Preston Joint School District #201
Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 2026
7:00 PM

District Office
105 East 2nd South
Preston, ID 83263

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

1. Call to Order

   Meeting called to order by Chairman Chris Jones at 7:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda/or Amend - Action Item

   Motion to approve the agenda. 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

4. Consent Agenda - Action Item

   Move to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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

   4.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - May 20, 2026

   4.B. Financial Summary - May 2026

   4.C. Monthly Expenditures - May 2026

   4.D. Personnel Report - May 2026

5. Reports - Communication/Follow-up

   Superintendent Gary Thomas reported that both he and Mr. Schmidt, PJH Principal, both reached out to KayDee Nelson concerning Standards Based Grading from the public comment section in May's meeting. Mr. Thomas reported back to the board concerning the bus route changes and there is not a significant change in the beginning pickup times or last drop off times.

6. 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.

   - Amber Keller, teacher at Preston Junior High, spoke in support of standards-based grading and feels it can be successful with patience and time. She has been a part of standards-based grading in another district that was successful. PowerSchool has been the frustrating part as a teacher.

- Stephanie Marlow, teacher at Preston Junior High, is not for or against standards-based grading. She feels whatever decision is made about standards-based grading, the district needs to stick to it and not go back and forth. If you stay with it, PowerSchool needs to be figured out so it works with standards-based grading. It is causing teachers a lot more work.
- Janel Boehme, teacher at Preston Junior High, standards-based grading has been difficult for parents and students. The workload for teachers has increased dramatically while the workload for students has decreased. Janel feels it undermines student responsibility and academic rigor has declined.
- Chairman Chris Jones stated for information only that the board did not decide on standards-based grading. It is a decision at an administrative level that was decided by the previous Superintendent and Mr. Schmidt and would be a decision that stays at the administrative level. The board members do have individual opinions on standards-based grading, but it wasn't a board decision and most likely won't be. This is a good forum to hear feedback for the administration.
- Shantel Kimpton, teacher at Preston Junior High, sees the overall positivity standards-based grading could have and the simplicity of it, but recognizes the parents and community aren't quite ready for it, or understand it. Teachers are doing more work than the students. Shantel expressed concern that it doesn't matter what program we use, if we don't get on top of the behavior issues, nothing will work. We need to do something, consequences aren't always a negative.

7. Informational Items

7.A. Superintendent Report

Mr. Thomas reported that the District finished strong with high school graduations for both FCHS and PHS, which were well attended. The District has also finished negotiations with the PEA which will be discussed later. Mr. Thomas thanked the PEA team for their time and efforts. Things in the District office are busy completing state reports.

Chairman Jones asked about the status with the IRS from our previous month's financial inquiry. Mr. Thomas reported that we have not heard anything since the letter requesting another 60 days to complete the inquiry.

The District will be disposing of desks from 3 classrooms at Oakwood Elementary. They are beyond repair and valued under $500.00.

7.B. Portrait of a Graduate - PHS

Mr. Peery explained the process he used to develop the Portrait of a Graduate for PHS. They brainstormed individually and as groups and brought back their ideas. Then they mixed up the groups across departments to finalize what components were key to the student body as a whole. Our graduates need to know how to function in society when they leave the school system and how to apply the concepts they have learned, How do they use math in Ag or reading in history? Can they use the knowledge that they gained when they leave school? They need to know how to communicate, problem solve and think critically. Growth Mindset - we can always improve and we can always learn. Creativity is important, think outside the box on how they problem solve. This will be posted in every classroom and the teachers will have it to remind them of the importance of these goals.

8. Action Items

8.A. 2026-2027 Budget Hearing

Shelby McKenna presented the 2026-2027 proposed budget to the board of trustees. She explained the different funds and how they are coded and what they can be used for. She explained how education is funded and that it isn't based on a per-student dollar amount. There are several factors that go into the funding of education. Attendance is a key component. There is also the staff allowance ratio which is different for administrators, teachers and support staff. The proposed 2026-2027 budget is $40,614,449.24. $24,254,856.00 is the General M&O Fund, $4,271,938.00 is all other funds, $12,087,655.24 is the carryover of Modernization Funds which can ONLY be used for Facility Capital projects per Idaho Law.

Shelby reflected on Fiscal Year 2026 and some of the things accomplished by the district. The presentation is attached.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget including the purchase of a Bluebird bus from Bryson in the amount of $218,396. 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. 2026-2027 Handbooks

It was noted that the new lunch prices had not been updated in the handbook for Preston High School.

Motion to approve the Pioneer Elementary, Oakwood Elementary and Preston High School Handbooks with the Preston High School handbook amending the school lunch prices approved at the last board meeting. 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

8.C. Floor/Field Sponsorship Logo

Dr. Brady Garner presented that he saw a fundraising opportunity this fall/spring as he attended sporting events at other schools. He approached the company and inquired about their logo on the gym floor in which they provided him the details of what they pay to advertise and the guidelines used. The company pays for the vinyl and replaces it each year at their expense when the floor is refinished. They pay a lump sum up front for a ten-year contract for their logo to be on the baseline at both ends of the gym floor. Dr. Garner wondered if this is something our District would be interested in doing to help fund the athletic programs in the district. Policy 1044 requires board approval to advertise on athletic fields, scoreboards, or other school property locations. He is looking for direction from the board. Chairman Chris Jones brought it for discussion. Do we want logos on our courts and fields? How do you decide who gets to put their logo on the court? Are there other companies that would want to advertise if they knew we were open to a logo on our courts? Do you only allow 1 company to advertise? Do you want to be locked in to a 10 year contract to get the money up front? Do our coaches want logos on the floor or is it distracting to the game? At the other schools it is the same company that has their logo on the gym floors. The board felt there needed to be more discussion and gave a directive for the policy committee to look at our current policies and come back with more information. No action was taken.

9. Policy - Action Item

9.A. Policy 1st Reading

Rachel Randall, from the policy committee, spoke to the policies and recommended moving all of 1st read policies to a 2nd reading.

Motion to move policies 5105, 5107, 5120, 5125, 5130, 5200, 5205, 5210, 5220, 5230, 5235, 5240, 5250, 5260, 5265, 5270, 5275, 5280, 5285, 5290 and 3085 to a 2nd reading. 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

9.B. Policy 2nd Reading

Chairman Jones discussed the process of moving things to the 2nd or 3rd reading. He would rather when things go to a 2nd reading he would like to see them "clean" without the redlines, OR, options, brackets.

Motion to move the following policies to a 3rd reading 5000, 5100, 5110, 5400, 5410 and 5450. 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

10. 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; Idaho Code 74-206(1)(j) To consider labor contract matters authorized under section 74-206A (1) (a) and (b) Idaho Code.

    Roll Call was taken to enter into executive session at 8:25pm. Rachel Randall, Mason Jensen, Chris Jones, Launa Moser and Geniel Lyons all YES.

    Move to enter executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) and Idaho Code 74-206 1(j) Section 74-206A (1)(a) and (b) for the purpose of Negotiations, Employee C and Employee D. This motion, made by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 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

11. Resume Open Session - Action Item

    Executive session was convened at 8:55pm

    11.A. 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement

    Motion to ratify the negotiations with Preston PEA. 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.B. Employee C

    Motion to accept Employee C's resignation given to Superintendent Gary Thomas on May 20, 2026. 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

12. Board Meeting Summary and Assignment Review

    Mr. Thomas was given direction to follow up with Amber Keller, Stephanie Marlow and Shantel Kimpton from the Public Comments section of the meeting. Also, the board directed Mr. Thomas to make sure the Portrait of a Graduate continues to be brought up in his Leadership meetings and is at the forefront of the employees' minds. They would like reports on it throughout this next school year to see how it is being applied in the classrooms and are they seeing a change. The policy committee needs to come back with some parameters or policy for the sponsorship on fields or gym floors.

13. Adjourn

    Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. 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