



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

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 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

Called to order by Chairman Chris Jones at 7:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda - Action Item

Motion to approve the agenda. 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*

4. Consent Agenda - Action Item

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 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*

4.A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting - February 18, 2026

4.B. Financial Summary - February 2026

4.C. Monthly Expenditures - February 2026

4.D. Personnel Report - February 2026

4.E. Restraint & Seclusion

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.

Heather Keller - addressed the board concerning the decision to not allow police escorts for individual state champions when they return from competition versus state championship teams that receive a police escort. Individual athletes represent the school and Preston community just as much as a championship team. Mrs. Keller stated that she asked over a week ago, where exactly is this rule and when was it enacted, with no response. Four years ago, her older son received an escort when he won state as an individual. Mrs. Keller said she was told the decision was made due to other athletes feeling bad for falling short at the tournaments. She feels we should encourage sportsmanship and pride in each other's accomplishments, not limit recognition for an

individual that succeeds because someone else fell short. She stated this reasoning is directly contradicted by the school's implementation of a new award ceremony, where every athlete and their parents are invited to attend but only 1 or 2 awards are given for each program. She feels the best solution is to allow all state champions to receive an escort. Tonight, I ask the board to consider the message that we are sending our athletes. Do we want them to know that when they work hard, represent their school and reach the highest level of their sport, their community will stand behind them and celebrate them?

Heather Keller also submitted a letter to the board about a 2nd topic - not being able to decorate buses for district events.

Holly Diago - addressed the board and asked them to review and define the policy for state competitions that is reasonable, fair and consistent for all clubs and sports, specifically for lodging and food. She explained the situation involving the Phi-Dels for the state dance competition. In the past, state was held in Boise, so they always went the night before to team build, prepare mentally, physically and have plenty of time for costume and makeup before the performance. This year, the competition was moved to Idaho Falls and the district didn't pay for the overnight lodging, but around the same time, they paid for other teams' overnight lodging for their state competitions. She feels the message was given that the Phi-Dels efforts are not merited and recognized. She said she just kept hearing it was district policy and if this is district policy where is it, and how come it doesn't apply to everyone? Let's honor and celebrate our students with their accomplishments.

Chris Jones addressed the public that was present - This is just his perspective, and it is not directed at the individuals that addressed the board tonight. Ultimately, it's about academics, and typically there aren't this many people at board meeting. Everyone has a right to speak before the board and be heard with their complaint or issue. Everything isn't always good, and things do need to be improved, and that is something that needs to be addressed. Mr. Jones was concerned with the time it takes away from academics when administration is continually being pulled into issues that could or should be handled at a lower level. Does it really need to go all the way to the top or should it be resolved earlier? He would love to see the community show up for academics like they do for sports. This is the culture of our community: right, wrong or indifferent. Something to think about as board members and our community.

6. Informational Items

6.A. Superintendent Report

- CAPSA

Superintendent Gary Thomas shared that he has been presenting information about the levy with the different employee groups of the district. He and Shelby McKenna have presented to 7 different groups so far and will finish up tomorrow. As a reminder, there is a meeting for the public set for April 7, 2026 at the Larsen-Sant Library. A couple of legislative bills that we are watching, the proposal to cut IDLA by 50%, there is also another bill out there that would mandate recess for elementary and activity breaks for 6th grade through 8th grade. If this passes, we will need to review our instructional hours/minutes to make sure we are following the law. Another bill that has passed the House and is sitting in the Senate is about election days. The county will be using our buildings on those days and they may mandate that no school can be held. If that bill passes it won't go into effect until 2028, but we need to be aware when we prepare our calendar for the next year. If it does pass, we could possibly move one of the teachers' Inservice days to that day. House Bill 849 has passed both the House and Senate, dealing with the career ladder. Even though they are talking about no raises or increase in funding, they have allowed for career ladder moves. With the legislative session still going, it is difficult to look at FTE's for next school year. We also can't start negotiations until

we know what our funding parameters are.

CAPSA (Citizens Against Physical and Sexual Abuse) - Misty Hewitt & Abi Wagenen provided a brief overview of what they offer individuals and families in the community and for the Preston School District. Their organization provides emergency shelter, case management support, advocacy related to navigating the criminal justice system, support for housing. They also have children and youth services. They have a crisis hotline and therapy available and all of their services are free and available to any individual who's experienced any kind of violence. A brief overview of the presentation content at the school level is to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors and educate the youth about healthy relationships and how they can watch for red flags and any risks to either perpetrating or experiencing violence themselves. They cover topics like emotional wellness, respectful boundaries and safe communication.

6.B. Portrait of a Graduate - Oakwood

Kaylynn Hamblin, Oakwood Elementary principal, shared the process she used for her school to come up with their words under Knowledge, Skills and Disposition. After they had a discussion and came up with their words, they had a 2nd meeting where they discussed what those words look like, how do we teach them, and how do we know when kids are getting it. What interventions do we need in place for those that are struggling to get it, and how do we implement it? Under Knowledge - written expressions, math and reading are the key standards. Students need to be able to write their thoughts down using proper grammar and punctuation. In Math, they need to not only learn the math facts but be able to apply those facts. In reading, we focus a lot on fluency, but comprehension is important, so they understand what they just read. We've been working on improving our response to intervention and making sure we're identifying interventions. Skills - communication, problem solving and social & emotional. At this age, they need to be able to express themselves in full sentences. To be able to help people understand what you're saying and to realize there is more than one way to solve a problem and be able to work through it. We have PBIS, our Positive Behavior where we SOAR - Safe, on target, accountable and respectful. We teach expectations and our teachers model these things in their classrooms. Under Disposition - grit, growth mindset and respect. We are all learning, but part of the learning is going through the struggle and figuring out how to work through it while still showing respect. Chris Jones and Rachel Randall both expressed the importance of continuing to talk about it as a faculty and making it an active part of the school.

7. Action Items

7.A. School A - February 18, 2026 Executive Session

Move that no action be taken, regarding School A during the appeals process held in Executive Session on February 18, 2026 and for the Chairman to respond to the complaint. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 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): Abstain (With Conflict)

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

7.B. Declaration of Surplus Property

- Automatic 2 Post Lift Hoist

The hoist didn't pass inspection so the district can no longer use it. We would like to sell it with full disclosure of what part didn't pass inspection and if someone wanted to repair it to use for their personal use they could. Where the district believes its value is over \$500, the board needs to approve it to be listed as surplus for disposal.

Motion to declare the Automatic 2 Post Lift Hoist as surplus property. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

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Yea: 5, Nay: 0*

7.C. Policy Direction

There was discussion about what the board can do differently than a couple of years ago, if they decided to switch to ISBA model policy, so they could accomplish the goal of reviewing all the policy and updating. There was discussion of forming a policy committee. The board would take more ownership in board policy. Mason Jensen and Rachel Randall will be the 2 board members appointed to serve on the policy revision committee.

Motion was made to change from Holinka Law to ISBA and to form a committee to work on our policy. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee), Failed.

*Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee): Nay, Chris Jones (Zone 4 Trustee): Nay, Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee): Nay, Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee): Nay, Rachel Randall (Zone 5 Trustee): Nay
Yea: 0, Nay: 5*

Motion was made to change from Holinka Law to ISBA for model policy updates. 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 was made to form a committee for policy revision and to appoint 2 board members to be on the committee. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee) and seconded by Geniel Lyons (Zone 2 Trustee), Carried.

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Yea: 5, Nay: 0*

7.D. Negotiated Agreement - Board Representation

Who is going to represent the District in negotiations with the PEA? The Superintendent would like to be a part of negotiations and would like at least 1 or possibly 2 board members to be a part of it. Last year there were 2 board members and the assistant superintendent. It was decided to at least have 1 board member and an alternate available.

Motion was made for Chris Jones to be the representative from the board of trustees and Geniel Lyons the alternate for negotiations with the PEA along with the Superintendent on behalf of the Preston School District. This motion, made by Launa Moser (Zone 1 Trustee) and seconded by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 Trustee), Carried.

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Yea: 5, Nay: 0*

8. Policy - Action Item

8.A. Policy 2nd Reading

There were no more revisions to be made to Policy 844 and Policy 610

Motion to approve Policy 844 Supplemental Pay and Policy 610 High School Graduation Requirements to board policy. 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*

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

Executive Session is to set goals and evaluation tools for the Superintendent

Motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b) to consider the evaluation of an employee. 8:05pm. 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*

Motion to exit executive session and resume open meeting. 9:20pm. This motion, made by Mason Jensen (Zone 3 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*

10. **Resume Open Session - Action Item**

No Action needed

11. **Board Meeting Summary and Assignment Review**

12. **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting. 9:23pm. 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*