

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

LOCATION: McCall-Donnelly School District Boardroom, 299 S. 3rd Street, McCall, ID 83638
DATE: Monday, March 9, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM

In Attendance: Tim Thomas, Superintendent; Sarah Porter, Board Clerk; Penny Lancaster, Business Manager, Jason Clay, Operations and Maintenance Director; Kim Masmith, Heartland High School Administrator; BJ Sorensen, McCall-Donnelly High School Administrator.

1. Call to Order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call: Trustee Wright, Trustee Miller, Trustee McGeorge, Trustee Blocker, Trustee Zeydel.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Announcement of Changes/Additions to Agenda

Announcement of new board clerk Sarah Porter

4. Audience and Communication

No public comments received.

5. Consent Agenda

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5.b. New Hires

5.c. Resignations and Retirements

5.d. District Financials

5.e. ASB Financials

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of Brittany Weeks from item 5.b. New Hires. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

6. Recognition

6.a. MDHS Winter Sports Achievements 2025-26

Highlights included review of student athletic grade point averages and an increase in student extracurricular activity with roughly 60-65% of the student body participating.

6.b. PLMS Winter Sports Achievements 2025-26

Highlights included a summary of participation in middle school winter sports. Every single participant was able to play in a game during the boys' basketball season. Additionally, Track is a sport that is growing across all grades.

7. Reports

7.a. YAC Report

MDSD Staff meeting as head of the YAC presented to the board. Highlights included the importance of safe and sober environments to celebrate and facing a decreasing number of volunteers. The main difference between 2026 and previous years is that the YAC is asking to hold the sober celebration on school property and advertise at the school. Superintendent Thomas provided additional history regarding the graduation process and requiring the gym to be available in the event of inclement weather. While the event has been going on for over forty years, it is not a school affiliated event.

7.b. PLMS Expansion Report

Jason Clay, Director of Operations and Maintenance, addressed the board to provide an update on the PLMS expansion process. Director Clay expressed optimism in moving forward with an

aggressive schedule once McCall City Council approves the Conditional Use Permit. Trustee McGeorge noted that McCall City Council will be voting on the CUP this Thursday at 5:30pm and thanked director Clay for being proactive. Trustee Zeydel asked what will occur if the McCall City Council votes no. Director Clay noted that without approval from McCall City Council the project would not move forward.

7.c. Legislative Update Report

Trustee Zeydel presented an update on the current legislative session to the rest of the board. Highlights included the future of IDLA, the possibility of a new credential path, and possible changes to the operation of teacher unions.

8. **Action Items**

8.a. Policy #5339 Professional Development - Certified Staff

Tim Thomas, Superintendent, presented a policy update on professional development related to Certificated Staff. Highlights included an update on language from outdated learning forward standards and aligning policy to current practices with IAS standards.

Trustee McGeorge made a motion to approve the changes in Policy #5339 Professional Development – Certified Staff. Trustee Zeydel seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

8.b. Policy #5120 Certification

Tim Thomas, Superintendent, presented to the board noting need to update policy 5120 to be in compliance with current law. Superintendent Thomas also reviewed the policy noting that teachers must be licensed and may be let out if credentials are not kept up. Additionally, removing “highly qualified” from the policy is a necessity as that option no longer exists. Trustee Zeydel asked about alternative certification. Superintendent Thomas noted that alternative authorization is covered under policy 5120 up to one (1).

Trustee Zeydel made a motion to approve Policy #5120 Certification. Trustee Blocker seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

8.c. Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation Grant Application — Vision Screener

Superintendent Thomas noted that anytime a grant is applied for, the board must approve the application before submitted. Currently the district barrows a vision screener every year, this grant, if awarded, will make the process more efficient. Regardless of outcome the vision screening will be maintained. Additional grant requirements are not required by matching funds from the district but there is a very minor maintenance cost once the vision screener is obtained. The vision screener would be stored at the district office outside of the normal office space.

Trustee McGeorge made a motion to approve the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation Grant Application for Vision Screener. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

8.d. MDEF Grant Application — Science Innovation at Heartland High School

Kim Arnold Smith, Administrator, presented to the board. Highlights included review of previous years where Heartland High School was faced with not having a full science program despite having a beautiful lab setup. There is a need to fund new supplies and material for the science lab to be sufficient and functional. Trustee McGeorge noted the grant application being well written. Trustee Zeydel asked if the school would pay for consumables after the non-consumables are funded by a grant. Confirmation was provided that the school has planned in it budget to fund consumables moving forward.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the grant application for science innovation at heartland high school. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

8.e. MDEF Grant Application — MDHS Digital Display

BJ Sorensen, Administrator, addressed the board. Highlights included an overview of the request submitted by the Spanish teacher who currently teaches with a projector and a laptop. The screen

will allow the teacher to be more efficient which will benefit the students. Trustee Wright asked if any special electrical needs should be considered. Administrator Sorenson clarified that the cost of installation would be covered by the grant if funded.

Trustee McGeorge made a motion to approve the MDEF grant application for the MDHS Digital Display. Trustee Blocker seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

8.f. MDEF Grant Application — Personal Hygiene and Wellness Kits

School nurses have done a fantastic job meeting the needs of the students. By law there is a growth and development class at the end of the year in fifth grade. Nurses have tried to provide supplement until the next health class in eighth grade mainly based on hygiene. The idea behind the personal hygiene and wellness kits grant application is to be able to have supplies available when needed. The board discussed how disbursement of hygiene kits would take place.

Trustee McGeorge made a motion to conditionally approve the MDEF grant application for personal hygiene and wellness with the end that the board does not support one time mass distribution of kits, instead a stockpile of supplies is to be handed out at the discretion of the staff. Additionally, there would be no funding provided by the district budget. Trustee Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

8.g. MDEF Grant Application — All Kids Bike - Kindergarten Learn to Ride Program

Strider bikes that come with a pedal kit are intended to be used in kindergarten. Superintendent Thomas noted the bus barn could be able to house the bikes in the off season. Additionally, there is a lifetime warranty on the bikes, and they have very low maintenance costs after initial purchase.

Trustee Zeydel made a motion to approve MDEF Grant Application — All Kids Bike - Kindergarten Learn to Ride Program. Trustee McGeorge seconded the motion. In a voice vote, all voted aye, and the motion carried.

Superintendent Thomas noted the passing of a previous board chair who served the better part of a decade on the Call-Donnell School District board.

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM.