

Snake River School Board of Trustees
Held at Snake River Community Library
924 W. Highway 39, Blackfoot, ID 83221
Wednesday, April 16, 2025

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Lon Harrington called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Other board members present were Josh Sorensen, Larin Mortimer, Carol Hepworth, and Toni Ibarra. Also attending was Superintendent Mark Kress and Board Clerk Terisa Coombs. Prior to the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m., the high school FCCLA program provided dinner for the board. No board business occurred.

2. PRAYER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carol Hepworth opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Carol Hepworth and seconded by Larin Mortimer to approve the agenda as presented. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

4. PATRON FORUM

There were no comments in the Patron Forum.

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Consent Agenda

Minutes: Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 19, 2025

Retirements: Joann Tominaga, High School English Teacher; Rose Larson, School Psychologist

Reconciliation Reports; Budget Report, Payroll/Claims Payable March 2025

2025 Investment Summary:

A motion was made by Toni Ibarra and seconded by Carol Hepworth to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with a special thanks to those retiring for their years of service given to the district. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

b. High School Yearbook Fee Hearing

Snake River High School is proposing to increase yearbook fees that would cover the increased costs of the yearbook. This notice was posted in the Idaho State Journal on April 4 and April 11, 2025. Discussion held.

Josh Sorenson moved and Toni Ibarra seconded to approve the Snake River High School yearbook fee increase as presented. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

c. Summer Football Equipment Authorization

According to IHSA rule, the board must send a letter to the IHSA asking for written permission for the coaching staff to use the school's protective equipment for summer football camps. The request will have a statement of recognition that IHSA sponsored catastrophic insurance provides no coverage for the activity and any liabilities rest solely with the school or camp. The Varsity/JV/Freshmen teams will participate in a summer football camp July 15-20, 2025.

Carol Hepworth moved and Toni Ibarra seconded to approve a request that the IHSA give written permission for the coaching staff to use the Snake River High School's protective football equipment for the football team summer camp on July 15-20, 2025. All board members voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. High School Presentation: Superintendent Kress briefly reviewed a flyer that the Principal Ray Carter put together on all of the academics, activities, agriculture, arts, and athletic programs. He congratulated and applauded the efforts of all of the programs at the high school

b. Superintendent Report

1. Legislative Updates: Superintendent Kress discussed the important bills that either passed or did not pass. He is very optimistic how the session ended. He discussed some of the important issues that will affect education including HB 305, the "use it or lose it" bill and legislation, and providing a 5% increase to all employees including certified, classified, and administration.

c. Upcoming Events

1. Negotiations should start within the next month

2. Election Day is May 20th

3. Kindergarten Graduation is May 21st

4. Teacher Inservice for grades K-6 is May 22nd

5. SREF Color Run will be May 24th

6. Last Day of School for Seniors/Graduation is May 28th; SROHS Graduation is May 27th.

7. Last Day of School for students is May 29th

8. Last Day for Teachers is May 30th

7. **POLICY READINGS**

a. **Second Readings (Policy Updates from ISBA)**

Policy 1315-District/School Planning: Along with a couple of other minor items, this policy updates the term “student learning plan” to “career pathway plans”.

Policy 1510-Open Meeting Law Compliance and Cure: This update corrects a couple of spelling/grammar mistakes.

Policy 2435-Advanced Opportunities: This mainly updates references to the Fast Forward program to the Advanced Opportunities program and the advanced opportunities scholarship to the early graduation scholarship.

Policy 2435F-Advanced Opportunities Participation Form: This mainly updates references to the Fast Forward program to the Advanced Opportunities program and the “learning plan” to “career pathway plans”

Policy 2470P-Self-Directed Learner Procedure: This update references to the “learning plan” to “career pathway plans”.

Policy 3460-School-Related Foreign and Extended Travel by Students: It was previously unclear whether this policy could apply to domestic travel as well as travel outside the US. It now explicitly applies to any extended travel.

Policy 3518—Treatment of Opioid Overdoses: This update corrects two internal legal citations and expands upon the legal references at the bottom.

Policy 4110-Public Complaints and Suggestions: This update corrects a grammar/usage typo.

Policy 6320-Evaluation of Administrative Staff: Along with other minor cleanup related to grammar and consistency with ISBA’s style guide, this update clarifies which written report it references in the final paragraph.

A motion was made by Josh Sorensen and seconded by Larin Mortimer to approve the second readings of Policy 1315-District/School Planning; Policy 1510-Open Meeting Law Compliance and Cure; Policy 2435-Advanced Opportunities; Policy 2435F-Advanced Opportunities Participation Form; Policy 2470P-Self-Directed Learner Procedure; Policy 3460-School-Related Foreign and Extended Travel by Students; Policy 3518—Treatment of Opioid Overdoses; Policy 4110-Public Complaints and Suggestions; and Policy 6320-Evaluation of Administrative Staff. All board members present voted aye. Motion passed 5-0.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Under Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(c) to acquire an interest in real property not owned by a public agency, Larin Mortimer moved to go into Executive Session and Toni Ibarra seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Josh Sorensen, aye; Carol Hepworth, aye; Toni Ibarra, aye; Larin Mortimer, aye; and Lon Harrington, aye. Motion passed 5-0.

The board went into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(c) was discussed until 7:52 p.m.

At 7:52 p.m., the doors were opened and the board returned to Regular Session.

9. **CLOSING INFORMATION ITEMS**

The next regular Board Meeting will be May 21, 2025 at Snake River Community Library at 7:00 p.m.

10. **ADJOURN**

Larin Mortimer moved and Toni Ibarra seconded to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:

Terisa Coombs
Clerk

Lon Harrington
Chairman

May 21, 2025
Date