BRUNEAU GRAND VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 9, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Location: Rimrock Auditorium

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
Allen Merrick, Vice Chairman
Steve Boren, Trustee
Raelynn Mathews, Trustee
Elaine Eldridge, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:
Ken Higbee, Interim Superintendent
JayDene Aquiso, Clerk/Treasurer

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McNeley called the meeting to order at 7:16p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Aquiso confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC INPUT I

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: 208-834-2260

Stephanie Danner-Budget/Daycare-Read a letter about Daycare and how important the Daycare is and the wonderful benefit.

Dr. Higbee read a letter from Lois Tunkel about Daycare program and how important it is.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented for approval:

Recommended Motion:

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Employee Health Insurance Plan for the 2026–2027 School Year

The Board will review the health insurance renewal options presented and consider selection of one of the following plans for eligible employees:

- **Option 1: Current Plan Renewal**
- **Option 2: Alternative Plan Option A**
- **Option 3: Alternative Plan Option B**

The Board will also consider establishing the District's monthly employer contribution toward employee health insurance premiums at $800.00 per eligible employee per month for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. **Insurance Increase Information-no need to present as we covered it in the special meeting.**

B. **Dr. Higbee provided district updates regarding school operations, staffing, and planning for the 2026–2027 school year.**

C. **School funding enrollment vs attendance, special education and rural schools need additional funding. Dr. Higbee would like to propose a resolution from the small rural school district.**

D. **Pick out a color for the Grand View Elementary Gym floor.**

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) and (b) to consider personnel and student matters. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL VOTE (7:33 p.m.)
Trustee Boren – Yes
Trustee Eldridge – Yes
Chairman McNeley – Yes
Vice Chairman Merrick – Yes
Trustee Mathews – Yes

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

Topics Discussed:
• Student Matter – Expulsion
• Open Enrollment Students A, B, and C
• Employee Matter

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:28 p.m.

Staff present during Executive Session included Dr. Higbee and Mrs. Aquiso.
VII. ACTION ITEMS I
A. Student Expulsion
MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to expel Student A through the end of the Fall Semester of 2026. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Open Enrollment Students B, C, and D
MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to approve Open Enrollment Students B and C and deny Student D for the 2026–2027 school year. Trustee Boren seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. BUDGET HEARING

A. Open Budget Hearing

Chairman McNeley opened the Budget Hearing.

B. Presentation of the 2025–2026 Amended Budget

The proposed 2025–2026 Amended Budget was presented.

C. Presentation of the 2026–2027 District Maintenance & Operations Budget

The proposed 2026–2027 District Maintenance & Operations Budget was presented.

D. Public Input

Christine Meyers addressed the Board regarding the daycare budget and program operations.

E. Close Budget Hearing

MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to close the Budget Hearing. Trustee Boren seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McNeley declared the Budget Hearing closed.

IX. ACTION ITEMS II

A. Approve Merrick Diesel Solutions Bill

Trustee Merrick declared a conflict of interest, left the meeting room during discussion and voting, abstained from participation, and returned following Board action.

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to approve the Merrick Diesel Solutions bill. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve the 2025–2026 Amended Budget

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to approve the 2025–2026 Amended Budget. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approve the 2026–2027 District Maintenance & Operations Budget

MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the 2026–2027 District Maintenance & Operations Budget. Trustee Boren seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approve 2026–2027 Lunch Price Increases

Elementary Students: $3.85 to $3.95, Jr./Sr. High Students: $3.95 to $4.05, Adults: $5.10 to $5.30,
Adult Breakfast: $3.10

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to approve the 2026–2027 lunch price increases as Elementary Students: $3.85 to $3.95, Jr./Sr. High Students: $3.95 to $4.05, Adults: $5.10 to $5.30, Adult Breakfast: $3.10.
Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Approve 2026–2027 Employee Health Insurance Plan

Discussion was held regarding the district's participation in the state insurance pool and alternative self-funded health insurance options. The Board reviewed plan options, district contribution amounts, and projected costs.

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to approve Insurance Plan as presented. Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held. Trustee Boren amended his previous motion that we approve to remove ourselfs from the state insurance pool and go with self funed plans. Merrick seconded the motion.

Motion: Trustee Boren withdrew his previous motion. Merrick seconded the motion.

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to notify and withdraw from the district from the state insurance pool that effective July 1, 2026, and approve participation in a self-funded employee health insurance plan for the 2026–2027 school year. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board directed administration to provide the required notice of withdrawal from the state insurance pool by July 1, 2026.

E. Approve Rescinding the 2026–2027 Principal and Supplemental Extra Duty Contracts for Shawn Bybee

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to approve rescinding the 2026–2027 Principal and Supplemental Extra Duty contracts for Shawn Bybee. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

F. Approve to rescind 2026-2027 contract for Dr. Ken Higbee as superintendent and approve Superintendent/Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School Principal and Athletic Director for the 2026–2027 school year.

MOTION: Friendly amendment to the motion Trustee Boren moved to approve to recind Dr. Ken Higbee superintendent contract and approve as Superintendent/Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School Principal and Athletic Director for the 2026–2027 school year. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding compensation for the Principal/Athletic Director duties and the superintendent salary schedule (138,564). Dr. Higbee requested an additional stipend of $5,000 for Athletic Director responsibilities.

G. Approve Anna Whipple – Dean of Students, Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School (2026–2027 School Year)

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to approve Anna Whipple as Dean of Students at Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School for the 2026–2027 school year. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion-supplemental contract and schedule.

H. Approve Increase in FTE – Ashley Merrick Contract (2026–2027 School Year)

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to approve increasing the Ashley Merrick contract from 0.57 FTE to 1.00 FTE for the 2026–2027 school year, with 0.57 FTE assigned to Career Technical Education (CTE) instruction and 0.43 FTE assigned to preschool instruction. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held on Ms. Merricks assignments and increase.

I. Approve the Color Scheme for the GVES floor.

MOTION: Trustee Boren restated and moved to approve the color scheme of court of stone Grey and Greenfield for lines of the Grand View Elementary School gym floor. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ayes: McNeley, Boren Merrick, Mathews. No: Eldridge.

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE

June 9, 2026

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CLERK/TREASURER