

WEST BONNER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #83



Superintendent Report

Kim Spacek, Superintendent

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Board Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Who should be recognized for their contribution to student growth and achievement?

- Kaitlyn Ward - The last time the Volleyball team played in the state tournament was when Kaitlyn was a senior in high school. Over the past few years, Kaitlyn has built a competitive team. The state tournament is a highlight for any student-athlete competing in a high school sport. Being a member of a state tournament team gives Kaitlyn the knowledge of the skill needed to push student-athletes to excel!

What has the superintendent been working on this past month?

- Board Policy 3265 - Student-Owned Electronic Communications Devices - Trustee Paul Turco and I were tasked with updating the attached policy for a final reading. As we discussed possibilities we decided it may be best to hand the task to the teachers who work with the students who would be using cameras for school assignments. Jerry England and Alyssa Meyn provided the language that appears in blue. This policy is recommended for approval. The email from Jerry and Alyssa relayed the following: "Thank you for giving us this opportunity to provide input."
- District Logo Cost - I learned from Julie Berhens that materials were less than \$25. In addition, Julie said not to worry about the cost because she willingly did the project and wanted to donate to the district. She was excited to complete this project and installed the new logo at the District Office.
- 2024 Fiscal Audit - An email was sent Taylor Ulrich of CLA indicated the district wanted to move to another auditor. Kendra Salesky, Business Manager, is working with Hayden Ross to begin the 2024 FY Audit. At the writing of this report, we are waiting for the contract to arrive for review by the Board of Trustees.

- Principal/Director Presentation Schedule - This is month is the first month for a presentation. The presentation will be held in a Board Work Session concerning assessment data right before the Regular Meeting. The expectation is a written report from each principal/director and superintendent should be in the packet coming out the Thursday prior to the meeting. A request by Friday of the week before the meeting is considered sufficient time to request a principal/director come to the meeting.
- Forestry Building - The bids came in higher than projected. I will have more information about next steps at our meeting. You all should be receiving a bid from each company that proposed to construct the building in your board packet.
- Superintendent Meet & Greet - The meet and greets are described below:
 - Surf Shack, Blanchard - My understanding there were a number parents home schooling in the area and it would be a great way to connect, so I asked Lynn Parker, Principal of Priest River Elementary School/Home Learning Network, to attend with me. Three community members attended. We discussed the following items:
 - Federal Funding
 - Bathroom Passes at Priest River Lamanna Jr-Sr High School
 - Cell Phone use by students
 - Hoodoo Creek Café, Vay - I invited Vanessa Haggett, Principal of Priest River Lamanna Jr-Sr High School, to attend the Meet & Greet with me. There were no community members in attendance at this communication opportunity. We Stayed for about 1 hour to see if anyone would come.
 - Nickleplate Café, Nordman - The first Meet & Greet for the fall was up in Nordman at the Nickelplate Café. Eight community members attended. Margy Hall, Trustee, attended representing the Board of Trustees. A list of topics is provided below:
 - Student Transportation - busing
 - Magnet School
 - Home Learning Network (Grades Kindergarten through 8 & Grades 9 through 12)
 - District Budget through October 2025 (working to reduce Child Nutrition expenditures)
 - Special Education (action taken to reduce Maintenance of Effort)

There were questions on each of the topics that generated great discussion. Community members felt the district was making progress in moving forward.

- Title IX Team - The Title IX Team was put together by mid-October. The State Department of Education was seeking a trainer at that time. Trainings will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of the month with a new trainer. A list of Title IX Team members is attached to this report.
- Career Connected Learning - The Rural Alliance invited West Bonner County School District #83 to apply for a grant with other rural schools in the area to become a part of the Rural Career-Connected Collaborative (2026) through Transcend. The application was submitted in October 2025. We should hear back sometime in December.
- Imagine Excellence - This was a work session put on by Senate Education Chairman Dave Lentz to discuss reinventing public education in Idaho. Senator Lentz is looking to provide funding to pilot districts to engage their community in focusing on public education and the outcomes the community would like their students to have as a result of educating their children. There are no details on when an application will become available. As I learn more, I will keep everyone informed. Ann Yount, Trusteed, and I attended this work session on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at North Idaho College.

What tasks need focus for the upcoming month?

- Forestry Building - Wrapping up dates for construction and working with Operations Staff to determine timelines to start and complete construction are a priority on this project. This will involve Vanessa Hagget as there will need to be a change in routines for the use of the parking lot. At the end of completion, we will need to plan a commissioning celebration!

Are there any other items of significance to report?

- Board Policy 5100 - Hiring Process and Criteria - This has been on my project list and have been unable to begin work. Tracy Rusho, Human Resources Director, and I will begin working on this with the outcome of brining a process that is clear to those involved in the hiring. This is a change that will take input and result in a common expectation for what the district needs to maximize state funding for certificated teachers and the need for classified employees.

How many corrective actions have resulted in a Temporary Suspension this past month? This information is provided based upon Board Policy 3340 - Corrective Actions and Punishment. The chart below outlines actions taken since the last board meeting:

# of Temporary Suspensions	Reason for Action	Response
1	Harassment/Bullying	3-days
1	Kicking/Bullying	3-days
4	Fighting	3-days
1	Insubordination-Dress Code	1-day
1	Insubordination	3-days
1	Threat	3 days
3	Use of ATOD	3-days

How many Attendance Letters have been processed this month since the last board meeting?

<i>Grand Band</i>	<i># of Students</i>
<i># of Students in Kindergarten through Grade 6</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>St# of Students in Grades 7 through Grade 12</i>	<i>-</i>

How many Open Enrollment Applications have been processed since the last board meeting:

<i># of Students Entering the District through Open Enrollment</i>	<i># of Students Exiting the District through Open Enrollment</i>	<i># of Students Changing Schools in the District through Open Enrollment</i>
<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

How many Requests for Public Records have been processed? The chart below requests made and/or completed since the last board meeting:

<i>Requestor</i>	<i>Nature of Request</i>	<i>Date of Request</i>	<i>Date Request fulfilled</i>
<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

Other Items of Interest

I read the following documents to keep up with current issues in the field of education: (Reading is done during each mealtime when at the house in Oldtown.)

- *Forestry Building Construction Documents - These documents were read to prepare for the construction of the Forestry Building. There has been concern that it has taken a long time to get the building to a point of construction. It is progressing in an acceptable timeframe as this is a Public Works Project that has specific rules and guidelines that must be followed.*

I'm using my experience from two (2) previous projects in which I was superintendent during construction:

- *Pomeroy Jr/Sr High School - \$10,000,000 - Modernization of 1980 tilt up construction school building*
- *Inchelium Football Field/Track and Field Track - \$1,000,000 - complete renovation of a circa 1970 sports field*

Acronyms:

Education has terminology formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a phrase of letters or word. (This list will expand as acronyms are used in this report.)

- *ASVAB = Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery*
- *IHSAA = Idaho High School Activities Association*
- *ICRMP = Idaho County Risk Management Program*
- *IRI = Idaho Reading Indicator*
- *ISEE = Idaho System of Educational Excellence*
- *MTSS = Multi-Tiered System of Supports*
- *PLC = Professional Learning Community*
- *STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics*
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