

MCS D #331 Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 18, 2026 DRAFT

Executive Session

1. *THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 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; (f) legal counsel

A motion was made to move to Executive Session by Trustee Suchan, seconded by Trustee Moss. Motion carried. Chair Claridge – yes; Vice Chair Kent – yes; Trustees Lowder, Suchan and Moss – yes.

Board Members Present

The following trustees were present: Chair Claridge, Vice Chair Kent, Trustees Moss, Suchan and Lowder.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Visitor Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Vice Chair Kent, seconded by Trustee Moss. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda The consent agenda was then approved by unanimous consent.

Student Representatives Minico had senior presentations, and all passed. Students have participated in spring fling and prom. Students showed their gratitude to staff for teacher appreciation and to Mrs. Kidd for principal day. At least 42 seniors graduated with the associate's degree.

Good News Dr. Spagnolo shared a presentation with the board on events and accomplishments at Mt. Harrison. Mrs. Pelayo awarded Atlas Neilson with an industry certification. Dr. Spagnolo reported the math badging project is in full swing. Four students attended the summit to work with other students.

Discussion

Administrator/Department/Committee Reports.

MCEA – Brandi Milliron reported they are gearing up for negotiations. Maren Oppelt asked why inventory had to be done. Mr. Larsen reported the insurance company has informed us nothing would be covered in case of a fire, flood, etc.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Larsen reported that the last of the levy projects (previous year) are being completed. We received the insurance check for the bus accident and will be purchasing one bus. He complimented the admin team on how they have handled the cuts and changes our district is having to make.

Legal Counsel Contract – Mr. Larsen shared the contract is for one year and \$35,000. John Smith has given the district a tremendous amount of help and support.

Preschool Discussion – Mr. Larsen informed the board of the decision to move the special education preschool to Acequia Elementary and the migrant to Paul Elementary. Greg Durrant, Special Ed Director, felt it would be beneficial for the students to be with their peers. Mrs. Hepworth feels the staff and students would be a good addition to Acequia. Ellen Austin felt the migrant preschool kids would benefit being involved with students at Paul Elementary.

Policy Discussion School Fundraisers: At the last board meeting the trustees asked the PRC to create a policy for fundraising. Fundraisers will be approved at the school level with administrators monitoring the amount of fundraisers and businesses that may be affected.

Patron Comments – Amber Winnett approached the board about starting a pickleball club. Funds would run through the city, not the district. It will be discussed on the agenda next month.

Business

Minico Proposal: Ms. Bair and Mrs. Nelson asked the board as a reward for test scores improving at Minico, that Thursday, May 28th, students do not have to attend school. This would only be for students; staff would still be expected to work. Mrs. Kidd shared that tests scores in ELA and math were above state average. The Board felt if only one school did this, it would cause a problem. The Board approved the 28th as a non-student day for all students in the district.

New/Amended/Deleted Policies

1. Policy 356.50 Student Activities Fundraising
2. Policy 500.40 Identification Cards
3. Policy 1405 School Board Use of School Media/Social Media
4. Policy 2150 P1 - Copyright/ 2150 Copyright Compliance
5. Policy 2570 Use of Commercial Produced Videos
6. Policy 5220 Assignments and Reassignments/Transfers (Replaces 588.00 Assignments/Transfers)
7. Policy 8103 Vehicles other than School Buses Used to Transport Students
8. Financial Policies (7000 Series) 7000 -7455

Policies 500.40 and 5220 will be held for a second reading.

A motion to approve policies 356.50, 1405, 2150/2150P, 2570, 8103, and financial policies 7000-7455 was made by Trustee Lowder, seconded by Trustee Suchan. Motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Trustee Suchan, seconded by Trustee Moss. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Jake Claridge, Chair of School Board

Attest: June 15, 2026

Kerri Tibbitts, Board Clerk