Preston Joint School District #201
Board of Education

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
6:00 PM

District Office
105 East 2nd South
Preston, ID 83263

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee):	Present
Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee):	Present
Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee):	Present
Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee):	Present
Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee):	Present

1. Call to Order
   Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Jones at 6:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve/Amend Agenda - Action Item
   Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee), Carried.
   Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
   Yea: 5, Nay: 0
4. Consent Agenda - Action Item
   Move to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.
   Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
   Yea: 5, Nay: 0
   4.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - September 16, 2026
   4.B. Financial Summary - September 2026
   4.C. Monthly Expenditures - September 2026
   4.D. Personnel Report - September 2026
5. Reports - Communication/Follow-up
   Superintendent Gary Thomas followed up on the health insurance. We have made the payment and have not heard anything new. Out of the 100+ districts that are a part of the trust, all but 4 made the one-time payment. We believe the other 4 are going to try and fight it. The state is now running that trust. They are going through the claims and trying to get that cleaned up.
   The policy committee reviewed procedure 6100P1 and feels it aligns with what we are doing as a District. When there are new courses or textbooks, they will be brought before the board for approval.
6. Public Requests to Address the Board - Stakeholders may request to address the Board in open meeting by filling out the online request form at https://psd201.org/en-us/meeting-minutes-agenda-691ac9e8 or signing a public comment form available at the meeting location and giving it to the clerk before the meeting begins.
   No requests for public comment were received.

7. Informational Items

7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Gary Thomas shared that the teachers attended a professional development in Pocatello with classes on AI in the Classroom and Behavior in the Classroom. It wasn't as well attended as we had hoped it would be. Originally, we were going to host it for our region but it became big enough it was moved to Pocatello. In the future we will probably just put something on within the district.
Next week we will be having a training at the district office for administrators, supervisors and the district office staff on our personalities and how they work together. It is about how you think, how you perceive and how you engage.
The transportation department just finished an audit from the state department that they did very well on. Jeff and Ty do a great job for our district. The area we failed was supervision of student drop off and pickup, which is not their responsibility. Mr. Thomas has talked to the principals and they have a plan to assign staff to be out there during that time.
Mr Thomas shared information about the Education Tax Credit with the school board. They are still in the process of writing all the rules and regulations for it, and it isn't available for another year. This is a federal tax credit that individuals can claim and have $1700 sent to a school district. What you can't do is choose the student. The money goes to a Scholarship Granting Organization and from there parents/students can request funds for specific items. We just don't know what all those items are yet. When the bill was written, it was mainly written for private schools & tuition, which we don't have, so we are not sure yet how it will work. In the future, when we know more, we will send out something to the District patrons.
For the next 5 months we will be hearing about math and what is being done in the District to help improve our students learning in this area. This month we will be starting with Dr. Brady Garner and what changes have been made with the SPED department.

7.B. Co-Teaching

Dr. Garner explained co-teaching and how it will impact special education. This year we are starting at the junior high school and what we are doing is getting rid of our special education classrooms, and we are sending the special ed teacher into the general education classroom. This way, the special ed students get exposed to the general education curriculum, and they have a content expert teaching them the subject. The SPED teacher is in the classroom for support and can pull them into small groups as needed. This way, you have 2 certified teachers in the classroom that can help all the students not just the SPED. The students don't have to wait until their study skills class to get help. It allows the teachers to collaborate, and it also sets higher expectations for the SPED students. They will be exposed to grade level curriculum that can be modified and adjusted to meet their IEP but they will get that exposure. To make this work, we needed teacher by in. The District brought in Dr. Julie Bost from the University of North Carolina Greensboro, who is the President of the Council for Exceptional Children. She is one of the leading experts in the field of co-teaching. We brought in our teachers and paraprofessionals from the junior high and high school that could potentially be involved in this to be trained by her. Dr. Brady Garner believes we will see success with this.

8. Policy - Action Item

8.A. Policy 1st Reading

FYI - there are 3 procedures attached that you have already approved the policy, or it is in the 2nd reading.

- 3270P1 - District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Service, and Networks - Acceptable Use of Electronic Networks
- 5740P1 - Reduction in Force Procedures
- 8170P1 - District Owned Vehicles Procedure

Procedures and forms are reviewed but not approved.

Geniel Lyon asked about 3020P1 and the hours required - clarification was given that even though we only offer full-day kindergarten, the state doesn't require it and if it is offered it still reflects the 1/2 day for attendance. Launa Moser asked about 3270P1 page 3 at the end of the AA it ends with ; and, we need to strike the semicolon and the word AND. In 8170P1 page 4 clarification was given in the first paragraph that if students are being transported a drug and alcohol test will be required. Geniel also asked on 8170P1 if employees are following the no use of cell phone while driving and refrain from eating or engaging in other activities that distract. It was decided to add a reminder to the pre-check driving sheet for them to acknowledge. Policy 3220 - we need to make sure when students organize a meeting they are aware that #6 Non-school persons may not direct, conduct, control or regularly attend activities.

Motion to move policy 5335, 3020, 3030, 3031, 3040, 3060, 3080, 3090, 3100, 3200, 3220, 3230, 3250 to a 2nd reading. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee), Carried.
Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8.B. Policy 2nd Reading

Mason Jensen - Policy 2200 we need to add a #5 Alternative School: 900 hours.

Motion to move the following policies to board policy with the inclusion of adding the alternative school hours of 900 to policy 2200; policy 1303, 2200, 2320, 2420, 2605, 3285, 3295, 3300, 3320, 3345, 3510, 3515, 3530, 4210, 7215, 7218, 7240, 7305, 7500, 7710, 8170, 8200, 8210, 8300, 8320, and 8520. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.
Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8.C. Rescind Policies

Mason Jensen recommended that we don't rescind policy 639, 816, 569 or 904 yet. The newly approved policies don't cover all of the areas of these policies.

Motion to rescind the following policies 312, 350, 352, 356, 415, 420, 445, 450, 452, 455, 456, 457, 459, 462, 466, 656, 677, 677.1, 554, 506, 506.5, 552, 551, 553, 561, 559, 566, 910, 836, 834, 808, 914, and 514. This motion, made by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.
Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
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9. Executive Session - Pursuant to Idaho Code 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 or individual agent, or public school student

Motion to enter executive session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b). Roll call vote was taken. All school board members were a Yes to enter executive session at 6:43 pm. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.
Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
Motion to exit executive session. Time 7:57 pm. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee), Carried.
Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10. Resume Open Session - Action Item

Superintendent Gary Thomas has chosen not to seek an extension of his contract. Chairman Chris Jones thanked him for his service, he has done a great job for the District and has had a great relationship with the board. He will finish his contract that goes until June 30, 2027. Mr. Gary Thomas thanked the trustees for the opportunity to serve the District and the trust they placed in him.

Chairman Chris Jones opened the floor for a motion to authorize him as chairman and all relevant employees to take the necessary steps to post the position.

Motion to authorize the board chair and other district staff to post for a replacement of the superintendent. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
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11. Board Meeting Summary and Assignment Review

    Rachel inquired of when they would have more information on the insurance. We are hoping for some follow up information to be available in the December meeting.

12. Adjourn

    Motion to adjourn at 8:02pm. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee), Carried.

    Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
    Yea: 5, Nay: 0