Basketball Assistant Coach	MVMS
Michelle Stecklein	P/T Title 1 Paraprofessional	BHSG
Aysa Thomas	EL Paraprofessional	STA
Jayne Womack	ASL Interpreter	DW

Future Agenda Items (Information) – The board would like a tour of the new elementary school. Mr. Callahan would like to look into ACP (affordable connectivity program) for students that don't have access to internet.

Adjournment (action) – Mr. Mercado moved that the July meeting of the board of trustees be adjourned. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Bonnie Hepworth, Chairwoman



Jennifer Hatch, Clerk

BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Month Ending:
June 30, 2023

ZIONS BANK

M & O - CMIA Account	\$	1,682,304.96
Outstanding Checks	\$	(323,838.49)

ZIONS BANK M&O TOTAL		\$ <u>1,358,466.47</u>
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DL EVANS BANK (School Lunch)		\$ <u>377,466.94</u>
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ZIONS BANK

Blackfoot Performing Arts	\$	18,570.68
Outstanding Checks	\$	(360.00)

ZIONS BANK - Performing Arts Total		\$ <u>18,210.68</u>
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INVESTMENTS - GENERAL OPERATIONS

State Investment Pool		\$ <u>2,102,788.99</u>
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Zions Investment Account		\$ <u>37,644.35</u>
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D.L. Evans-Bond		\$ <u>80,657.24</u>
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PETTY CASH

District Balance 06/30/2023		\$ <u>3,500.00</u>
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TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS -JUNE 30, 2023		\$ <u><u>3,978,734.67</u></u>
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TOTAL RECONCILED DISTRICT BANK FUNDS - JUNE 30, 2022		\$ <u><u>3,746,985.37</u></u>
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BLACKFOOT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
ALL DISTRICT FUNDS
For the Month Ending:
JUNE 30 ,2023

June 1, 2023 Balance Forward:

\$ 6,279,658.11

REVENUE:

BTECH Revenue Transfer	\$	1,146,922.48
Other State Support	\$	221,743.38
Federal-IDEA	\$	277,846.44
ESSER III Funds	\$	234,147.92
Federal-Title I	\$	194,079.58
Federal-Title VII Indian Education	\$	138,172.66
Federal-Food Service	\$	105,729.20
Federal-Title II-A Improving Teacher Quality	\$	72,809.21
Medicaid	\$	69,488.78
Federal-Title I-C Migrant	\$	54,906.22
Local Revenue (Rent, Donations, Tuition, Etc.)	\$	32,910.00
Federal-Title IV-A 21st Century	\$	30,655.08
Gear Up Grant	\$	19,708.13
Local Food Service	\$	17,980.65
Earnings on Investments	\$	14,028.32
Federal-IDEA Preschool	\$	7,614.54
Local-Blackfoot Performing Arts Center	\$	4,599.11
Federal-Title III-Federal EL	\$	4,498.57
TOTAL REVENUE:	\$	<u>2,647,840.27</u>

EXPENDITURES:

June 2023 Payroll	\$	3,034,855.08
BTECH Construction	\$	1,147,522.00
Transportation	\$	306,129.80
Bldg. Repair, Maint., Supplies, Equip.	\$	99,661.16
Custodial Contract	\$	91,970.00
Utilities/Telephone	\$	60,327.17
Contract Service/Membership	\$	55,958.07
Textbooks/Computer/Equipment/Technology	\$	89,043.38
Food Services	\$	53,517.02
Employee/Public Relations, Travel, In-service	\$	9,745.03
Blackfoot Performing Arts Center	\$	35.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$	<u>4,948,763.71</u>

NET DECREASE IN CASH POSITION: \$ (2,300,923.44)

ENDING BALANCE:

\$ 3,978,734.67

General Fund

FY23 Revenue To Date 06/30/2023	\$	32,873,534.28	101.9%
FY23 Expenditures To Date 06/30/2023	\$	29,320,173.64	86.4%
FY22 Actual Revenue thru 06/30/2022	\$	30,066,774.63	100.3%
FY22 Actual Expenditures thru 06/30/2022	\$	25,880,351.37	87.0%

Teresa Rowe
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7/20/2023