

AGENDA

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
May 26, 2026



Great Falls Public Schools

1100 Fourth Street South, Great Falls, Montana



Welcome to the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees meeting!

Is this your first meeting?

If this is your first time attending a meeting, let us extend our special welcome! These meetings are designed to give everyone the opportunity to participate in seeing how the Great Falls Public Schools Trustees facilitate school business.

What is the purpose of these meetings?

The meetings of the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees are open to the public, are recorded, and may be accessed on our website for up to one year. These meetings are held to officially conduct the business of the school district, as governed by Montana law. Trustees are responsible for key decisions, some of which include hiring employees, reviewing negotiated agreements, approving new curriculum or changes to existing curricula, facility usage requests, and paying of monthly expenses.

How can I address the Trustees?

If you would like to address the Board of Trustees on any matter, please fill out a “Request to Speak” card available from the Clerk of the Board at each meeting. Return this card to the Clerk of the Board or the Board Chairperson. This will allow the Chairperson to recognize you at the appropriate time in the meeting and to guarantee you the opportunity to address the Board. There are federal and state laws that must be followed when addressing the Board to protect the privacy of individuals and to conduct business in an orderly manner. Details can be found on the “Request to Speak” card.

**Again – thank you for participating in this democratic process – we
appreciate your presence!**

– The Great Falls Public Schools Trustees

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Great Falls, MT



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Gordon Johnson	Chairperson
Kim Skornogoski	Vice Chairperson
Bill Bronson	Trustee
Craig Duff	Trustee
Paige Henning	Trustee
Marlee Sunchild	Trustee
Amie Thompson	Trustee

SUPERINTENDENT'S CABINET

Heather Hoyer	Superintendent of Schools
Luke Diekhans	Director of Business Operations
Lance Boyd	Executive Director for Student Achievement
Jackie Mainwaring	Executive Director for Student Achievement
Heather Spurzem	Director of Human Resources
Jeff Williams	Director of Information Technology
Katelyn Marsik	Director of the GFPS Foundation



Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees Meeting

AGENDA

May 26, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Aspen Meeting Room – District Office Building
1100 4th Street South, Great Falls, Montana

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Chairperson
Johnson

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UPCOMING EVENTS


Chairperson
Johnson

Thursday, May 28, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Eagle Feather Ceremony	Great Falls High School
Friday, May 29, 2026	4:00 p.m.	Career and College Readiness Center Commencement	Montana ExpoPark

Friday, May 29, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Paris Gibson Education Center Graduation	Montana ExpoPark
Sunday, May 31, 2026	12:00 p.m.	C. M. Russell High School Graduation	Montana ExpoPark
Sunday, May 31, 2026	4:00 p.m.	Great Falls High School Graduation	Montana ExpoPark
Monday, June 8, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	District Offices Building
Monday, June 22, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting	District Offices Building

ACTION TO ADJOURN

Chairperson
Johnson

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Hennig	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Minutes of the May 11, 2026 Reorganization/Regular Board Meeting

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Board is required to approve the minutes of each Board meeting. The minutes of the May 11, 2026 Reorganization/Regular Board Meeting are presented for approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 Reorganization/Regular Board Meeting as presented.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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1 **MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING**
2 **OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **HELD MAY 11, 2026**
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5 A duly called Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public
6 Schools was held at the District Offices Building, 1100 4th Street South, on the 11th day
7 of May 2026.
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9 At 5:30 p.m., Chairperson Johnson called to order the Reorganization Meeting of the
10 Board of Trustees and informed the participants and audience that the meeting was
11 being recorded per Board Policy 1420.
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13 **ROLL CALL:** Luke Diekhans took roll call.
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15 **Trustees Present:** Gordon Johnson, Chairperson
16 Kim Skornogoski, Vice Chairperson – via Zoom Conference
17 Bill Bronson
18 Craig Duff
19 Paige Henning
20 Marlee Sunchild
21 Amie Thompson
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23 **Others Present:** Heather Hoyer, Superintendent; Luke Diekhans, Director of Business
24 Operations; Lance Boyd and Jackie Mainwaring, Executive Directors for Student
25 Achievement; Jeff Williams, Director of Information Technology; and Heather Spurzem,
26 Director of Human Resources.
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28 Also present was Tom Cubbage, Great Falls Education Association president.
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30 Chairperson Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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33 **ADOPT AGENDA**
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35 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Paige Henning, passed unanimously to adopt the
36 reorganization agenda as presented.
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39 **COMMUNICATION**
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41 **A. Audience Communication** – None.
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44 **ACTION ITEMS**
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46 **A. Minutes of the April 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting** – Motion – Paige Henning,
47 Seconded – Craig Duff, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 27,
48 2026 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

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B. Trustee Election Results – Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans explained that only three candidates had filed for the three open positions on the Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) Board of Trustees and no write-in candidates were received. Because there were no levy requests by Great Falls Public Schools on the ballot, an election was not needed and Bill Bronson, Kim Skornogoski, and Amie Thompson were elected by acclamation to three-year terms on the GFPS Board of Trustees.

Motion – Paige Henning, Seconded – Marlee Sunchild, passed unanimously to approve the May 5, 2026, Trustee Election results that include the Election by Acclamation of Bill Bronson, Kim Skornogoski, and Amie Thompson as duly appointed Great Falls Public Schools Trustees, each to three-year terms.

C. Actions of the Present Board – Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans explained this action concludes all business and commitments of the present (outgoing) Board and allows for the clear delineation of activities between the present Board and the new Board. All actions are considered complete and there will be no reason for the present Board to return to conclude business on unfinished items.

Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Marlee Sunchild, passed unanimously to ratify all actions of the present Board.

D. Swearing In and Oath of Office of Newly Elected Trustees – Motion – Paige Henning, Seconded – Marlee Sunchild and Craig Duff, passed unanimously to Swear in and complete the Oath of Office for the newly elected Trustees Bill Bronson, Kim Skornogoski (via Zoom), and Amie Thompson. Luke Diekhans, Clerk of the Board, administered the Oath of Office to each of the newly elected Trustees.

E. Organization of the New Board

1. Elect Chairperson – Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Amie Thompson, passed unanimously to appoint Gordon Johnson as the Board Chairperson for the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees for the ensuing one-year term.

2. Elect Vice-Chairperson – Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Amie Thompson, passed unanimously to appoint Kim Skornogoski as Board Vice-Chairperson for the Great Falls Public Schools Board of Trustees for the ensuing one-year term.

F. Designate and Swear In Clerk of the District/Board – Motion – Gordon Johnson Seconded – Paige Henning, passed unanimously to designate Luke Diekhans as Clerk of the District and Board for a one-year term. Aly Konecny administered the Oath of Office to Luke Diekhans.

G. Common Resources of the Board – Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans reviewed the list of common resources used by the District and Board of Trustees that was presented in the agenda.

1 Motion – Paige Henning, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve the
2 Common Resources of the Board as presented. The Common Resources of the Board
3 are the Attorney of Record – Faure Holden Attorneys at Law, P.C.; Property, Liability and
4 School Board Errors & Omissions Insurance – Montana Schools Property and Liability
5 Insurance Plan/Marsh McLennan Agency; Banking and Investments – First Interstate
6 Bank; Workers’ Compensation Insurance – Montana School Group Insurance Authority
7 (MSGIA) and Workers’ Compensation Risk Retention Program (WCRRP);
8 Unemployment Insurance – Montana Schools Unemployment Insurance Program
9 (MSUIP); and Trustee Organizations – Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA).

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12 **BOARD COMMUNICATION / DISCUSSION**

13 Chairperson Johnson congratulated Trustees Bronson, Skornogoski, and Thompson for
14 their re-elections and thanked them for their continued service on the Great Falls Public
15 Schools Board of Trustees.

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18 **ACTION TO ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING**

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20 Chairperson Johnson adjourned the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Trustees at
21 5:45 p.m. and announced there would be a short break before starting the Regular
22 Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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25 **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**
26 **OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
27 **HELD MAY 11, 2026**

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29 A duly called Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Falls Public
30 Schools was held at the District Offices Building, 1100 4th Street South, on the 11th day
31 of May 2026.

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33 At 5:48 p.m., Chairperson Johnson called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of
34 Trustees and reminded the participants and audience that the meeting was being
35 recorded per Board Policy 1420.

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37 **ROLL CALL:** Luke Diekhans took roll call.

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39 **Trustees Present:** Gordon Johnson, Chairperson
40 Bill Bronson
41 Craig Duff
42 Paige Henning
43 Marlee Sunchild
44 Amie Thompson

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46 **Trustee Excused:** Kim Skornogoski, Vice Chairperson
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1 **Others Present:** Heather Hoyer, Superintendent; Luke Diekhans, Director of Business
2 Operations; Lance Boyd and Jackie Mainwaring, Executive Directors for Student
3 Achievement; Jeff Williams, Director of Information Technology; and Heather Spurzem,
4 Director of Human Resources.

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6 Also present was Tom Cubbage, Great Falls Education Association President.
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9 **ADOPT AGENDA**

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11 Motion – Paige Henning, Seconded – Marlee Sunchild, passed unanimously to adopt
12 the agenda as presented.
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15 **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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17 Motion – Paige Henning, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to approve the
18 Consent Agenda as presented.
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20 **A. Personnel Actions** – The Board approved the Personnel Actions as presented.
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22 **B. Good Apple Awards** – The Board approved the nominations for Good Apple Awards
23 for Debbie Hartman, 1st Grade Teacher, Sacajawea Elementary School; Gary and
24 Cathy Schoenthal, Crossing Guards, Lincoln Elementary School; Melissa DeBruycker,
25 Student Services Specialist 9-12, C.M. Russell High School; Madison Hanson and Kim
26 Haney, Core Teacher Aides, East Middle School; Karen Fulbright, Office Assistant, East
27 Middle School; Karin Enyeart, Attendance Secretary, East Middle School; and Austin
28 After Buffalo, Core Teacher Aide and Crossing Guard, Longfellow Elementary School.
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30 **C. Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) TR-35 School Bus Driver Certificates**
31 The Board approved the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) TR-35 School Bus
32 Driver Certificates for the individuals listed in the agenda.
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34 **D. Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the 2026-2027 School Year** – The
35 Board approved the incoming student attendance agreements for the 2026-2027 school
36 year for the students listed in the agenda. Tuitions will be paid for by the District of
37 Residence.
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39 **E. Donation of Wood to Charles M. Russell Industrial Technology Department** –
40 The Board approved the donation of hardwood and walnut from Charles Bradford to the
41 C. M. Russell High School Industrial Technology department, with thanks.
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43 **F. Establish Charles M. Russell High School and Great Falls High School Flag**
44 **Football Student Activity Accounts** – The Board approved C. M. Russell and Great
45 Falls High Schools to open “Girls Flag Football” student activity accounts at each high
46 school.
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1 **COMMUNICATION**

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3 **A. Report of the Student Representatives**

4 Paris Gibson Education Center (PGEC) student representative Aspen Logan-Schwecke
5 highlighted recent projects including ukulele lessons connecting science and music,
6 Earth Science and Art collaborative pebble art projects, and science enrichment
7 activities tied to prom preparations. Students also participated in hands-on experiences
8 including the annual Chicken Lab, culinary lessons, archery instruction for Lincoln
9 Elementary School students, and a simulation activity supported by Paris Gibson
10 students. Staff and Student Voice were commended for organizing a successful and
11 memorable 2026 PGEC Prom. Additional activities included the installation of a new
12 beehive, a field trip experience to Sculptures in the Wild integrating conservation,
13 biology, and photography, and willow harvesting for dream catcher lessons. Students
14 also learned from Blackfeet artist John Isaiah Pepion about how the art he creates is
15 ceremonial in understanding his past, his family, and his culture. He shared his
16 traditional ledger and allowed students to create their own art. Aspen recognized Alex
17 Cole, recipient of the Zach Culliton Merit of Distinction Award, for perseverance and
18 creativity, and shared a meaningful “full circle” bellringing moment celebrating a former
19 Lincoln Elementary student graduating from Paris Gibson Education Center.

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21 C.M. Russell (CMR) High School student representatives Emerson Hamma, Lydia
22 Comstock, and Addie Crist shared highlights from a variety of academic, extracurricular,
23 and community activities across the district. Students participated in hands-on learning
24 experiences including forensic science field trips with the Great Falls Police
25 Department, wildlife observation trips to Benton Lake Wildlife Refuge, chemistry
26 “rainbow” experiments, AP English haiku competitions, art and museum tours, medical
27 suturing demonstrations, and career exploration opportunities with the Western States
28 Carpenters Union and Tobacco Construction. Students also recognized the support of
29 the Great Falls Public Schools Foundation and community partners, including Walmart
30 during Teacher Appreciation Week. Students and staff participated in Special Olympics
31 “Fans in the Stands,” community service projects, JROTC promotion ceremonies, and
32 numerous spring athletic competitions and senior celebrations. Additional
33 accomplishments included BPA national awards, National Honor Society inductions,
34 journalism honors, student government elections, AP art showcases, and national
35 recognition for two speech and debate students, Bristol Meiners and Lydia Comstock.
36 The students also celebrated the orchestra program’s invitation to perform in Chicago in
37 February 2027 for orchestra teachers and students from around the country. C.M.
38 Russell High School is the only school in Montana to receive this invitation twice.

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40 Great Falls High School (GFHS) student representatives Seth Royer and Weston Stoll
41 reported on a variety of academic, extracurricular, and student engagement activities at
42 GFHS. Students recognized Mental Health Week activities hosted by the LIFT group,
43 which promoted awareness and support through themed dress days and schoolwide
44 participation. Lessons loved included classroom highlights from biology dissections, a
45 hands-on health class lesson demonstrating the effects of lung health choices, and
46 recognition of students preparing for Advanced Placement (AP) testing and the teachers
47 who have invested so much time into their student’s success. Students, along with
48 community businesses, celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week with staff recognition

1 activities and luncheons. The students also acknowledged community support through
2 scholarship celebrations and Gold Star Awards honoring educators. Junior Reserve
3 Officer Training Corp (JROTC) students participated in orientation flights and the annual
4 awards ceremony, while spring athletics continued with track, baseball, softball, and
5 tennis competitions. Additional student accomplishments included success in the Trig-
6 Star contest and recognition of GFHS athletic history through Bison Trivia featuring
7 distinguished alumnus Hal Moe.

8 9 **B. Superintendent's Report**

10 Superintendent Hoyer congratulated the three graduating student representatives and
11 wished them success in their future endeavors. She noted that registration is open for
12 summer swimming lessons at Great Falls High School and thanked Carol Paul and
13 more than 30 volunteers for their support of Raising Readers. Very special thanks were
14 also extended to the many community members, businesses, students, and clubs who
15 participated in the Lincoln neighborhood clean-up efforts. Superintendent Hoyer
16 recognized students participating in the upcoming Special Olympics State Games and
17 noted that state champions will be recognized at a future Board meeting. She also
18 highlighted the recent Scholarship Night event, where 108 students received 227
19 scholarships, expressing sincere appreciation to all donors for providing students with
20 opportunities and support for their futures.

21 Superintendent Hoyer further recognized the many staff appreciation events held
22 throughout April and May, noting that fifty-four (54) percent of district staff were
23 recognized during the month. Appreciation was extended to bus drivers, food service
24 staff, principals, teachers, and school nurses for their dedication and service to
25 students. Special recognition was given to Erica Harp, Lead Nurse for Great Falls Public
26 Schools, for receiving the Montana Association of School Nurses School Nurse
27 Administrator of the Year award by the National Association of School Nurses.
28 Superintendent Hoyer shared excerpts from Harp's nomination, and Ms. Harp thanked
29 the community and schools for their support, noting her surprise and honor in receiving
30 the award. Superintendent Hoyer also reviewed the accomplishments and qualifications
31 of staff members recognized during each of the appreciation events.

32 33 **C. Audience Communication – None**

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35 Chairperson Johnson dismissed the School Board Student Representatives, wished the
36 seniors luck in their future endeavors, and stated he looks forward to seeing the other
37 representatives back for the 2026-2027 school year.

38 39 40 **ACTION ITEMS**

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42 **A. Cascade County Elections Department to Conduct 2026-2027 School Elections**
43 Director of Business Operations, Luke Diekhans, stated the school district is required by
44 law to officially request that the Cascade County Elections Department run the elections
45 for the school district. The contract provided encompasses the request to have the
46 Cascade County Elections Department run the election for the school district for the
47 2026-2027 school year.

1 Motion – Marlee Sunchild, Seconded – Bill Bronson, passed unanimously to officially
2 request that the Cascade County Elections Department run the elections for the Great
3 Falls Public School Districts 1 & A during the 2026-2027 school year.

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5 **B. Second Reading of Board Policies 3612 (Revised) – *District-Provided Access to***
6 ***Electronic Information, Equipment, Services, and Networks; 3612P (Revised) –***
7 ***Student Computer Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Agreement; 5450F***
8 ***(Revised) – Staff Computer Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Agreement; and***
9 ***4330P (New) – Community Use of School Facilities Procedure*** – Superintendent
10 Hoyer stated the above policies were reviewed on first reading at the April 27, 2026
11 Board meeting. Only one minor grammatical correction was made in 3612P. No other
12 input requesting changes or corrections was received.

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14 Motion – Bill Bronson, Seconded – Paige Henning, passed unanimously to approve
15 Board Policies 3612 (Revised) – *District-Provided Access to Electronic Information,*
16 *Equipment, Services, and Networks; 3612P (Revised) – Student Computer Acceptable*
17 *Use and Internet Safety Agreement; 5450F (Revised) – Staff Computer Acceptable Use*
18 *and Internet Safety Agreement; and 4330P (New) – Community Use of School Facilities*
19 *Procedure* as presented.

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22 **ACTION: OTHER**

23 There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda to discuss.

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26 **REPORTS, DISCUSSION, AND POLICIES**

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28 **A. Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Compliance Public Notice** – Director of
29 Information Technology Jeff Williams reviewed the District’s compliance with the
30 Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements for E-Rate funding eligibility.
31 District internet safety measures include the use of LightSpeed Relay web filtering for
32 student devices, additional firewall protections for staff, and Board policies outlining
33 acceptable use and internet safety responsibilities for students and staff.

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35 **B. First Reading of the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar** – Director of Business
36 Operations Luke Diekhans presented a calendar of proposed Board meeting dates,
37 times, and places, in compliance with Board Policy 1400, for the 2026-2027 school
38 year. He noted that meeting dates would take place on the first and third Mondays in
39 August to accommodate budget reporting deadlines. Suggestions for changes to the
40 calendar may be made until the second reading and adoption of the calendar at the May
41 26, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.

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43 **C. STARS Act Report** – Director of Human Resources Heather Spurzem reviewed how
44 calculations to starting teacher salaries were estimated for the 2026-27 school year
45 based on the Student and Teacher Advancement for Results and Success (STARS) Act
46 House Bill 252 being passed in May 2025. Under the negotiated agreement with the
47 Great Falls Education Association (GFEA), GFPS will raise the 2026–27 starting
48 teacher salary to \$48,300. Using 2025-26 data for estimate purposes only,

1 approximately 106 teachers would receive the increase, resulting in an estimated
2 additional District cost of \$35,297. Figures are approximate and will fluctuate slightly
3 when actual salary placements are calculated for the 2026-27 school year.
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5 Brief discussion ensued regarding the financial impact to the District. Higher starting
6 salaries are creating more interest in employment opportunities and due to the
7 agreement between GFPS and the GFEA, starting salaries significantly increased
8 during the 2025-2026 school year, thus the impact in subsequent years will now be
9 more minimal.
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11 **D. First Reading of Board Policies 3310 (Revised) – Student Discipline; 5240**
12 **(Revised) – Resolution of Staff Complaints; 7332 (Revised) – Advertising in**
13 **School-Revenue Enhancement; and 7332F (New) – Sports Activities-Revenue**
14 **Enhancement Program Form** – Superintendent Hoyer reviewed the recommended
15 language revisions from Montana School Board Association (MTSBA) and the Board
16 Policy Committee to each of the Board policies listed, including updates related to
17 District advertising, sponsorships, and revenue enhancement opportunities such as
18 signage and streaming services. She asked if anyone had questions or concerns
19 regarding any of the policies or revisions to contact her prior to the next regular Board
20 meeting.
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22 Trustee Duff communicated concerns regarding increased business advertising in
23 schools, with emphasis on maintaining strict advertising guidelines and prioritizing
24 promotion of student and staff achievements over commercial content.
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26 **C. Discussion, Committee Reports, and Comments**

27 Trustee Sunchild recognized Katelyn Marsik for successfully stepping into two major
28 events and noted appreciation for the student presentation that brought back memories
29 of field trips to Benton Lake.

30 Trustee Bronson echoed appreciation for the Scholarship event, highlighting the
31 success of students and the importance of students thanking scholarship donors. He
32 also shared anticipation for the upcoming graduations and the High School House
33 ribbon cutting event.

34 Trustee Thompson shared experiences assisting with Leadership High School
35 interviews at C. M. Russell High School and praised the authenticity of participating
36 students. She noted regret at missing some graduation events due to work travel.

37 Trustee Henning highlighted enjoyment of the Special Olympics and Fans in the Stands,
38 especially seeing Valley View students support a fellow student competitor. She also
39 shared disappointment at missing the High School House ribbon cutting event but is
40 looking forward to attending Ag Day with fourth-grade students.

41 Trustee Duff reflected positively on completing his first year of Board service,
42 expressing appreciation for fellow trustees' support and guidance throughout the
43 learning process.

44 Chairperson Johnson thanked Trustee Duff for his contributions and insight as a new
45 trustee and expressed appreciation for the strong collaboration and teamwork among
46 his fellow trustees. He was honored to be nominated and chosen to continue his tenure
47 as the District Board Chairperson for the 2026-27 school year.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

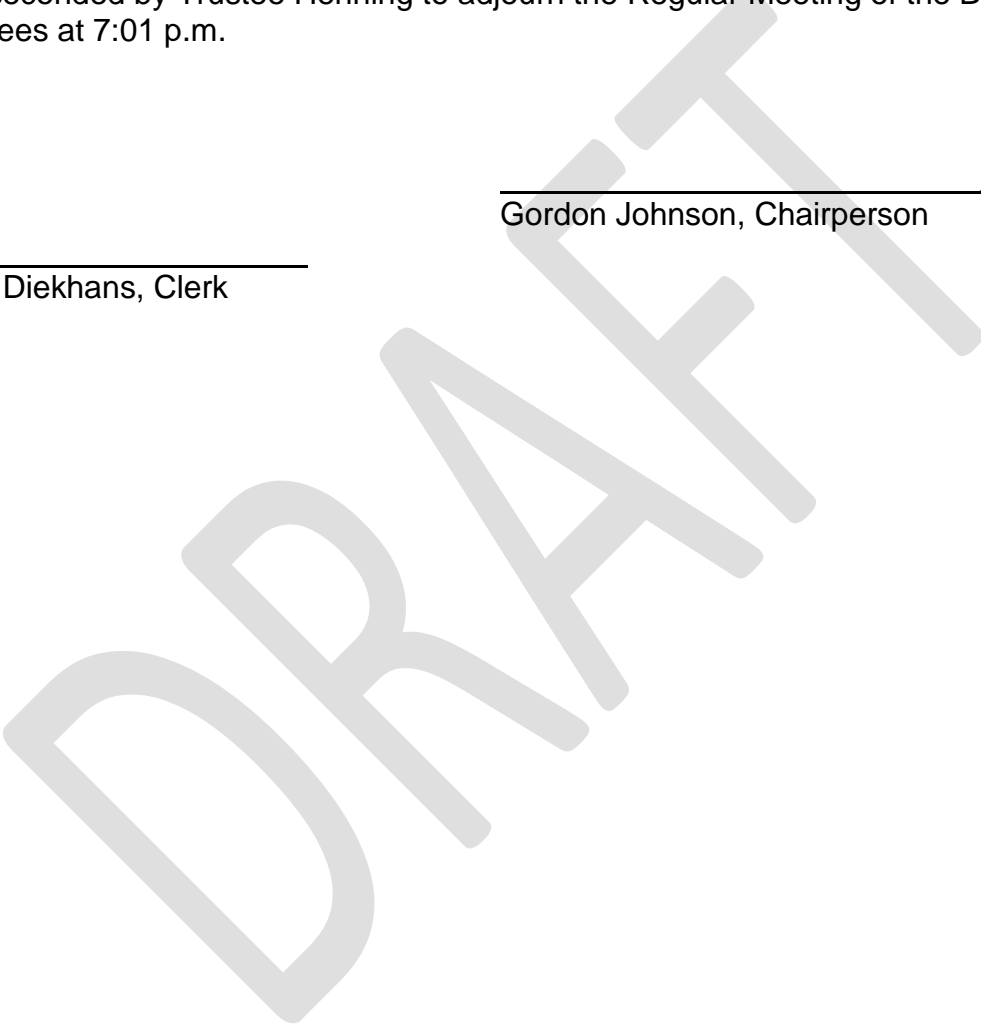
Chairperson Johnson reminded and welcomed everyone to attend the many celebrations and ceremonies on the agenda that are coming up in May.


ACTION TO ADJOURN

With no further comments or items to be discussed, motion by Chairperson Johnson and seconded by Trustee Henning to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:01 p.m.

Gordon Johnson, Chairperson

Luke Diekhans, Clerk



 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Hennig	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. B.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Spurzem

TOPIC

Personnel Actions

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

As per [MCA 20-3-324](#) – *Powers and Duties* – the trustees of each district shall employ or dismiss...personnel considered necessary to carry out the various services of the district.

DISCUSSION

See attached Personnel Action Report to the Board of Trustees.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Noted on report.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to employ, dismiss, or accept the resignations of those noted on the Personnel Action Report.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Human Resources Heather Spurzem at (406) 268-6010.

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New Employee

Position: TEACHER

Name: STEELE, AMANDA	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.16	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY
Position: 1ST GRADE TEACHER (OYO) (06/04/2027)		Amount: \$46,500.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: HANSEN, HANNE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.16	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:LOY ELEMENTARY
Position: KINDERGARTEN TEACHER		Amount: \$46,500.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: JUMAG, ELLEN BATIANCILA	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$39.87	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:LOY ELEMENTARY
Position: RESOURCE 1 TEACHER		Amount: \$55,923.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: BORDERS, ANDREA	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.16	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER		Amount: \$46,500.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: FLORES, JANICE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.16	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:WEST ELEMENTARY
Position: RESOURCE 1 TEACHER		Amount: \$46,500.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: BUDAY, KC LANE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.29	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: HEALTH ENHANCEMENT TEACHER		Amount: \$46,696.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: JONES, DOMINIQUE NICOLE	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.16	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY
Position: 3RD GRADE TEACHER		Amount: \$46,500.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: GOODRICH, AHNNA	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.16	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY
Position: 1ST GRADE TEACHER		Amount: \$46,500.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: MOULTRAY, PAMELA	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.16	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY
Position: KINDERGARTEN TEACHER		Amount: \$46,500.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: GRIFFITH, ABRAHAM JAMES	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$33.16	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL
Position: INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TEACHER		Amount: \$46,500.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: LARWECK, STEPHANIE A	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY
Position: ON LEAVE (MEDICAL) (06/04/2027)		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 08/24/2026

Position: SUPPLEMENTAL

Name: STREEBY, BETTY JANE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$12.84	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER AIDE (07/02/202)		Amount: \$1,746.24		Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: MONTGOMERY, MARYANN	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 2.00	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
Position: HOMEBOUND TEACHER (HB) (07/17/2026)		Amount: \$1,620.00		Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: JUMAG, ELLEN BATIANCILA	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)		Amount: \$131.98		Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: ROSENLEAF, KARI LYNNE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)		Amount: \$131.98		Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: PERATER, JUVY BINIMILI	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)		Amount: \$131.98		Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: BLAIR, AMANDA MELISSA	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)		Amount: \$131.98		Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: JEROME, ADAM N	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)		Amount: \$131.98		Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: WHEELER, SABRA L	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)		Amount: \$131.98		Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: LIND, LORI JO	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUMMER JUMP START SUB TEACHER (07/02/2026)		Amount: \$3,213.00		Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: PIMPERTON, KERSTYN PAULINE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00	Hrs: 1.24	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT
Position: SUMMER SCHOOL SCI CREDIT RECOVERY PREP		Amount: \$462.00		Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: MURRAY, MIRANDA JO	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$46.97	Hrs: 1.32	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES
Position: K-6 TCH SPEC ASSGMT (X-DUTY) (06/30/2026)		Amount: \$1,056.80		Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: SERVICE, LEXIE JADE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: SUMMER JUMP START SUB TEACHER (07/02/2026)		Amount: \$3,213.00		Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: WILCOX, KAREN	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00	Hrs: 1.24	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT
Position: SUMMER SCHOOL ENG CREDIT RECOVERY PRE		Amount: \$462.00		Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: ROSALES, DAKOTA	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 3.71	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT
Position: SUMMER SCHOOL ENGLISH CREDIT RECOVERY		Amount: \$1,700.96		Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: PIMPERTON, KERSTYN PAULINE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00	Hrs: 3.71	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT
Position: SUMMER SCHOOL SCIENCE CREDIT RECOVERY		Amount: \$1,700.96		Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: HUSCHER, JACINDA MARIE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE
Position: ESY COORDINATOR PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/202)		Amount: \$131.98		Effective Date: 06/10/2026

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Name: HUSCHER, JACINDA MARIE Position: ESY COORDINATOR (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$61.24 Amount: \$5,205.40	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: CONRAD, KIRSTEN Position: ESY COORDINATOR (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$61.24 Amount: \$5,205.40	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: GOYETTE, LARRY ALAN Position: SUMMER ART (06/26/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$405.00	Hrs: 3.00	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/22/2026
Name: EASTON, OPHELIA Position: SUMMER ART (06/26/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$405.00	Hrs: 3.00	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/22/2026
Name: GOYETTE, LARRY ALAN Position: SUMMER ART PREP (06/26/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.80	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/22/2026
Name: EASTON, OPHELIA Position: SUMMER ART PREP (06/26/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.80	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/22/2026
Name: DOBNEY, MEAGHAN PHAEDRA Position: SUMMER SECRETARY (08/21/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$17.23 Amount: \$5,513.60	Hrs: 6.40	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/15/2026
Name: TEMPEL, KELLY L Position: SUMMER SUB SECRETARY (08/21/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$17.23 Amount: \$275.68	Hrs: 0.32	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/15/2026
Name: TILMAN, KELSIE ANN Position: SUMMER SUB SECRETARY (07/31/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$18.13 Amount: \$290.10	Hrs: 0.70	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 07/01/2026
Name: GARTEN, WILL T Position: BASEBALL ASST COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$2,000.00	Hrs: 1.94	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 03/16/2026
Name: KNUTSON, JODY EILEEN Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$37.40 Amount: \$3,179.00	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: KNUTSON, JODY EILEEN Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$131.98	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: CONRAD, KIRSTEN Position: ESY COORDINATOR PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$131.98	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: RASK, JENNIFER JILL Position: SUMMER JUMP START TRAVEL TEACHER PREP (Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$590.51	Hrs: 1.58	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: SCHOENEN, AMY Position: SUMMER JUMP START SUB TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,701.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/20/2026
Name: LANGTON, RAE Position: SUMMER SCHOOL MATH CREDIT RECOVERY PRE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$462.00	Hrs: 1.24	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: SITZMANN, LINDSEY NICHOLE Position: SUMMER SCHOOL HISTORY CREDIT RECOVERY	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,700.96	Hrs: 3.71	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: ROSALES, DAKOTA Position: SUMMER SCHOOL ENG CREDIT RECOVERY PRE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$462.00	Hrs: 1.24	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: SITZMANN, LINDSEY NICHOLE Position: SUMMER SCHOOL MATH CREDIT RECOVERY PRE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$593.99	Hrs: 1.59	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: VICK, AMILEE MARIE Position: SUMMER SCHOOL CREDIT REC COORD (06/30/26)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$2,200.02	Hrs: 5.88	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: AMMONS, CHARLENE RUTH Position: TECH INTEGRA COACH (EXTRA DUTY) 16 HR (06/	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$61.24 Amount: \$979.86	Hrs: 0.94	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: KOHUT, AMANDA Position: TECH INTEGRA COACH (EXTRA DUTY) 16 HR (06/	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$57.78 Amount: \$924.50	Hrs: 0.94	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: GRIFFIN, STACI ANN Position: CHEERLEADER COORD (FALL)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$19.50 Amount: \$1,974.80	Hrs: 1.27	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/26/2026
Name: THUNSTROM, KRISTAL M Position: CHEERLEADER COORD (FALL)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$1,974.80	Hrs: 0.99	DAC:C M RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 08/26/2026
Name: HEWITT, RHIANNA NICOLE Position: SUB TEACHER	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$110.00 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 05/14/2026
Name: RASK, JENNIFER JILL Position: SUMMER JUMP START TRAVEL TEACHER (07/02/2	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: QUINBY, ELIZABETH ELLEN COOGAN Position: SUMMER MUSIC (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,620.00	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: NALL, GRACE VICTORIA Position: SUMMER MUSIC (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,620.00	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026

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Name: SCHAUER, QUINTON THOMAS Position: SUMMER MUSIC (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,620.00	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: KILPATRICK, ANDREW TERRY Position: SUMMER MUSIC (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,620.00	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: EASTWOOD, SYDNEY RAE Position: SUMMER MUSIC (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,620.00	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: MOLYNEAUX, HOLLY LYNNE Position: SUMMER MUSIC SUB (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,620.00	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: RIOS ABAM, MILLIE Position: SUMMER MUSIC SUB (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,620.00	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: DRESEN, JOSEPH DANIEL Position: SUMMER MUSIC SUB PREP (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.40	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: QUINBY, ELIZABETH ELLEN COOGAN Position: SUMMER MUSIC PREP (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.40	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: NALL, GRACE VICTORIA Position: SUMMER MUSIC PREP (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.40	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: SCHAUER, QUINTON THOMAS Position: SUMMER MUSIC PREP (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.40	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: KILPATRICK, ANDREW TERRY Position: SUMMER MUSIC PREP (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.40	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: EASTWOOD, SYDNEY RAE Position: SUMMER MUSIC PREP (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.40	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: MOLYNEAUX, HOLLY LYNNE Position: SUMMER MUSIC SUB PREP (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.40	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: RIOS ABAM, MILLIE Position: SUMMER MUSIC SUB PREP (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.40	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: HART, LONDA J Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 1 (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: KEARNS, SUZI K Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 3 (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: KAISER, JILL MARIE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 3 (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: HALL, ATHENA LEE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 2 (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: ACHENBACH, PATRICIA POHLE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 2 (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: TRAMILL, AMANDA HELEN Position: SUMMER JUMP START TRAVEL TEACHER (07/02/2)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: TRAMILL, AMANDA HELEN Position: SUMMER JUMP START TRAVEL TEACHER PREP (Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: FOX, SHARON KATHERINE Position: SUMMER JUMP START SUB TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: JOLLY, TINA MARIE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING K (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: THOMAS, DEBRA KAY Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING K (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: WOLERY, COURTNEY ELIZABETH Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER PREP (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: POCHA, KENNEDY Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER PREP (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: BOYD, KIMBERLEE MICHELLE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER PREP (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: VILLANUEVA, STACIE A Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER PREP (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: DEBOLT, CHRISTINA Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER PREP (07/02/202)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026

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Name: JOLLY, TINA MARIE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING K PREP (07/	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: PERATER, JUVY BINIMILI Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$45.61 Amount: \$3,876.85	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: BLAIR, AMANDA MELISSA Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$54.48 Amount: \$4,630.80	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: JEROME, ADAM N Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$44.24 Amount: \$3,760.40	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: WHEELER, SABRA L Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$61.24 Amount: \$5,205.40	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: CRISS, MOLLY F Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$44.24 Amount: \$3,760.40	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: DEITZ, SANDRA DION Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$34.80 Amount: \$2,958.00	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: HINKLE, KATHRYN Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$61.24 Amount: \$5,205.40	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: WANNER, KATHRYN L Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$50.31 Amount: \$4,276.35	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: JUMAG, ELLEN BATIANCILA Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$39.87 Amount: \$3,388.95	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: GLIKO-STIMAC, KANDACE MARIE Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$46.19 Amount: \$3,926.15	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: MOON, NICOLE DORINE Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$34.49 Amount: \$2,931.65	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: WANNER, KATHRYN L Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$131.98	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: THOMAS, JACQUELYN FREEDMAN Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$131.98	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: THOMAS, JACQUELYN FREEDMAN Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$39.87 Amount: \$3,388.95	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: MOON, NICOLE DORINE Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$131.98	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: FRANCETICH, COURTNEY ANNE Position: SUMMER SCHOOL MATH CREDIT RECOVERY (6/3	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,700.96	Hrs: 3.71	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: JENKINS, REANNA DENISE Position: SUMMER PATHWAY ADVISOR/TEST ADVISOR (06/	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$20.52 Amount: \$2,790.72	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:MSU COT Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: THOMAS, DEBRA KAY Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING K PREP (07/	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: HOLTZMANN, SARAH ELIZABETH Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 1 (07/02/202	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: HOLTZMANN, SARAH ELIZABETH Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 1 PREP (07/0	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: HART, LONDA J Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 1 PREP (07/0	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: KEARNS, SUZI K Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 3 PREP (07/0	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: KAISER, JILL MARIE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 3 PREP (07/0	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: HALL, ATHENA LEE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 2 PREP (07/0	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: ACHENBACH, PATRICIA POHLE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TCHR RISING 2 PREP (07/0	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: FRANCETICH, COURTNEY ANNE Position: SUMMER SCHOOL MATH CREDIT RECOVERY PRE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$593.99	Hrs: 1.59	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/30/2026
Name: LANGTON, RAE Position: SUMMER SCHOOL MATH CREDIT RECOVERY (6/3	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,700.96	Hrs: 3.71	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/08/2026

Name: WILCOX, KAREN Position: SUMMER SCHOOL ENGLISH CREDIT RECOVERY	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,700.96	Hrs: 3.71	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: TOLAN, MARY BETH Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$61.24 Amount: \$5,205.40	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: CARR, BRYANNA MAE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: CARR, BRYANNA MAE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER PREP (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$660.00	Hrs: 1.76	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: WOLERY, COURTNEY ELIZABETH Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: POCHA, KENNEDY Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: BOYD, KIMBERLEE MICHELLE Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: VILLANUEVA, STACIE A Position: SUMMER JUMP START TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$3,213.00	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:GIANT SPRINGS ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: ROSENLEAF, KARI LYNNE Position: ESY TEACHER (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$45.61 Amount: \$3,876.85	Hrs: 5.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: TOLAN, MARY BETH Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$131.98	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: DIXON, KASSANDRA MARIE Position: GIRLS BB HEAD COACH	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$25.00 Amount: \$7,508.00	Hrs: 3.80	DAC:GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL Effective Date: 11/23/2026
Name: SUNDQUIST, LISA MARIE Position: SUMMER MUSIC (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,620.00	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: SUNDQUIST, LISA MARIE Position: SUMMER MUSIC PREP (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$88.00	Hrs: 0.40	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: DRESEN, JOSEPH DANIEL Position: SUMMER MUSIC SUB (06/19/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$27.00 Amount: \$1,620.00	Hrs: 6.00	DAC:NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 06/08/2026
Name: DEITZ, SANDRA DION Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$131.98	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Name: HINKLE, KATHRYN Position: ESY TEACHER PREP & CLEAN UP (07/02/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.00 Amount: \$131.98	Hrs: 0.35	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/10/2026
Position: ADMINISTRATIVE				
Name: SENGER, DERIK Position: CAREER PATHWAYS ADVISOR (OYO) (06/04/2027)	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$61.24 Amount: \$85,890.00	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:CURRICULUM Effective Date: 08/24/2026
Name: ERDMAN, BRITTANY RENAE Position: ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$74.24 Amount: \$111,067.00	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 07/01/2026
Position: COMPUTER SERVICES HOURLY				
Name: MEYERS, AMBROSIA LYNN Position: DATA TECHNICIAN	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$22.13 Amount: \$3,717.84	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES ANNEX Effective Date: 05/22/2026
Position: FOOD SERVICE				
Name: MCCORKLE, CHERYL LYNN Position: COOK	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$16.22 Amount: \$2,595.20	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL Effective Date: 05/11/2026
Position: PARA EDUCATOR (SP ED)				
Name: REINHARDT, KAYLA MARIE Position: PARA EDUCATOR (SP ED)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$16.78 Amount: \$1,887.75	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:LOY ELEMENTARY Effective Date: 05/18/2026
Resignation				
Position: SUPPLEMENTAL				
Name: WILLMARTH, TAYLOR DAVID Position: SUB TEACHER (41+) (06/05/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$120.00 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 06/05/2026
Name: CULBERSON, LESLEY ANN Position: SUB TEACHER (04/24/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$110.00 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 04/24/2026
Name: SUNCHILD, MORGAN ELIZABETH Position: SUB TEACHER (05/20/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$110.00 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 05/20/2026
Name: HOOPER, PAIGE Position: SUB TEACHER (05/20/2026)	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$110.00 Amount: \$0.00	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT WIDE Effective Date: 05/20/2026
Position: ENGINEERS				

Name: JENDRO, ROYCE JACK	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$20.88	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
Position: CUSTODIAN (05/29/2026)		Amount: \$4,844.16		Effective Date: 05/29/2026
Position: FOOD SERVICE				
Name: NASH, KAY L	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$15.09	Hrs: 7.00	DAC:WAREHOUSE
Position: FOOD SERVICE EMPLOYEE (06/04/2026)		Amount: \$20,386.59		Effective Date: 06/04/2026
Position: LIBRARY/TEACHER AIDES				
Name: NEJEDLO-HESS, RACHEL	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$12.84	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:CHIEF JOSEPH ELEMENTARY
Position: CORE TEACHER AIDE (06/05/2026)		Amount: \$17,815.50		Effective Date: 06/05/2026
Name: DAGSEN, LINDSEY NICOLE	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$12.96	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:LOY ELEMENTARY
Position: CORE TEACHER AIDE (06/05/2026)		Amount: \$17,982.00		Effective Date: 06/05/2026
Position: NURSE				
Name: CEYNAR, BRIANA M	Pay: Salary	Rate: \$51.98	Hrs: 7.50	DAC:WEST ELEMENTARY
Position: SCHOOL REGISTERED NURSE (06/05/2026)		Amount: \$72,903.00		Effective Date: 06/05/2026
Position: OTHER HOURLY CLASSIFIED				
Name: VALLADOLID, CURTIS E	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$20.52	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT
Position: HOMELESS / YDS (06/05/2026)		Amount: \$32,503.68		Effective Date: 06/05/2026
Retirement				
Position: CLERICAL				
Name: HODSON, PATTY GAIL	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$19.48	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:PARIS GIBSON EDUCATION CENT
Position: INDIGENOUS ED SECRETARY (06/18/2026)		Amount: \$32,414.72		Effective Date: 06/18/2026
Termination				
Position: SUPPLEMENTAL				
Name: MICHELI, ANA MARIA	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$16.53	Hrs: 0.00	DAC:DISTRICT OFFICES
Position: FOREIGN LANG INTERPRETER (W/O STUDENTS)		Amount: \$0.00		Effective Date: 05/18/2026
Position: CLERICAL				
Name: TRAPP, VELVAJEAN	Pay: Hourly	Rate: \$18.13	Hrs: 8.00	DAC:VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY
Position: ADMIN ASST (05/15/2026)		Amount: \$5,076.40		Effective Date: 05/15/2026

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skomogowski	Johnson	Hening	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. C.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Spurzem

TOPIC

Good Apple Awards

STRATEGIC PLAN

Healthy, Safe, and Secure Schools

BACKGROUND

An individual letter of appreciation and our "Good Apple" pin will be forwarded to the individual whose achievements are summarized in this notice. This award is an expression of appreciation and affection, and we ask those who have received it to wear the "Good Apple" with pride! If the person is a district employee, a copy of our letter will be placed in their personnel file. What follows is a nomination for a "Good Apple" award.

DISCUSSION

Mike Martyn, Citizen of Great Falls, was recommended for a Good Apple Award by Jackie Mainwaring and Lance Boyd, Executive Directors of Student Achievement, Great Falls Public Schools, because of the following:

To Whom It May Concern:

On Monday, May 11, Mike Martyn went above and beyond to respond to a late afternoon bus accident on 10th Ave. South. Mike was driving on 10th Ave S. when the school bus near him collided with the vehicle in front of it. Once the vehicles stopped, Mike also stopped, boarded the bus and supported in accessing emergency help. Mike reassured students and contacted school administration.

Mr. Martyn's care and concern for students, our schools, and our community are apparent through his actions on this day. His time and efforts as a concerned citizen did not go unnoticed and are much appreciated. Thank you, Mike, for taking the time to stop and help others in a time of need.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude and appreciation for Mike Martyn, by nominating him for a GFPS "Good Apple" award.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


N/A

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to accept the recommendation of the above individual for the Great Falls Public Schools Good Apple Award.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Human Resources Heather Spurzem at (406) 268-6011.

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

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MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. D.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) TR-35 School Bus Driver Certificate

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

School bus drivers are required to comply with qualifications set forth in Section [20-10-103, MCA](#), and [10.7.111 ARM](#), and file a certificate of compliance with the County Superintendent of Schools.

DISCUSSION

The following individual meets the qualifications as a school bus driver: Paul Johnston

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Montana Office of Public Instruction TR-35 school bus driver certificate for the individual listed above.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Hennig	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

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MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. E.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

TR-6 Bus Route Reimbursement Claims for the Second Semester of the 2025-2026 School Year

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The School Board Chairperson is responsible for signing the Bus Route Reimbursement Claims on behalf of the Board. These claims are submitted to the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) for payment. This document identifies the bus, driver, miles per day, and reimbursement amount per district. OPI checks their records to ensure that all drivers are licensed and that all buses have been inspected and registered appropriately.

Discussion

This is a standard operating procedure for all districts across the state.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


This form allows the District to receive payment for the transportation provided to our students.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the TR-6 Bus Route Reimbursement for both high school and elementary school districts for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

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MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. F.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the 2026-2027 School Year

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of [MCA 20-5-320](#) – Attendance with Discretionary Approval and [MCA 20-5-321](#) – Attendance with Mandatory Approval – Tuition and Transportation, and [Board Policy 3141](#) – Nonresident Student Enrollment, students from outside of the Great Falls District are requesting to attend school in Great Falls for the 2026-2027 school year.

DISCUSSION

The following students are requesting to attend school in Great Falls for the 2026-2027 school year:

STUDENT IDENTIFIER	DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE	GRADE
5780310	SRVD	2 ND
512101945	SIMMS HS	12 TH
512102255	SIMMS HS	11 TH

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


Tuition fees to be paid for by the District of Residence.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Incoming Student Attendance Agreements for the students listed above, with tuitions to be paid for by the District of Residence.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. G.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Student Activity Accounts for April 2026

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The authority to establish an extracurricular fund is found in [MCA 20-9-504](#) *Extracurricular Fund for Pupil Functions*. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the establishment and management of student extracurricular funds. The purpose of student extracurricular funds shall be to account for revenues and disbursements of those funds raised by students through recognized student body organizations and activities. Students shall be involved in the decision-making process related to the use of the funds.

DISCUSSION

In this section, you will find the student activity accounts for the District. The Student Activity Fund Report will be submitted to the Board on a monthly basis for review and approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no immediate fiscal implications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Board is requested to accept the Student Activity Monthly Report for April 2026.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 STUDENT ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT
 April 2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
CHIEF JOSEPH SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$194.00	\$369.25	\$0.00	\$563.25
Total for CHIEF JOSEPH SCHOOL	\$194.00	\$369.25	\$0.00	\$563.25
GIANT SPRINGS SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$3,538.43	\$7.03	(\$152.91)	\$3,392.55
Total for GIANT SPRINGS SCHOOL	\$3,538.43	\$7.03	(\$152.91)	\$3,392.55
LINCOLN SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$374.14	\$0.76	\$0.00	\$374.90
Total for LINCOLN SCHOOL	\$374.14	\$0.76	\$0.00	\$374.90
LONGFELLOW SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$1,338.02	\$2.73	\$0.00	\$1,340.75
Total for LONGFELLOW SCHOOL	\$1,338.02	\$2.73	\$0.00	\$1,340.75
LOY SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$2,251.10	\$4.59	\$0.00	\$2,255.69
Total for LOY SCHOOL	\$2,251.10	\$4.59	\$0.00	\$2,255.69
MEADOW LARK SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$4,429.46	(\$365.82)	\$0.00	\$4,063.64
Total for MEADOW LARK SCHOOL	\$4,429.46	(\$365.82)	\$0.00	\$4,063.64
MORNINGSIDE SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$2,487.67	\$5.07	\$0.00	\$2,492.74
Total for MORNINGSIDE SCHOOL	\$2,487.67	\$5.07	\$0.00	\$2,492.74
SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$498.59	\$1.02	\$0.00	\$499.61
Total for SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL	\$498.59	\$1.02	\$0.00	\$499.61
VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$312.11	\$0.63	\$0.00	\$312.74
Total for VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL	\$312.11	\$0.63	\$0.00	\$312.74
WHITTIER SCHOOL				
ACTIVITY MISC	\$632.93	\$1.29	\$0.00	\$634.22
Total for WHITTIER SCHOOL	\$632.93	\$1.29	\$0.00	\$634.22
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	\$16,056.45	\$26.55	(\$152.91)	\$15,930.09

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<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL				
8TH GRADE CLASS	\$207.46	\$0.42	\$0.00	\$207.88
ART DEPARTMENT	\$346.41	\$0.70	\$0.00	\$347.11
ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS	\$578.38	\$1.18	\$0.00	\$579.56
DYNAMOS	\$5.93	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$5.94
EMMA STRONG	\$3,547.95	\$7.23	\$0.00	\$3,555.18
FISHING CLUB	\$16.56	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$16.59
IMPACT	\$342.91	\$12.51	\$0.00	\$355.42
INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$1,117.74	\$2.28	\$0.00	\$1,120.02
KIDS FIRST	\$112.75	\$0.23	\$0.00	\$112.98
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$43,926.96	\$6,729.55	(\$108.46)	\$50,548.05
RAM SPIRIT	\$40.72	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$40.80
ROBOTICS	\$136.58	\$0.28	\$0.00	\$136.86
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$60.00	\$0.12	\$0.00	\$60.12
STUDENT STORE	\$860.12	\$1.75	\$0.00	\$861.87
SUPERSONICS	\$158.67	\$0.32	\$0.00	\$158.99
VIP MATH-SCIENCE	\$879.35	\$1.79	\$0.00	\$881.14
XTREME TEAM	\$1,560.71	\$3.18	\$0.00	\$1,563.89
YOUTH ALIVE	\$5.30	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$5.31
Total for EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$53,904.50	\$6,761.67	(\$108.46)	\$60,557.71
NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL				
ARCHERY CLUB	\$6,815.57	\$214.14	\$0.00	\$7,029.71
EMMA STRONG	\$2,932.28	\$5.97	\$0.00	\$2,938.25
EXTREME TEAM	\$0.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.35
FISHING CLUB	\$72.34	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$72.49
GRIZ SPIRIT	\$277.81	\$0.57	\$0.00	\$278.38
HOSA	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$42,478.16	\$6,413.86	(\$393.43)	\$48,498.59
NATIONAL JR HONOR SOCIETY	\$603.66	\$1.17	(\$48.34)	\$556.49
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB	\$12.66	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$12.69
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD	\$695.01	\$1.25	(\$139.18)	\$557.08
SENSATIONAL SEVEN'S	\$140.26	\$0.28	\$0.00	\$140.54
SHOP	\$309.45	\$0.63	\$0.00	\$310.08
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$5,004.73	\$2,364.56	(\$142.94)	\$7,226.35
STUDENT POP	\$242.64	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$243.14
TAG TEAM	\$1,794.75	\$3.66	\$0.00	\$1,798.41
THE BUSINESS	\$2,073.81	\$4.23	\$0.00	\$2,078.04
TNT TEAM	\$498.97	\$1.02	\$0.00	\$499.99
URSIDAE TEAM	(\$7.22)	(\$0.02)	\$0.00	(\$7.24)
VIKINGS/GLADIATORS TEAM	\$162.66	\$0.33	\$0.00	\$162.99
YEARBOOK	\$2,530.58	\$15.46	(\$20.62)	\$2,525.42
YOUTH ALIVE	\$99.44	\$0.14	(\$49.99)	\$49.59
Total for NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$66,738.01	\$9,027.93	(\$794.50)	\$74,971.44
MIDDLE SCHOOLS TOTAL	\$120,642.51	\$15,789.60	(\$902.96)	\$135,529.15

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GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL				
FOOTBALL	\$15,628.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,628.73
BOYS BASKETBALL	(\$11,363.44)	\$0.00	(\$1,055.77)	(\$12,419.21)
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$1,524.87	\$0.00	(\$938.47)	\$586.40
WRESTLING	(\$5,469.33)	\$300.00	(\$1,967.94)	(\$7,137.27)
TRACK B&G	(\$1,056.00)	\$0.00	\$210.00	(\$846.00)
SOCCER B&G	(\$3,884.96)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,884.96)
X COUNTRY B&G	(\$2,544.21)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,544.21)
GOLF B&G	(\$6,502.40)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$6,502.40)
TENNIS B&G	(\$180.00)	\$0.00	\$90.00	(\$90.00)
SOFTBALL	(\$4,504.00)	\$789.00	\$72.00	(\$3,643.00)
SWIMMING B&G	\$153.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$153.00
VOLLEYBALL	(\$7,988.71)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,988.71)
1:1 TECHNOLOGY FINES	\$1,229.44	\$2.51	\$0.00	\$1,231.95
AP HISTORY BOOKS	\$1,990.82	\$4.06	\$0.00	\$1,994.88
B AND G TRACK FUND	\$7,049.16	\$26,525.20	(\$2,210.29)	\$31,364.07
BAND ACTIVITY	\$50,240.36	\$139.92	(\$10,273.59)	\$40,106.69
BASEBALL	\$4,741.88	\$1,452.36	\$540.00	\$6,734.24
BISON BARISTAS	\$1,514.38	\$1,163.08	(\$1,169.34)	\$1,508.12
BISON BUSINESS	\$6,297.77	\$1,863.70	(\$1,146.52)	\$7,014.95
BISON DANCE TEAM	\$10,910.22	\$580.00	(\$2,961.69)	\$8,528.53
BISON LIFE SKILLS	\$200.63	\$160.51	(\$75.99)	\$285.15
BISON WEAR	\$2,288.06	\$4.66	\$0.00	\$2,292.72
BOYS & GIRLS P.E. POP FUND	\$568.79	\$1.16	\$0.00	\$569.95
BOYS BASKETBALL	\$16,277.73	\$32.62	(\$464.50)	\$15,845.85
BOYS SOCCER	\$14,829.02	\$69.21	(\$4,142.00)	\$10,756.23
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMER	\$18,717.13	\$2,548.24	(\$2,446.03)	\$18,819.34
CHEERLEADERS	\$13,745.89	\$27.51	(\$422.88)	\$13,350.52
CHOIR/DELPHIAN	\$33,719.23	\$83.26	(\$415.94)	\$33,386.55
CLASS OF 2026	\$2,887.40	\$5.89	\$0.00	\$2,893.29
CLASS OF 2027	\$2,834.06	\$5.77	\$0.00	\$2,839.83
CLASS OF 2028	\$1,100.84	\$2.24	\$0.00	\$1,103.08
CLASS OF 2029	\$380.71	\$0.78	\$0.00	\$381.49
CROCHET CLUB	\$297.16	\$0.60	\$0.00	\$297.76
CROSS COUNTRY	\$2,735.62	\$5.57	\$0.00	\$2,741.19
DECA CLUB	\$14,264.21	\$29.09	\$0.00	\$14,293.30
ELECTRICAL IT CLASSES	\$13,427.10	\$27.33	(\$38.68)	\$13,415.75
EMMA STRONG	\$3,628.38	\$7.40	\$0.00	\$3,635.78
ENGLISH NOVELS	\$3,427.45	\$5.48	(\$1,231.00)	\$2,201.93
FCCLA	\$1,942.26	\$3.96	\$0.00	\$1,946.22
FOOTBALL FUND	\$32,363.10	\$61.99	(\$3,262.23)	\$29,162.86
FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB	\$45.94	\$0.10	\$0.00	\$46.04
FRENCH CLUB	\$44.04	\$0.09	\$0.00	\$44.13
GEOLOGY CLUB	\$1,393.48	\$553.25	(\$217.20)	\$1,729.53
GERMAN CLUB	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.03
GFHS CLOTHING CLOSET	\$1,160.57	\$2.36	\$0.00	\$1,162.93
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$11,107.92	\$22.40	(\$202.50)	\$10,927.82
GIRLS SOCCER	\$21,580.79	\$243.23	(\$836.35)	\$20,987.67
GOLF TEAM	\$9,653.78	\$19.51	(\$145.00)	\$9,528.29
GREAT FALLS MUSICALS	\$6,121.10	\$12.48	\$0.00	\$6,133.58
GREEN CLUB	\$139.33	\$0.28	\$0.00	\$139.61
HOSA	\$8,488.60	\$17.31	\$0.00	\$8,505.91
ICE RAGE	\$4,894.35	\$9.86	(\$95.55)	\$4,808.66
INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY CLUB	\$1,786.83	\$3.64	\$0.00	\$1,790.47
INIWA NEWSPAPER	\$15.97	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$16.00
JROTC	\$16,962.79	\$352.15	(\$1,488.52)	\$15,826.42
KEY CLUB	\$644.52	\$1.29	(\$16.50)	\$629.31
LIFE SKILLS STUDENTS 110	\$16.81	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$16.84
MathXL Dual Fees	\$4,967.65	\$10.13	\$0.00	\$4,977.78
MOTOR SPORTS CLUB	\$10,447.76	\$19.83	(\$1,194.58)	\$9,273.01
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	(\$85.19)	\$30,036.41	(\$129.94)	\$29,821.28
MUSIC FRUIT	\$0.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 STUDENT ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT
 April 2026


<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	\$86.96	\$193.66	\$0.00	\$280.62
ORCHESTRA	\$7,186.25	\$2,184.53	(\$2,265.93)	\$7,104.85
PHOTOGRAPHY ART	\$565.48	\$41.06	(\$116.88)	\$489.66
POP FUND	\$4,748.28	\$9.61	(\$59.94)	\$4,697.95
POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL	\$598.57	\$1.22	\$0.00	\$599.79
ROCKETRY CLUB	\$1,231.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,231.29
ROUNDUP ANNUAL	\$34,362.21	\$2,277.77	\$0.00	\$36,639.98
SELECT	\$246.11	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$246.61
SOFTBALL	\$10,809.70	\$14,449.70	(\$1,155.54)	\$24,103.86
SPANISH CLUB	\$1,383.12	\$2.82	\$0.00	\$1,385.94
SPIRIT SHIRTS	\$3,558.80	\$7.25	\$0.00	\$3,566.05
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$21,913.55	\$41.01	(\$3,000.00)	\$18,954.56
STUDENT LANDSCAPE PROJECT FUND	\$9,478.88	\$19.33	\$0.00	\$9,498.21
SWIM TEAM	\$8,530.66	\$17.01	(\$317.38)	\$8,230.29
TENNIS	\$2,939.50	\$1,700.16	(\$4,442.37)	\$197.29
VIDEO PRODUCTIONS	\$1,417.37	\$2.89	\$0.00	\$1,420.26
VOLLEYBALL	\$40,478.63	\$82.53	\$0.00	\$40,561.16
WRESTLING	\$5,330.51	\$9.07	(\$1,465.26)	\$3,874.32
YELLOWSTONE FIELD TRIP	\$1,993.09	\$4.06	\$0.00	\$1,997.15
Total for GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL	\$493,668.40	\$88,251.66	(\$50,460.30)	\$531,459.76
ATLERNATIVE EDUCATION				
COFFEE SHOP	\$36,018.78	\$72.64	(\$652.16)	\$35,439.26
LYNX GRAFIX	\$27,307.76	\$55.68	\$0.00	\$27,363.44
PARIS GIBSON AUTOMOTIVE CLUB	\$1,606.39	\$3.09	(\$151.84)	\$1,457.64
PARIS GIBSON DESIGNS	\$10,715.01	\$21.85	\$0.00	\$10,736.86
PARIS SCIENCE CLUB	\$2,899.81	\$5.91	\$0.00	\$2,905.72
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$8,833.80	\$18.01	\$0.00	\$8,851.81
YEAR BOOK	\$18,693.08	\$38.12	\$0.00	\$18,731.20
Total for ATLERNATIVE EDUCATION	\$106,074.63	\$215.30	(\$804.00)	\$105,485.93
CM RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL				
FOOTBALL	\$9,478.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,478.12
BOYS BASKETBALL	(\$7,546.51)	\$0.00	(\$725.34)	(\$8,271.85)
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$5,747.94	\$0.00	(\$2,869.20)	\$2,878.74
WRESTLING	(\$22,007.69)	\$0.00	(\$21.20)	(\$22,028.89)
TRACK B&G	(\$216.00)	\$0.00	(\$396.00)	(\$612.00)
SOCCER B&G	(\$4,451.08)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,451.08)
X COUNTRY B&G	(\$3,031.09)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,031.09)
GOLF B&G	(\$4,946.16)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,946.16)
TENNIS B&G	(\$72.00)	\$0.00	(\$144.00)	(\$216.00)
SOFTBALL	(\$5,170.00)	\$1,094.00	(\$90.00)	(\$4,166.00)
VOLLEYBALL	(\$2,286.85)	\$0.00	(\$298.50)	(\$2,585.35)
ACADEMIC BOWL	\$96.66	\$0.20	\$0.00	\$96.86
ANNUAL	\$75,997.89	\$2,561.76	(\$516.00)	\$78,043.65
AP CHEMISTRY	\$1,296.71	\$2.64	\$0.00	\$1,299.35
ART CLUB	\$8,784.74	\$117.23	(\$650.82)	\$8,251.15
BAND	\$86,668.63	\$1,688.57	(\$13,067.47)	\$75,289.73
BASEBALL	\$3,470.24	\$2.82	(\$964.50)	\$2,508.56
BIOLOGY 3-4	\$1,914.08	\$3.91	\$0.00	\$1,917.99
BOYS SOCCER	\$13,305.16	\$27.13	\$0.00	\$13,332.29
BOYS TRACK	\$7,056.67	\$21,542.05	(\$4,415.12)	\$24,183.60
BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMER	\$19,597.46	\$3,955.17	(\$11,092.12)	\$12,460.51
CHEERLEADERS	\$10,988.38	\$22.40	\$0.00	\$11,010.78
CLASS OF 2026	\$15,241.75	\$231.32	\$0.00	\$15,473.07
CLASS OF 2027	\$2,690.99	\$5.49	\$0.00	\$2,696.48
CLASS OF 2028	\$589.54	\$1.20	\$0.00	\$590.74
CLASS OF 2029	\$1,984.77	\$4.04	\$0.00	\$1,988.81
CMR COFFEE CART	\$18,379.13	\$14,477.44	(\$5,097.69)	\$27,758.88
CMR DRAFTING	\$1,350.17	\$2.76	\$0.00	\$1,352.93
CMR ELECTRONICS	\$20,101.02	\$40.98	\$0.00	\$20,142.00
CROSS COUNTRY	\$11,060.17	\$22.07	(\$390.55)	\$10,691.69
DECA CLUB	\$9,938.66	\$219.90	(\$494.50)	\$9,664.06
DRAMATICS CLUB	\$22,985.21	\$10,336.80	(\$2,990.16)	\$30,331.85

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 STUDENT ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT
 April 2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
ENGLISH NOVELS	\$1,485.73	\$3.03	\$0.00	\$1,488.76
FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE	\$35,141.22	\$2,908.00	(\$9,093.63)	\$28,955.59
FOOTBALL PROGRAMS	\$20,223.71	\$2,841.92	(\$6,323.92)	\$16,741.71
FRENCH CLUB	\$1,252.79	\$2.56	\$0.00	\$1,255.35
GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$23,593.97	\$48.10	\$0.00	\$23,642.07
GIRLS SOCCER	\$15,772.98	\$32.16	\$0.00	\$15,805.14
GOLF TEAM	\$16,979.81	\$34.62	\$0.00	\$17,014.43
HOSA	\$23,477.86	(\$1,624.91)	(\$2,882.04)	\$18,970.91
KEY CLUB	\$9,021.54	\$18.39	\$0.00	\$9,039.93
MT ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT	\$70.03	\$52,730.77	(\$30,147.50)	\$22,653.30
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	\$331.84	\$0.68	\$0.00	\$332.52
NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB	\$114.57	\$0.23	\$0.00	\$114.80
NEWSPAPER	\$3,029.88	\$6.05	(\$100.00)	\$2,935.93
ORCHESTRA	\$24,218.33	\$455.09	(\$360.00)	\$24,313.42
PHYSICS FIELD TRIP	\$1,353.63	\$2.76	\$0.00	\$1,356.39
ROBOTICS	\$920.58	\$1.88	\$0.00	\$922.46
RUSTLER PRIDE	\$19,203.30	\$2,000.00	(\$2,692.22)	\$18,511.08
RUSTLERS INC	\$2,831.90	\$5.53	(\$200.00)	\$2,637.43
SCHOOL STORE	\$41,725.68	\$4,994.28	(\$2,000.28)	\$44,719.68
SCIENCE RESEARCH CLUB	\$303.02	\$0.62	\$0.00	\$303.64
SOFTBALL	\$6,963.13	\$17,052.57	(\$2,921.79)	\$21,093.91
SPANISH CLUB	\$944.55	\$1.93	\$0.00	\$946.48
SPEECH & DEBATE	\$6,555.25	\$576.97	(\$67.70)	\$7,064.52
STUDENT COUNCIL/GOVERNMENT	\$592.01	\$1.21	\$0.00	\$593.22
SWIMMING CLUB	\$4,864.72	\$9.92	\$0.00	\$4,874.64
T.A.P.E. CLUB	\$7,470.60	\$15.23	\$0.00	\$7,485.83
TENNIS	\$18,284.78	\$534.52	(\$2,754.39)	\$16,064.91
VICA	\$107.66	\$0.22	\$0.00	\$107.88
VIDEO PRODUCTIONS	\$455.67	\$0.93	\$0.00	\$456.60
VOCAL MUSIC	\$54,985.74	\$524.49	(\$8,272.22)	\$47,238.01
VOCATIONAL RESOURCE	\$2,894.66	\$5.90	\$0.00	\$2,900.56
VOLLEYBALL	\$34,315.23	\$69.97	\$0.00	\$34,385.20
WRANGLERS	\$5,440.52	\$11.09	\$0.00	\$5,451.61
WRESTLING	\$15,093.24	\$231.02	\$0.00	\$15,324.26
Total for CM RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL	\$699,016.84	\$139,857.61	(\$112,038.86)	\$726,835.59
HIGH SCHOOLS TOTAL	\$1,298,759.87	\$228,324.57	(\$163,303.16)	\$1,363,781.28

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 STUDENT ACTIVITY MONTHLY REPORT
 April 2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Ending</u>
INDIAN EDUCATION				
INDIAN EDUCATION DRUM GROUP	\$468.99	\$0.95	\$0.00	\$469.94
POW WOW'S	(\$7,690.66)	(\$15.68)	\$0.00	(\$7,706.34)
Total for INDIAN EDUCATION	(\$7,221.67)	(\$14.73)	\$0.00	(\$7,236.40)
INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS TOTAL	(\$7,221.67)	(\$14.73)	\$0.00	(\$7,236.40)
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$1,428,237.16	\$244,125.99	(\$164,359.03)	\$1,508,004.12

	Thompson	Sunchild	Skonnogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
	Motion						
	Second						
	Ayes						
	Nays						
	Abstain						

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. H.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Award Bids for 2026-2027 Instructional & Office Paper Supply Order

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

As per [MCA 20-9-204\(3\)\(a\)](#) – whenever... purchasing of supplies for the district is necessary, the work done or the purchase made must be by contract if the sum exceeds \$80,000. This requirement is also outlined in District [Policy 7320 – Purchasing](#). Annually the Purchasing Department compiles data for the annual order process for established categories of supplies. If the anticipated total is in excess of the \$80,000 bid requirement, the formal bid process is initiated.

DISCUSSION

Quantities for the Instructional & Office Paper Supply Order are compiled by tracking usage during the current year combined with requests for the next fiscal year submitted by individual schools and departments. These totals are then submitted to vendors who have requested the opportunity to bid on the items. This enables the School District to obtain the best pricing available.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The following vendors are recommended based on their bids:


- \$ 49,375.20 – Contract Paper Group
- \$ 46,226.09 – Warden Paper
- \$ 19,290.56 – Pyramid Products
- \$ 1,316.70 – Cascade School Supplies
- \$ 399.75 – S&S Worldwide
- \$ 128.00 – School Specialty

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to award contracts to successful vendors who were able to provide the best pricing for products specified on the Instructional & Office Paper Supply Bid. Details of the purchase contracts is available through Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. I.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Montana High School Association (MHSA) Annual Dues, Catastrophic Liability, and Concussion Insurance 2026-2027

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

Annual Dues, Catastrophic Liability, and Concussion Insurance premiums are required for Great Falls High School and C.M. Russell High School to participate in Montana High School Association sanctioned activities.

DISCUSSION

Each of our high schools provide the following student activities: Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Wrestling and Track; Boys' Football and Baseball; and Girls' Volleyball, Softball, and Flag Football. Combined activities are Band, Choir, Orchestra and Speech/Debate. The MHSA Annual Dues, Catastrophic Liability, and Concussion Insurance premiums require Board approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fees are \$250.00 per activity per school, which totals \$6,250 per school. The 2026-2027 Catastrophic Liability premium is \$1,339 per high school and the Concussion Insurance premium is \$226 per school. These amounts are annually budgeted in the General Fund budget. The Annual Dues increased by \$500 from the 2025-2026 school year as the result of adding Boys' Baseball and Girls' Flag Football as registered sports. There were no increases to the Catastrophic Liability and Concussion Insurance premiums.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the Montana High School Association 2026-2027 Annual Dues, Catastrophic Liability, and Concussion Insurance premiums for Great Falls High School and C.M. Russell High School as presented.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050, or Athletic Director Mike Henneberg at (406) 268-6084.

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2026-27 MHSA Annual Dues and Insurance

Issued On
May 08, 2026


Billed To:
 CM Russell High School

Address / Contact Info:
 228 17th Ave NW
 Great Falls Montana 59404

Items	Total
Concussion Insurance Enrollment 801+	\$226.00
Catastrophic Liability Enrollment 801+	\$1,339.00
Annual Dues	\$6,250.00
	Amount Due \$7,815.00

Sports Registered

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Baseball (Boys) | Tennis (Boys, Girls) | Flag Football (Girls) |
| Basketball (Boys, Girls) | Swimming (Boys, Girls) | Softball (Girls) |
| Football (Boys) | Wrestling (Boys, Girls) | Volleyball (Girls) |
| Cross Country (Boys, Girls) | Band (Coed) | |
| Golf (Boys, Girls) | Choir (Coed) | |
| Soccer (Boys, Girls) | Debate (Coed) | |
| Track & Field - Outdoor (Boys, Girls) | Orchestra (Coed) | |

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Hennig	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Consent

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: V. J.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Donation of Funds for Lunch Charges

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability and Healthy, Safe, and Secure Schools

BACKGROUND

[Board Policy 7260](#) – *Donations, Endowments, Gifts, and Investments*, provides for accepting gifts that are deemed suitable and appropriate. Donors are required to obtain independent appraisal value of their gift for IRS purposes.

DISCUSSION

Leadership Great Falls and Leadership High School chose Great Falls Public Schools for their community service project for the 2025-26 school year. \$6,670 was collected and donated to GFPS to pay outstanding lunch charges at various Great Falls Public Schools.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to accept the donation of \$6,670 from Leadership High School and Leadership Great Falls to help pay outstanding lunch debts at various Great Falls Public Schools, with thanks.

For more information about this item, please contact Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skomogowski	Johnson	Hennig	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Communication

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VI. B.

CABINET MEMBER: Lance Boyd

TOPIC

Annual Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) Update by Great Falls Public Schools (GFPS) Career Pathway Advisor, Derik Senger

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability and Student Achievement

BACKGROUND

This report will highlight our system's Career and Technical Student Organizations to include their recent competitions and accomplishments.

Discussion

Report to the Board by GFPS Career Pathways Advisor, Derik Senger. Advisors and student members will be introduced to the Board. Advisors and CTSO members will provide brief updates to the Board.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


CTSOs are fully supported by the Federal Perkins Grant and State Vocational Education Grant. These grants have budget line items that are specific to encouraging and supporting student participation in CTSO, to include conference and competition attendance. CTSOs are an integral part of the grant applications for every school who receives this funding.

RECOMMENDATION

This communication is for information only. No action is required.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Executive Director Lance Boyd at (406) 268-6008.

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 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogoski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Financial Report and Check Register for April 2026

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

The check register and bank reconciliation are available in the Business Office. Trustees Bronson, Skornogoski and Henning act as the Board's liaisons and review the financial data.

DISCUSSION

This monthly update on the fiscal business of the District is designed to provide Trustees and the public with up-to-date and timely information on revenue and expenditures, fiscal operations, and the overall financial position of the Great Falls Public Schools.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

See attached reports.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Board is requested to accept the monthly financial report and approve the register of payments for April 2026.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001 or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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Great Falls Public Schools
Fund Budget Report
April 2026

<u>Account</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% Budget Remaining</u>
101	ELEMENTARY GENERAL				
REVENUE					
1XXX Local	(\$14,035,051.93)	(\$203,214.03)	(\$7,940,223.14)	(\$6,094,828.79)	43.43
3XXX State	(\$43,765,621.15)	(\$2,941,536.86)	(\$30,707,421.12)	(\$13,058,200.03)	29.84
5XXX Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
6XXX Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
7XXX CARES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
9XXX Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Subtotal:	(\$57,800,673.08)	(\$3,144,750.89)	(\$38,647,644.26)	(\$19,153,028.82)	33.14
EXPENDITURE					
1XX Salaries	\$43,357,413.34	\$3,619,119.77	\$30,897,081.12	\$12,460,332.22	28.74
2XX Benefits	\$5,521,262.00	\$414,419.22	\$3,514,212.26	\$2,007,049.74	36.35
3XX Contracted	\$903,005.21	\$15,945.53	\$478,176.70	\$424,828.51	47.05
4XX Utilities/Repair	\$2,398,250.00	\$186,410.96	\$1,854,873.71	\$543,376.29	22.66
5XX Other Services	\$1,330,087.11	\$57,160.77	\$234,820.86	\$1,095,266.25	82.35
61X Supplies	\$1,603,325.60	\$69,484.44	\$696,373.12	\$906,952.48	56.57
62X Energy Supplies	\$56,500.00	\$7,848.24	\$38,699.28	\$17,800.72	31.51
64X Books	\$394,234.20	\$17,914.29	\$131,803.53	\$262,430.67	66.57
66X Minor Equipment	\$224,422.60	(\$4,438.52)	\$43,495.76	\$180,926.84	80.62
68X Software	\$541,720.31	\$0.00	\$564,362.81	(\$22,642.50)	-4.18
7XX Capital Outlay	\$225,619.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225,619.29	100.00
8XX Misc	\$574,272.00	\$14,179.88	\$239,035.02	\$335,236.98	58.38
9XX Transfers	\$670,561.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$670,561.42	100.00
Others					
Subtotal:	\$57,800,673.08	\$4,398,044.58	\$38,692,934.17	\$19,107,738.91	33.06
201	HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL				
REVENUE					
1XXX Local	(\$6,686,259.81)	(\$95,102.02)	(\$3,838,399.71)	(\$2,847,860.10)	42.59
3XXX State	(\$21,072,849.85)	(\$1,410,897.82)	(\$14,769,118.40)	(\$6,303,731.45)	29.91
5XXX Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
6XXX Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
7XXX CARES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
9XXX Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Subtotal:	(\$27,759,109.66)	(\$1,505,999.84)	(\$18,607,518.11)	(\$9,151,591.55)	32.97
EXPENDITURE					
1XX Salaries	\$19,711,558.27	\$1,557,386.36	\$13,556,262.08	\$6,155,296.19	31.23
2XX Benefits	\$2,582,439.00	\$212,477.60	\$1,792,978.56	\$789,460.44	30.57
3XX Contracted	\$699,122.18	\$14,671.97	\$391,393.03	\$307,729.15	44.02
4XX Utilities/Repair	\$1,512,100.00	\$78,633.33	\$1,048,865.12	\$463,234.88	30.64
5XX Other Services	\$1,328,125.58	\$61,678.84	\$516,718.32	\$811,407.26	61.09
61X Supplies	\$912,203.00	\$45,102.54	\$580,758.39	\$331,444.61	36.33
62X Energy Supplies	\$31,600.00	\$4,700.99	\$19,375.65	\$12,224.35	38.68
64X Books	\$181,347.00	\$9,356.49	\$33,118.02	\$148,228.98	81.74
66X Minor Equipment	\$101,874.00	\$2,265.42	\$32,726.60	\$69,147.40	67.88
68X Software	\$295,998.04	\$0.00	\$271,442.60	\$24,555.44	8.30
7XX Capital Outlay	\$180,470.59	\$0.00	\$523,577.30	(\$343,106.71)	-190.12
8XX Misc	\$183,272.00	\$6,984.12	\$77,737.49	\$105,534.51	57.58
9XX Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Subtotal:	\$27,720,109.66	\$1,993,257.66	\$18,844,953.16	\$8,875,156.50	32.02
110	ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION				
REVENUE					
Subtotal:	(\$3,999,987.00)	(\$25,538.24)	(\$1,445,301.41)	(\$2,554,685.59)	63.87
EXPENDITURE					
Subtotal:	\$3,999,987.00	\$293,498.58	\$2,032,134.71	\$1,967,852.29	49.20

**Great Falls Public Schools
Fund Budget Report
April 2026**

<u>Account</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% Budget Remaining</u>
210	HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$1,991,939.00)	(\$17,245.12)	(\$839,937.69)	(\$1,152,001.31)	57.83
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$1,991,939.00	\$156,845.79	\$1,061,078.86	\$930,860.14	46.73
112	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$5,391,275.00)	(\$517,163.54)	(\$4,524,775.12)	(\$866,499.88)	16.07
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$5,391,275.00	\$478,518.40	\$4,543,667.75	\$847,607.25	15.72
114	ELEMENTARY RETIREMENT					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$8,673,165.49)	(\$40,372.40)	(\$4,648,026.00)	(\$4,025,139.49)	46.41
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$8,673,165.49	\$694,458.47	\$6,031,435.89	\$2,641,729.60	30.46
214	HIGH SCHOOL RETIREMENT					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$6,882,947.50)	(\$30,967.07)	(\$3,676,998.38)	(\$3,205,949.12)	46.58
EXPENDITURE						
Others	Subtotal:	\$6,882,947.50	\$269,400.03	\$2,476,318.50	\$4,406,629.00	64.02
117	ELEMENTARY ADULT EDUCATION					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$565,880.00)	(\$2,870.93)	(\$108,351.35)	(\$457,528.65)	80.85
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$565,880.00	\$33,538.60	\$301,553.91	\$264,326.09	46.71
217	HIGH SCHOOL ADULT EDUCATION					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$594,845.00)	(\$1,524.34)	(\$55,231.84)	(\$539,613.16)	90.71
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$594,845.00	\$23,046.81	\$209,472.32	\$385,372.68	64.79
128	ELEMENTARY TECHNOLOGY					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$398,010.33)	(\$2,274.53)	(\$175,757.56)	(\$222,252.77)	55.84
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$398,010.33	\$13,439.73	(\$37,337.94)	\$435,348.27	109.38
228	HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$96,876.45)	(\$1,049.21)	(\$86,656.28)	(\$10,220.17)	10.55
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$96,876.45	\$4,682.94	\$89,642.69	\$7,233.76	7.47
129	ELEMENTARY FLEX					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$911,910.67)	(\$820.14)	(\$128,581.70)	(\$783,328.97)	85.90
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$911,910.67	\$13,407.89	\$57,194.72	\$854,715.95	93.73

Great Falls Public Schools
Fund Budget Report
April 2026

<u>Account</u>		<u>Budget</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>% Budget Remaining</u>
229	HIGH SCHOOL FLEX					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$519,904.82)	(\$94.41)	(\$260,955.84)	(\$258,948.98)	49.81
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$519,904.82	\$86,456.56	\$223,234.30	\$296,670.52	57.06
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160	ELEMENTARY BUILDING					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$752,129.27)	(\$8,318.91)	(\$92,085.76)	(\$660,043.51)	87.76
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$752,129.27	\$10,000.00	\$105,561.80	\$646,567.47	85.96
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260	HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$123,334.59)	(\$436.63)	(\$3,198.12)	(\$120,136.47)	97.41
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$123,334.59	\$0.00	\$17,250.00	\$106,084.59	86.01
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161	ELEMENTARY BUILDING RESERVE					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$4,016,872.92)	(\$5,109.92)	(\$162,414.28)	(\$3,854,458.64)	95.96
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$4,016,872.92	\$11,057.35	\$159,461.14	\$3,857,411.78	96.03
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261	HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING RESERVE					
REVENUE						
	Subtotal:	(\$1,826,180.06)	(\$2,505.77)	(\$85,013.80)	(\$1,741,166.26)	95.34
EXPENDITURE						
	Subtotal:	\$1,826,180.06	\$0.00	\$11,901.55	\$1,814,278.51	99.35

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Great Falls Public Schools
Check Register
April 2026
Action Item

Accounts Payable

Starting Check No: 143979
Ending Check No: 144495

Total: \$2,626,566.85

Payroll

Starting Check No: 85946
Ending Check No: 86116


Total: \$641,445.05

Direct Deposit

Total: \$4,086,658.53

Payroll ACH Payments

Total: \$4,814,356.61

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skomogowski	Johnson	Hening	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. B.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Great Falls Public Schools Contract for Natural Gas

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

As a District, Great Falls Public Schools has historically contracted with a natural gas company directly, with the assistance of Jim Moran, PowerGas Corporation. Using a long-term contract to purchase natural gas for the operations of our facilities allows the District to limit changes in the budget due to current market fluctuations while minimizing costs.

DISCUSSION

On June 30, 2026, the District's current natural gas contract will expire. The District's Board approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) at the Board meeting on April 27, 2026. The RFP was posted on April 28, 2026. The proposals were due by 12:00 Noon Mountain Daylight Time on May 26, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS


Please refer to your addendum to the agenda for specific fiscal implications and length of contract, including all submitted bids.

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve the rate presented in the addendum at this Board meeting, which has a twenty-four (24) hour expiration.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. C.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Second Reading of the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar

BACKGROUND

Montana Code Annotated ([MCA 20-3-322 Meetings and Quorum](#)), requires a minimum of one regular meeting a month in first class elementary districts, and at least one meeting quarterly in all other districts. [Board Policy 1400 Board of Trustees – Board Meetings](#), calls for regular meetings of the Board to be held at 5:30 p.m. on the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Mondays of every month, or other dates determined by the approved Board meeting calendar. August meetings may be held the first (1st) and third (3rd) Mondays to accommodate budget adoption. When a meeting date falls on a school holiday, the meeting may take place the next business day.

DISCUSSION

A calendar of proposed meeting dates, times, and places has been prepared for the 2026-2027 school year, in compliance with state statute. All of the meetings are scheduled to be held at the District Offices Building.

The first reading of the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar was at the May 11, 2026 regular Board Meeting.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The District Board is requested to approve the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar as presented.


For more information about this item, please contact Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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**Great Falls Public Schools
2026-2027
Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule**

Board Meeting Date	Time	Location
Monday, July 13, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, August 3, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Thursday, August 13, 2026 - WS	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, August 17, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Tuesday, September 8, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, September 21, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, October 12, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, October 26, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, November 9, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, November 23, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, December 21, 2026	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, January 11, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, January 25, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, February 8, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, February 22, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, March 8, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, March 22, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, April 12, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, April 26, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, May 10, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, May 24, 2027 - Reorg.	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, June 14, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room
Monday, June 28, 2027	5:30 PM	District Office, Aspen Conference Room

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skomogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Action

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: VII. D.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Hoyer

TOPIC

Second Reading of Board Policies **3310 (Revised)** – *Student Discipline*; **5240 (Revised)** – *Resolution of Staff Complaints*; **7332 (Revised)** – *Advertising in School-Revenue Enhancement*; and **7332F (New)** – *Sports Activities-Revenue Enhancement Program Form*.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

A committee consisting of Superintendent Heather Hoyer, Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans, Director of Human Resources Heather Spurzem, Executive Directors of Student Achievement Jackie Mainwaring and Lance Boyd, Business Office Lead Aly Konecny, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Sherri Clark, Administrative Assistant Jerri Rollins and Trustees Bill Bronson, Craig Duff, and Paige Henning have been meeting to discuss and make changes where necessary on the policies mentioned above.

DISCUSSION

- Policy 3310** Language changes as recommended by the Committee.
- Policy 5240** Language changes as recommended by the Committee.
- Policy 7332** Language changes as recommended by the Committee.
- Policy 7332F** New policy as recommended by the Committee.

The first reading of the Board policies listed above was at the May 11, 2026 Reorganization/Regular Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

The District Board is requested to approve Board Policies **3310 (Revised)** – *Student Discipline*; **5240 (Revised)** – *Resolution of Staff Complaints*; **7332 (Revised)** – *Advertising in School-Revenue Enhancement*; and **7332F (New)** – *Sports Activities-Revenue Enhancement Program Form*. as presented.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001.

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Student Discipline

6
7 The Board grants authority to a teacher or principal to hold a student to strict accountability for
8 disorderly conduct in a school building, on property owned or leased by a school district, on a
9 school bus, on the way to or from school, ~~or~~ during intermission or recess, *or at any school-*
10 *sponsored activity or event.*

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12 Disciplinary action may be taken against any student guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct,
13 including but not limited to instances set forth below:

- 14
- 15 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco products, and alternative
16 nicotine and vapor products as defined in § 16-11-302, MCA.
 - 17 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages, including
18 powdered alcohol. Students who may be under the influence of alcohol will not be
19 permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had alcohol in
20 their possession.
 - 21 • Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling drug paraphernalia, illegal drugs,
22 marijuana, controlled substances, or any substance which is represented to be or looks
23 like a narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, alcoholic beverage,
24 stimulant, depressant, or intoxicant of any kind, including such substances that contain
25 chemicals which produce the same effect of illegal substances including but not limited
26 to Spice and K2. Students who may be under the influence of such substances will not be
27 permitted to attend school functions and will be treated as though they had drugs in their
28 possession.
 - 29 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a weapon in violation of the “Possession of
30 Weapons other than Firearms” section in Policy 3311.
 - 31 • Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring any object that reasonably could be
32 considered or used as a weapon as referred to in Policy 3311.
 - 33 • Disobeying directives from staff members or school officials or disobeying rules,
34 violating state or federal law, or not honoring regulations governing student conduct.
 - 35 • Using violence, force, noise, coercion, threats, intimidation, fear, or other comparable
36 conduct toward anyone or urging other students to engage in such conduct unless such
37 force is determined, following investigation, to be for self-defense or defense of others as
38 defined by law.
 - 39 • Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school
40 property or another person’s property.
 - 41 • Engaging in any activity that constitutes an interference with school purposes or an
42 educational function or any other disruptive activity.
 - 43 • Unexcused absenteeism. Truancy statutes and Board policy will be utilized for chronic
44 and habitual truants.

- 1 • Intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, hazing or bullying; or
2 retaliation against any person who alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226 or
3 participated in an investigation into alleged misconduct under Policy 3225 or 3226.
- 4 • Defaces or damages any school building, school grounds, furniture, equipment, or book
5 belonging to the District.
- 6 • Forging any signature or making any false entry or attempting to authorize any document
7 used or intended to be used in connection with the operation of a school.
- 8 • Records or causes to be recorded a conversation by use of a hidden electronic or
9 mechanical device which may include any combination of audio or video that reproduces
10 a human conversation without the knowledge of all parties to the conversation.
- 11 • Engaging in academic misconduct which may include but is not limited to: cheating,
12 unauthorized sharing of exam responses or graded assignment work; plagiarism,
13 accessing websites or electronic resources without authorization to complete assigned
14 coursework, and any other act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student.
15

16 These grounds stated above for disciplinary action apply whenever a student’s conduct is
17 reasonably related to school or school activities, including but not limited to the circumstances
18 set forth below:
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- 20 • On school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any other time when school
21 is being used by a school group.
- 22 • Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event or any activity or event that
23 bears a reasonable relationship to school.
- 24 • Travel to and from school or a school activity, function, or event.
- 25 • Anywhere conduct may reasonably be considered to be a threat or an attempted
26 intimidation or bullying of a staff member or student, or an interference with school
27 purposes or an educational function.
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29 Exceptions: A student may not be subject to a disciplinary action for declining to: (a) identify the
30 student’s pronouns; or (b) address a person by using a name other than the person’s legal name
31 or a derivative of the person’s legal name or by using a pronoun or a title that is inconsistent with
32 the person’s sex.
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34 Disciplinary Measures 35

36 Disciplinary measures include but are not limited to:
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- 38 • Expulsion
- 39 • Suspension
- 40 • Detention, including Saturday School
- 41 • School Based Restitution
- 42 • Clean-up duty
- 43 • Loss of student privileges
- 44 • Loss of bus privileges
- 45 • Notification to juvenile authorities and/or police

- 1 • Restitution for damages to school property
- 2 • Completion of a District-approved chemical awareness class
- 3 • Completion of a District-approved tobacco education group

4
 5 No District employee or person engaged by the District may inflict or cause to be inflicted
 6 corporal punishment on a student. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force.
 7 District personnel are permitted to use reasonable force to maintain safety for other students,
 8 school personnel, or other persons or for the purpose of self-defense.

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 10 Non-Disciplinary Measures

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 12 The Superintendent or designee is authorized to assign a student to non-disciplinary offsite
 13 instruction pending the results of an investigation or for reasons related to the safety or well-
 14 being of students and staff. During the period of non-disciplinary offsite instruction, the student
 15 will be permitted to complete all assigned schoolwork for full credit. The assignment of non-
 16 disciplinary offsite instruction does not preclude the Superintendent or designee from
 17 disciplining a student who has, after investigation, been found to have violated a District policy,
 18 rule, or handbook provision.

19
 20 Delegation of Authority

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 22 ~~School~~ District employees and other individuals designated or hired by the District, when
 23 students are under their charge, are authorized to impose ~~any~~ disciplinary measures, other than
 24 suspension, or expulsion, corporal punishment or in-school suspension, which is appropriate and
 25 in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Staff may temporarily remove
 26 students from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

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 28 Cross References:

29 Policy 2158	Family Engagement Policy
30 Policy 3215 1770	Uniform Complaint Procedure
31 Policy 3231	Searches and Seizure
32 Policy 3225	Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students
33 Policy 3226	Hazing/harassment/Intimidation/Bullying
34 Policy 3300	Corrective Actions and Punishment
35 Policy 3310P	Student Threat Assessment
36 <i>Policy 3310P2</i>	<i>Academic Honesty and Responsible Use of Resources</i>
37 Policy 3311	Firearms and Weapons
38 Policy 3630	Cell Phone and Other Electronic Equipment
39 Policy 4410	Relations with Law Enforcement and Child Protective Agencies
40 Policy 8123	Bus Driver Training and Responsibilities
41 Policy 8225	Tobacco Free Policy

42
 43 Legal References:

44 § 16-11-302(1)(7), MCA	Definitions
45 § 16-2-108, MCA	Limitations of Marijuana Regulation Act
46 § 20-3-324, MCA	Powers and Duties

1	§ 20-4-302, MCA	Discipline and Punishment of Pupils – Definition of Corporal
2		Punishment – Penalty – Defense
3	§ 20-5-202, MCA	Suspension and Expulsion
4	§ 20-7-118, MCA	Offsite Provision of Educational Services
5	§ 20-9-205, MCA	Self-Defense in Schools
6	§ 40-6-701, MCA	Interference with Fundamental Parental Rights Restricted
7	§ 45-5-624, MCA	Possession of Intoxicating Substance
8	§ 45-5-637, MCA	Possession or Consumption of Tobacco Products, Alternative
9		Nicotine Products, or Vapor Products by Persons under 18 Years
10		of Age is Prohibited – Unlawful attempt to Purchase – Penalties
11	§ 45-8-213, MCA	Privacy in Communications
12	§ 45-8-361, MCA	Possession or Allowing Possession of Weapon in School Building
13		– Exceptions – Penalties – Seizure and Forfeiture or Return
14		Authorized – Definitions
15	§ 49-2-307, MCA	Discrimination in Education
16	10.16.3346, ARM	Aversive Treatment Procedures
17	20.U.S.C. § 1232g. et. seq.	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
18	20 U.S.C. 1232h	Protection of Pupil Rights
19	29 U.S.C. § 701	Rehabilitation Act of 1973

21 Policy History:

22	Adopted on:	July 1, 2000
23	Revised on:	April 25, 2005
24	Revised on:	April 9, 2007
25	Revised on:	April 28, 2014
26	Revised on:	June 23, 2014
27	Revised on:	June 8, 2015
28	Revised on:	March 12, 2018
29	Revised on:	April 29, 2019
30	Revised on:	February 8, 2021
31	Revised on:	April 11, 2022
32	Revised on:	August 21, 2023
33	Revised on:	September 8, 2025
34	<i>Revised on:</i>	

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5 Resolution of Staff Complaints/Problem-Solving

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7 As circumstances allow and as provided by collective bargaining agreements, the District will
8 provide the best working conditions for its employees. Part of this commitment is encouraging
9 an open and frank atmosphere in which any problem, complaint, suggestion, or question is
10 answered appropriately by District supervisors or administration.

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12 Each employee is expected to follow established rules of conduct, policies, and practices.
13 ~~Should an~~ *If an* employee disagrees with a policy or practice, ~~the employee can~~ *they should first*
14 ~~express his or her~~ *express* their disagreement with their supervisor. *If the disagreement is unresolved,*
15 *they may go* through the District’s Uniform Complaint Procedure per Policy 1770, ~~unless the~~
16 ~~employee issue~~ *is covered by a collective bargaining agreement (CBA).* Any employee covered
17 by a ~~collective bargaining agreement~~ *CBA* must use that ~~collective bargaining~~ agreement’s
18 grievance procedure in order to grieve an issue covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

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20 No employee shall be disciplined or penalized, formally or informally, for voicing a
21 disagreement with the District in a reasonable, businesslike manner, or for using the complaint
22 procedure.

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24 ~~Any employee covered by a collective bargaining agreement must use that collective bargaining~~
25 ~~agreement’s grievance procedure in order to grieve an issue covered by the collective bargaining~~
26 ~~agreement.~~

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28 Cross Reference:

29 Policy ~~5245~~ 1770 Uniform Complaint Procedure

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31 Policy History:

- 32 Adopted on: July 1, 2000
- 33 Revised on: November 12, 2001
- 34 Revised on: August 23, 2010
- 35 Revised on: June 11, 2018
- 36 *Revised on:*

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3 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

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5 Advertising in Schools/Revenue Enhancement

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7 Revenue enhancement through a variety of District-wide and District approved marketing
8 activities, including but not limited to advertising, corporate sponsorship, signage, etc., is a
9 Board-approved venture. The Board, in keeping with the contemporary standards of good taste
10 subject to certain restrictions, may approve these opportunities. Such advertising will seek to
11 model and promote positive values for the students of the District through proactive educational
12 messages and not just traditional advertising of a product. General advertising is signage,
13 advertising, or promotion of the name of the company, services, or product. Preferred advertising
14 includes messages that encourages student achievement and the establishment of high standards
15 personal conduct.

16
17 All advertising/revenue enhancement contracts will allow the District to terminate the contract
18 on not more than thirty (30) days’ notice if it is determined, *by the Superintendent or designee*,
19 that it will have an adverse impact on implementation of curriculum or the educational
20 experience of students.

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22 **The revenue derived should support District initiatives which:**

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24
- Enhance student achievement;
 - Assist in the creation or maintenance of existing District athletics and activity programs;
 - Provide scholarships for students participating in athletic *or District academic and*
27 ~~activity~~ programs who demonstrate financial need and merit; or
 - Be tied to specific items needed in the school or District offices.
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30 **Appropriate opportunities for theses marketing activities include but are not limited to:**

- 31
- *Video Boards*
 - Fixed signage
 - Banners
 - District-level publications
 - *Streaming, Television, Social Media, and Radio Broadcasts*
 - *District owned property Athletic Facilities, to include stadiums, high school baseball*
38 ~~fields, and all school gymnasiums~~
 - District level projects
 - Expanded usage of facilities beyond traditional use (i.e., ~~concerts, rallies, ect.~~)
 - Individual school publications (when not in conflict with current contracts)
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43 **The following restrictions will be in place when seeking revenue enhancement. Revenue**
44 **enhancement activates will not:**

- 45
- Promote hostility, disorder, or violence
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- 1 • Attack ethnic, racial, or religious groups
- 2 • Discriminate, demean, harass, or ridicule any persons or group of persons on the basis of
- 3 *race, religion, gender, disability, or sexual orientation*
- 4 • Be libelous
- 5 • Inhibit the functioning of the school and/or District
- 6 • Promote favor, or oppose the candidacy of any candidate for election adoption of any
- 7 bond/budget issues, or any public question submitted at any ~~general~~, *federal, state,*
- 8 *county, municipal, or school election*
- 9 • Be obscene or pornographic as defined by prevailing community standards throughout
- 10 the District
- 11 • Promote the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, firearms, or certain products that create
- 12 community concerns
- 13 • Promote any religious or political organization
- 14 • Use any District or school logo without prior approval

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16 Legal Reference:

17 *§ 20-3-324, MCA Powers and Duties*

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19 Cross References:

20 *Policy 1000 Legal Status, Operation, and Organization*

21 *Policy 2120 Curriculum Development and Assessment*

22 *Policy 2309 Library Materials*

23 *Policy 2311 Instructional Material*

24 *Policy 7332F Sports Activities-Revenue Enhancement Program*

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27 Policy History

28 Adopted on: July 1, 2000

29 Revised on:

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

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5 Great Falls Public Schools Sport Activities-Revenue Enhancement Program

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7 *The GFPS Sports Revenue Enhancement Program provides sponsorship opportunities for local*
8 *businesses that strengthen the bond between the business community and Great Falls Public*
9 *Schools (GFPS). All profits generated through sponsorships are used to help fill in the gap*
10 *between public funding and the actual costs of providing quality sport activity programs.*

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13 *businesses that strengthen the bond between the business community and Great Falls Public*
14 *Schools (GFPS). All profits generated through sponsorships are used to help fill in the gap*
15 *between public funding and the actual costs of providing quality sport athletic programs.*

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17 *On an annual basis, thousands of your potential customers attend games, events, and/or*
18 *activities at our high school athletic facilities.*

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20 **Events Arena Signage**

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22 *By electing to participate in the Arena Signage Program, businesses will receive exposure to*
23 *individuals entering Memorial Stadium or one of our two high school Fieldhouses. Sponsorship*
24 *logo and signs are a consistent reminder of your business and express your support for the*
25 *athletic opportunities available to students in Great Falls. This level of exposure and positive*
26 *branding is an invaluable asset.*

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28 **Exposure Opportunities - Outdoor**

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30 Memorial Stadium

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32 *Memorial Stadium has a 24 ft X 24 ft digital video scoreboard. The screen is capable of high*
33 *resolution video and pictures with excellent image quality.*

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35 *Memorial Stadium is a 6,200-seat outdoor facility that hosts GFH and CMR varsity and sub-*
36 *varsity football on a weekly basis. Additionally, all cross-town soccer contests and playoff games*
37 *are hosted at Memorial Stadium.*

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39 *The addition of girls' flag football for the 2026-27 school year will add additional games at*
40 *Memorial Stadium.*

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42 *GFH, CMR, and local middle and elementary schools host track meets weekly in the stadium*
43 *during the spring athletic season. Additionally, other out of town schools rent the facility for*
44 *three (3) invitational track meets. Memorial Stadium hosts the District 8 & 10 and Northern C*
45 *divisional track meets each year. Divisional and State Track meets are hosted in Memorial on a*

1 rotational basis.

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3 A typical year boasts around forty-five (45) total events at Memorial Stadium.

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5 **Exposure Opportunities – Indoor**

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7 **Great Falls High School Swarthout Fieldhouse**

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9 The Swarthout Fieldhouse on the campus of Great Falls High seats 3,100 and is utilized all 12
10 months of the year. The fieldhouse hosts varsity and sub-varsity volleyball matches. Both genders
11 of basketball varsity and sub-varsity play in Swarthout. District 8C Basketball tournaments are
12 played in the fieldhouse on a semi-annual basis. Two major high school wrestling events are held
13 in Swarthout as well as additional rentals for the local club wrestling programs. In addition, the
14 fieldhouse is rented on many weekends for basketball and volleyball tournaments and other
15 school and community events.

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17 **CM Russell High School Fieldhouse**

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19 The CMR Fieldhouse seats 3,700 and is also used 12 months per year. The fieldhouse hosts
20 varsity and sub-varsity volleyball matches and a large invitational volleyball tournament. Both
21 genders of varsity and sub-varsity basketball at CMR. The wrestling program hosts one of the
22 premier high school tournaments in the state of Montana in addition to dual meets. The
23 fieldhouse is rented on many weekends for basketball and volleyball tournaments and many
24 other school and community events.

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26 ***In summary, the two fieldhouses are used 12 months of the year. The activities contested in
27 these facilities attract individuals from every sector of the community.***

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29 **Sponsorship:**

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31 The opportunity to have signage in the Great Falls Public Schools event areas will cost a
32 minimum of **\$3,000 per year**. Package options and pricing are listed below. GFPS requires
33 package commitment payment in full prior to advertising. ***Silver and Gold Packages will be on
34 a limited basis***

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<i>Package</i>	<i>Price</i>	<i>Swarthout Fieldhouse Signs</i>	<i>CMR Rustlervision</i>	<i>Memorial Signs</i>	<i>Memorial Scoreboard Video</i>	<i>Athletic Event Tickets (each admits two)</i>
<i>Bronze (1-Year commitment)</i>	<i>\$3,000/ per year</i>	<i>Physical Sign 4' x 8'</i>	<i>Virtual Still Ad with Logo *Full Screen</i>	<i>Physical Sign 4' x 8'</i>	<i>Part of a Group Video Slideshow</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Silver (3-Year commitment)</i>	<i>\$5,000/ per year</i>	<i>Physical Sign 4' x 8'</i>	<i>Virtual Still Ad with Logo *Full Screen</i>	<i>Physical Sign 4' x 8'</i>	<i>Video Slideshow</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Gold (5-Year commitment)</i>	<i>\$10,000/ per year</i>	<i>Physical Sign 4' x 8'</i>	<i>Virtual Still Ad with Logo *Full Screen</i>	<i>Sign – Bottom of Scoreboard</i>	<i>15 second Commercial- Shown a minimum of twice</i>	<i>10</i>

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2 **Sponsorship fees do not include sign production cost. GFPS requires package commitment*
3 *payment in full prior to advertising.*
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NFHS Add On	<i>\$1,500/sport per year</i>	<i>Logo appears on every game on the side of the broadcast</i>
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6 ***Sign Description and Production***
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8 *The two 4'X8' signs for Memorial Stadium and the Great Falls High School Fieldhouse can be*
9 *created in just about any design color. The signs may include your name, logo, slogan, graphics*
10 *and desired message. Signs must be constructed of materials for indoor and outdoor use. It is*
11 *recommended that the highest quality materials are used to ensure that your sign continues to*
12 *look great for many years. For uniformity, all signs must be preapproved by the GFPS Business*
13 *and Athletic Offices.*

14 *Sponsors are responsible for the maintenance and replacement of their signs.*

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17 ***“Rustlervision” Advertisement (CMR Fieldhouse)***

18 *“Rustlervision” is a 12’ by 16’ video board that hangs on the south end of CMR Fieldhouse. The*
19 *“Rustlervision” advertisements will be created by students who attend CM Russell High School.*
20 *The students will work with the business to create an advertisement that will include your*
21 *business name, logo, slogan, graphics and desired message.*

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23 ***Sign Placement:***

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25 *Memorial Stadium:*
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- 1 • *The East Façade area faces the spectators in the west grandstand and/of on the*
2 *scoreboard. This area is visible for all the enter the stadium through the main entrance*
3 *and sit in the west side bleachers*
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5 *Great Falls High School Swarthout Fieldhouse:*
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- 7 • *On the rafters at the north and south ends of the court.*
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9 *CM Russell High School Fieldhouse:*
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- 11 • *The Jumbotron advertisements will be located on the Jumbotron located in the*
12 *fieldhouse.*
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14 ***Sponsor Receives:***
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16 *PA Announcements:*
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- 18 • *Sponsor name will be read during Great Falls High and CMR High School games.*
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20 *Athletic Event Tickets:*
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- 22 • *Sponsor will receive passes, as listed in the chart above, that will allow individuals to*
23 *attend all Great Falls and CMR High School sporting events. These passes will not be*
24 *honored for playoff or tournament events.*
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26 *Roster Hand-outs:*
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- 28 • *Sponsor name will appear on the roster hand-outs at Great Falls High and CMR High*
29 *School athletic events.*
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31 *First Right of Refusal:*
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- 33 • *When this agreement ends, the sponsor has the right of first refusal to negotiate a new*
34 *agreement.*
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36 *This agreement is by and between _____ and the Great*
37 *Falls Public Schools (GFPS).*
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39 *GFPS agrees to display SPONSOR'S signage as described above.*
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41 *GFPS agrees to be responsible for positioning, repositioning, or removal of signage. Signage*
42 *will be visible for all games and events during the regular school year unless the Montana High*
43 *School Athletic Association has prior contractual agreements.*
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1 SPONSOR agrees to pay GFPS package commitment payment in full prior to advertising. This
2 agreement is for the 2026-27 school year. The payment is due upon acceptance of this
3 agreement.

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5 SPONSOR agrees to purchase the signage for display. All signage will adhere in content and
6 quality to Great Falls Public School Advertising District Policy. SPONSOR retains the right to
7 update their signage during the period of the agreement at SPONSOR'S expense. GFPS reserves
8 the right to reject sign design.


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10 The Board, in keeping with the contemporary standards of good taste subject to certain
11 restrictions, may approve these opportunities. Such advertising will seek to model and promote
12 positive values for the students of the District through proactive educational messages and not
13 just traditional advertising of a product.

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15 Either part for breach or neglect of duty may terminate this Agreement at any time if the problem
16 is not remedied within 30 days after written notice by either SPONSOR or GFPS. No
17 termination shall prejudice GFPS's rights for payment of services and agreements completed
18 before the effective date of termination. Payments will be prorated as per the date of termination.
19 This partnership will become null and void if the ownership of SPONSOR changes at any point
20 during the contract period set forth.

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SPONSOR Signature Printed Name Date

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GFPS Signature Printed Name Date

 Great Falls Public Schools Great Falls, MT	Thompson	Sunchild	Skornogowski	Johnson	Henning	Duff	Bronson
Motion							
Second							
Ayes							
Nays							
Abstain							

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Report

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: IX. A.

CABINET MEMBER: Luke Diekhans

TOPIC

Annual Review of Board Policies 3300 – *Suspension and Expulsion* and 3311 – *Firearms and Weapons*

STRATEGIC PLAN

Healthy, Safe and Secure Schools

BACKGROUND

In accordance with [Section 20-5-202\(2\)\(a\), MCA](#): “The trustees of a district shall adopt a policy for the expulsion of a student who is determined to have brought a firearm, as defined in [18 U.S.C. 921](#), to school and for referring the matter to the appropriate local law enforcement agency. A student who is determined to have brought a firearm to school under this subsection must be expelled from school for a period of not less than one (1) year, except that the trustees may authorize the school administration to modify the requirement for expulsion of a student on a case-by-case basis. The trustees shall annually review the District’s weapons policy and any policy adopted under this subsection (2)(a) and update the policies as determined necessary by the trustees based on changing circumstances pertaining to school safety.”

Discussion

In reviewing Board Policies 3300 and 3311 with Montana School Boards policies, it has been found that our policies mirror their policies. There are minor changes being recommended at this time.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

This is an annual review of Board Policies 3300 – *Suspension and Expulsion* and 3311 – *Firearms and Weapons* in accordance with Section [20-5-202\(2\)\(a\), MCA](#). There are minor changes being presented at this time.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, or Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans at (406) 268-6050.

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1 **Great Falls School District**

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3 **STUDENTS**

3300

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5 Suspension and Expulsion – Corrective Actions and Discipline

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7 Suspension

- 8 • “Suspension” means the exclusion of a student from attending individual classes or
9 school and participating in school activities for an initial period not to exceed ten (10)
10 school days. An administrator may order suspension of a student.

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12 The procedure set forth below will be followed when proposed punishment of a student is to
13 include denial of the right of school attendance from any single class or from a full schedule of
14 classes for at least one (1) day.

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16 Before any suspension is ordered, a building administrator will meet with a student to explain
17 charges of misconduct, and the student will be given an opportunity to respond to the charges.

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19 When a student’s presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or poses an ongoing
20 threat of disruption to the educational process, a pre-suspension conference will not be required,
21 and an administrator may *emergency* suspend a student immediately. In such cases, a building
22 administrator will provide notice of, and schedule a conference as soon as practicable following
23 the suspension.

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25 A building administrator will report any suspension immediately to a student’s parent or legal
26 guardian. An administrator will provide a written report of suspension that states reasons for a
27 suspension, including any school rule that was violated, and a notice to a parent or guardian of
28 the right to a review of the suspension. The parent or legal guardian may use the Uniform
29 Complaint Procedure if they disagree with the suspension.

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31 Upon a finding by a school administrator that the immediate return to a school by a student
32 would be detrimental to the health, welfare, or safety of others or would be disruptive of the
33 educational process, a student may be suspended for ~~one (1)~~ an additional period of time not to
34 exceed ten (10) school days, if the student is granted an informal hearing with the school
35 administrator prior to the additional suspension, and if the decision to impose the additional
36 suspension does not violate the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or
37 Rehabilitation Act.

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39 Make-up Work

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41 1. K-12 students who are absent, as a result of an out-of-school suspension, have the right to
42 make up the work missed. They will work with the school to determine a timeline to
43 complete the work.
44 2. Paris Gibson Education Center students who are absent, as a result of an out-of-school
45 suspension, may continue their work upon reinstatement.
46 3. Teachers are not expected to reconstruct lessons taught while students are on suspension.

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Expulsion

- “Expulsion” is any removal of a student for more than twenty (20) school days without the provision of educational services. Expulsion is a disciplinary action available only to the Board.

The Board, and only the Board, may expel a student from school and may do so only after following due process procedures set forth below.

Upon recommendation from the Superintendent, the Board will provide written notice to a student and parent or legal guardian of a hearing to consider a recommendation for expulsion, which will be sent by registered or certified mail, or hand delivered, at least five (5) schools days before the date of the scheduled hearing. The notice will include time and place of hearing, information describing the process to be used to conduct the hearing, and notice that the Board intends to conduct the hearing in closed session unless a parent or legal guardian waives the student’s right to privacy.

Within the limitation that a hearing must be conducted during a period of student suspension, a hearing to consider expulsion may be rescheduled when a parent or legal guardian submits a request showing good cause to the Superintendent at least two (2) school days before a hearing date as originally scheduled. The Superintendent will determine if a request shows good cause to reschedule a hearing.

The student has the right to be present for the duration of the hearing. At the hearing the student may be represented by counsel and ask questions, present perspectives, and provide witnesses or documentation. The Board is not bound by formal rules of evidence in conducting the hearing.

Each school shall maintain a record of any disciplinary action that is educationally related, with explanation, taken against the student. When the Board of Trustees takes disciplinary action against a student, the Board must keep a written record of the action taken, with detailed explanation, even if the disciplinary action is decided during a closed session. A disciplinary action that is educationally related is an action that results in the expulsion or out-of-school suspension of the student. This record must be maintained/destroyed consistent with Montana Local Government Records Schedule 7 and is subject to transfer to a local educational agency, accredited school, or nonpublic school pursuant to 20-1-213, MCA.

Procedures for Suspension and Expulsion of Students with Disabilities

The District will comply with provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Rehabilitation Act when disciplining students. The Board will not expel any special education student when the student’s particular act of gross disobedience or misconduct is a manifestation of the student’s disability. The Board may expel pursuant to its expulsion procedures any special education student whose gross disobedience or misconduct is not a manifestation of the student’s disability. A disabled student will continue to receive education services as provided in the IDEA or Rehabilitation Act during a period of expulsion.

1 The Building administrator may suspend a child with a disability from the child’s current
2 placement for not more than ten (10) consecutive school days for any violation of school rules,
3 and additional removals of not more than ten (10) consecutive school days in that same school
4 year for separate incidents of misconduct, as long as those removals do not constitute a change of
5 placement under 34 CFR 300.519(b), whether or not a student’s gross disobedience or
6 misconduct is a manifestation of a student’s disabling condition. Any special education student
7 who has exceeded or who will exceed ten (10) days of suspension may temporarily be excluded
8 from school by court order or by order of a hearing officer, if the District demonstrates that
9 maintaining the student in the student’s current placement is substantially likely to result in
10 injury to the student or to others. After a child with a disability has been removed from his or her
11 placement for more than ten (10) school days in the same school year, during any subsequent
12 days of removal the public agency must provide services to the extent required under CFR
13 300.121(d).

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15 An administrator may remove from current placement any special education student who has
16 carried a weapon to school or to a school function or who knowingly possesses or uses illegal
17 drugs or sells or solicits the sale of a controlled substance while at school or a school function or
18 inflicts serious bodily injury on another person while at school on school premises, or at a school
19 function under the jurisdiction. A serious bodily injury is one that involves a substantial risk of
20 death; extreme physical pain; protracted and obvious disfigurement; or protracted loss or
21 impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or faculty. The District will place such
22 student in an appropriate interim alternative educational setting for no more than forty-five (45)
23 school days in accordance with the IDEA or Rehabilitation Act.

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26 Cross Reference:

27 Policy ~~3215~~ 1770 Uniform Complaint Procedure
28 Policy 3310 Student Discipline

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30 Legal Reference:

31 20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
32 24 CFR 300.519-521 Procedural Safeguards
33 §20-1-213, MCA Transfer of School Records
34 §20-4-302, MCA Discipline and punishment of pupils – definition of
35 corporal punishment – penalty – defense
36 §20-4-402, MCA Duties of district superintendent or county high school
37 principal
38 §205-5-105, MCA Attendance officer – powers and duties
39 §20-5-106, MCA Truancy
40 §20-5-201, MCA Duties and sanctions
41 §20-5-202, MCA Suspension and expulsion
42 ARM 10.16.3346 Aversive Treatment Procedures
43 ARM 10.5.910 Student Discipline Records
44 Gross v. Lopez, 419 US 565 (1975)
45 Section 504 IDEA

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13	Reviewed on:	May 13, 2024
14	Revised on:	June 9, 2025
15	<i>Revised on:</i>	

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Firearms and Weapons

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7 *For the purpose of this policy, the term “District/school property” means all school buildings or*
8 *property owned or leased by a local school district that are used for instruction or for student*
9 *activities (MCA 45-8-361 (1)(2)).*

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11 Firearms

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13 For the purposes of the firearms section of this policy, the term “firearm” means (A) any weapon
14 (including a starter gun) which will, ~~or~~ is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a
15 projectile by the action of an explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any
16 firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 921 (4).
17 Such term does not include an antique firearm pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 921 (16).

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19 It is the policy of the Great Falls Public Schools to comply with the federal Gun Free Schools
20 Act of 1994 and state law 20-5-202 (2), MCA, pertaining to students who bring a firearm to, or
21 possess a firearm at, any setting that is under the control and supervision of the school district. In
22 accordance with 20-5-202 (3), MCA, a teacher, superintendent, or a principal shall suspend
23 immediately for good cause a student who is determined to have brought a firearm to, or possess
24 a firearm at, any setting that is under the control and supervision of the school district. The
25 Policy does not govern conduct in a student’s home, a non-school parking lot, or a commercial
26 business when the student is participating in an online, remote, or distance-learning setting
27 unless they have made a threat or there is a perceived threat. In accordance with Montana law, a
28 student who is determined to have brought a firearm to, or possess a firearm at, any setting that is
29 under the control and supervision of the school district must be expelled from school for a period
30 of not less than one (1) year.

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32 However, the Board of Trustees, through this policy, authorizes the Superintendent and the
33 Administrative Hearing Panel to use their discretion on a case-by-case basis and modify the
34 requirement of expulsion of a student if they deem such modification to be warranted under the
35 circumstances.

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37 A decision to change the placement of a student with a disability who has been expelled pursuant
38 to this section must be made in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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40 Before holding a hearing to determine if a student has violated this Policy, the Board shall, in a
41 clear and timely manner, notify the student if the student is an adult or notify the parent or
42 guardian of a student if the student is a minor that the student may waive the student’s privacy
43 interest by requesting that the hearing be held in public and invite other individuals to attend the
44 hearing.

1 Before expelling a student under this Policy, the Board shall hold a due process hearing that
2 includes presentation of a summary of the information leading to the allegations and an
3 opportunity for the student to respond to the allegations. The student may not be expelled unless
4 the Trustees find that the student knowingly, as defined in Section 1-1-204, MCA, brought a
5 firearm to school or possessed a firearm at school.

6 The provisions of this Policy do not require the Board to expel a student who has brought a
7 firearm to school or possesses a firearm at school if the firearm is secured in a locked container
8 approved by the District or in a locked motor-vehicle the entire time the firearm is at school,
9 except while the firearm is in use for a school-sanctioned instructional activity.

11 Possession of Weapons other than Firearms

13 The District does not allow weapons on school property, *or at any setting that is under the*
14 *control and supervision of the District.* Any student found to have possessed, used, or
15 transferred a weapon on school property will be subject to discipline in accordance with the
16 District's discipline policy. For purposes of this section, "weapon" means any object, device, or
17 instrument designed as a weapon or through its use is capable of threatening or producing bodily
18 harm or which may be used to inflict self-injury, including but not limited to air guns; pellet
19 guns; BB guns; fake (facsimile) weapons; all knives; blades; clubs; metal knuckles; numchucks
20 (also known as nunchucks); throwing stars; explosives; fireworks; mace or other propellants;
21 stun guns; ammunition; poisons; chains; arrows; and objects that have been modified to serve as
22 a weapon.

24 No student shall possess, use, or distribute any object, device, or instrument having the
25 appearance of a weapon, and such objects, devices, or instruments shall be treated as weapons,
26 including but not limited to weapons listed above which are broken or non-functional, look-alike
27 guns; toy guns; and any object that is a facsimile of a real weapon. No student shall use articles
28 designed for other purposes (i.e., lasers or laser pointers, belts, combs, pencils, files, scissors,
29 etc.) to inflict bodily harm and/or intimidate, and such use will be treated as the possession and
30 use of a weapon.

32 The District will refer to law enforcement for immediate prosecution any person who possesses,
33 carries, or stores a weapon in a school building, and the District may take disciplinary action as
34 well in the case of a student. In addition, the District will refer *to the County or Regional*
35 *Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team* for possible prosecution of a parent
36 or guardian of any minor violating this policy on grounds of allowing a minor to possess, carry,
37 or store a weapon in a school building. (MCA 45-8-361 (1) (2) and MCA 52-211)

39 For the purposes of this section only, "school building" means all buildings owned or leased by a
40 local school district that are used for instruction or for student activities. (MCA 45-8-361 (5a))

42 The Board may grant persons and entities advance permission to possess, carry, or store a
43 weapon in a school building. For the purposes of education, instruction and ceremonial
44 occasions, the building principal, in consultation with the school resource officer, may grant
45 students or faculty prior written permission to bring a weapon or disabled firearm into a school

1 building. The Superintendent or designee will be notified by the building principal each time
2 permission is granted for an individual or group to bring weapons on to a GFPS school campus
3 for educational purposes. (ex. Hunter education classes, History lessons, Shop class, archery etc.)
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5 All other persons who wish to possess, carry, or store a weapon in a school building must request
6 permission of the Board at a regular meeting. The Board has sole discretion in deciding whether
7 to allow a person to possess, carry, or store a weapon in a school building. (MCA 45-8-361 (3b))
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9 This policy does not apply to law enforcement officers. (MCA 45-8-361 (3a))
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11 The Trustees shall annually review this policy and update this policy as determined necessary
12 based on changing circumstances pertaining to school safety.
13

14 Cross Reference:


15 Policy 3226	Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying - Students
16 Policy 3310	Student Discipline
17 Policy 4226	Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying – Community Relations
18 Policy 4315	Spectator Conduct
19 Policy 4332	Conduct of School Property
20 Policy 5223	Personal Conduct
21 Policy 5226	Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying - Personnel

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23 Legal Reference:

24 § 20-5-202, MCA	Suspension and expulsion
25 § 45-8-361, MCA	Possession or allowing possession of a weapon in a school building
26 § 52-2-211, MCA	<i>County or Regional Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team</i>
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28 20 U.S.C. § 7151, et seq.	Gun Free Schools Act of 1994
29 18 U.S.C. § 921	Definitions
30 NCLB, Section 4141	Gun Free Requirements

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32 Policy History:

33 Adopted on:	April 28, 2014
34 Revised on:	May 23, 2016
35 Reviewed on:	May 22, 2017
36 Reviewed on:	May 22, 2018
37 Reviewed on:	June 10, 2019
38 Reviewed on:	June 8, 2020
39 Reviewed on:	May 24, 2021
40 Revised on:	August 23, 2021
41 Reviewed on:	June 13, 2022
42 Reviewed on:	June 12, 2023
43 Revised on:	May 13, 2024
44 Revised on:	June 9, 2025
45 <i>Revised on:</i>	

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Motion							
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Ayes							
Nays							
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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Report

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: IX. B.

CABINET MEMBER: Heather Hoyer

TOPIC

First Reading of Board Policies **5120 (Revised)** – *Hiring Process and Criteria*; **5120F (Delete)** – *Determination of Eligibility for Hire Form*; **7625 (Revised)** – *Use of Enhanced Tax Credit Receipts*; and **8301 (Revised)** – *District Safety*.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Stewardship and Accountability

BACKGROUND

A committee consisting of Superintendent Heather Hoyer, Director of Business Operations Luke Diekhans, Director of Human Resources Heather Spurzem, Executive Directors of Student Achievement Jackie Mainwaring and Lance Boyd, Business Office Lead Aly Konecny, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Sherri Clark, Administrative Assistant Jerri Rollins and Trustees Bill Bronson, Craig Duff, and Paige Henning have been meeting to discuss and make changes where necessary on the policies mentioned above.

DISCUSSION

- Policy 5120 Language changes as recommended by MTSBA and the Committee.
- Policy 5120F Deleted Policy as recommended by the Committee.
- Policy 7625 Language changes as recommended by the Committee.
- Policy 8301 Language changes as recommended by the Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only. No action is required at this time. The request will be brought before the Board for action at a future Board meeting.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001.

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3 **PERSONNEL**

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5 Hiring Process and Criteria

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7 The Superintendent is responsible for recruiting personnel, in compliance with Board policy, and
8 making hiring recommendations to the Board. The District will make every effort to hire
9 personnel appropriately licensed and endorsed in accordance with state statutes and Board of
10 Public Education rules, consistent with budget and staffing requirements and will comply with
11 Board policy and state law on equal employment opportunities and veterans' preference. All
12 applicants must complete a District application form in order to be considered for employment.
13 Each applicant must provide a written authorization for a fingerprint *based federal* criminal
14 background investigation. The ~~Superintendent~~ *Human Resources Director* or designee will keep
15 a conviction record confidential as required by law and District policy. Each newly hired
16 employee must complete an Immigration and Naturalization Service (I-9) Form, as required by
17 federal law.

18
19 Employment of Employee Family Members

20
21 Members of an employee's immediate family may be considered for employment by Great Falls
22 Public Schools provided the individual possesses all the qualifications for the position for which
23 he/she is applying. However, under no circumstances, may one member of an immediate family
24 hire, promote, or supervise an immediate family member nor shall the regular hiring or
25 evaluation processes of the District be suspended to accommodate immediate family members.
26 In order to avoid undue influence in the evaluation process, two members of an immediate
27 family may not be assigned to the same school in a direct line of supervision, unless authorized
28 by the Superintendent due to extenuating circumstances. Further, family members shall
29 disqualify themselves from any personnel matter, such as employment, assignment, promotion,
30 compensation, evaluation, discipline, suspension or dismissal, of his or her immediate family.

31
32 For the purposes of this policy, immediate family members shall include: spouse, brother, sister,
33 parent, step-parent, children, step-children, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-
34 in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, adopted children of
35 the employee or the spouse of the employee, and any other member of the employee's
36 household.

37
38 Certification

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40 The District shall require that its certificated and licensed staff hold a valid Montana certificate
41 or license that demonstrates proper endorsement and licensure for the role and responsibilities
42 for which they are employed. Failure to meet this requirement shall be just cause for termination
43 of employment. No salary warrants may be issued to the staff member unless a valid certificate
44 for the role to which the teacher has been assigned has been registered with the County
45 Superintendent within sixty (60) calendar days after the term of service begins. Each contracted
46 teacher and/or administrator shall bring their current, valid *and registered license certificate* at

1 the time of *employment and at each renewal of certification as well as at the time of initial*
2 *employment to the Human Resources Office.*
3 The Human Resource Office shall ~~register all certificates, noting the class and endorsement and~~
4 ~~updating~~ *update* the Employee Information System as necessary. In addition, the ~~personnel~~
5 *Human Resource* office will retain a copy of each contracted ~~certificated~~ *certified* employee's
6 *current, valid, and registered certificate license* in the employee's personnel file *for a minimum*
7 *of two (2) years.*

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9 Reference Checks

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11 The Board authorizes the Superintendent or ~~the Superintendent's~~ designee to inquire ~~of~~ *from* past
12 employers about an applicant's employment on topics including but not limited to: title, role,
13 reason for leaving, work ethic, punctuality, demeanor, collegiality, putting the interests of
14 students first, and suitability for the position in the District. Responses to these inquiries should
15 be documented and considered as part of the screening and hiring process.

16
17 Employment Procedures

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19 ~~In collaboration with Central Administration, the~~ *The* Human Resources Director will develop a
20 hiring procedure that invites, identifies, and selects quality employees. The Human Resources
21 Director, with District administrators and supervisors, will screen, interview and recommend
22 through the Superintendent to the Board of Trustees, persons for employment. Periodically the
23 Human Resources Director will present a review of the district hiring procedures to the Board of
24 Trustees.

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26 Cross Reference:

27 Policy 5122 Fingerprinting and Criminal Background Investigations
28 Policy 5010 Equal Employment Opportunity & Non-Discrimination

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30 Legal Reference:

31 § 20-3-323, MCA District policy and record of acts
32 § 20-4-202, MCA Teacher and specialist certification registration
33 § 39-29-102, MCA Point preference or alternative preference in initial hiring for certain
34 applicants – equivalent selection procedure

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36 Policy History:

37 Adopted on: July 1, 2000
38 Revised on: November 12, 2007
39 Revised on: August 23, 2010
40 Revised on: February 12, 2018
41 Revised on: April 29, 2019
42 Revised on: March 8, 2021
43 *Revised on:*

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **PERSONNEL** 5120F

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5 **GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

6 1100 4th Street South

7 Great Falls, MT 59405

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9 **Determination of Eligibility for Hire**

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11 (Date)

12 RE: [NAME OF APPLICANT]

13

14 In regards to the determination of eligibility for hire/licensure; based on the minimum criteria as
15 specified in the Great Falls Public School District Applicant Background Check Procedure, the
16 individual listed below:

17

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19 _____
Name Date of Birth

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23 **Meets eligibility criteria**

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25 **Does NOT meet eligibility criteria**

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27 Please contact Great Falls Public School District with any questions regarding this
28 determination or to be provided with a copy of the Great Falls Public School District Applicant
29 Background Check Procedure.

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33 **Determination Completed By:**

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36 _____
Signature Printed Name

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39 _____
Title Date

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1 ~~Privacy Act Statement~~

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3 ~~This privacy act statement is located on the back of the FD-285 fingerprint card.~~

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5 ~~Authority: the FBI's acquisition, preservation, and exchange of fingerprints and associated~~
6 ~~information is generally authorized under 28 U.S.C. 534. Depending on the nature of your~~
7 ~~application, supplemental authorities include Federal statutes, State statutes pursuant to Pub. L.~~
8 ~~92-544, Presidential Executive Orders, and Federal regulations. Providing your fingerprints and~~
9 ~~associated information is voluntary; however, failure to do so may affect completion or approval~~
10 ~~of your application.~~

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12 ~~Principal Purpose: Certain determinations, such as employment, licensing, and security~~
13 ~~clearances, may be predicated on fingerprint-based background checks. Your fingerprints and~~
14 ~~associated information/biometrics may be provided to the employing, investigating, or otherwise~~
15 ~~responsible agency, and/or the FBI for the purpose of comparing your fingerprints to other~~
16 ~~fingerprints in the FBI's Next Generation Identification (NGI) system or its successor systems~~
17 ~~(including civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint repositories) or other available records or the~~
18 ~~employing, investigating, or otherwise responsible agency. The FBI may retain your fingerprints~~
19 ~~and associated information/biometrics in NGI after the completion of this application and, while~~
20 ~~retained, your fingerprints may continue to be compared against other fingerprints submitted to~~
21 ~~or retained by NGI.~~

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23 ~~Routine Uses: During the processing of this application and for as long thereafter as your~~
24 ~~fingerprints and associated information/biometrics are retained in NGI, your information may be~~
25 ~~disclosed pursuant to your consent, and may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by~~
26 ~~the Privacy Act of 1974 and all applicable Routine Uses as may be published at any time in the~~
27 ~~Federal Register, including the Routine Uses for the NGI system and the FBI's Blanket Routine~~
28 ~~Uses. Routine uses include, but are not limited to, disclosures to: employing, governmental or~~
29 ~~authorized non-governmental agencies responsible for employment, contracting, licensing,~~
30 ~~security clearances, and other suitability determinations; local, state, tribal, or federal law~~
31 ~~enforcement agencies; criminal justice agencies; and agencies responsible for national security~~
32 ~~or public safety.~~

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34 ~~As of 03/01/2021~~

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41 Policy History

42 ~~Adopted on: September 27, 2021~~

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5 Use of Enhanced Tax Credit Receipts

7 On receiving a donation from an enhanced tax credit, the District shall seek preapproval, in a
8 manner prescribed by the Department of Revenue (DOR), that the amount of tax credit sought by
9 the taxpayer is available under the aggregate limit set in statute. Upon preapproval by the DOR,
10 the District shall issue a receipt, in a form prescribed by the DOR, to each contributing taxpayer
11 indicating the value of the donation received and documenting the preapproval of the credit.

13 The District shall use the funds received from an enhanced tax credit for innovative educational
14 programs specified in law which are defined as:

- 15 • Transformational learning as defined in Section 20-7-1602, MCA;
- 16 • Advanced opportunity as defined in Section 20-7-1503, MCA;
- 17 • Any program, service, instructional methodology, or adaptive equipment used to expand
18 opportunity for a child with a disability as defined in Section 20-7-401, MCA;
- 19 • Any courses provided through work-based learning partnerships or for postsecondary
20 credit or career certification under Policy 2600; ~~and~~
- 21 • Technology enhancements, including but not limited to any expenditure incurred for
22 purposes specified in Section 20-9-533, MCA; *and*
- 23 • *Capital improvements and equipment necessary to support innovative educational*
24 *programs Public School Districts accept donations for the purpose of the credit. They*
25 *may not retain donations that exceed either:*
 - 26 ○ *The greater of \$50,000 or 15% of the Public School District’s maximum general*
27 *fund budget; or*
 - 28 ○ *20% of the total aggregate credit amount*

30 Cross Reference

31 Policy 2161	Special Education
32 Policy 2161R	Special Education
33 Policy 2168	Distance, Online and Technology Delivered Learning
34 Policy 2169	Proficiency Based Transformational Learning
35 Policy 2600	Work Experience/Internship Program

37 Legal References

38 Title 15, Chapter 30, Part 31, MCA	Tax Credit for Qualified Education Contributions
39 § 20-7-401, MCA	Definitions
40 § 20-7-1503, MCA	Definitions
41 § 20-7-1602, MCA	Incentives for Creation of Transformational Learning 42 Programs
43 § 20-9-533, MCA	Technology Acquisition and Depreciation Fund Limitations

45 Policy History

46 Adopted on: May 9, 2022

1 *Revised on:*

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

8301

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5 District Safety

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7 For purposes of this policy, “disaster means the occurrence or imminent threat of damage, injury,
8 or loss of life or property.”

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10 The Board recognizes that safety and health standards should be incorporated into all aspects of
11 the operation of the District. Rules for safety and prevention of accidents will be posted in
12 compliance with the Montana Safety Culture Act and the Montana Safety Act. Injuries and
13 accidents will be reported to the District office.

14
15 The Board of Trustees has identified the following local hazards that exist within the boundaries
16 of its school district: fire, earthquake, high winds, tornadoes, intruders, weapons, *floods*, and
17 man-made disasters. The Board shall adopt a school safety plan or emergency operations plan for
18 such hazards relating to school buildings and facilities, communications systems, and school
19 grounds with the input from the local community and that addresses coordination with the
20 County Interdisciplinary Child Information and School Safety Team provided for in Policy 4410.
21 This plan shall be reviewed annually.

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23 The plan must include the following threat assessment practices:

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- 25 • The adoption of a threat assessment protocol, outlining policies and procedures for
26 implementation when there is notification of a student threat of harm to others or
27 property; and
 - 28 • Identified threat assessment teams, composed of key staff, that meet as needed *and* may
29 include a behavioral threat assessment addressing students in need of academic and
30 behavioral support or interventions.

31
32 The Superintendent, or designee, shall design and incorporate drills in its school safety or
33 emergency operations plan to address the above stated hazards. This plan and procedures will be
34 discussed and distributed to each teacher at the beginning of each school year. There will be at
35 least eight (8) disaster drills a year in a school. All teachers will discuss safety drill procedures
36 with their class at the beginning of each *school* year and will have them posted in a conspicuous
37 place next to the exit door. Drills must be held at different hours of the day or evening to avoid
38 distinction between drills and actual disasters. A record will be kept of all disaster drills.

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40 The Trustees shall review the school safety or emergency operations plan periodically and
41 update the plan as determined necessary by the Trustees based on changing circumstances
42 pertaining to school safety. Once the Trustees have made the certification to the Office of Public
43 Instruction, the Trustees may transfer funds pursuant to Section 2, 20-1-401, MCA to make
44 improvements to school safety and security.

1 The Superintendent or designee will develop safety and health standards which comply with the
2 Montana Safety Culture Act.

3
4 To ensure a safe school setting and to comply with regulations governing schools in Montana,
5 the following safety measures shall be implemented in the District:
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- 7 a) Janitorial and other storage areas that contain toxic or hazardous materials must be kept
8 locked between periods of use. Custodial closets, boiler rooms, and other areas where
9 hazardous or poisonous compounds are stored must be inaccessible to students.
- 10 b) All cleaning compounds and other toxic chemicals not stored in the product container or
11 package in which it was obtained must be stored in a labeled container that clearly
12 identifies the product by name.
- 13 c) Chemicals must be stored *in appropriate and labeled storage closets, containers, and/or*
14 *designated refrigerators*, as specified by the chemicals' Safety Data Sheet.
- 15 d) The school and school site must be free of objects or conditions which create
16 unreasonable or unnecessary dangers to health or safety.
- 17 e) First aid kits, *eye washing stations*, and AEDs must be provided and stored in accessible
18 locations that are easily identifiable to staff and trained personnel.
- 19 f) Playground and school yards must be inspected every month by the facility manager or
20 other school personnel and the inspection must be recorded and records kept on the
21 school site. Inspections must be conducted using a playground safety checklist approved
22 by the DPHHS.
- 23 g) Playground inspection results must be made available for review by the local health
24 authority or the DPHHS upon request.
- 25 h) Periodic maintenance and repair must be performed on playground equipment according
26 to the manufacturer's specifications. Repairs not including the leveling of fall protection
27 material must be documented.
- 28 i) Playground equipment must be maintained in a safe condition *and may be removed by the*
29 *District when safety standards are not met.*
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31 Legal References:

32 § 20-1-401, MCA	Disaster Drills to be Conducted Regularly – Districts to Identify 33 Disaster Risks and Adopt School Safety Plan
34 § 20-1-402, MCA	Number of Disaster Drills Required – Time of Drills to Vary
35 § 39-40-1501, et seq., MCA	Montana Safety Culture Act
36 37.111.812, ARM	Safety Requirements
37 Chapter 348 (2023)	School Safety Teams

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39 Policy History:

40 Adopted on:	July 1, 2000
41 Revised on:	August 22, 2005
42 Revised on:	June 9, 2014
43 Revised on:	February 8, 2021
44 Revised on:	November 22, 2021
45 Revised on:	August 21, 2023
46 <i>Revised on:</i>	

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

CATEGORY: Report

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: IX. C.

BOARD MEMBER: Chairperson Johnson

TOPIC

Board Sub-Committee Assignments

BACKGROUND

Trustee Committee assignments allow for individual trustees to steward the interests of the Board in district, community, and state activities for the purpose of representation, communication and collaboration.

Discussion

The proposed sub-committees will be aligned with the [STRATEGIC PLAN](#) work of the school district to a greater level.

Stewardship & Accountability

- Board Budget Committee (includes monthly Check Register review and annual District Audit): Trustees **Paige Henning (Chair), Kim Skornogoski, and Bill Bronson**
- Policy Committee and Transportation Committee: Trustees **Paige Henning, Bill Bronson, and Craig Duff**
- Legislative Committee/AA Caucus/MTSBA: Trustees **Bill Bronson (MTSBA Representative) and Kim Skornogoski**
- Health Insurance Committee and Labor Relations Committee: Trustee **Bill Bronson**
- Superintendent Evaluation and Review Committee: Trustees **Amie Thompson (Chair) and Gordon Johnson**
- CORE School – GFPS Board Representative - Trustee **Marlee Sunchild**
- Foundation Board: Trustee **Marlee Sunchild**

Healthy, Safe and Secure Schools

- Health & Safety Committee: Trustees **Craig Duff and Amie Thompson**

Academic Achievement

- PIR Committee, IPAC, Calendar Committee, Review Curriculum, and Instruction & Assessment: Trustees **Kim Skornogoski and Craig Duff**

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

This report is for information only. No action is required.

For more information about this item, please contact Superintendent Heather Hoyer at (406) 268-6001, or Chairperson Johnson at (406) 788-4395.

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