



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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
7:00 PM

District Office
105 East 2nd South
Preston, ID 83263

Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Present
Dax Keller (Zone 3 Trustee): Present
Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Present
Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Present
Susan Yardley (Zone 5 Trustee): Present

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Appoint Clerk - Action Item
Motion to appoint Terri Fredrickson as Board Clerk. This motion, made by Susan Yardley (Zone 5 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee), Carried.
Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Dax Keller (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Susan Yardley (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
4. Approve Agenda - Action Item
Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Susan Yardley (Zone 5 Trustee), Carried.
Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Dax Keller (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Susan Yardley (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
5. Consent Agenda - Action Item
Move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.
Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Yea, Dax Keller (Zone 3 Trustee): Yea, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Yea, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Yea, Susan Yardley (Zone 5 Trustee): Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0
 - 5.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - July 16, 2025
 - 5.B. Financial Summary - July 2025
 - 5.C. Monthly Expenditures - July 2025
 - 5.D. Personnel Report - July 2025
6. 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>
 - Megan Willis** - Would like to find a constructive solution that could ease the pressure on the District while also building bridges with local families concerning their choice to homeschool. Provided examples of hybrid and online programs to enroll homeschool and alternative learners. This could possibly provide some funding for the District.
 - Jenny Ray** - Has homeschooled for 20 years. When it comes to the policy to increase fees for homeschooled students did the board take into consideration the parents who

don't take funding from the state and the burden it will be on them?

Bonnie Erickson - Concerned about the boards decision to significantly increase fees for dual-enrolled homeschool students. Provided a copy of her address with a petition of concerned individuals.

Cuyler Stoker - Concerned about the mileage rate used to help compile the information for the increased fee for homeschooled students.

Megan Empey - Concerned about the students who can't come to school for safety reasons. Wants to make sure they can still participate in extracurricular or sports activities.

7. Information Items

7.A. Superintendent Report

Thanked the public for taking the time to come and spend time sharing their concerns. We kicked off the school year on Monday and welcomed the teachers back, and they went right to work. They have lots to do, but our world isn't quite right until the students show up. That's our purpose, that's when our world gets set right. I've talked a bit at different times about the portrait of a graduate. When a student leaves our system here in Preston School District, what do they look like? What knowledge, skills, and dispositions do they have?

7.A.i. ISAT Summary

ISAT (Idaho Standards Achievement Test) is a snapshot in time. The state breaks this down into 4 categories, below basic, basic, proficient, and advanced proficient. They are tested in Reading and Math and then in 5th grade they are tested in Science. We like to look at how we compare to the State level but it is also important to dig in and look at each student and see how they are progressing individually. As a District we will be digging in a little deeper, school by school, teacher by teacher, grade by grade and subject by subject. We don't give up on a student if they aren't at a certain level, we dig deeper to find a way to help them succeed.

7.B. PACE Guide (Athletic Procedures)

The PACE guide is Procedures for Advisors, Coaches & Educators. It is now on our District website for parents and the community to access. There are 2 sections in red, Boosters and Hall of Fame, which we hope to have By Laws in place for by the end of the year.

7.C. Fee Amendment

Discussion was held to clarify the intent of a policy that was previously approved increasing the fees for Non-Full Time Students. The intent was never to charge the fee increase for credit-bearing courses. The purpose behind the policy was to try to recoup for athletics due to the expense associated with transportation. Dr. Brady Garner, District Athletic Director, was asked to provide a cost analysis for the transportation for athletics. The average cost per student/athlete is \$486.20 with the cheapest being track at \$252.29 and the most expensive was softball. This includes driver's sit time and mileage but does not include hotels or food per diem when overnight trips are involved. Transportation expenses change drastically based on where tournaments are held. Dr. Garner referenced Idaho Statue 33-203 (9) which defines the definition of a nonpublic student and also Idaho Statue 33-1501 which reads "Nonpublic school students may be transported, where practicable, when the full costs for providing such transportation are recovered." Superintendent Gary Thomas shared with the board what neighboring districts were charging for athletic fees for students vs non full time students.

Chairman Keller acknowledged that a group is here tonight that may feel we implemented it based on House Bill 93 which references money available to homeschoolers but HB 93 had nothing to do with the policy. This is a public

meeting and as a board we are here to conduct board business. Discussion was had amongst the board to see if there were other ways to recoup some of the expenses. They are not interested in a levy specifically for sports. They recognize the burden of fees on families but they are also obligated according to Statue 33-1501 to recover transportation expenses. Geniel Lyons also reminded the board that there is the YEA (Youth Endowment for Activities Foundation) available to help, but it has to be applied for by the high school and funds are limited.

Chris Jones made a motion to rescind the five times fee policy and make the pay to play fee the same for public and non public with a \$250 per sport fee for non public students and it would mirror the 3 sport reduction. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Discussion continued on if they don't act the current policy stays in place, what other information is needed to move forward. Don't want to feel rushed but the policy in place will stand and they aren't comfortable with it but they also need something in place to follow the law.

Chris Jones moved that we amend the student fees for credit and non-credit for non public students as follows; the credit bearing classes would be reduced to the same as public school students. The non credit extracurricular fees would be reduced from five times the amount of the public school student fee to mirror the public school student fee per sport with a \$250 transportation fee added per sport which would also be reduced on the third sport to half. Launa Moser 2nd the motion.

Chairman Keller called for the vote - all in favor, the motion carries.

8. Action Items

8.A. Donation - Weight Room Equipment

Kinetic Holding Corp donated used weight room equipment that appraised for \$63425. Anything over \$1000 requires board approval

Motion was made to accept the donation of weight room equipment donated by Kinetic Holding Corp. valued at \$63,425. This motion, made by Susan Yardley (Zone 5 Trustee) and seconded by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee), Carried.

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Yea: 5, Nay: 0*

8.B. PowerSchool Litigation

The Preston School District had a data breach in PowerSchool that affected the district. It took our IT department 6-7 days to figure out what was taken. It is recommended that we join the litigation.

Motion was made to join the PowerSchool Litigation. This motion, made by Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

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Yea: 5, Nay: 0*

9. Board Meeting Summary and Assignment Review

Superintendent Thomas will reach out to the public that spoke tonight. He thanked the board for all their time and concern for members of the district.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Susan Yardley (Zone 5 Trustee), Carried.

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