

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 09, 2025**

The Bruneau Grand View School District Mission BGVSD will: provide a high-quality education, prepare students for futures, and enable students to be positive contributors to society.

Board Members Present:

Scott McNeley, Chairman
Allen Merrick, Vice Chair
Steve Boren, Trustee
Elaine Eldridge, Trustee
Raelynn Mathews, Trustee

Administration Present:

Jeff Blaster, Superintendent
JayDene Aquiso, Clerk/Treasurer
Jonathan Waterlander, Principal
Kailee McClure, Principal

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Scott McNeley called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Aquiso confirmed that a quorum was present.

- II. PUBLIC INPUT** 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 comments were received.

III. ACTION ITEMS I

A. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Merrick provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Minutes for November 4, 2025 Regular Meeting and November 10, 2025 Special Meeting
- Accounts Payable/Payroll – December 2025
- School Accounts – November 2025
(Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary, Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School)
- Paychecks for: Ashley Merrick, Adam and Amee-Lynn Eldridge, and Kellie McNeley

New Hires:

- Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach – Nick Ellis
- Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach-Trevor Lawson
- Custodian-Lois Tunkel

Approve Resignations

i) Kassidy Washek – May 2026

ii) Ruth Ann Fahl – May 2026

MOTION: Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Merrick seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

IV. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

A. Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Waterlander, Secondary Principal, provided the Board with an overview of recent school activities and upcoming events.

He reported that the first semester will conclude on December 18, 2025. Mid-Year MAP testing is currently underway, with most students expected to complete testing this week; make-up testing will occur next week. Results will be presented to the Board in January. The overall goal is for each grade level and subject area to achieve a Median Growth Score in the 60th percentile.

Mr. Waterlander also provided an update on College and Career Readiness and the IOT program. Twelve students are on track to complete the Career Exploration and Employment Preparation course this semester, which serves as the prerequisite for future pathways. One student began the EMT course in November as part of a Work-Based Learning experience, earning academic credit. Eight additional students are scheduled to take the Career Exploration and Employment Preparation course next semester, with four of those students planning to participate in Work-Based Learning opportunities.

He concluded his report with brief updates regarding Rimrock student behavior and school culture.

Employee Recognition-Stephanie Danner

B. Grand View Elementary Principal Report

Mrs. McClure, Elementary Principal, provided an update on K–5 student growth, including recent progress as measured through the Iready and Amira assessment.

She also shared the following upcoming events:**December 17:** Winter Music Concert – *Treats and Tunes*, beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m. in the Rimrock Auditorium. **December 18:** Last day of school before Winter Break. **January 5:** First day back from Winter Break. **January 8:** Report cards sent home.

Employee Recognition for Bruneau and Grand View Elementary-All Staff

C. Superintendent Report/Mr. Blaser

The superintendent presented and discussed the Policy reports, highlighting recent recommendations and proposed updates. He also reviewed the Operations Report, providing an overview of current projects and district initiatives. In addition, the superintendent discussed the District's Financial Report, summarizing budget status, expenditures, and overall fiscal health.

Mrs. Aquiso reported on Financial **-Financial Report-Food Service Fund Balance:** \$34,522.67
It was noted that student lunch participation remains low, with only approximately 20% of Rimrock

students purchasing school lunch. Personnel salaries in the Food Service Department remain fixed regardless of the number of meals served. The board asked for an update on how much is owed in outstanding lunch charges.

Check Forgery and Fraud: A loss totaling \$4,250.00 was reported.

Bus Replacement – Thomas Bus: Brad Carpenter submitted the local bid through Sourcewell. Total Purchase Price: \$154,649.00 Purchase Order #71378: \$93,528.00 to be paid from the Bus Fund Remaining Balance: \$61,121.00, which will be paid from the General Fund This purchase will be allocated in the 2026 budget year, beginning after July 1.

Mr. McClure reported on the Security Fencing Project – Rimrock NW Perimeter. An update was provided on the completion of the security fencing along the northwest perimeter of Rimrock. A revised plan was presented, which removes the previously proposed daycare corral and includes the addition of one security gate between the portables. Fence Installation Estimates: Boise River Fence: \$15,080 (Revised Plan: \$8,580) Anvil Fence: \$18,176 Meridian Fence: \$20,722 Installation is anticipated to be scheduled between January and March.

Mandi Boren wanted to express the community appreciation for Mr. Blaser

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote)

- In accordance with Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a)(b), the Board may hold an Executive Session to consider personnel matters.
- The Executive Session will be held in the Boardroom (Library). All patrons will be excused to visit outside the room in the hallway.

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 for a personnel matter. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call:-7:49pm

Trustee Boren – Yes

Trustee Eldridge – Yes

Chairman McNeley – Yes

Trustee Merrick – Yes

Trustee Mathews – Yes

The board met in executive session to discuss personnel matters and reconvened in open session at 8:38 p.m.

VI. ACTION ITEMS II

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

A. Approval of Merrick Diesel Solutions Bill

Trustee Merrick left the meeting room and abstained from voting.

MOTION: Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the Merrick Diesel Solutions bill. Trustee Mathews provided the second. The motion passed unanimously. Trustee Merrick returned to the meeting.

B. Approve the following individuals as Trustees for their respective zones:

- Zone 1: Elaine Eldridge, Zone 3: Raeylnn Mathews, Zone 5: Stephen Boren

MOTION: Trustee Mathews made a motion to approve the individuals as Trustees for their respective zones- Zone 1: Elaine Eldridge, Zone 3: Raeylnn Mathews, Zone 5: Stephen Boren-. Trustee Merrick provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve Interim Superintendent Contract

MOTION: Trustee Merrick made a motion to approve the Interim Superintendent Contract for Dr. Ken Higbee. Trustee Boren provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Approve compensation of Superintendent Blaser's accumulated benefits according to Section 7(D)(s) of the superintendent contract addendum.

MOTION: Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the compensation of Superintendent Blaser's 4 unused accumulated vacation days in accordance with Section 7(D)(s) of the superintendent contract addendum. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approve the purchase of a new Thomas school bus using the National Bid procurement offered through Sourcewell, utilizing the district's membership number 201130-for \$157,649.00 out of 2026-2027 Budget

MOTION: Trustee Merrick made a motion to approve ordering of a New Thomas school bus using the National Bid procurement offered through Sourcewell, utilizing the district's membership number 201130-for \$157,649.00 out of 2026-2027 Budget. Trustee Boren provided the seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Approve Policy Series 8000, 9000 and Policy update 3380-Students - Extra Curricular and Co-curricular Participation, as recommended by the Policy Committee November 4.

Discussion was held on the Policy 3380

MOTION: Trustee Boren made a motion to approve Policy Series 8000, 9000 and Policy 3380 as recommended. Trustee Merrick provided the seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board discussed the ISBA Convention attended by Elaine Eldridge. She shared that the convention was very informative, and she learned a great deal. She recommended it to the other trustees.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Trustee Boren moved to adjourn meeting at 8:57p.m. Trustee Merrick provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.



CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
December 09, 2025



CLERK/TREASURE