

PALOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #301

Board Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Palouse School – Mr. Akin's Room

Thursday, July 23, 2026

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/97132724010>

- I. Opening of Meeting
 - A. Introduction
 - B. Request(s) to address the Board
- II. Changes in Agenda
- III. Consent Agenda *Action*
 - A. Accounts Payable
 - a. General Fund
 - b. Capital Projects
 - c. Payroll
 - B. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 2026 Board Meeting
 - C. High School Cross Country Coach, Gavin Merritt – Hire
- IV. Reports to the Board *Information*
 - a. Business Manager's Report
 - b. Principal's Report
- V. New Business
- VI. Adjournment



GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT #302
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 23, 2026
Palouse School Library at 7:00 pm.
Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97132724010>

Welcome to the Garfield-Palouse Cooperative School Board meeting, and thank you for being here. We encourage public participation, with comments taken prior to the meeting for items not on the agenda and before the board votes on action items.

To ensure a respectful and productive meeting, please listen quietly, avoid interruptions, and share comments only during the designated public comment times. Disruptive behavior, including shouting, excessive applause, or personal remarks and attacks, will not be allowed and may result in removal.

- I. Opening of Meeting**
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Request(s) to Address the Board
- II. Changes to Agenda**
- III. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Accounts payable for July
 - 1. General Fund
 - 2. Payroll
 - 3. Capital Projects
 - 4. ASB Fund
 - 5. Transportation Fund
 - B. Approval of Minutes from June 25, Regular Board Meeting
 - C. Personnel Report
 - 1. Review and ratify resignation agreement
- IV. Old Business**
- V. New Business**
 - A. Adopt budget extension for 2025-26 Resolution: 266
 - B. Adopt budget for 2026-27 Resolution: 267
 - C. Student Handbook – First Reading
 - D. Staff Handbook – First Reading
 - E. Substitute/Volunteer Handbook – First Reading
 - F. Activity/Bus Driver Handbook – First Reading
- VI. Reports**
 - A. Business Manager
 - B. Superintendent
- VII. Adjournment**

GARFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT #302 and PALOUSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #301

Joint Board Meeting

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- I. **Introduction**
 - II. **Request(s) to address the Board Information**
 - III. **Changes in Agenda**
 - IV. **Consent Agenda Action / Joint** **Action**
 - A. Approval of Minutes from the June 25, Board Meeting
 - V. **Old Business** **Action**
 - A. Review of the status of 2024-25 policy updates
 - B. Negotiations Update (Information)
 - i. Tentative agreement
 - a) Salary Increase – Flat \$2,000 increase per cell
 - b) Special Education Teacher - shall receive 105% of their contracted salary and may access up to 40 hours of additional paid time, prorated based on FTE, at their per diem/hourly rate (time slipped), to be used outside of the 180-day contract year as needed to fulfill job responsibilities.
 - ii. Still under discussion
 - a) **Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Assignment Parameters** – FTE shall be calculated by comparing the employee's assigned instructional and duty time, as determined by the District, to the weighted average instructional/contact time for a 1.0 FTE assignment across the elementary, middle, and high school levels represented in the employee's assignment.
 - b) Article VI – Assignment Transfer and Vacancy. The union is requesting notification of certified openings and assurance that a certified staff member will be represented on interview committees.
 - VI. **New Business** **Action**
 - A. 2026-27 Calendar Updates
 - B. Hire: High School Cross Country Coach – Gavin Merritt
 - C. Hire: Middle School Cross Country Coach – Lola Edwards
 - VII. **Reports**
 - A. Superintendent Reports
 - VII. **Adjournment**