MCCALL-DONNELLY JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 421
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting Agenda

LOCATION: McCall-Donnelly School District Boardroom, 299 S. 3rd Street, McCall, ID 83638
DATE: Monday, June 8, 2026
TIME: 5:45 PM

Board Attendance: Trustee Wright, Trustee McGeorge, Trustee Blocker, and Trustee Zeydel. Trustee Miller was absent.

Other Attendance: Tim Thomas, Superintendent; Sarah Porter, Board Clerk; Penny Lancaster, Director of Finance; BJ Sorenson, McCall-Donnelly High School Principal; Kim Arrasmith, Heartland High School Principal; Jacob Olson, Payette Lakes Middle School Principal; Valerie Berg, Barbara Morgan Elementary School Principal; David Pickard, Donnelly Elementary School Principal; Conner Kennedy, McCall-Donnelly High School Athletic Director; Meagan McGree, McCall-Donnelly High School Counselor.

1. **Call to Order @ 5:45pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Announcement of Changes/ additions to the agenda**
4. **Public Hearing**

4.a. FY 2026-2027 Budget Hearing (Action Item)

Superintendent Thomas introduced Director of Finance Penny Lancaster to present to the board. Director of Finance Lancaster gave an overview of the 26/27 budget including the stabilization fund and support funding from the state for benefits and staffing as well as other state revenue.

Trustee Zeydel asked about the support units the district would have to cover for other districts. Director of Finance Lancaster noted that if there is a 3% or more drop at another district, McCall-Donnelly School District would be required to help.

Trustee McGeorge asked about budgeting the forest funds. Director of Finance Lancaster noted that forest funds are never budgeted because there is no guarantee from year to year, but the district does budget the interest. Timing for FY26-27 announcement of forest funds was late.

Trustee McGeorge made a motion to open the public hearing. Trustee Blocker seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

Trustee McGeorge asked what school districts have the stabilization fund in place. Director of Finance Lancaster noted that there are five districts in the state with a stabilization fund included McCall-Donnelly School District.

Chair Wright called for public comment regarding the FY 2026-2027 Budget @ 5:56pm

There were no public comments.

Trustee Blocker made a motion to close the public hearing and go back into the regular meeting. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

5. **Awards and Recognition**

5.a. <u>Spring Sports</u>

Athletic Director Kennedy presented to the board noting a total of 290 student athletes and 160 additional students participating in band, drama, and other programs nonathletic programs. There are 41 athletes with GPA of 3.75 or higher.

The board expressed appreciation for the students, coaches, and staff.

5.b. The Creature Project

Principal Pickard introduced Ms. Tatum from Donnelly Elementary School and students presented to the board. Ms. Tatum reviewed the project which included challenging kindergarten and 1st grade students to come up with creatures. Students had to draw and write a story about their monsters. Fern presented her creature to the board and read the story about her creature including the creatures favorite color, and a superpower of shooting lava. The drawings were then taken to McCall-Donnelly High School 3D art class and high school students brought the Donnelly Elementary School students' creations to live. Plan to continue the project in future school years.

Trustee Blocker has a first grade student and enjoyed the progression of the project from 2D creation to 3D creature. Trustee Wright praised Ms. Tatum for her commitment to the school district and the students as well as expressing appreciation for Principal Sorenson for allowing the coordination with the high school to take place.

6. **Audience and Communication**

There were not public comments.

7. **Consent Agenda**

7.a. May 11th, 2026, Minutes
7.b. May 20th, 2026, Minutes
7.c. May 26th, 2026, Minutes
7.d. New Hires
7.e. Resignations and Retirements
7.f. Monthly Financials
7.f.1. District Financials
7.f.2. ASB Financials

Trustee Blocker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

8. **Reports**

8.a. MDEF Grant Awards

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board noting that the grant application approved by the board in February have gone through the full process and three grants were funded. Kids Bike Kindergarten PE Learn to Ride, Teaching Science Through Authentic Inquiry-based Experimentation, and Personal Hygiene and Wellness Kits for 5th-8th Grade Instruction and Support.

The board had no questions.

8.b. Board Meetings

Superintendent Thomas presented the board with the meeting schedule for August 2026 and the timing of the strategic plan meeting in August. July 2026 there will be no meeting. Brief overview of the strengths, weaknesses, and threats created at the strategic plan in 25/26. Additionally, Superintendent Thomas reviewed the Idaho Report Card for school districts.

Trustee Zeydel asked if there is any leeway for districts that have to travel long distances. Superintendent Thomas noted that the problem is larger than just MDSD, it is statewide. Discussion on funding when absent students are missing because of sports. Trustee Wright asked for board clerk to send the board a link to the Idaho report card.

9. **Action Items**

9.a. 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations Budget Approval

Superintendent Thomas and Director of Finance Lancaster presented to the board providing a review of the public hearing.

Trustee McGeorge made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Maintenance and Operations Budget. Trustee Blocker seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

9.b. Football Equipment Summer Camp Use

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board noting the state regulations requiring the board to approve equipment use. Trustee Zeydel asked about the insurance coverage on the equipment. Superintendent Thomas noted the camp has the insurance through the college hosting the camp. The district in not put at risk with the camp.

Trustee Blocker made a motion to approve Summer Camp Use of Football Equipment. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

9.c. Co-Op Renewals

Superintendent Thomas reviewed the co-op terms and noted no changes to the annual agreement to include two or three kids from outside the district. Trustee McGeorge asked if that was across all sports and Athletic Director Kennedy noted it is 2 to 3 a season. Homeschool kids can only participate in sports at the district they reside in but the co-op covers kids out of district

Trustee Zeydel made a motion to approve Co-Op Renewals. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

9.d. Communication Platform Approval

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board. Noting that Idaho Administrative Rules have updated and require the board to approve communication platforms for students, teachers and parent communication. Staff worked together to come up with a list of appropriate applications for communication with students and parents that are in the best interest of the safety of students.

No comments from the board. Trustee Wright noted a clear communication to parents and students at the beginning of each season would be important.

Trustee Blocker made a motion to approve Platform Communication. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

9.e. Baseball Donation

Superintendent Thomas Kennedy presented to the board. Superintendent Thomas noted that the donation is over $2k so the board must approve the donation. Trustee Zeydel asked for the type of grant. Director Kennedy noted a check was donated for baseball use.

Trustee McGeorge made a motion to approve Baseball Donation. Trustee Blocker seconded the motion. In voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

9.f. Meal Price Recommendation

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board. District is required to raise by ten cents each year to keep up with inflation as required federally. Does not impact free and reduced lunch.

No discussion.

Trustee Blocker made a motion to approve the Meal Price Recommendation. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

9.g. Policy #1500 - Board Meetings

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board. Update address in policy. Clean up only, no new additions to the policy.

No discussion.

Trustee Blocker made a motion to approve Policy #1500 – Board Meetings. Trustee Zeydel seconded the motion. In voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

9.h. Policy # 1022 - Agenda and Processes

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board. Clean up item of the policy to align with the open meeting law.

No discussion.

Trustee Blocker made a motion to approve Policy # 1022. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

9.i. MDSD Policy #9050 School Facilities

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board. Update fair market value for FY27 rec is between 0.05 cents and 0.09 cents per sqft. Balance between community support and district cost. Trustee McGeorge asked how many organizations are renting facility space. Superintendent Thomas noted that one church has rented space for three and a half years every Sunday. Trustee McGeorge asked if this is the first year the increases will happen. Trustee Wright prefers starting at 0.05 cents to let users get used to the change. Superintendent Thomas noted July 1 is the start of the 6 months period. Trustee Wright expressed wanting to support users having the ability to budget for the change and keeping the change on the low end. Trustee Blocker and Trustee Zeydel expressed agreement with Trustee Wright. Superintendent Thomas noted all entities not just the church would be required to pay the fee under category two of the policy starting July 1.

Trustee McGeorge made a motion to approve the fee at 5 cents per sqft per use. Fee Changes Related to Policy #9050 to 0.05 Cents per sqft. Trustee Blocker seconded the motion. In voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

10. Adjournment @ 7:05pm