

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 365  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JULY 11, 2023  
RIMROCK BOARD ROOM 102  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03P.M. by Chairman Scott McNeley. Chairman McNeley welcomed patrons and led the pledge.

**Board members present were:**

Scott McNeley	Chairman
Allen Merrick	Vice Chairman
Steve Boren	Trustee- late came in at 7:25pm
Gary Jones	Trustee-Absent
Raelynn Mathews	Trustee-Phone in
Jeff Blaser	Superintendent
JayDene Aquiso	Clerk/treasurer

Treasure Aquiso confirmed a quorum was present.

**PUBLIC INPUT I - None**

**ACTION ITEMS I**

- A. Approve Agenda
- B. Approve Merrick Diesel Solutions bill
- C. Approve Ashley Merrick's paycheck

**Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Mathews to approve the agenda, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

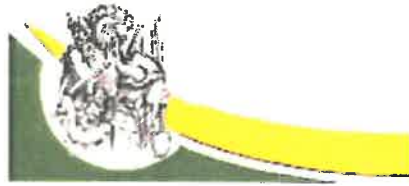
Vice Chairman Merrick abstained from discussion and voting on Action Items B and C.-table these until the end of the meeting

**D. Approve Merrick Diesel Solutions bill**

**Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Mathews to approve the Merrick Diesel Solutions bill, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

**E. Approve Ashley Merrick's paycheck**

**Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Mathews to approve Ashley Merrick's paycheck, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**



### Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Consent Agenda
- b. Approve minutes of June 13, 2023 regular meeting
- c. Approve Accounts Payable/Payroll
- d. Approve Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary, and Rimrock Accounts
- e. Approve Accounts Payable/Payroll
- f. Approve Rimrock Accounts, Grand View Elementary Accounts, Bruneau Elementary Accounts
- g. Approve Hiring, Stephanie Danner, Paraprofessional-Math-Rimrock
- h. Approve Hiring, Deidra Ingles, Cook/Special Ed Paraprofessional-Rimrock
- i. Approve Hiring, Cassidy Washek, Special Ed Teacher-Rimrock
- j. Approve Hiring, Jeannine Reynolds, 504 1:1
- k. Approve Hiring, Martha Araujo-Paraprofessional-Bruneau Elementary
- l. Approve Hiring, Mindy Patterson-Paraprofessional-Bruneau Elementary Special Ed
- m. Approve Hiring, Melissa Raymond, Cross Country Coach
- n. Approve Hiring, Sam Ward, Football Coach
- o. Approve Hiring, Karlee Aquiso, Volleyball Coach
- ~~p. Approve Hiring, Juan Alamilla, Junior High Football Coach~~
- q. Sports Manager, Katy Carothers 2023
- r. Approve Hiring, Ronda Nicholson, Special Ed Para- Grand View Elementary

Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Mathews to approve the consent agenda, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.

### REPORTS TO THE BOARD

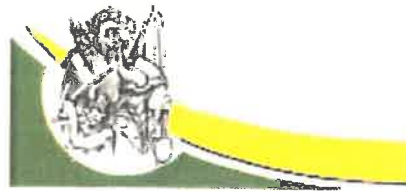
**Elementary Principal Report - Alex Meyers-no report**

**Secondary Principal Report - Jonathan Waterlander-No report**

- **Superintendent Report - Jeff Blaser-**
- **Summer Youth Mental Health Programs**

The TV ad promoting mental health services for youth during the summer was sponsored by Central District Health as part of the Student Family Assistance Program in their region (Ada, Elmore, Boise, Valley).

- BGV is in District 3 and part of Southwest District Health.
  - I contacted SWDH (Owyhee, Canyon, Gem, Payette, Washington, Adams) inquired about a summer youth assistance program - they said they did not have one but referred me to use of the BPA program as part of our Blue Cross Health Insurance plan.



- **Social Media Litigation – Franz Law Group**

**Frantz Law Group**

This is a coordinated lawsuit addressing Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, YouTube, and other social media companies for allegedly causing harm to students that use these platforms.

The Frantz Law Group experts contend that the named defendants have manipulated algorithms causing significant additions and severe emotional distress to students which have led to significant interference with the educational process and student learning.

I would like BGV to join this litigation as a client and send in our district's contact information.

The attorneys' fees - Client is not responsible for paying Attorneys fees unless money is recovered. Then fees will be deducted as 25% of the gross recovery amount, plus cost/expenses- Mr. Blaser thought we should get some return from the Jul lawsuit.

- **Student Handbook Draft - (Second Reading)**

Mr. Waterlander explained the changes to the Rimrock Student Handbook

see Handbook Draft in Packet - There are significant clarifications and changes:

Table of Content

Welcome

Types of Absences

Making up work

Academic integrity

Safety

Work release

Dress & Appearance / Electronic Devices

Food, Backpacks, Hall & Bathroom Passes, Inappropriate physical contact, Bullying,

Student Discipline, Search and Seizure, Athletic Eligibility,

Extracurricular Events

Discipline Matrix

- **Elementary Student Handbook was discussed**

See Elementary Handbook Draft - Mr. Blaser went through the elementary handbook.

Welcome

- Responsibilities of Students

- School Discipline

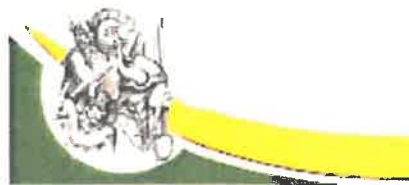
- Addressing Concerns

- Inclement Weather and Parent Notification

- Dress Code and Attendance

- Notification of Absence

- Promotion



- Food Service, Transportation, Bus Rules
- Volunteers & Visitors
- Classroom Disruptions

- **Faculty Handbook Draft – (First Reading)**

See Faculty Handbook Draft -

Table of Content - Alphabetical with page numbers

Appendix - Support documents

Rimrock Specific with District Staff sections included

Discussion was held on lockdowns

Discussion was held on the Policy 9409

- **Grounds and Maintenance Report**

New developments/progress

Duplex conversion: Still waiting for drawings to initiate the open bid process.

Bruneau house tub/shower install: Scheduled August 10th

GVE plumbing repair: all piping to and around the water heater has been replaced along with the hot water recirculating pump. Hot and cold water should be restored by July 11.

Verkada access control: Waiting for pricing (Securing Our Future Safety Grant)

Trustee Mathews stated that she hopes to be out of the Rental by August, things are running a little late.

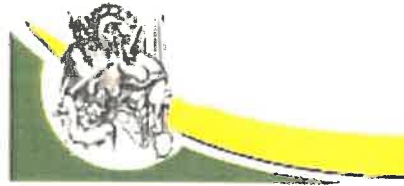
- **District Staffing Update**

Positions Offered/Filled:

- Technology Services (Contracted) – Randy Bow
- Jr. High Math Support Para - Stephanie Danner
- RR Cook/SpEd Para - Deidra Ingles
- RR SpEd Teacher (Certified) - Cassidy Washek
- RR 1:1 504 Para - Jeannine Reynolds
- BES Para - Martha Araujo
- BES SpEd Para - Mindy Patterson
- GVE SpEd Para - Ronda Nicholson
- RR Cross Country Coach - Melissa Raymond
- RR Football Coach - Sam Ward
- RR Sports Manager - Katy Carothers

Positions Still Open:

District Music Teacher



RR Counselor  
BES K-1 Elementary Teacher  
Jr. High Football

- Financial Report

**REVENUES ( 98% Received)**

- ❖ Revenues should be at 100% or above as we close out June
- ❖ Earning on Investments - We did very well on our interest
- ❖ Other Local - Year end reimbursements coming in
- ❖ Border Tuition - Received more than expected at budgeting
- ❖ Benefits and Other State School Support Reserve

**EXPENDITURES ( 90% Expended)**

- ❖ Expenditures should be at 100% or below closing out June.
- ❖ Secondary Program - High due to substitute salaries (maternity), Copier costs and paper costs were over budget
- ❖ Maintenance & Grounds - RR electricity use - cost increase. Maintenance supply spending went over what was budgeted

**Fund Balance - We will still have salaries to pay out of the balance. Expecting an ending carry over of around \$300K.**

**ACTION ITEMS II**

**A. Approve Blue Cross 6.9% Increase for 2023-2024**

**Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to approve Blue Cross Insurance with a 6.9% increase split between the district and the employees , and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

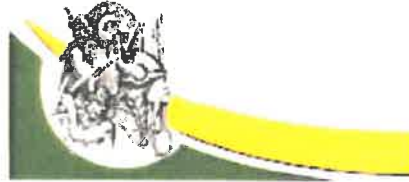
**Discussion was held on the Blue Cross Premiums and the 6.9% increase and different splits for either the employee or the district. The Board decided that the district should pay the increase in premium of 6.9%. Trustee Boren Amended the motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to approve the 6.9% increase and the district to pay 100% of the increase.**

**B. Approve 2023-2024 Rimrock Jr. Sr. High Handbook**

**Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to approve 2023-2024 Rimrock Jr. Sr. High School Handbook , and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

**C. Approve Randy Bow's Contract for District IT Services**

**Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to approve Randy Bow's Contract for District IT Services , and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**



- D. Approve joining Social Media Litigation with Frantz Law Group**  
Discussion was held on the Litigation and how facebook messes with kids lives.  
Law firm takes on 100 % contingency

**Trustee Merrick made a motion with a second by Trustee Boren to approve joining Social Media Litigation with Frantz Law Group, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

**DISCUSSION-None**

**ADJOURN**

**Trustee Boren made a motion with a second by Trustee Merrick to adjourn, and a vote by the Board agreed. Motion passed.**

All businesses of the Board having been completed, Chairman McNeley adjourned the meeting at 8:40

**PM** Signed by:

*Scott McNeley*

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**CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE**

**July 11, 2023**

Signed by:

*Jay DeNeley*

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**CLERK/TREASURE**