



**Preston Joint School District #201
Board of Education**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2026
6:00 PM

District Office
105 East 2nd South
Preston, ID 83263

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Chairman Chris Jones at 6:00pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve/Amend Agenda - Action Item
Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee), Carried.
Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
4. Consent Agenda - Action Item
Move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee) and seconded by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee), Carried.
Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
 - 4.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - July 15, 2026
 - 4.B. Financial Summary - July 2026
Board member Launa Moser had a question on pg 21 of the Balance Sheet. Business Manager, Shelby McKenna, explained where this is the beginning of the fiscal year it includes the budgeted revenue under other assets. Next month the report will go back to the actual numbers.
 - 4.C. Monthly Expenditures - July 2026
In the Monthly Expenditures report, clarification was given that the IRS expense should be the final penalty for previous filings from the 1st quarter of 2026. The board also had questions about the Eluma bill for \$137,700 for speech therapy supervision. The district is required to provide speech therapy services and where we don't have a Speech Language Pathologist on staff we contract through Eluma.
 - 4.D. Personnel Report - July 2026
5. Public Requests to Address the Board - Stakeholders may request to address the Board in open meeting by filling out the online request form at <https://psd201.org/en-us/meeting-minutes-agenda-691ac9e8> or signing a public comment form available at the meeting location and giving it to the clerk before the meeting begins.
No requests for public comment were received. Chairman Chris Jones reminded people that board meetings now start at 6:00pm for anyone listening through the zoom link.
6. Informational Items
 - 6.A. Superintendent Report
Superintendent Gary Thomas updated the board that we have heard back from the IRS on the fees/penalty that have been paid and they denied our request to remove the penalties. The one approved in the monthly expenditures for 2026 1st quarter, should be the final one since we have updated the way we process payroll. During

the summer cleaning there were some really old lights that have been stored in the auditorium that they have requested to dispose of. Their value is less than \$500 so we will just dispose of them. We also have a 1999 Chevy Pickup that has been used as a plow truck that is no longer being used that we will be disposing of. We believe its value is over \$500 so it will be listed as surplus and up for bid.

Mr. Thomas also reported it is our first week back with teachers. He presented Monday morning to all of them and introduced the book 7 Steps to a Language-Rich Interactive Classroom and why he has asked their Principals to lead them through it this year. He has also posted his first Superintendent newsletter on the new District website. It is under the News & Announcements section of the website which is PSD201.org. We are fully staffed with our certified positions and ready for students to return next week. There are still a couple of classified positions that we are still filling, primarily paraprofessionals. The board asked if we had filled the Nurse and PJH Librarian positions and Mr. Thomas reported that we have.

Idaho Code 33-1639 Moment of Silence went into effect on July 1, 2026. We are required by law to have a minimum of 60 seconds of silence and to notify parents to instruct their students what to do during this time. Mr. Thomas did send out an email through PowerSchool to all parents of the Districts intent to observe this at the start of the day. We also have listed a flyer with information on the website under the Parents & Students section under Frequently Asked Questions that parents may use for more information.

The Idaho Report Card data was released today. He shared a little bit of information with the board but will plan to go more in-depth next month. The K-3rd IRI data can't be compared to previous years because they are using a new assessment tool but what we can do is compare ours to the state. The state came in at 70.4% and ours came in at 83% at grade level. We can compare our initial fall assessment to our end of school year assessment and see how we did. K-3 fall assessment started at 64.1% and finished at 83%. Kindergarten fall assessment started at 58% and finished at 92.9%. 1st grade started at 68.9% and finished at 83.1%. 2nd grade started at 75.5% and finished at 82.4%. 3rd grade started at 55% and finished at 74.4%. In 3rd grade it is a completely different assessment, there is always some summer slide but the lower beginning number reflects the change in the test at that age.

7. Action Items

The college that we offer our dual enrollment classes through, chooses the textbook that will be used for the class. In order to receive college credit, we have to use the curriculum.

- Psychology in Everyday Life
- Essential Communications

We are switching from ISU to CSI and CSI uses Essential Communications for their course.

The Psychology in Everyday Life we are currently using the 4th edition and they are currently on a 7th edition that we need to update too.

Text books cost around \$159 per book and we are looking at approximately 20 books per class.

Motion to approve Psychology in Everyday Life and Essential Communications as textbooks for our dual enrollment classes. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8. Policy - Action Item

8.A. Policy 1st Reading

Policy 5325 -Employee Use of Social Media Sites, Including Personal Site - the question was asked by Geniel Lyons about monitoring and do we really mean they can't respond to a personal email. The District could monitor, but it is more a

reminder to employees that they shouldn't be using social media during contract hours. Most employees have or may need to respond to something personal during their workday, but we hope it is more for emergency situations. Launa Moser wanted clarification on when we strikeout something and leave OPTION 2 for policy if we will remove the verbiage OPTION 2. The board clerk clarified that those will be removed for the 2nd reading, but during the 1st reading, everything is left so you can see what was chosen and what will be removed.

Policy 5296 -Limits Local Education Association Activities- Launa Moser asked why the policy name was removed but the word policy was left. Mason Jensen, who is also a member of the policy committee, explained that until the policy named within the policy is approved we will remove the ISBA policy name and # since we have a current policy on the subject that has a different name and number. Once we have made it through all the ISBA model policy we can go back and update the policy name and number within.

Policy 6000 - Goals - Administration - there is clarification that the yellow notes will be removed in the 2nd reading.

Policy 6310 - Employment Restrictions for Administrative Personnel - there was clarification between personal or vacation leave on bullet point #1. Not all employees have vacation leave

Policy 6400 -Principals - on page 5 the paragraph with red highlight may/or may not need a little more clarification. The words "its measure(s)" was discussed.

Procedure 3010P1 - Open Enrollment Procedures - discussion was had on how the District came up with numbers allowed. Dr. Brady Garner is over open enrollment so he shared with the board. It is based off funding, for example in K-3 we are funded an FTE for every 20 students so it was set at 23. On an average there are 3 students absent so by setting it at 23 we still have 20 students in attendance. This pattern was also used for Grades 4-5. In the junior high grades, 6-8 they looked at the core classes and looked at past capacity numbers. The funding changes in 7th grade to 18.5 but they felt 23 was a good number for overall. In the high school they chose to go with school capacity instead of grade level. You could have a math class that has a student from each grade level. Previously, we had to set a capacity per grade. The school may have been over for the junior class and under for the other 3 but if someone applied that was a junior we would have had to say no, even though we have room in the high school as a whole. The student #'s within the table in the policy have been updated to reflect our school needs.

Policy 3255 -Student Dress - the policy committee will look at line 4 in the first paragraph and decide if the word "this" dress code needs to be changed where the policy as a whole refers to each school handbook.

Policy 3265 - Student Owned Electronic Communication Devices - this policy needs to be corrected, the policy committee did not strike out the section of when students are permitted to use their cell phones #'s 1 through 5 should have been left. Add that each school can have more restrictive rules.

Policy 3440 -Student Fees, Fines and Charges/Return of Property - change in the first paragraph from the Board waiving the fees to Superintendent or designee

Policy 3295 -Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying and Inappropriate Online Behavior - the committee feels it needs more work. It will be replacing 4 policies and we need to make sure it has everything we need in it. Some of the 3295 Procedure we may want to put into the policy.

Motion to move the following policies to a 2nd reading 5295, 5296, 5325, 5750, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6310, 6320, 6330, 6400, 3000, 3005, 3010, 3070, 3255, 3265, 3270, 3297, 3330, 3331, 3440, 3500, 3516, 3518, 3525, 3540, 3570, 7310 with the changes

discussed. This motion, made by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee) and seconded by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to table policy 3295. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8.B. Policy 2nd Reading

Motion to adopt these policies to board policy 5310, 5320, 5330, 5340, 5350, 5360, 5370, 5380, 5390, 5395, 5405, 5412, 5413, 5420, 5430, 5460, 5470, 5500, 5600, 5610, 5620, 5700, 5710, 5725, 5740, 5751, 5800, 5810, 5815, 5820, 5825, and 5830. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8.C. Rescind Policies

Motion to rescind policies 403, 403.50, 490, 443, 443 addendum, 449, 491, 492, 404, 416, 408, 419, 409, 411, 421, 857.5, 448, 465, 470, 417, 475, 474, 738, 744, 402.5, 404.5, 440, 447, 405, 412, 422, 413. This motion, made by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. Executive Session - Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(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

Entered executive session at 7:18pm per roll call vote. Employee B resignation, request to be released from contract.

Resumed open session at 7:22pm

Motion to move into executive session. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to resume open session. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10. Resume Open Session - Action Item

Motion was made to accept the resignation of Employee B with extended thanks for all they have done for the students of Preston School District. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

11. Board Meeting Summary and Assignment Review

Reminder for any patrons watching by zoom the school board meetings are at 6:00pm.

The policy committee has direction for policy 7310 and policy 3295 to bring back to next meeting.

12. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee), Carried.

*Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0*