MCCALL-DONNELLY JT. SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 421
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting Agenda

LOCATION: McCall-Donnelly School District Boardroom, 299 S. 3rd Street, McCall, ID 83638
DATE: Monday, August 10, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM

Board Trustees: Trustee Wright, Trustee McGeorge, Trustee Zeydel, Trustee Miller were present. Trustee Blocker was absent.

Others Present: Superintendent, Tim Thomas; Board Clerk, Sarah Porter; Director of Finance, Penny Lancaster; Director of Operations and Maintenance, Jason Clay; Barbara Morgan Elementary School Principal, Val Berg; Donnelly Elementary School Principal, David Pickard; Payette Lakes Middle School Principal, Jake Olson; McCall-Donnelly High School Principal, BJ Sorenson; Heartland High School Principal, Kim Arrasmith.

1. **Call to Order @ 6:00PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Announcement of Changes/ additions to the agenda**
   Superintendent Thomas noted that Policy #3300 needs to be added to the Action Items of the agenda.

   Trustee McGeorge moved to amend the agenda to add Policy #3300 to the Action Items section of the agenda. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye and the motion carried.

4. **Audience and Communication**
   None

5. **Consent Agenda**
   5.a. June 8, 2026, Minutes
   5.b. New Hires
   5.c. Resignations and Retirements
   5.d. Co-Op Agreement with Salmon River for Boys/Girls Soccer
   5.e. Monthly Financials
      5.e.1. District Financials
      5.e.2. ASB Financials

   Trustee Zeydel moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye. The motion carried.

6. **Reports**
   6.a. Board Retreat - August 18, 2026, 8a.m. - 12p.m.
   Superintendent Thomas addressed the board with a reminder that the strategic planning session will be on August 18th from 8am to 12pm with all stakeholder groups in the districts. The planning session will be held at Heartland High School.

   6.b. PLMS Construction Update
   Operations and Maintenance Director Jason Clay gave the board an update on the construction at Payette Lakes Middle School. Highlights included an update on the transportation facility driveway off of Hwy 55 being finished, Barbara Morgan Elementary School sidewalks replaced or covered in an epoxy coating, further review of flooring and paint that has been replaced throughout the district, Payette Lakes Middle School is getting sod this week and the north side of the building will not be completed until late October but the bus lane will remain open and the school should function as normal.

   Trustee McGeorge thanked Director Clay for the hard work to get this construction done.

   6.c. MDHS Accreditation
   Principal BJ Sorensen presented to the board. Highlights included an explanation of the accreditation process, an overall score of 3.7 which is above the overall average. Review of strengths mentioned in

the summary report provided by the accreditation board. Teacher collaboration was one weakness and goes along with HRS level three that will be the focus of the upcoming school year for staff. Moving forward there is no need for new programs, just to get better at what is already taking place. Connect, challenge, and support.

Trustee Zeydel asked how the students were chosen for the interviews over zoom. BJ noted that two of every grade were chosen by staff but staff did try to have a good mix of representation in the room.

Trustee Miller appreciated that the board tied the summary to the mission statement of the district. BJ noted that everything was aligned to the strategic plan which comes from leadership planning and consistency. Discussion on collecting and collaborating data to improve.

Trustee McGeorge asked for clarification on tier two. BJ reviewed how the tiers work and the system works both academically and behaviorally to ensure that students can move back into tier one. Teir 3 is more of a one on one student with a need for an individual plan such as an EIP.

Trustee Wright asked for principals to bring some feedback from the accreditation board to the strategic plan next week.

6.d. <u>HHS Accreditation</u>

Heartland High School Principal Kim Arrasmith presented to the board. Highlights included a brief history of the school originally being accredited in 2015. Prior to 2015 Heartland High School was run as part of the high school as a special program.

Heartland High School's official score was 2.99 in the same category as McCall-Donnelly High School. Heartland High School followed the exact same process as McCall-Donnelly High School. Parents, staff, and students were consulted as stakeholders by the accreditation board. Big celebrations included in the report were the ability for students to be fully individualized and education to be able to be customized to each student without having to push those students into a special program. Community and employer partnerships were also a strong piece of what makes Heartland High School stand out. The plan is to follow suit with McCall-Donnelly High School but using different data points since Heartland High School only has seven students, the specific useful data may not align the same way. The concept of Heartland High School is working because it is not where the bad kids go and it is not a punishment. It is truly an alternative option for students who need it.

Trustee Zeydel asked what kind of data needs to be collected for Heartland High School's accreditation. Principal Arrasmith reviewed the strenuous process of collecting data and feedback to provide to the accreditation board. Prior to 2026 the process was more involved with the accreditation team physically visiting schools and pulling the data instead of the district staff doing the leg work.

6.e. <u>SDE Annual Special Education & Related Services Report</u>

Director of Special Programs Kim Arrasmith reviewed State Department of Education reporting and noted that the district is classified as a Level 1 district, the highest rating. Director Arrasmith also provided an overview of student participation and program data.

Trustee McGeorge asked about student overlap among special education categories, contracted services, Medicaid reimbursements, and staffing ratios. Director Arrasmith explained that limited overlap exists between categories, contracted services are primarily used for part-time therapy positions, and the district is well staffed for its program size. Superintendent Thomas noted Medicaid reimbursement figures will be available following the audit.

Trustee Zeydel asked about multilingual teachers and translation services. Director Arrasmith clarified that multilingual services support all English language learners and that translation needs are often met through AI and Google-based tools.

Director Arrasmith reviewed the special education qualification process, staffing assignments, and the district's 504 and Gifted and Talented programs, emphasizing that these federally regulated programs are designed to provide equitable educational opportunities for all students.

7. **Action Items**

7.a. Communication Platform Approval

Superintendent Tim Thomas presented to the board noting that previously the board adopted approved communication platforms, but the staff overlooked the use of Microsoft Outlook for email with students and parents as well as with other district staff members. Each student gets an email, and it would be detrimental to not include Microsoft Outlook as an approved communication platform.

Trustee McGeorge oved to approve adding Microsoft 365 platform to the approved list for communication. Trustee Miller Seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

7.b. Policy # 2352 – Minute of Silence

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board reviewing the new policy in compliance with the new 2026 state law. Additionally, there will be further communication to families about the policy after it is adopted by the board.

Trustee Zeydel moved to approve Policy #2353 Minute of Silence. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye. The motion carried.

7.c. Policy # 3331 - Weapons at School

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board and noted the need for this policy update is to change the number, title, and language of the policy to align with ISBA.

Trustee Miller moved to adopt Policy #3331 – Weapons at School to align with state law and to repeal #3310 – prohibition of Weapons. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye. The motion carried.

7.d. Policy #5100 - Hiring Process and Criteria

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board and reviewed changes occurring from outcomes of the 2026 legislative session that impact hiring classified personnel.

Trustee Zeydel moved to adopt policy 5100, renumber current policy 5010 to policy 5210, renumber current policy 5120, and repeal policy 5123 to maintain alignment with current ISBA policy numbering and eliminate obsolete policy language. Trustee McGeorge Seconded the motion. In a voice vote, All voted aye. The motion carried.

7.e. Policy #3500 - Student Health, Physical Screenings, Examinations

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board and reviewed the changes to the laws related to student health and the reason for the policy change.

Trustee Zeydel moved to approve the revised Policy #3500 Student Health, Physical Screenings, examinations. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye. The motion carried.

7.f. Policy #3500F - Student Health, Physical Screenings, Examinations

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board.

Trustee Miller moved to approve Policy #3500F Student health, physical screenings, examinations forms. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye. The motion carried.

7.g. Policy # 3295 and 3295(p1) - Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Cyber Bullying

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board. Explanation of Title IX required update.

Trustee McGeorge oved to approve Policy # 3295 and 3295(p1) *- Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Cyber Bullying. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye. The motion carried.*

7.h. 2026/2027 Bus Routes

Superintendent Thomas presented to the board. Trustee McGeorge asked about the funding being related to the number of riders. Director of Finance Penny Lancaster noted that is a complex formula, but ridership is part of that formulation. Trustee McGeorge asked if the staff can get past ridership number to bring back to the board at a future meeting.

Trustee McGeorge moved to approve 2026/2027 Bus Routes. Trustee Zeydel seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye. The motion carried.

7.i. Donnelly Elementary School Counselor Position

Superintendent Thomas presented a recommendation to revise the Donnelly Elementary School counselor position due to a lack of qualified applicants, the high cost of contracted services, and concerns about consistency of support for students if counseling services are contracted.

Trustee Zeydel asked whether contracted counseling services would be provided virtually or in person. Superintendent Thomas stated that services could be a mix of both, depending on the contract.

Trustee McGeorge emphasized the importance of counseling services and noted that Barbara Morgan Elementary School serves significantly more students than Donnelly Elementary School.

Superintendent Thomas reviewed counselor staffing levels and student enrollment. In response to questions about sharing counselors between elementary schools, Superintendent Thomas explained that staffing assignments are currently adjusted based on student needs and caseloads. He noted that, while exact numbers were not available, there is a greater need for counselor access at Donnelly Elementary School.

Trustee Wright asked how the additional full-time equivalent (FTE) position would be funded. Superintendent Thomas stated that the General Fund would need to be adjusted, as the position was not included in the current board-approved budget. Trustee Wright requested additional information from Director of Finance Penny Lancaster regarding the funding impact, and a follow-up will be provided to the Board.

Trustee Zeydel asked what would happen if no qualified candidate were found. Superintendent Thomas stated that the district would be required to contract for counseling services.

Trustee McGeorge moved to approve the Donnelly Elementary School Counselor Position to 1.0 FTE from 0.5 FTE. Trustee Miller Seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye. The motion carried.

7.J Policy 3300 – Student Discipline

Superintendent Thomas noted that the policy update comes with Title IX policies being updated by the legislative session in 2026.

Trustee Miller Moved to approve Policy #3300 – Student Discipline to align with state law language. Trustee Zeydel Seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye. The motion carried.

8. **Adjournment @ 7:36pm**