

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF CUSICK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 59**

October 28, 2025 @ 5:00pm - Library

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Paul Edgren, Director, Area 1-via Phone
Anna Armstrong, Area 2
Mark Cutshall, Area 3-Absent
Tye Shanholtzer, Area 4
Jason Lyon, Area 5

ADMINISTRATIVE/STAFF:

Don Hawpe, Superintendent
Steve Bollinger, 6-12 Principal
Doug Theil, K-5 Principal
Greg Bollinger, Athletic Director
Heather Dauphin, Business Manager
Regina Williams, Recorder

PRESENT: Ryan Markel, Aubrey Markel, Levi Litowitz, Jaime Palmer, Karlise Palmer, Matt Schlaich

CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance

I. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD- None

II. COMMENTS - None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes from Board Meeting dated September 23, 2025, approved, with the correction of one spelling error, in **motion 2025/2026-25** by Director Lyon, seconded by Director Shanholtzer and carried 3-0.
- Minutes from Special Board Meeting dated October 6, 2025, approved in **motion 2024/2025-26** by Director Shanholtzer, seconded by Director Lyon and carried 3-0.

IV. PROGRESS REPORTS

A. Heather Dauphin, Business Manager, Budget Status

- General Fund- \$2,145,087.61
- Capital Project- \$654,987.02
- Transportation- \$240,203.98
- ASB- \$90,830.98

B. Greg Bollinger, Athletic Director-Written Report

❖ **HS SPORTS**

- **Football:** We are moving in the right direction. We played some tough ones early and competed. I think that this has helped our boys and they have worked hard to get to the winning ways. They have won 2 of the last 3 games and the one that they lost was to a team that is at this point undefeated by a one score game. We finish out our regular season with Columbia and then have the district cross over game with a team from the south, TBD. If we can win that game then we will make the playoffs, if they lose that game, it would be the end of the season.
- **Volleyball:** Volleyball has been very up and down this year. Beating teams and then losing to them. At this point we are sitting at a tie for 3rd in the north. If we finish 3rd we would play the first day, 10/30, of our league tournament in Northport. If we finish in the top three there, we would move to Wellpinit 11/1 to finish out the league tournament. At that point we would go to the district tournament in Rosalia the following week 11/4 & 11/6 to play for the chance to go to state. If we don't finish in the top three on 10/30 our season would be done.
- **Cross Country:** Cross country is going very well. We have one athlete that is in the top

10 in each race and has finished as high as second and another has improved enough to finish consistently in the top 20. Both those athletes are pushing to qualify for state in Pasco. The district meet is in Colfax this year on 11/31. The top 2 teams and the top 14 runners qualify for the state meet on 11/8.

❖ **JH SPORTS**

- **Volleyball:** Volleyball finished well. Lisa did an excellent job with them this year. We had an opposing coach and AD email me about how impressed he was with our girls and the job that she has done with them this year.
- **Football:** We had to fold JH football this year due to number of kids eligible to play
Cross Country: Cross Country is going well. We as a team took the league championship again, this year with 3 athletes finishing in the top 5.
- **Girls Basketball:** Basketball practice started for the girls on 10/13. We have good numbers this year. We have 16 girls out. The first game is on 11/3 vs Columbia at home.

C. *Steve Bollinger, 6-12 Principal/ASB-Written Report*

- We have had a busy month in the JR/Sr High School. Aubrey Markel took students to a forestry competition at Indian Creek where we had several 1st place finishers and did extremely well as a school. Ryan Markel took students to the Court House and the POC jail and Tracy Rollo took HiCap students to the Spokane Children's Theatre. We are working hard in middle school with our reading and math intervention programs. Students continue to show growth which is always the goal. We held our fall Site Council meeting for our CTE programs. It was well attended as we continue to grow our CTE programs. These programs allow for a graduation pathway for our students as well as many hands-on opportunities for our students. We hosted Mary Walker School District as well as Columbia School district for a professional development day. These two schools were picked because they are similar in size and deal with many of the same issues Cusick School District deals with. Our teachers were able to work with singleton teachers and were able to develop relationships as well as projects in some cases that will serve students in multiple districts. We received extremely positive feedback and are looking to meet again in the spring.

D. *Doug Theil, K-5 Principal/SPED-Written Report*

- The elementary students are settled in and doing great things in their classrooms. Mrs. Welin, our 3rd grade teacher, recognizes a student each week as the Very Important Person (VIP). The students learn about the VIP's favorite foods, their favorite places to visit, and their families. The other students will then write about the VIP that will be placed in a class book for other to read. At the end of the week, the VIP can select three friends to eat lunch and have cupcakes with Mrs. Welin in the classroom. The students love being the VIP and sharing their favorite things with the class.

E. *Jaime Palmer, Home Pride and Kalispel Language Immersion Schools (KLIS) Director-Written Report*

❖ **HomePride ALE student headcount stands at 108.**

- HomePride staff and students have participated in several outdoor PE days, enjoying the fall weather.
- On Oct. 16th, 53 students (chaperoned by 5 HomePride staff and all parents) attended the Agricultural Education Farm to Table tour at Hidden Acres, Green bluff. Students participated in 7 interactive Agriculture Stations
 - **Hayride: tree identification and nutrition talk
 - **Bee Keeping: all stages of bee keeping, honey and nutrition, value of pollinators
 - **Tire maze: PE, cardio, balance & problem solving to exit
 - **Pumpkin Patch: growing pumpkins, Nutritional value
 - **Penelope Pumpkin: interactive group song, social/emotion touch point
 - **Snacks: all students engaging in socialization time
 - **Petting Zoo: Identification of multiple farm animals, learning where chicken, eggs, milk start their farm to table journey.

- ❖ **KLIS ALE** student headcount stands at *K-5: 40 students; *6th gr: 7 students; *Student total: 47
 - KLIS staff took the students on the Water Potato Dig. Water Potatoes are an ancestral staple food for the Salish Plains Tribes. After harvesting, the students have been learning to peel, chop and fry the potatoes the next day. They made tiny water potato baskets on necklaces to resemble the big one's ancestors used to carry water potatoes from the lakes long ago.

F. Joshua Mason, Chief Security Office-Written Report

- August 21st, I applied film to the small windows in classroom doors that allows teachers to see out of the classroom in a lockdown situation but no visibility from the outside.
- August 26th, I updated new staff with the E3 safety app.
- August 28th, I adjusted and lubricated a sticky door latch in the Elementary school, completed training on hoax bomb threats/swatting response and provided video to law enforcement regarding a wanted person near the schools.
- September 2, I met with Jerrie Newport and scheduled a walkthrough of the school campus for the purpose of improving physical security where needed.
- September 3rd, I spoke with Sheriff's Office personnel and tribal police. I provided Fall sports schedules and encouraged extra patrols through the schools.
- September 4th, fire drills were conducted in the Secondary and Elementary schools.
- September 9th, I assisted with scheduling a senior class field trip through the Courts, Sheriff's Office, and Corrections facilities.
- September 11th, I assisted with conflict resolution with multiple groups of students.
- September 24th, I addressed an issue with exterior doors that had been found unsecured during my morning safety checks. I also attended a demonstration with Impact Suites regarding a school safety/training service.
- October 9th, I assisted as a chaperone with a field trip to Newport High School for the Fentanyl Awareness Day.
- October 13, I followed up with a vendor for emergency medical kits and scheduled a meeting to talk about grant options and an assessment of the schools.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Media Broadcast Program-Levi Litowitz, will proceed with surveying student interest with the intent to begin a Media Broadcast program.
- B. Washington DC trip and Auction details-Ryan Markel, plane tickets have been purchased and hotel accommodations have been made. Fund raising efforts are underway with the dinner and Auction scheduled for November 13th at the American Legion in Cusick. Dinner at 5:00pm and the Auction beginning at 6pm. Many generous donations have been made. The group going to DC will continue their fund-raising efforts by doing concessions during Basketball season.
- C. Ski Club-Matt Schlaich, Ski Club will begin January 9th, the rate information, potential chaperone list along with other details from 49 degrees north were provided in the board packet.
- D. Resolution #2025/2026-4, School Levy-approved in **motion 2025/2026-27** by Director Shanholtzer, seconded by Director Edgren and carried 3-0.
- E. Veterans Day Ceremony November 10, 2025 at 10:00am, Mike Keogh is the guest speaker.
- F. Surplus List-Approved in **motion 2025/2026-28** by Director Shanholtzer, seconded by Director Lyon and carried 3-0.

- G. HomePride ALE Curriculum-Reviewed and approved in **motion 2025/2026-29** by Director Shanholtzer, seconded by Director Lyon and carried 3-0.
- H. Hay field proceeds \$368.00
- I. PUD Rebate, \$24,400.00
- J. Donations:
- ❖ Ruby Creek \$778.54-received in **motion 2025/2026-30** by Director Shanholtzer, seconded by Director Lyon and carried 3-0.
 - ❖ Homeless Students \$10,101.00-received in **motion 2025/2026-31** by Director Shanholtzer, seconded by Director Lyon and carried 3-0.
 - ❖ Riverside FFA Booster Club donation for FFA \$1,843.75-received in **motion 2025/2026-32** by Director Shanholtzer, seconded by Director Lyon and carried 3-0.
- K. Christmas Breakfast at school/Christmas Party off site both on December 5th, 2025.
- L. December Board Meeting Discussion-It was decided to forgo the December meeting and to pre-approve Consent Agenda for December in the November school board meeting, as has been done in the prior few years.
- M. November Board Meeting – November 25, 2025 @ 5:00pm in the library
- N. Executive Session-Called for a complaint against an employee beginning at 6:10, the close of the meeting, for 20 minutes with no decisions to be made.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

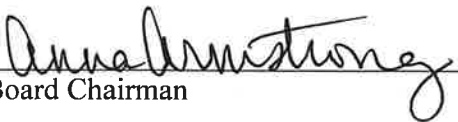
- VII. **CONSENT AGENDA** - There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board or a citizen in attendance requests that the item be removed from the consent agenda.

A. APPROVAL VOTE OF WARRANTS;

B. APPROVAL VOTE OF PAYROLL;

The October Consent Agenda was approved in **motion 2025/2026-33** by Director Shanholtzer, seconded by Director Lyon and carried 3-0.

- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:10, in **motion 2025/2026-34** by Director Lyon, seconded by Director Shanholtzer, and carried 3-0.


Board Chairman


Secretary to Board/Superintendent

Regina Williams, Recorder