



**Preston Joint School District #201
Board of Education**

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2026
7:00 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
Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Absent

New Attendance record when the executive session was entered at 8:30pm. Rachel Randall recused herself and left the meeting.

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Jones at 7:00pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda - Action Item
Motion to approve the 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. Consent Agenda - Action Item
Move to approve the consent agenda as presented. 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
 - 4.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - January 21, 2026
Minutes of Work Session Meeting - February 2, 2026
 - 4.B. Financial Summary - January 2026
 - 4.C. Monthly Expenditures - January 2026
 - 4.D. Personnel Report - January 2026
 - 4.E. Restraint & Seclusion
5. 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.
Larin Crossley, FFA Advisor, shared his concern about the 2026-2027 Draft 1 calendar having spring break at the same time as the State FFA Convention. He has approximately 30+ kids that will be attending the convention that could potentially have to choose between an activity with their family or attending the State FFA Convention. He would like spring break to be a different week. He is concerned that the younger

students might not be as committed to the program yet and when they find out that when they compete in an event and win, they will need to also attend the State FFA Convention, which now could interfere with their spring break plans.

6. Informational Items

6.A. Superintendent Report

- Superintendent Gary Thomas acknowledged that the Preston Girls Basketball team received the state academic award for 5A. Launa Moser pointed out that they were the highest GPA among all the divisions.
- Follow up on the fence and agreement with the landowner - the maintenance crew has gone over and looked at it and there are quite a few more panels than we originally thought that are damaged and in need of repair. They are ordering replacements and as they have time between other projects and commitments they will work on the fence. It is in the agreement that the district will maintain the fence.
- Just returned from Day on the Hill in Boise and the recurring theme is budget reductions. Once we know where it is actually at, we will prepare a budget that is within those parameters. Chris Jones asked if there were any updates outside of the budget talks that the district needs to be aware of. There are a couple that aren't directly geared as education bills but if they are passed they could trickle down into the school that we will be watching. Mr. Thomas acknowledged that there were FFA students there presenting at the House Education Committee, they are the current State FFA Officers and Emily Sorenson from Preston was one of them. She represented our community and school well.
- Portrait of a Graduate - we started with Knowledge, Skills and Disposition as a district, but after meeting as an administration team and trying to come up with 3 key areas for each of those words, we realized how different that will look at each school. We need each school to own it for their school, so each administrator has gone back and worked with their staff to figure out what it means to them and how they can accomplish it. Each administrator will be coming to present what it looks like at their school level.

6.B. Portrait of a Graduate - PJH

Mr. Schmidt presented what Portrait of a Graduate looks like for Preston Junior High. All students can learn, it doesn't matter what their background is. Under Knowledge - they have Essentials, Application and Learning Process. Under Skills they have Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Problem Solving. Under Dispositions they have Ownership, Growth Mindset and Mindful. The junior high also created Portrait of an Educator and listed what they need to be doing as educators in order for their students to succeed. Student learning is key. This needs to be a living, working document. As we align our essential standards with these things, we can ask how it is working and if it needs to be tweaked it can be.

6.C. High School Graduation Requirements

Mr. Clint Peery presented that most of the changes are what the state passed as graduation requirements. The biggest change is the Financial Literacy and Digital Literacy requirements. Currently, we've tied our Econ and Financial class together with the standards of both which the state approved. Digital Literacy is going to be a little harder. We are trying to find the balance for the FTE's it is going to take to teach, but also make it a meaningful class. They have given us 5 CTE classes that could qualify for that, and we currently have one of those, Foundations of Media Technology, but we lost the teacher with the credentials for that. They also changed the Senior Project to a Future Readiness Project, which is what ours has evolved into, so that shouldn't be a big change for our students, but with board approval we would like to still give a credit for it, to make it more meaningful. The skill portion will need to be phased out unless it can be tied to a future profession. The board acknowledged the importance of all of our classes helping students to be ready for their future. Mr. Peery has looked at a lot of things the last couple of years to make it so school isn't just checking a box, our classes need to have value so the students see the importance of attending.

7. Action Items

7.A. Levy

Shelby McKenna, Business Manager for the District presented the information about the proposed 2-year levy which would replace the levy that expires on June 30, 2026. We would like to hold two public forums at the library to inform the patrons about the levy. They are scheduled for April 7th and May 12th. We are also working to prepare a mailer to get the information out. I have done a comparison of the current levy, which is \$1 million, and the proposed levy, which is \$1.1 million. The increase from \$450,000 to \$630,000 in classified staff and sub wages reflects the longevity as they move a step within our classified salary schedule. It currently costs the district \$260,000 a month for our classified employees and the state funds \$170,000 so we have to make up the difference somewhere. The extracurricular activities would remain the same, but this does help support sports or team activities, like our BPA which is currently headed to state, when they compete in competitions or at state. Technology Maintenance would also remain the same at \$250,000. Our technology department does a great job and has worked hard on the safety and security pieces of our technology, and now we need to maintain it. It also funds the maintenance of all our student and staff devices. Our last levy had Math Specialist & Mental Health Support for \$280,000 and this time we have Nurse/Mental Health Support for \$130,000. The Math Specialist isn't going away, it will just be funded through a different source. The Nurse position has been funded through a grant that is set to expire so this would allow us to keep funding that position. The mental health support position is already in place but we would like to continue to fund it with the levy. SRO (student/school resource officer) has been added for \$70,000. We have 2 full-time SRO's. Our contract with the city is \$96,664. Previously, when we had just 1 SRO we used the Safe & Drug Free money which was around \$31,000. This number fluctuates based off enrollment and other factors. The city provides the vehicle, equipment, benefits and retirement along with most of the training. We have had a grant for this position that is expiring, These positions have become critical to our District. There are grants we will be applying for but where we have already been the recipient of them, we aren't sure of what our chances would be to get them.

Per Idaho Code a levy for \$1.1 million is \$81.50 per \$100,000 for taxpayers.

I move that the Board of Trustees of Preston School District #201, Franklin County, Idaho, adopt a resolution calling for a supplemental levy election to be held on May 19, 2026 for the purpose of levying up to One Million One hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1.1 million) with the estimated annual cost to the taxpayer of \$81.50 per \$100,000 taxable assessed value per year for two (2) fiscal years commencing with fiscal year 2027 and ending with fiscal year 2028, for the purpose of classified employee wages, substitute wages, technology maintenance, extracurricular activities, Nurse/Mental Health Support, and SRO. This supplemental levy will replace the existing supplemental levy which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026. I further move that the Clerk be directed to provide notice of the election and to take all other actions necessary to conduct the election in accordance with Idaho law. 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

7.B. School Calendar 2026-2027

There are 2 draft calendars attached. The only difference is when spring break would be held. Draft 1 has spring break as March 29-April 1st, which conflicts with when the State FFA Convention is held but correlates with surrounding districts, both West Side and Cache County. Draft 2 has spring break as March 22-25th. Superintendent Thomas met with his administrative team, department heads and PEA. He also looked at previous years absences for teachers and students. After compiling all of his information, he recommends Draft 1 which correlates with

surrounding districts. He understands the concerns our FFA has with it being the same week as the convention and the possibility that some students might have to make a choice but the convention is Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Students are out of school on Friday the 26th and could still participate in a 6 day family vacation or activity before the convention starts on April 1st. With the number of employees that we have that live outside our district that choose to be off when their students have spring break or extended family is off, affects more students overall for the district. We will watch the numbers to see how the calendar change affects our teacher absenteeism and the number of students that don't attend the convention based on family conflicts.

Motion to approve Draft 1 for the 2026-2027 School Year. 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): Nay, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 1

7.C. Preston Junior High Track

Currently, PJH Track is considered a club, but we would like to make it a sanctioned middle school sport so it falls under policy 570 instead of policy 3225. Under Policy 3225 we shouldn't be providing buses or allowing them to be school excused. This will also help the financial end be more transparent and follow district procedure. The student athlete won't see a change, but it will align with district policy and procedure on the funding. It will be a non-funded sport, but by being sanctioned the district will be able to provide bussing and the student will be excused to attend track meets.

Move to approve junior high track as a school sanctioned sport to follow extracurricular activities policy and stipend procedures. 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. Policy - Action Item

8.A. Policy 1st Reading

Policy 844 - Supplemental Pay - the biggest reason for the change is due to changes in staffing assignments. If we pay out over 12 months we could overpay/underpay an employee if their stipend amount changes due to a different assignment. By paying at the end of the season we know what assignment/role the employee had.

Policy 610 - High School Graduation Requirements - the revised policy aligns with the state changes. Launa Moser recommended we make sure it is clear that Economics and Financial Literacy is 1 class. In 2D if we could change the word AND to a & (ampersand).

Motion to move Policy 844 Supplemental Pay to a 2nd Reading with the revisions as outlined. (Attached). 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

Motion to move Policy 610 High School Graduation Requirements to a 2nd reading with the revisions as outlined and in 2D change the word AND between Economics and Financial Literacy to a & (ampersand). This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 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

8.B. Policy 2nd Reading

Attached is Policy 570 2nd reading with yellow highlights to reflect the changes from the 1st reading in January. If approved and moved to policy we can delete Policies 571, 572, 573, and 574. Mason Jensen shared a question with the board that he had asked Mr. Thomas for clarification on where the 70% was lowered to 60% to participate. Dr. Brady Garner clarified that it isn't actually a change from what they are doing. They moved to weekly grade checks instead of bi-weekly and there are times when only a couple assignments are in the grade book. One low assignment can temporarily drop a student below a 70% even though they are still passing the class and on track to earn the credit since credit is awarded at 60%. Our focus is that they are making progress toward graduation. Rachel asked if we needed to change contest anywhere else in the policy?

Motion to approve and move 570 to board policy with the changes as attached and delete policy 571, 572, 573, and 574. 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*

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

Rachel Randall recused herself for executive session due to a possible conflict.

Motion to move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(b). This motion, made by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 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): Recuse
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Recuse: 1*

Motion to adjourn executive session and resume the open meeting. 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): Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1*

10. Resume Open Session

Due to there not being an action item listed on the agenda after executive session the board will take action at the next meeting scheduled for March 18, 2026, which is within the 30 day response time as outlined in the policy guidelines.

11. Board Meeting Summary and Assignment Review

Mr. Thomas was asked to follow up and make sure there aren't any other clubs or sports that aren't following district policy and bring back for their review if needed by April board meeting.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:38pm. 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): Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1*