



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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 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

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman Chris Jones at 7:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda - Action Item

Motion to amend the agenda by moving item 6C Standards Based Grading to under #5 Public Comments. This motion, made by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

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Yea: 5, Nay: 0*

Motion to approve the agenda with its changes. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee), Carried.

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Yea: 5, Nay: 0*

4. Consent Agenda - Action Item

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

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Yea: 5, Nay: 0*

4.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - April 15, 2026

4.B. Financial Summary - April 2026

4.C. Monthly Expenditures - April 2026

4.D. Personnel Report - April 2026

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.

KayDee Nelson addressed the board with concerns about Standards Based Grading in the Preston Junior High.

6. Informational Items

6.A. PHS PBIS Report

Becky Crossley, Emily Titus and Marianne Young presented on the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention System) program at Preston High School. PBIS is a 3-tiered, data-driven Positive Behavioral Intervention System framework to strengthen school safety, improve learning, and support positive behavior. PBIS has already led to measurable improvements in school climate and student outcomes.. Preston High School has implemented Tier 1, Tier 2, and plans to implement Tier 3 next school year.

6.B. Superintendent Report

- Superintendent Gary Thomas reported on the Supplemental Levy which was held May 19, 2026. It passed with 56% of those that voted in support of the levy.
- He also notified the board of some old computers, computer switches and odds and ends the district would be disposing of that are valued under \$500.
- The district will be making some changes concerning technology. Mr. Thomas and Aaron Keele, IT Director, have worked together to make a plan to move away from one-to-one devices. Instead, there will be carts with devices that will be available for classes as needed. Whether that is a cart between 2 classes or 4 classes will depend upon the teachers' needs. The device will supplement the curriculum instead of having students on them all day and having teachers feel like they need to find ways to use them. This change will look different at every school. Also, the district will be moving away from Microsoft and to the Google platform over the summer. This will be beneficial for our district.
- The IRS has reached out and asked for another 60 days to answer our request.
- The track is now open to the public. There are signs posted with rules. We ask the public to please follow them so we can continue to make it available for their use. If the public ignores the rules, it could be shut down.
- With IDLA discontinuing their online Driver's Education class, Mr. Todd Coburn was looking at creating our own as a district, but has decided to try AAA over the summer and see how it works. It should be similar to IDLA.
- The high school has a new club called Club America. This is for your information only. The board does not approve clubs. Kamille Kunz and Marianne Young are the faculty helping to coordinate its start-up.
- Negotiations have started with the PEA.
- The district participated in a county-wide earthquake disaster. In particular, the junior high was involved with more in-depth mock injuries and an evacuation and reunification with parents. As a district, we learned things we could improve on in a real disaster. Some parents were frustrated with the time it took to reunite them with their students. Overall, from the time the parent reached the first check-in station and their student was located and reunited with them, it was an average of 30 seconds. With 600 students, that would be 5 hours to reunite students and parents, which sounds like a long time to wait and know that your student is okay, but to follow all the safety rules and document who the student was released too, 30 seconds is not that long.

6.C. Standards Based Grading

The agenda was amended and this item was moved under public comment.

7. Action Items

7.A. 2026-2027 Bus Routes

Geniel Lyons asked if any of the beginning times of routes or the last drop off time have changed significantly. We will reach out to Jeff Nate, Transportation Supervisor and verify that they haven't.

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 bus routes. 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 Lunch Prices

Rachel Randall asked if the state sets the price or how it is decided.

Motion to approve the new breakfast and lunch prices for adults and for the students. 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

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8. Policy - Action Item

8.A. Policy 1st Reading

Mason explained that we would like to keep as much ISBA language as possible instead of trying to mesh Holinka Law with ISBA so when we receive updates they will line up with the current policy. The committee had Tamara Harris, HR Director, involved in this section. Chris Jones asked that we make sure it also follows the negotiated agreement. Geniel Lyons brought up a question on policy 5100 where the hiring is recommended by the superintendent and approved by the board. Discussion was had about it being approved in the consent agenda, Personnel Report. A contract can be offered contingent on board approval. If there is a concern, they can always request to have a discussion on items in the consent agenda.

First reading for ISBA policies. Forms and procedures are attached for your information only for corresponding policies. Also, for your information, the current policies that correspond, to the best of our knowledge are attached.

New Policy / Procedure	Replaces Old Policy
Policy 5000 - Personnel Policy Guiding Principles	400 - Statement of Guiding Principles
Policy 5100 - Hiring Process and Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5100F1 - Hiring Process and Criteria • 5100F2 - Hiring Process and Criteria • 5100F3 - Hiring Process and Criteria • 5100P1 - Hiring Process and Criteria • 5100P2 - Hiring Process and Criteria 	400.10 - Idaho State Veteran Employment Preference
Policy 5110 - Criminal History/Background Checks	402 - Criminal History Checks for Employees, Volunteers, and Contractors
Policy 5400 - Leaves of Absence	407.50 - Sick Leave 477 - Absence Without Pay for Non-Certificated Employees 478 - Death in the Family
Policy 5410 - Family Medical Leave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5410P1 - Family Medical Leave Procedure 	407 - Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) 407A - FMLA Fact Sheet 28 (Exhibit A) 407B - FMLA Employee Rights Poster (Exhibit B) 407C - FMLA Fact Sheet 28M (Exhibit C)
Policy 5450 - Vacation Leave	480 - Vacation Leave for Non-Certificated Employees

Motion to move policy 5000, 5100, 5110, 5400, 5410 and 5450 to a 2nd reading. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1

Trustee), Carried.

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8.B. Policy 2nd Reading

2nd Reading for policies that bring us in compliance due to the child nutrition procurement review. Holinka had broke several out of our current 850. Policy 859 needs to be updated so #1 says 3 months instead of 6 months.

Motion to move the following policy to board policy, Policy 770 - Food and Nutrition Services, Policy 850 - Purchasing, Policy 850.20 - Purchases Using Federal Funds, Policy 850.30 - Purchasing Services or Personal Property, Policy 850.90 - Procuring Public Works Construction, Policy 853 - School Building Plan Reviews and Inspection, Policy 854 - Contractual Certifications and Restriction. 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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Motion to amend policy 859 number 1 to change the (6) six month timing to (3) month timing and move it to board policy. This motion, made by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee), Carried.

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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 go into 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 - by roll call of board members at 8:05pm. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee), Carried.

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Motion to exit executive session and resume the open meeting. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

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10. Resume Open Session - Action Item

The board evaluated the Superintendent, Gary Thomas, in executive session. They are pleased with the direction he is going and gave him feedback in different areas.

Motion is made to ratify action by the superintendent to place Employee C on paid administrative leave. This motion, made by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee), Carried.

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11. Board Meeting Summary and Assignment Review

Identify someone to follow up with KayDee Nelson on standards based grading
Follow up with transportation department on route times.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:25pm. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and

seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

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