



SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
RIMROCK JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL 7:00 P.M.

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.

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365 - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING-SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
LOCATION: RIMROCK LIBRARY**

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Scott McNeley called the meeting to order at **7:02p.m.**, welcomed patrons, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Board Members Present:**
 - Scott McNeley (Chairman)
 - Allen Merrick (Vice Chairman)
 - Steve Boren (Trustee)-late 7:12pm
 - Elaine Eldridge (Trustee)
 - Raelynn Mathews (Trustee) on phone 7pm
- **Staff Present:**
 - Jeff Blaser (Superintendent)
 - JayDene Aquiso (Clerk/Treasurer)

Staff Present: Jeff Blaser – Superintendent, JayDene Aquiso – Clerk/Treasurer,

Clerk Aquiso confirmed that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC INPUT I SUMMARY 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



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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.

Public Input-No public input

ACTION ITEMS I

A. Approve Agenda

Motion: Trustee Merrick made a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Eldridge seconded.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve Consent Agenda

Included Items:

- Approve minutes of the August 12, 2025, regular meeting
- **Approval of Paychecks**
 - Ashley Merrick –
 - Adam and Amec-Lynn Eldridge
 - Kellie McNeley
- **Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll-September 2025**
- **Approval of School Accounts – August 2025 (Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary, Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School)**

Motion: Trustee Eldridge made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Merrick seconded.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

- **Reports to the Board**

A. Secondary Principal Report – Mr. Waterlander

- Rimrock Data Report-Goal #1 (Academic Growth): Median Growth Score in 60th Percentile for every grade / subject (NWEA MAP) Their focus is on growth in all subjects.
Last year: 65th Percentile for Language, 52nd percentile for Reading, 48th percentile for Math, Language, Reading, Math. Extend the goals for this year.

Goal #2 (Academic Performance): Mean ISAT scores exceed state average for every grad / subject

Last year ISAT scores:

- 11th grade exceeded state average in Science, Language, and Math
- 8th grade within margin of error for Science, below average for both Language and Math
- 7th grade within margin of error for both Language and Math
- 6th grade below average for both Language and Math

Goal #3: Rimrock will equip students with career-ready skills to prepare for post-grad success

Rimrock students will “show up to work” Avg Daily Attendance (ADA) $\geq 95\%$ (Last Year = 93%)

100% of HS students will participate in CTE classes, career-relevant IDLA classes, or IOT / Work Release (Last Year = 100%)



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100% of Students in Grades 8 – 12 will have a tailored 4-year Graduation Plan by May 2026 (Last Year = 100%)

Goal #4: Rimrock students grow in Character by practicing & internalizing our Rimrock core values of Integrity, Respect & Effort

Continue to implement Sources of Strength, executing at least 1 event/quarter

BRtI Violations Stabilize at ≤ 1 / day by October 2024 (MISSED GOAL....never dropped below 1 / day except in Dec 24)

BRtI 3rd Violations $\leq 5\%$ students (MISSED GOAL, this year = 6.6%), 4th Violations $\leq 2\%$ students (MET GOAL, this year = 0%)

Other Data:

Current Enrollment: 126 (net change = -6)

Attendance (through 3 weeks): 96%

Athletics:

Football: 0-2, home opener Friday vs. HB

Volleyball: 0-4, playing @ Jordan Valley today

XC: 2 meets complete, great times to start the season!

Employee Recognition: Zack Dygert

Preparing team for Soils Competition on

Secured Greenhouse grant, breaking ground this month

7:14pm

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B. Elementary Principal Report – Mrs. McClure

- Elementary Enrollment Update-Elementary Enrollment Update - 92 + 18(EC)
PreK4 - 16 Pre-K3 - 2 K - (13) 1 - (13) 2 - (19) 3 - (17) - 4 - (16) 5 - (14)
- Enrollment Past-9/2024 84 +13(EC)-9/2023 85 +12(EC)-9/2022 85 +16(EC)-9/2021 85 +7(EC)-9/2020 78 +12(EC)

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Jessica Florian to our district this year as our first grade teacher at GVE. Jessica comes to us with 11 years of teaching experience between the Twin Falls and Filer School District in grades 1,2 and 3. She earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Idaho State University. Jessica took a break from teaching in the public school system and for the last 9 years has been raising/homeschooling her 2 daughters. She shares that she is glad to be part of a school community with a passion to see their students succeed and grow to their full potential.

Events

Picture Day - 9/8, Patriot Day - 9/11, Professional Development - 9/12, Green Cape Run - Amira Reading Growth Goals, *BES - Grand Parent Day - 9/25, Student of the Month - 9/30, Monthly Newsletter, IRI Window - 10/1-10/31

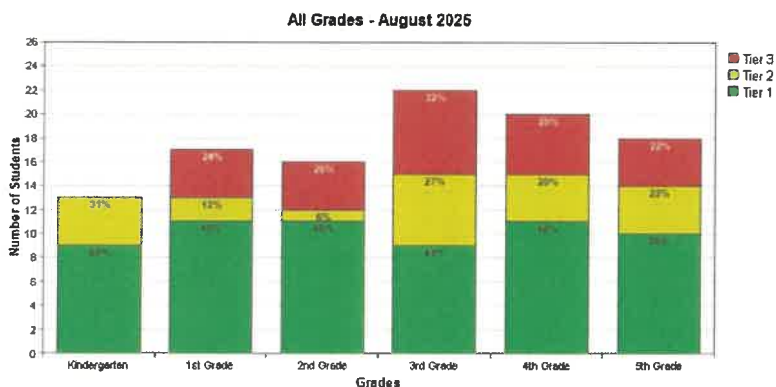
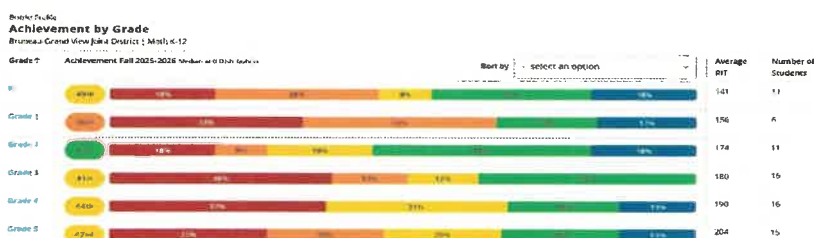


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● Elementary Diagnostic Data

Overall Placement

Students Assessed/Total: 111/114



Grand View Principal's Goals

Academics: 70% of students will meet Stretch Growth on iReady by the end of the year

Amira: No goal established at this time

Instructional Coach: 30-50% of each week will be spent in classrooms providing feedback, presence, and support to teachers

C. Principal/Superintendent Report – Mr. Blaser

- Elementary Enrollment Update -Bruneau Elementary 24

K - (1), 1 -(5), 2-(1), 3-(6), 4 -(6), 5 -(5)-

Upcoming Events-Patriot Day - 9/11, Green Cape Run - Amira Reading Growth Goals, Grandparent Day - 9/25, Student of the Month - 9/30, Monthly Newsletter, IRI window



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Employee Recognition Cassie Farfan

Cassie has been a paraprofessional at BES for the past 20 years. She is always willing (and able) to help in any area needed from substituting, food service, secretarial, custodial, maintenance, IT, administrative duties. This year her assignment is Title I paraprofessional. But she has also been instrumental in getting BES up and running as she has been so willing to help every day by encouraging and helping the new staff prepare for students every day. She has a smile that lends confidence to us all. We can't thank her enough for all she has done this year already!

- **Reports to the Board**

Dan Coleman, Quest CPAs PLLC – 2025–2026 7:49pm

- **Audit Report Overview**

- The audit, conducted by Dan Coleman, Quest CPAs PLLC (long-time auditor), was completed successfully with a clean report. All policies, procedures, and controls regarding asset management were thoroughly reviewed and confirmed to be in place and functioning effectively.

- Total federal funding above \$750,000 was audited—including both major and nonmajor funds. All findings were favorable.

- **General Fund:**

- Both revenue and expenditures increased.
- Fund balance continues to grow.
- Most schools maintain a reserve equivalent to 4–5 months of expenses; some (including our district) hold reserves covering 10 months.

- **Child Nutrition Fund:**

- A transfer of \$109,000 was made from the General Fund, as federal funding alone did not cover food service costs.

- **Bond Fund / Plant Facilities Fund / Modernization Fund:**

- These funds remain healthy and well-managed.

- We are on the cusp of triggering a single audit requirement; however, since the district's federal expenditures remain below \$1 million, a full single audit is not currently required.
- The district is working to simplify accounting structure by implementing iFarms to streamline accounting codes.
- Trustee Mathews inquired about federal funds that were unspent. The response highlighted that actual expenses were lower than budgeted due to prudent spending—emphasizing continued compliance with budgetary discipline.



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3. State Funding and Levies

- The district receives state funding; as a result, there's potential to reduce dependency on local levies. The hierarchy for applying levies is established as:
 1. Bond Levy
 2. Supplemental Levy
 3. Plant Facilities Levy

Current strategy: use state funds to replace portions of the bond and supplemental levies.

4. Bank Deposits and Insurance Coverage

- Chairman McNeley clarified FDIC insurance limits:
 - **Checking accounts:** insured up to \$250,000.
 - **Savings accounts:** insured up to \$250,000.
 - Together, accounts may be insured up to \$500,000—but any funds above those limits are at risk if the bank fails.
- Recommendation: Mr. Coleman suggested allocating additional funds to the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP), citing its safety and reliability.
Mr. Coleman concluded his presentation at approximately 8:10 PM.

Superintendent Report

Operations Report

Start of the Operational year -

- What is functioning well?
 - Naya - Food Service
 - Randy - HVAC remote access restored
 - Team productivity dropped without Nick
 - Brian is moving to seasonal this year
- What challenges do Operations have?
 - RR HVAC - Will cost more than expected when we budgeted
 - No heat - boiler is down
 - Sewage lagoon-
 - No sub janitors
- Support needed?
 - Custodial

Start of the Business Management year - (JayDene)



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- What is functioning well?
 - Business management systems are functioning reasonably well
 - Meeting with the food service director weekly. Brand new to the position and working hard as she learns the job.
 - The district lost 25 students since Fall of '24
 - Student ADA projected at 228
 - 17.22 units with 18.71 teachers district-wide (over)
 - 16/25 students went to online school the rest to another school
 - New contracts into the payroll system
 - As anticipated, the fund balance grew - revenues arriving that could not be accounted for when budgeting in June.
 - New board member application - Zone 3: Jeremy Pineda, Declaration of Candidacy, approved by O & E County.

Bond/Levy Report

Each year, the Bruneau-Grand View Jt. School District submits an L-2 form to:

- Certify how much total property tax revenue it wants to collect.
- Itemize the types of levies:

Supplemental levy (\$650K available this year)

We received State Facility Funds \$227,596 which must be applied to existing bonds, then levy's.

Bond - \$75,000

Levy - \$152,596

Total - \$227,596

Levy \$497,404 for supplemental levy (\$650,000-\$152,596)

Bond (August 2027 - \$662,293.69 left on a \$2.9M)

Current bond account -\$572,166.49

Expected future interest - \$23,000

Applied State Facility Funds - \$75,000

Total - 670,166.49

Less Payment in July of 2026 will be \$324K

Less Final payment in August 2027 for \$327K

The plan is to come as close as possible to \$-zero in Aug. 2027

September 2-Policies

Series 8000 - Non-Instructional Operations

- Transportation
- Wellness and Child Nutrition
- Emergencies
- Risk Management
- Records Management
- Computer Software
- Generative AI



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- Drone Use
 - Drafts - Being reviewed by AJ&H (8101, 8102)

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8101 Authorized Shuttle Vehicles and Employee Child Transportation

Purpose

To provide a safe and reliable transportation shuttle service to transport preschool-aged children and K-5 children of school district staff from the elementary school they attend, to the district-operated educational daycare center, where they will be received and released to the employee-parent at the end of the school day.

Monthly Financial Report-August 31

(Target goal for August is 16-17% in YTD Total Column for both Revenue and Expenditures)

REVENUES (Total Revenues for August - 40%)

Other Local - State front loaded SBA, We also Received payment on Greenhouse Grant

EXPENDITURES (Total Expenses for August - 11%)

Total Instructional Improvement (33%) - PD for the Elementary Curriculum.

Total Board of Educ. Prog. (73%) - Annual Insurance Payment and Legal Fees

Total Business Operations (20%)

Fund Transfers to Plan Facility & bus depreciation transfer for the new bus account

FUND BALANCE

290-Food Service - Month to Date purchase \$4,772.35, we put \$3000 into the account leaving \$1,771.44 YTD outstanding.

Professional Development Report

- 7:30-8:15 Breakfast (Welcome, Sept. Board Summary)
- 8 :30 Safety and Security Rotations (60/10)
 - Mandt (60min)
 - New Policy/District Security/9409/SRO (60min)
 - Move, Secure, Defend (60min)
- 12:00 Lunch (Sick bank committee from JayDene)
- Building Staff - PDTime (1:00 - 4:30)
 - Specific emergency procedures (evac/lock down)
 - Collaboration time/data walk
 - Vector Training

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES



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Executive Session was held in accordance with Idaho Code provisions:

Motion: Trustee Boren moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a)(b). Trustee Merrick seconded. The Executive Session was held in the Library. All patrons were asked to wait outside and would be notified when the open session reconvened.

Executive Session was held in accordance with Idaho Code provisions:

- 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, individual agent, or public student;
 - 74-206(1)(d): To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code
- Time Entered: 8:24pm excused patrons and took a 5 minute break**

Roll Call Vote:

- Boren-Yes
- Eldridge-Yes
- McNeley-Yes
- Merrick-Yes
- Mathews-Yes on the phone

Roll call votes: All trustees voted “Yes”; staff present were Blaser and Aquiso

Motion passed to enter Executive Session under Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a),(b); staff exited the room.

Topics discussed: Open Enrollment applications, Superintendent goals and resignation, 9409 applications

Superintendent Goal 1: Focus on Student Learning and Academic Achievement - The Superintendent will ensure a guaranteed and viable curriculum, high quality instruction with a system of accountability. Target: Instructional Staff and Students

Superintendent Goal 2: Focus on Financial Stewardship -

The Superintendent will demonstrate fiscal responsibility through thoughtful and consistent oversight of budget development, implementation of appropriate systems, and effective program evaluation. Target: Transparency of all financial matters

Superintendent Goal 3: Focus on Student Support -

The Superintendent will monitor the effectiveness of the following systems: Operations and Facilities, Student Transportation, Nutrition & Food Service, Technology, and Safety & Security. Target: Provide quality systems and maintenance accountability by department.

Superintendent Goal 4: Focus on School and Community Relations - The Superintendent will assure the use of the district's communication plan utilizing annual survey data to adjust and improve needed outcomes. Target: District Stakeholder



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Superintendent Goal 5: Focus on Staff Recruitment, Development, and Retention - The Superintendent will develop and implement strategies for recruiting, mentoring, supporting, and retaining highly qualified and effective staff across all schools and departments. Target: New Certified and Classified Staff

Moved back into Open Session-Time 9:06

ACTION II ITEMS

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 . Approve Open Enrollment for Students A–F

Motion: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the Open Enrollment Students A-F. Trustee Boren seconded. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve the resignation of Superintendent Jeff Blaser, effective December 31, 2025

Motion: Trustee Eldridge moved to approve the resignation of Superintendent Jeff Blaser effective December 31, 2025 and have the business manager post the Superintendent position. Trustee Merrick seconded. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Merrick Diesel Solutions Bill

Conflict of Interest: Trustee Merrick recused during vote 9:08

Motion: Trustee Boren moved to approve the Merrick Diesel Solutions bill. Trustee Eldridge seconded. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve 2025-2026 staff application renewals per policy 9409

Motion: Trustee Boren moved to approve the 2025-2026 staff application renewals per policy 9409. Trustee Eldridge seconded. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approve the 2024-2025 Audit by Dan Coleman -CPA-Quest CPAs PLLC

Motion: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the 2024-2025 Audit presented by Dan Coleman-CPA-Quest CPAs PLLC . Trustee Boren seconded. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approve Superintendent Goals for 2025–2026

Motion: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the Superintendent Goals for the 2025-2026 school year. Trustee Boren seconded. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

G. Approve L-2 Certification for Bond Levy 2025-2026



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Motion: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the L-2 Certification for Bond Levy for 2025-2026 Trustee Eldridge seconded. Vote: Motion passed unanimously. Amendment to the motion moved and seconded to approve the bond and supplemental levy

Discussion-(Nov 12-14, 2025 in Coeur d'Alene): Trustee attendance and travel arrangements discussed-no interest

ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion: Trustee Merrick moved to adjourn Trustee Boren seconded. Vote: Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Chairman McNeley adjourned the meeting at 9:11pm.**


CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE
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CLERK/TREASURE