



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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 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 was called to order by Vice Chairman Chris Jones.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes - Action Item

Minutes will reflect Mason Jensen (Zone 3) and Rachel Randall (Zone 5) as Recuse.

They have not yet taken their Oath of Office and Policy states: The normal order of business shall be modified for the annual organizational meeting by considering the following matters **after** the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:

Motion to approve the minutes of December board meeting. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Recuse, 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: 3, Nay: 0, Recuse: 2

3.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - December 17, 2025

4. Administration of Oath of Office

- Mason Jensen Zone 3
- Rachel Randall Zone 5

Mason Jensen Zone 3 and Rachel Randall Zone 5 were administered the Oath of Office by Terri Fredrickson, Board Clerk.

5. Board Leadership Reorganization - Action Item

- Elect Board Chair
- Elect Board Vice-Chair
- Appoint Board Treasurer
- Appoint Board Clerk
- Review The Code of Ethics for School Board Members

Chris Jones, vice chair, declared the board of trustees dissolved and asked to proceed with reorganization. He turned the floor over to Superintendent Gary Thomas. Mr. Thomas called for nominations for Chairman of the board. Once a Chairman was nominated and voted in, he turned the floor to Chris Jones, newly appointed Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Launa Moser was nominated and voted in as Vice Chair.

The Code of Ethics was read out loud by the members of the board.

** Each Board Member will sign the Code of Ethics - please review Policy 1600.

Motion was made to nominate Chris Jones as Board Chairman. 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 was made to nominate Launa Moser as Vice Chair. 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): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0*

Motion was made to appoint Shelby McKenna as board treasurer, Terri Fredrickson as board clerk and also to designate the District office front door, 105 E 2nd S, and the District webpage (psd201.org) as posting sites for meetings and designate Cache Valley Bank and Altabank as depositories for the Preston School District. 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*

6. Approve Agenda - Action Item

Chairman Jones asked if there were any changes needed to the agenda before approval. It was noted that executive session would not be needed at this meeting.

Motion was made to approve the agenda with an amendment of executive session removed. 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. Consent Agenda - Action Item

Chairman Chris Jones explained the consent agenda and if there are any questions, on items contained in the consent agenda, the board members can reach out to the district staff before the meeting for answers.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 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*

7.A. Financial Summary - December 2025

7.B. Monthly Expenditures - December 2025

7.C. Personnel Report - December 2025

7.D. Restraint & Seclusion

8. 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.

9. Informational Items

9.A. Superintendent Report

We are just 2 weeks into the legislative session so things could change, but right now the governor is recommending to keep the budget flat for education. Which would mean zero cost of living adjustment for next year and no new money coming in, but he does want to see career ladder steps and lanes continued, which are statutory. They are looking at making cuts to virtual education which could affect our IDLA classes. We are also looking at an 11% increase on health insurance. The funding that comes to the district is called support units and is roughly the cost for

the operation of a classroom. The state as a whole is down 232 support units and based on enrollment numbers, we are down 40-something students. That could equate to two support units in our district, so even though he recommends keeping things flat, that could equate to a couple of teachers based on our enrollment numbers. That is something that we need to be aware of. There is a public education stabilization fund, and that is typically kind of a rainy day fund, which he is proposing we dip into. Normally, that wouldn't be done until mid-year. Last month, I mentioned the state superintendent was asking for 50 million for special education but after realizing how tight the budget is she backed out of that. The governor is proposing a 6 million bridge under the special education umbrella with 5 million of that going to high-needs students. With 150 districts that money wouldn't go very far. Just know this is where the governor came in with his initial proposal and now we have to wait and see where it ends.

Day on the Hill for Superintendents and School Boards is next month and I will be attending those meetings, which hopefully will give us a better idea of where things are headed.

We just received our Fall IRI (Idaho Reading Indicator) results from the state. This test has been given for years but the platform has changed. AMIRA is the platform this year, which is new, so it is hard to compare growth. I don't usually like to compare to others in the state, we would rather see actual student growth, but with the platform change we can only compare to others this year. Out of the 154 districts on this report we rank 26th, which means we are ahead of 83% of other districts or charter schools in the state which is great but it still doesn't give us our individual students growth. This is a K-3 reading test. The Oakwood Elementary actually ran some mid-year data using AMIRA with the 3rd grade so we will look at their numbers. They started off the year with 55% of our students proficient in reading with this new platform which the state says holds a higher standard than previous platforms. On their mid-year test, which was in January, they are now showing 71% proficiency in reading which is measurable growth in our students.

10. Levy

Our current levy that passed May 2024 is due to expire this year. We need to discuss running another one in the May 2026 election. With no new money proposed to come in from the state we would need to continue with another levy to continue some of the programs we currently have. We would like to go to the public with the same ask as we had last time. Once we receive some numbers from the county we will be able to give you hard numbers next month. We don't want to raise taxes at all for community members. This is money that we are already slated to receive from the state, if nothing changes in the legislation, it would not raise taxes. It would help us to increase wages for classified staff & substitute teachers, technology improvements, and maintain student extracurricular activities. We have broken out salaries and benefits for the school nurse, mental health counselor and SRO due to grants that are ending and this would allow us to use this money for those positions.

Chris Jones mentioned that by law the levy has to state how much your taxes would go up per \$100,000 of assessed value of your home but when in actuality there really would not be a tax increase, there would be no change.

Launa Moser mentioned listing who classified staff are due to the public not realizing it is your paraprofessionals who are reading aides, aids in the special ed classrooms, bus drivers, administrative assistants, etc... anyone who is not a certified teacher in the classroom or administrator. She would like it in parentheses what categories it would affect.

11. Action Items

Policy 631 Open Enrollment was passed 07/16/25. Should policy 3010 have been included in the motion to be deleted? Also, Policy 3010 was passed in 2023, should Policy 632 have been deleted at that time? We currently have all 3 policies.

Attached for reference 631, 631P, 632, 3010

Policy 912 Display of Flags and Banners on School Property was passed 07/16/2025. We already have a Policy 912 Naming of School District Facilities that was passed 01/19/22. Can we change the Policy # on one of them to 911 or 913?
Attached for reference

What kind of training would you like as a board? If you want it in February we need to take action and set the meeting date. Jayson Loyd, ISBA is available Feb 2 or 4th, Feb 9-13th or Feb. 23-27. There are several consultants for ISBA. He said if we could narrow down a couple of possible dates then he could reach out and see which consultants are available. Training dates were discussed and possible trainers. February 2nd worked best for everyone if a trainer is available.

Motion to delete Policy 3010 Open Enrollment and Policy 632 Open Enrollment, Policy 631 Open Enrollment was approved 07/16/2025. 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 change Policy 912 Display of Flags and Banners on School Property to Policy #911 due to duplicate 912 policy #'s. 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*

Motion to allow Katie Griffin to teach under an Alternate Authorization. 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 was made to hold a special meeting on February 2nd for the purpose of board training at 6:00pm. 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*

12. Policy - Action Item

12.A. Policy 1st Reading

Policy 572 no longer meets law. As we were digging into it, we discovered that in the 1st Quarter 2024 Holinka recommended the following update to policy.

570 - Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Student Activities. We have made extensive updates to this revised and renamed optional policy. First, we have provided definitions of "extracurricular activities" and "co-curricular activities." Second, we have taken the eligibility requirements from policy 572 and included them in this policy, together with additional academic and attendance eligibility requirements. Third, we moved the prohibition against drug and alcohol usage from policy 572 to this policy. Fourth, we have added an activity suspension section that delineates the consequences of violating this or other district policies or IHSAA rules. We have moved and revised the athletic activities insurance language from policy 573 to this policy. We have added a new section on athletic physicals. Finally, we have moved the extracurricular awards language from policy 574 to this policy. With these changes, we are recommending policies 571, 572, 573 and 574 be deleted.

Attached you will see our current policies 570, 571, 572, 573 and 574. The redline version from Holinka is attached AND the Redline Admin Reviewed Policy is what is recommended. Anything we changed from Holinka is in BLUE so you can see what we updated.

12.B. Policy 3rd Reading

Policy 414 is attached- No changes from 2nd reading

Motion to approve Policy 414 Sexual Harassment and move it to board policy. This motion, made by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 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

13. 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

The agenda was amended at the start of the meeting and executive session was removed.

14. Resume Open Session

15. Board Meeting Summary and Assignment Review

Terri will check with ISBA and see if any consultants are available on February 2nd for board training.

16. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm