

**BRUNEAU GRAND VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 11, 2026 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Rimrock Library**

**The Bruneau Grand View School District Mission: BGVSD will provide a high-quality education, prepare students for their futures, and enable them to be positive contributors to society.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Scott McNeley, Chairman-phone**

**Allen Merrick, Vice Chairman**

**Steve Boren, Trustee-phone in 7:08pm**

**Raelynn Mathews, Trustee arrived-7:05pm**

**Elaine Eldridge, Trustee**

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

**Ken Higbee, Superintendent**

**JayDene Aquiso, Clerk/Treasure**

**I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Merrick called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Aquiso confirmed that a quorum was present.

**II. PUBLIC INPUT**

Those individuals wishing to address the Board may sign up at the board materials table and must submit the completed form to the Board Clerk. Individuals will be given a maximum of three (3) minutes to present their views. Open Meetings requirements limit the ability of the Board to discuss or take action on any topic not previously on the agenda; however, the issue may be included on a future agenda if appropriate. Please note: The Board cannot receive complaints against personnel in open session and recommends that concerns be resolved through the following order: (1) Teacher or Staff, (2) Principal or Supervisor, (3) Superintendent, (4) Board of Trustees. District Office Phone: 208-834-226

There was no public input.

**III. APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**

**MOTION: Trustee Eldridge moved to approve the Amended Agenda. Chairman McNeley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**The following items were presented for approval:**

**Recommended Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

**Consent Agenda items include:**

- Approval of payroll for Ashley Merrick, Adam Eldridge, and Amee-Lynn Eldridge
- Approval of minutes of the July 12, 2026 regular meeting
- Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll for August 2026
- Approval of Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary, District accounts for July 2026
- Approve Superintendent Ken Higbee for Impact Aid Representative for the 2026-2027 School Year
- Approve adoption of the Idaho Special Education Manual (2025), as approved by the Idaho State Board of Education and incorporated by reference into Idaho Administrative Code, as the Bruneau-Grand View Joint School District #365 policies and procedures governing special education services.
- Approve Elementary Handbook 2026-2027
- Approve 2026-2027 Bus Drivers:
  - Rita Hall, Athletic Driver/Route

- Marie Hipwell, Simplot-Mud Flat Route
- Denise Collett, Oreana Route
- John Aquiso, Little Valley-Rimrock Route
- JayDene Aquiso (Substitute)
- Safety Riders
- Approve coaching assignments:
  1. Cassandra Folkman, Assistant Volleyball Coach
  2. Cassandra Folkman, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
  3. Dusti Scott, Jr. High Girls Volley Coach
- Approval of 2026–2027 Hires
  - a. Pamela Norwood – Cook/Paraeducator, Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School
- **Approve Resignation of Katie Carothers 08/10/2026**

**MOTION: Trustee Eldridge moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Chairman McNeley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD (Information)**

#### **Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary, Rimrock Jr./Sr. High Principal and Superintendent Updates – Dr. Ken Higbee**

- Dr. Ken Higbee provided updates on all three schools and reported that Bruneau Elementary is ready for the 2026–2027 school year. Meals will be transported to Bruneau Elementary from Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School. Susan Wampler will be the lead teacher.
- Grand View Elementary is also ready for the new school year. Dr. Higbee recognized the maintenance staff for their excellent work in cleaning and maintaining the district's facilities. The new flooring at Grand View Elementary was also discussed. Lois Tunkel commented that the new floor is amazing and works well for dribbling a basketball. There was also discussion about adding pickleball opportunities for the community. Dr. Higbee emphasized that the district's buildings are community buildings and encouraged the community to utilize and take pride in these facilities.
- Dr. Higbee reported that Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School is ready for the 2026–2027 school year. He has spent the past couple of days working with and getting to know new staff members. He reported that eight students were out for football and discussed moving forward with football and the possibility of offering intramural football.
- Dr. Higbee also reported that he attended an Athletic Director conference and a Superintendent conference. He stated that the district has a great staff and recognized Mrs. Meyers for helping make the front office feel welcoming and like home. Dr. Higbee emphasized the goal of making the schools feel like home for students and staff while maintaining a family- and student-friendly environment.
- Dr. Higbee reminded the Board and community that Open House will be held at all three schools on Thursday from 4:00–6:00 p.m. He also announced that a staff barbecue will be held on Wednesday.

#### **The Board was introduced to the following new staff members for the 2026–2027 school year:**

- Kellie McNeley- Jr. High Science Teacher
- Dusti Scott – High School English and Drama Teacher
- Allison Hampton – Grades 6–12 Ag Teacher
- Steve Vance – High School Math Teacher; Mr. Vance has 23 years of teaching experience.
- Brea Baker – Grand View Elementary Kindergarten Teacher
- Lois Tunkel – Grand View Elementary Title I Paraprofessional
- Anna Whipple – Music and Dean of Students; Mrs. Whipple is beginning her 35th year of teaching.
- Hannah Rittenhouse – High School Science

## VII. ACTION ITEMS I

The Board may take action to approve, deny, amend, modify, postpone, or take no action on any of the items listed below:

Trustee Raelynn Mathews assumed the duties of Vice Chairman in the absence of Trustee Merrick.

### A. Merrick Diesel Solutions Invoice

Trustee Eldridge made a motion to approve payment of the Merrick Diesel Solutions invoice. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. Trustee Merrick left the meeting room and abstained from voting. The motion passed unanimously by the remaining voting members.

Trustee Merrick returned to the meeting room and resumed the duties of Vice Chairman.

VIII. MOTION: Trustee Mathews moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51p.m.



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE



CLERK/TREASURER

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