

WHITEPINE JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT #288
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, May 11, 2026 6:00 p.m.
Deary School
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1. Call to Order: Chair, Beverly Clark, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
 - a. Attendance: Beverly Clark, Mandy Kirk, Marc Manni, Brittany Griffin, Sarah Stanton, Joshua Hardy, Stephanie Fletcher, various patrons.
 - b. Changes to Agenda: None
 - c. Adopt Agenda*: *By unanimous consent the Agenda was approved.*
2. Public Comments (Limited to 12 minutes): Ryan Minden suggested changing the District's Mission Statement. Beverly Clark requested the suggestion be reviewed at the July meeting during the review of the 5 year plan.
3. Approve Consent Agenda*: *By unanimous consent, the Consent Agenda was approved*
 - a. Minutes
 - b. Bill Payments
 - c. Certified, Classified, and Supplemental Personnel Actions
 - Approve Music Teacher Hire, Student Council Advisor
 - Approve School Psych and School Nurse Contract Renewals for 26-27
 - Accept Resignations: Bovill Parapro, Assist XC Coach, Cheer & Student Council Advisor
 - d. Items to be Disposed - None
4. Presentations: Hawaii Trip: Kori Bovard, Emily Bovard, and Paisley Capps, gave a presentation on their trip they took to Hawaii over Spring Break.
5. Information Items
 - a. Budget Reports
 - b. Enrollment Report
 - c. Department / Principals' Reports

Athletic Director:

Spring sports are slowly coming to an end!

 - HS Track & Field - last 'regular season' meet is Thursday (4/30) @ Lewiston HS. The Regional/District Track Meet is May 8th & 9th @ Lapwai HS.
 - Softball - last 'regular season' game is 4/30 @ Lapwai HS. Districts are 5/4 & 5/5 @ Genesee HS.
 - Baseball - last 'regular season' game was 4/28 @ Nezperce. Districts are 5/1, 5/2, 5/8 & 5/9 @ Kendrick HS.

FALL SPORT PARENT MEETING - Tuesday, May 19th @ 6:00 PM in the gymnasium.

 - **SPED Director:**

The IDEA Part B application will open on May 14th. We have not received our preliminary allocations yet.

Federal Programs:
We have received our preliminary allocations for Title funding.
Title IA - \$60,568
Title IIA - \$10,236
Title IV- \$ 10,000

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• **IT Director:**

- ITD donated laptops and desktops to our school. We are figuring out how we will use them to save money on technology needs but the devices are 4/5 years old. The plan is to use them if needed and recycle or donate them to other schools if we don't need them.
- Planning for summer projects which include:
 - Swapping the old firewall to the new one
 - Possibly a new security camera (TBD)
 - Ordering new Chromebooks (if possible due to cost increases)
- MFA pilot in Bovill with Yubikey and phones

• **Transp/Maint. Director:**

- None

• **Business Manager / District Clerk:**

- School Modernization Funds - Spencer Barzie was contacted to confirm we can use the School Modernization funds to purchase district housing. This topic has been brought up several times with regard to our remote area and lack of affordable housing in our area to recruit & retain qualified staff. At this point, this information is being shared with the board for future reference.

• **Elementary Principal**

Kindergarten/Preschool Roundup

- Our team screened 13 students for the 26 -27 school year. We'll screen or re-screen a few in Fall
- Morning Preschool has five students currently; the afternoon session has six as of now. The kindergarten has 13 students so far.

3-5 Field Trip: Festival Dance in Moscow hosted a *YouthReach* opportunity for area third to fifth grade students. A Flamenco (Dance and Music) group from Albuquerque, New Mexico performed at the Kenworthy Theatre. This was great exposure to the arts and dance, and our students were highly engaged.

State Testing

ISAT – We have a handful of students that will be done with makeup tests this week. Scores are incomplete.

IRI – We will test 2nd and 3rd grades this Thursday the 7th, and Kindergarten and 1st grade will test on the 12th. We will have a state department representative from the IRI division at Bovill for the second test. Schools statewide will have state visits similar to this in order to observe our test process.

4th grade Field Trips

- Nez Perce Museum and Park, Spaulding , May 19th
- Hells Canyon Jet Boat and Idaho History/Science excursion, May 20th

5th grade trip

- Pullman/Moscow- tour U of I Dairy, Ferdinand's Creamery, and painting pottery at the Craft Art Bar.

End of year events (all Elementary)

- Field day, 5/26

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- o Kiwanis Park and Asotin Aquatic Center, 5/27
- o Awards, 4-5 Spud Hike

- **Secondary Principal:**

- o **Accreditation Update**

- Last week I sent you a quick email that we finally received our Accreditation Engagement Review from Cognia. It was the review team's decision to recommend Deary School for full Accreditation. This will not be "official" until mid-summer.

Pursuant to Cognia [Accreditation and Certification Policies and Procedures](#), Policy 4.5, *The Engagement Review results in an accreditation recommendation that is reviewed, along with other documentation, by Cognia and the Cognia Global Commission which takes accreditation action.* You will receive notice of your accreditation status after the Global Commission quarterly meeting, during which they consider all accreditation actions. The next meeting is scheduled on June 24, 2026.

In the meantime, you can see the results by clicking [here](#). With the new process, there will be a mid-cycle review in three year's time. I am leaving a detailed list of preparation work for Mrs. Caessens to help keep the process moving forward and not fall through the cracks.

- o **ISAT Testing**

- ISATs are now finished for the secondary students. The scores are still being tallied to reflect the correct state averages. These can be shared and presented in June.

- o **Upcoming Events**

- As you are aware, May is an extremely busy month and there are a lot of events and activities taking place - more than I can list. Here are just a few of the bigger ones to keep on your calendar.
 - **5/12:** Data Science Research Fair, 1:30-2:30 in Mrs. Lanna Proctor's classroom
 - **5/13:** MS Track in Troy; 6th Grade Spring Valley Trip; HS Community Clean-Up, 12:45-2:15ish
 - **5/14-5/16:** State Track & Field
 - **5/18:** HS Awards Ceremony, 11:00-11:55
 - **5/20:** Seniors last day of school
 - **5/21:** MS Olympics
 - **5/23:** Commencement, 11:00 am
 - **5/26:** Elem. Field Day; MS Awards Ceremony, 2:30 @ Park
 - **5/28:** Last day of school, 1:30 Early Release

- o **MS/HS Band Concert**

- The concert was great. I am still amazed by how far the program has come in such a short amount of time. Miss Autumn Heath has done an amazing job in rebuilding both the skills and the interest in music here. I am glad that we found someone to carry-on after she leaves and look forward to continued growth. The students sounded great and many - though nervous - proudly showed-off their individual talents. So again, huge shoutout to Miss Heath and all of the students that took part in the Concert program last week.

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d. Superintendent's Report

IDLA News / Changes / etc.

The following are the final highlights regarding the changes to IDLA following the 2026 Legislative Session.

- **Enrollment Restrictions.** H 940 restricts the funding IDLA receives based on the type of student enrolling and the course they take. IDLA will no longer receive funding for private school or virtual school students. IDLA will also no longer receive funding for K-5 or Driver's Education courses. As a result, IDLA will no longer offer K-5 or Driver's Education courses.
- **Total Enrollment Cap of 40,000.** IDLA will serve more than 58,000 enrollments in 25-26. The cap of 40,000 includes the 9,000 enrollments allocated for Summer 2026. IDLA is committing one-time funds from its fund balance to increase enrollment from 32,000, funded by the Idaho Legislature, to 40,000 for the 26-27 academic year.
- **Urban Student Enrollment Cap.** Students from urban districts will be capped at two courses per semester. Students from rural districts will have no cap on the number of courses they can take per semester (historically, most students take fewer than 2 IDLA classes per school year). For consistency, IDLA will define rural schools in accordance with the criteria in Idaho Code § 33-319. A list of rural and urban schools is provided on the Department of Education's website.
- **One-week Rural School Priority Enrollment Window.** Schools meeting the definition of rural will be given a one-week priority registration period for each scheduled session. After the first week of registration for each session, registration will be opened for all schools.
- **\$40 or \$100 Course Fees.** In alignment with H 940, course fees will be set for each student at the time of registration. If the course is required for the student's graduation, the course will carry a \$40 fee. If the course is not required for the student's graduation, a \$100 fee will apply. Courses required by the state, such as 8th Grade Career Exploration, will be billed at \$40.
- **Limited Course Offerings.** To maximize the limited enrollment IDLA can offer in 26-27, IDLA will prioritize core classes, dual credit, credit recovery, and high-enrollment courses. IDLA will reduce the number of available sections of low-enrollment courses. Each District Superintendent or their designee will annually certify that their enrollment data is accurate.

Students needing a course beyond the restrictions above may enroll by paying the full course cost. For the 26-27 school year, the full cost of a course is \$445. For example, this would apply to private or virtual schools, or to urban students who want to take more than 2 courses per semester.

6. Discussion / Action Items

- a. Approve ISBA Insurance Plan – Property: *Mandy Kir moved to approve the ISBA Insurance Renewal for the 26-27 year. Marc Manni seconded, motion carried.*
- b. Approve Child Nutrition Meal Prices for 26-27: *Mandy Kirk moved to approve the Child Nutrition meal price increase of \$1.00 per meal, Al carte increase by \$.50, and milk will increase \$.10 for the 26-27 school year. Sarah Stanton seconded, motion carried.*
- c. Approve Kalwall Window Repair - Mustang Gym Window: *Brittany Griffin moved to approve the quote for the repair of the Mustang Window in the gym. Mandy Kirk seconded, motion carried.*
- d. Approve the quote from Superior Floors - Deary flooring replacements: *Sarah Stanton moved to approve the quotes from Superior Floors for several projects in the Deary School. Brittany Griffin seconded, motion carried.*
- e. Approve the quote from John Deere - Riding Mower & Snow Plow: *Sarah Stanton moved to approve the quote for the John Deere riding mower with snow plow attachment. Mandy Kirk seconded, motion carried.*
- f. Cell Phone Policy Discussion: Ryan Minden and Deputy Pardis share information on the issues with cell phones in schools, and the amount of time the discipline for misuse of them is taking away from the educational process. They shared what another local school is doing, and the success they have seen with the removal of the cell phones from the building. Beverly Clark asked for this topic and policy and handbook review to be added to the June board meeting.

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7. Other Business:

8. Policy Items:

a. 1st Readings: *Sarah Stanton moved to move policies 3320 and 5450 to second reading. Brittany Griffin seconded, motion carried*

3085 - Sexual Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation; leave in 1st

3085P - Title IX Sexual Harassment; leave in 1st

3320 - Substance and Alcohol Abuse; move to 2nd

5450 - Vacation Leave; moved to 2nd

b. 2nd Readings: None

9. Executive Session - Idaho Code 74-206:

(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 a student.

■ Staff Spotlight

(h) To consider labor contract matters authorized under section 74-206A (1)(a) and (b), Idaho Code.

■ Dean Of Student's Contract

■ Negotiations Preparation

(a)

■ Supt. Evaluation Update

Sarah Stanton moved to enter Executive Session under Idaho Code 74-206 b, h, & a. Mandy Kirk seconded. Roll Call vote: Marc Manni – Aye, Mandy Kirk – Aye, Beverly Clark – Aye, Brittany Giffin – Aye, Sarah Stanton – Aye.

IN: 7:15 p.m.

Recess: 8:08p.m.

Return: 8:12 p.m.

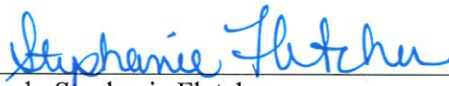
OUT: 10:13 p.m.

10. Action Item - Approve revised Dean of Student's 26-27 Contract: *Brittany Griffin moved to approve the revised Dean of Students contract as presented for the 26-27 school year. Marc Manni seconded, motion carried.*

11. Adjourn: By unanimous consent the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.



Chair, Beverly Clark



Clerk, Stephanie Fletcher