

**Bruneau Grand View School District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 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-Absent-phone -8:09 pm**  
**Allen Merrick, Vice Chair**  
**Steve Boren, Trustee**  
**Raelynn Mathews, Trustee**  
**Elaine Eldridge, Trustee**

**Administration Present:**  
**Ken Higbee, Interim Superintendent**  
**JayDene Aquiso, Clerk/Treasurer**  
**Jonathan Waterlander, Principal**

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## Welcome and Call to Order

**Vice Chairman Merrick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Clerk Aquiso confirmed that a quorum was present.**

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### ● 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 recommend that concerns be resolved through the following order: (1) Teacher or Staff, (2) Principal or Supervisor, (3) Superintendent, (4) The Board of Trustees. District Office Phone: 208-834-2260

**No Public input**

#### I. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION: Trustee Mathews made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Eldridge provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### II. Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Approve Ashley Merrick's-Kellie McNeley -Adam Eldridge and Amec-Lynn Eldridge paychecks
2. Approve minutes of April 14, 2026 regular meeting
3. Approve Accounts Payable/Payroll May 2026
4. Approve Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary, and Rimrock Accounts April 2026
5. **Accept Resignations:**
  - a) Deidra Ingles-Rimrock Cook

#### 6. Approve Hires:

The following individuals are recommended for hire:

- Lorie Henderson-Head Cook
- Dusti Scott- ELA Teacher
- Shawn Bybee-Extra Duty Contract
- Karla Snell- Food Service Director/Bruneau Elementary Secretary

**Trustee Mathews requested to move the Shawn Bybee's extra duty contract from Action Item N to the Discussion Items section.**

**MOTION: Trustee Mathews made a motion to approve the consent agenda excluding Shawn Bybee's Extra Duty Contract. Trustee Boren seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **III. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

#### **A. Secondary Principal Update– Jonathan Waterlander**

Class of 2026 – 10 out of 10 students are anticipated to graduate. Three students are currently at risk due to D grades in required courses.

Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, at 2:00 p.m. Board members are requested to arrive at 1:30 p.m.

Trustees who have a graduating student may present their student's diploma.

#### **Academics: ISAT Results**

- Athletics updates included 1 State Golf Qualifier, Dylan McNeley, and 6 State Track Qualifiers competing May 15–16 at Middleton High School. Current enrollment is 121 students. Average daily attendance is 92% for the year and 93% for April. Administration reported 8 BRtI referrals during April, with recent concerns involving bullying, threats, fighting, and increasing academic integrity issues.
- Upcoming events include the 9th Grade Field Trip, Honor Roll Zoo Trip, 6th Grade Orientation, Academic Awards Assembly, Field Day, Graduation, and other end-of-year activities.
- Employee recognition was given to Christine Meyers for supporting district daycare services, assisting in the front office this spring, and coordinating graduation activities.

#### **B. Bruneau/Grand View Elementary Principal Update – Dr. Higbee**

Students of the Month were recognized.

Grand View Elementary: Bethany Theodozio, Grant King, Ryan Brum, Lexi Herrera, Isaiah Sparks, and Freya Williams.

Bruneau Elementary: Troy Black, Tolley Marney, and Blaine Black.

- Employee recognition

**Bonni Draper** has lived in Grand View, Idaho for 43 years with her husband, Robert, and raised three sons who graduated from Rimrock High School. She began working in the district in the mid-1980s as a teacher's aide and substitute, later returning in 2006 as a full-time paraprofessional in PreK and Special Education for 15 years. In 2022, she transitioned to Administrative Assistant, where she has served for five years. She values building relationships with students, families, and staff and strives to create a safe, welcoming environment for all students. This year marks her 20th year with the Bruneau-Grand View School District.

**Karla Snell**, a 1990 graduate of Nampa Christian Schools, earned a business degree from Boise State University. After spending 10 years as a military spouse, including time in Japan, she returned home in 2010 and worked in bookkeeping while raising her two children.

Karla is now a valued member of Bruneau Elementary, supporting both office operations and classroom instruction. She is known for her willingness to assist wherever needed and her strong work with student reading groups.

- Academics: Amira and i-Ready testing data showed significant student growth. Screen time has increased due to the current testing window.
- Enrollment:  
Grand View Elementary – No change in enrollment. Current enrollment is 106 students, including 17 Pre-K students (89 students in grades K–5).

Bruneau Elementary School – Enrollment increased by one student for a total of 23 students.

### **C. Superintendent Update/Dr. Higbee**

- Access/Easement Rimrock-Jantz – The attorney provided a recommendation for the motion. Ryan will need to provide a legal description in order for the District to establish a legal easement.
- Blue Cross of Idaho Increase – Insurance rates increased by 19.5%. Dr. Higbee reviewed the employee survey results with the Board.
- Grand View Elementary School Floor Update – The Board reviewed the bid from Champion Flooring in the amount of \$56,558 for a June installation. Two additional bids were received: Hatz Court Builders – \$62,350, and TD Sports West – \$70,600.
- Football/Soccer Update – Dr. Higbee recommended offering an 8-man football team and an intramural soccer program. The District would compete against 4A schools in soccer. There is interest in developing an 8-man soccer option for smaller schools, which would require participation from 12 schools. The intramural program was discussed as a good starting point.
- Screen Time – Elementary school screen time was discussed.
- April 20 Post Legislative Tour Report and Law Conference – Dr. Higbee reviewed recommendations and updates from the conference. The District plans to begin the school year implementing recommendations discussed at the conference. Topics included boundary issues, staff texting students on personal phones, ethics training, and new legislation regarding digital communication with students. The Board discussed the requirement that all digital communication with students must be through District-approved platforms. Additional discussion included fees for homeschool students, HB239 regarding opt-in requirements for classes involving sexual orientation content, and HB23 regarding a daily moment of silence.
- Calendar Change – Discussion was held regarding moving the BGVJSD professional development day from September 18 to October 9 to align with the statewide professional development day.
- CAP – Release of transportation was discussed.
- McClure Water LLC – Discussion was held regarding McClure Water LLC serving as the District’s licensed water operator.
- ISBA Insurance Plan Update – Liability insurance updates were discussed.

### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote)**

**In accordance with Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) and (b), the Board entered into Executive Session to consider personnel and student matters. The Executive Session was held in the Boardroom (Library), and all patrons were excused to the hallway during the 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 Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote.**

- **Roll Call Vote (8:02 p.m.)**  
**Trustee Boren – Yes**  
**Trustee Eldridge – Yes**  
**Chairman McNeley – Absent at time of vote; joined at 8:09 p.m.**  
**Trustee Merrick – Yes**  
**Trustee Mathews – Yes**

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. to discuss personnel and student matters and reconvened in open session at 8:43 p.m.

Staff present during the Executive Session included Mr. Waterlander, Dr. Higbee, and Mrs. Aquiso.

## V. ACTION ITEMS II

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

**Executive Session/Open Enrollment Students A, B and C**

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren made a motion to approve Open Enrollment Students A, B, and C for the 2026–2027 school year. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman McNeley resumed chairing the meeting

### A. Approve Merrick Diesel Solutions Bill

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the Merrick Diesel Solutions bill. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Trustee Merrick left the meeting room and abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Trustee Merrick returned to the meeting following the vote.

**Vice Chairman Merrick resumed chairing the meeting.**

### B. Approve Certified Contracts list 2026-2027 school year

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the Certified Staff 2026-2027. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### C. Approve Classified Staff 2026-2027

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the Classified Staff 2026-2027. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### D. High School Athletics – Rimrock High School 2A League Football and Independent/Intramural Soccer

The Board discussed approval of High School 2A League Football and/or Independent/Intramural Soccer as fall sports for Rimrock High School based on anticipated student participation for the 2026–2027 school year (as of August 10, 2026). Discussion was held regarding whether formal approval of football alone was necessary.

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren moved to approve High School 2A League Football and/or Independent/Intramural Soccer as fall sports for Rimrock High School. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### E. Approve Advertisement of Coach/ Coaches for Fall Sport/ Sports .

**Motion:** Trustee Boren moved to approve the Advertisement of Coach/ Coaches for Fall Sports. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### F. Approve 19.5 % increase Blue Cross of Idaho

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren moved to approve the 19.5% Blue Cross of Idaho insurance premium increase. Chairman McNeley seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding the use of state funds and insurance options. Superintendent Higbee recommended tabling the motion to allow further review of available options. Trustee Boren then moved to table the motion until the June 2026 meeting. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Approve Math Curriculum-Savvas for 2026-2027 school year.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren moved to approve the Savvas Math Curriculum for the 2026–2027 school year. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. Discussion was held regarding staff review and community feedback. The motion passed unanimously.

**H. Approve to Set Annual Budget Hearing Date - June 9, 2026, Rimrock Jr. Sr. High, Library 7:00 p.m.**

**MOTION::** Trustee Boren moved to approve setting the Annual Budget Hearing for June 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School Library. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**I. Approve changing the Professional Development (PD) day from September 18, 2026, to October 9, 2026, to align with the state-designated PD day.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren moved to approve changing the Professional Development day from September 18, 2026, to October 9, 2026, to align with the state-designated Professional Development day. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**J. Approve the school closure on April 20, 2026, due to a miscommunication, as authorized by the Superintendent.**

**MOTION::** Trustee Mathews moved to approve the April 20, 2026 school closure due to miscommunication, as authorized by the Superintendent. Trustee Boren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**K. Approve Initial approval to proceed with the formalities of an Access Easement Rimrock Property with Ryan Jantz.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren moved to approve initial approval steps to proceed with formalities for an access easement on Rimrock property with Ryan Jantz. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**L. Approve Laura Morrison Application for State of Idaho, Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement**

**MOTION:** Trustee Mathews moved to approve Laura Morrison’s application for the State of Idaho Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement. Trustee Boren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**M. Approve Floor proposal with Champion Flooring L. L. C.**

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren moved to approve the gym floor proposal with Champion Flooring, LLC. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**N. Approve Shawn Bybee Extra Duty Contract**

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren moved to approve Shawn Bybee’s extra duty contract for July 2026 only. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed. Trustee Mathews opposed. Discussion was held on the extra duty contract.

**VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. 2026-2027 BUDGET-Discussion was held on the budget-Daycare**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Trustee Boren moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:41p.m. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion.

  
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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE

  
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CLERK/TREASURER

May 12, 2026