



BOZEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

WILLSON BOARD ROOM #217A

MONDAY -- August 17, 2026 -- 5:45 PM

Regular Board Meeting

- 5:45 1. **Call to Order -- Roll Call -- Pledge of Allegiance** Red = Not an Agenda Item (Placeholder)
2. **BSD7 Experience** Black = Agenda Item
- 2.1 Student Representatives Report
 - 2.2 Board Education
The Board Education Opportunity is a 15-minute segment that allows our Board to receive an educational snippet of what is happening in our District.
 - 2.3 Recognition and Awards
 - [2.3.1](#) Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education (MCASE) Special Education Outstanding Administrator Recognition
 - [2.3.2](#) NAESP National Distinguished Principal® Award Recognition
 - [2.3.3](#) 2026 GHS Baseball All-State Individuals and AA Baseball Player of the Year
3. **Action Items -- Consent**
- 3.1 Policy 2nd Reading
 - [3.1.1](#) Consider Approval of Recommended Revisions to Policy #3630 - Student Use of Personal Devices
 - 3.2 Minutes
 - [3.2.1](#) Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
 - 3.3 High School District
 - [3.3.1](#) Consider Approval of Nonresident Students
 - 3.4 Both Districts
 - [3.4.1](#) Consider Approval of Personnel Actions
 - [3.4.2](#) Consider Approval of Financial Reports, Warrant Approval, and Donations
 - [3.4.3](#) Consider Approval of Updates to BSD7 Student Handbooks
 - 3.5 Elementary District
4. **Action Items -- Singular**
- 4.1 Both Districts
 - 4.2 High School District
 - [4.2.1](#) Consider Approval of 2026-2027 High School District Budget
 - 4.3 Elementary District
 - [4.3.1](#) Consider Approval of 2026-2027 Elementary District Budget
5. **Board Discussion**
- 5.1 Policy 1st Reading
6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
Recognition of visitors and explanation of procedures to be followed when addressing the Board. Members of the community are given the opportunity to make brief comments to the Board on any matter that is not included in the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order.
7. **Reports**
- [7.1](#) Executive Cabinet Report

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Public comment may be submitted electronically to trustees@bsd7.org

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Montana Code Annotated 2019

TITLE 45. CRIMES

CHAPTER 8. OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC ORDER

Part 1. Conduct Disruptive of Public Order

Disorderly Conduct

45-8-101. Disorderly conduct. (1) A person commits the offense of disorderly conduct if:

- (a) the person knowingly disturbs the peace by:
 - (i) quarreling, challenging to fight, or fighting;
 - (ii) making loud or unusual noises;
 - (iii) using threatening, profane, or abusive language;
 - (iv) rendering vehicular or pedestrian traffic impassable;
 - (v) rendering the free ingress or egress to public or private places impassable;
 - (vi) disturbing or disrupting any lawful assembly or public meeting;
 - (vii) transmitting a false report or warning of a fire or other catastrophe in a place where its occurrence would endanger human life;
 - (viii) creating a hazardous or physically offensive condition by any act that serves no legitimate purpose; or
 - (ix) transmitting a false report or warning of an impending explosion in a place where its occurrence would endanger human life; or
 - (b) in the course of engaging in any of the conduct prohibited by subsections (1)(a)(i) through (1)(a)(vi), a peace officer recognizes the person's conduct creates an articulable public safety risk.
- (2)
 - (a) Except as provided in subsections (2)(b), (3), and (4), a person convicted of the offense of disorderly conduct shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$100.
 - (b) A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsections (1)(a)(i) through (1)(a)(vi) within 1 year shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$100 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 10 days, or both.
 - (3) A person convicted of a violation of subsections (1)(a)(vii) through (1)(a)(ix) shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 1 year, or both.
 - (4) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (1)(b) shall be fined an amount not to exceed \$500 or be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not to exceed 1 day, or both.

History: En. 94-8-101 by Sec. 1, Ch. 513, L. 1973; R.C.M. 1947, 94-8-101; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 508, L. 1989; amd. Sec. 8, Ch. 415, L. 1991; amd. Sec. 1693, Ch. 56, L. 2009; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 250, L. 2013; amd. Sec. 16, Ch. 321, L. 2017; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 372, L. 2019.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Recognition and Awards
Agenda Item #:	2.3.1
Originated By:	Marilyn King and Mike Van Vuren, Deputy Superintendents
Others Involved:	

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

Montana Council of Administrators of Special Education (MCASE) Special Education Outstanding Administrator Recognition

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

- WHEREAS: The Montana Council of Administrators for Special Education (MCASE) is the local affiliate of the Council of Administrators for Special Education, an international professional educational organization whose members are dedicated to the enhancement of the worth, dignity, potential, and uniqueness of each individual in society; and
- WHEREAS: Chad Berg, Special Education Director for the Bozeman Public Schools, was selected as Special Education Administrator of the Year, and presented with this honor at the Evening of Excellence in Helena on June 11, 2026; and
- WHEREAS: With a heart for service, Mr. Berg dedicates his days to nurturing the potential of everyone he meets. He leads by example - modeling integrity, leadership, and a genuine respect for others. His presence in Bozeman is defined by a tireless commitment to the families and staff he serves so well;
- THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees recognizes and honors Chad Berg for this award



Meeting Date: August 17, 2026

Category: Recognition and Awards

Agenda Item #: 2.3.2

Originated By: Marilyn King and Mike Van Vuren, Deputy Superintendents

Others Involved:

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
NAESP National Distinguished Principal® Award Recognition

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

- WHEREAS: NAESP’s National Distinguished Principal® (NDP) program honors outstanding elementary and middle-level principals who ensure that America’s children acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement; and
- WHEREAS: Adrian Advincula, Chief Joseph Middle School Principal for the Bozeman Public Schools, was selected as a 2026 NAESP National Distinguished Principal. He will attend a formal recognition for this distinction at the 2026 NDP event, Oct. 15-16, 2026, in Washington, D.C.; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Advincula is a leader who proves that educational excellence is built on a foundation of human connection. Mr. Advincula represents the gold standard of leadership: a strategist who builds complex systems and a mentor who knows every student by name;
- THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees recognizes and honors Adrian Advincula for this award.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Recognition and Awards
Agenda Item #:	2.3.3
Originated By:	Mark Ator, Activities Director
Others Involved:	Johnny Graham - GHS Head Coach

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

2026 GHS Baseball All-State Individuals and AA Baseball Player of the Year

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: The Gallatin High baseball team finished the season with a 18-2 record and advanced to the State Championship game in the State AA baseball tournament; and

WHEREAS: Louis Musial was selected as the AA Baseball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS: The following players earned 1st Team All-State honors:

- Braeden Matthews
- Louis Musial
- Sam Talbot

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees recognizes and honors the 2026 Gallatin High Baseball First Team All-State honorees, Braeden Matthews, Louis Musial, and Sam Talbot, and AA Baseball Player of the Year, Louis Musial.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - Both Districts
Agenda Item #:	3.1.1
Originated By:	Casey Bertram, Superintendent
Others Involved:	Executive Cabinet

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

Consider Approval of Recommended Revisions to Policy [#3630 - Student Use of Personal Devices](#)

Facts:

1. The [Student Well-being Goal](#) recommends updating the District's "cell-phone" policy.
2. The District continues to monitor the evolving nature nationwide regarding cell phone access and use in high schools.
3. The District is responsible for responding to the feedback we solicited from students, parents, and staff.
4. This policy was discussed at the July 27, 2026 board meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

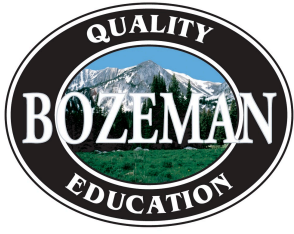
\$16,000 per year, High School General Fund

Superintendent's Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the recommended revisions to Policy [#3630 - Student Use of Personal Devices](#) as presented.

Other Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the recommendation and request that the administration propose changes.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - Both Districts
Agenda Item #:	3.2.1
Originated By:	Lacy Clark, District Clerk
Others Involved:	Lori Ross, Executive Assistant

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Facts & Discussion:

1. Minutes of the [July 13, 2026](#), Regular Board Meeting.
2. Minutes of the [July 27, 2026](#) Special Board Meeting.
3. Upon approval, the minutes represent the official actions of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 7.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Superintendent's Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on [7-13-2026](#) and the Special Board Meeting on [7-27-2026](#) as presented.

Other Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the recommendation and request that the administration propose changes.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - High School District
Agenda Item #:	3.3.1
Originated By:	Casey Bertram, Superintendent
Others Involved:	Enrollment Office

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

Consider Approval of Nonresident Students

Facts and Discussion:

1. The 2023 Montana Legislature passed [HB203](#), which opens nonresident enrollment across Montana's public schools. On January 1, 2026, the application process for nonresident families wishing to attend a BSD7 school for the 2026-2027 school year was publicized. Enrollment applications were accepted through January 31st. Information was provided on the [Enrollment Website](#).
2. Bozeman Public Schools Policy 3141/3141P describes the Nonresident Student Enrollment Policy and Procedures.
3. The District utilizes the [LRSP Open Enrollment Guidance Document](#) for the nonresident student enrollment process.
4. The application review process prioritizes the quality of education for residents, children of District employees, and siblings of current nonresident students.
5. Decisions will be made per [Policy 3141](#) and Section 20-3-320, MCA.
6. Policy 3141 states, "A previously enrolled resident student requesting continued enrollment for the remainder of the current school year as a nonresident student may submit an application at any time during the current school year once a new residence outside the District is claimed as specified by law and this Policy."
7. Two of the applications are for students who recently moved out of the district and wish to remain at their current school for the 2026–2027 school year. Two of the applications are for students who are new to the district.
8. Approvals are granted on a year-to-year basis.
9. The superintendent and executive team have prepared [THIS](#) spreadsheet, including de-identified information regarding the student's approval recommendation.

Fiscal Impact:

Tuition receipts as determined by enrollment dates in accordance with HB203.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the nonresident student applications as presented.

Other Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the recommendation and request that the administration propose changes.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - Both Districts
Agenda Item #:	3.4.1
Originated By:	Lacy Clark, Director of Business Services
Others Involved:	Gina Miller, Administrative Assistant of Operations

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

Consider Approval of Personnel Actions

Facts:

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

Fiscal Impact:

Noted on report.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

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

Other Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the recommendation and request that the administration propose changes.

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REQUIRES BOARD ACTION

Confirmation of Employment (Certified)

Name	Position	Level/Step	Effective	Salary
Babcock, Carolina	Music Teacher, 1.0 FTE, SMS	BA, Step 3	8/26/2026	\$42,725.60
Bannasch, Jessica	Music Teacher, 1.0 FTE, MDLK	BA/MA +60 Step 5	8/26/2026	\$67,726.00
Bronken, Amber	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, WHIT	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Carey, Mia	Guidance Counselor, .5 FTE, HYL	BA/MA +90 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$34,315.50
Compton, Katie	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, IRVG	BA/MA +45 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$62,501.00
Donde, Abigail	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, MOST	BA/MA +45 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$62,501.00
Greene, Juliana	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, WHIT	BA/MA +75 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$66,571.00
Harris, Addison	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, LONG	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Hillesland, Tarah	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, EMDI	BA Step 5	8/26/2026	\$56,572.00
Kassay, Brian	SPED Teacher, 1.0 FTE, HYL	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Knutson, Rebecca	Science Teacher, 1.0 FTE, SMS	BA/MA +45 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$62,501.00
Koch, Riley	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, WHIT	BA Step 4	8/26/2026	\$55,015.00
Lane, Grace	Bozeman Reads Teacher, 1.0 FTE, MOST	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Lawson, Katherine	Music Teacher, 1.0 FTE, IRVG	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Mancey, Melissa	Dean of Students, 1.0 FTE, BHS	BA/MA +90 - 197 Days	8/26/2026	\$78,969.60
Mudd, Isabella	Music Teacher, 1.0 FTE, CJMS	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Muench, Mackenzie	Bozeman Reads Teacher, 1.0 FTE, MOST	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
O'Connell, Mike	Social Studies Teacher, .5 FTE, BHS	BA/MA +45 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$31,250.50
Pufal, Elisabeth	Guidance Counselor, 1.0 FTE, CJMS	BA/MA +90 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$68,631.00
Robinson, Sophia	English Teacher, 1.0 FTE, BHS	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Roe, Elizabeth	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, HYL	BA/MA +45 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$62,501.00
Sackmann, Maria	Health Enhancement Teacher, 1.0 FTE, GHS	BA/MA +60 Step 5	8/26/2026	\$67,726.00
Sampley, Camille	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, MDLK	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Schroeder, Leif	HiSET Options Instructor, 1.0 FTE, GHS	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Shippey, Erika	Math Teacher, 1.0 FTE, SMS	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Smith, Kathleen	HiSET Options Counselor, 1.0 FTE, GHS	BA/MA +105 Step 5	8/26/2026	\$73,856.00
Stevens, Skylar	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, WHIT	BA Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,407.00
Todd, Tyrel	Social Studies Teacher, 1.0 FTE, BHS	BA/MA +45 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$62,501.00
Townsend-Grey, Heather	SPED Teacher, 1.0 FTE, IRVG	BA/MA +45 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$62,501.00
Wisneski, Delaney	SPED Teacher, .8 FTE, MOST	BA/MA +75 Step 3	8/26/2026	\$53,256.80
Wyatt, Paige	Guidance Counselor, 1.0 FTE, BHS	BA/MA +105 Step 5	8/26/2026	\$70,690.00

Confirmation of Employment (Professional)

Name	Position	Level/Step	Effective	Salary
Slominski, Cody	Maintenance Manager, 1.0 FTE, Facilities, 12 mos.	Professional	8/10/2026	\$28.85/hr

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REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS (con't)

Confirmation of Resignations/Terminations (Professional)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Hayes, Crissina	Guided Study Hall, .5 FTE, Professional, \$11,904/yr., BHS, 6 mos., Guided Study Hall, .5 FTE Professional \$11,904/yr. GHS, 6 mos.	Resignation	6/12/2026	0.5
Thompson, William	Supervisor - K-12 Custodian & Maintenance, 1.0 FTE, Professional, Wil, 12 Mos.	Deceased	7/27/2026	7

Confirmation of Resignations/Terminations (Classified)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Bear, Kaitlin	Para - DISC, 1.0 FTE, B Step 6, \$19.04/hr, MDL, 9.25 mos., Para - SPED, .2167 FTE, D Step 6, \$20.47/hr, MDL, 9.25 mos.	Resignation	6/11/2026	2.83
Billups, Stella	Para - Behavior Support, .8438 FTE, Step 11, \$27.34/hr, HYL, 9.25 mos	Resignation	6/11/2026	0.59
Garó Acevedo, Melissa	Para - Disc, .8750 FTE, B Step 5, \$18.85/hr., MDL, 9.25 mos.	Resignation	6/11/2026	0.89
Howard, Hannah	Para - SPED, .3438 FTE, D Step 6, \$20.47/hr, 9.25 mos., Para - Transportation, .0313 FTE, B Step 6, \$19.04/hr, 9.25 mos., Para - SPED, .3438 FTE, D Step 6, \$20.47/hr, 9.25 mos.	Resignation	6/11/2026	1.72
Kelly, Elizabeth	Food Service - Elementary Cashier, .2500 FTE, FB 9, \$23.16/hr, Haw, 9.25 mos.	Resignation	6/11/2026	5
Moran, Ann-Marie	Clerical - Asst. Secretary, .3750 FTE, D Step 18, \$23.05/hr, MDL, 9.25 mos., Clerical - Exec Secretary, .6250 FTE, H Step 18, \$29.26/hr, MDL,	Resignation	9/1/2026	17
Sonju, Tania	Food Service - Cook II, .6250 FTE, FB 5, \$22.71/hr, Haw, 9.25 mos.	Resignation	9/1/2026	3
Tamey, Chris	Para- ISS, 1.0 FTE, D Step 2 \$18.57/hr, GHS, 9.25 mos.	Resignation	6/11/2026	1
Wilson, Tarryn	Para - SPED, .8750 FTE, D Step 4, \$20.07/hr, MDL, 9.25 mos.	Resignation	6/11/2026	0.46

Changes and Revisions in Contracts (Admin)

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Maxwell, James	English Teacher, 1.0 FTE, BHS	Director Athletics, 1.0 FTE, BHS	7/1/2026	New Position

Changes and Revisions in Contracts (Certified)

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Aaker, Amanda	HiSET Options Coordinator, 1.0 FTE, GHS	SPED and Adult Literacy Teacher, 1.0 FTE, Adult/Community Ed	8/26/2026	New Position
Advincula, Tawny	Behavioral Support Specialist, 1.0 FTE, MOST	Librarian, 1.0 FTE CJMS	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Barth, Madeline	Elective Teacher, 1.0 FTE, CJMS	Drama/Theatre Teacher, 1.0 FTE CJMS	8/26/2026	Rehire

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REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS (con't)

Changes and Revisions in Contracts (Certified) cont.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Beller, William	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, LONG	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, MDLK	8/26/2026	Rehire
Borden, Michelle	Core Teacher, 1.0 FTE, SMS	Math Teacher, 1.0 FTE, SMS	8/26/2026	Rehire
Doehrer, Madison	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, EMDI	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, HAWT	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Fabris, Carrie	Librarian, .5, FTE SMS, Librarian, .5, FTE CJMS	Librarian, 1.0 FTE GHS	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Field, Yvonne	SPED Teacher, 1.0 FTE, CJMS	School Psychologist, 1.0 FTE, GHS	8/26/2026	Rehire
Fikes, Sharon	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, IRVG	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, MDLK	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Fraker, Natasha	Guidance Counselor, .5 FTE, IRVG, Guidance Counselor, .5 FTE, LONG	Behavioral Support Specialist, 1.0 FTE, WHIT	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Gaines, Kristi	Behavioral Support Specialist, 1.0 FTE, MDLK	Behavioral Support Specialist, 1.0 FTE, MDLK	8/26/2026	Rehire
Gooch, Taylor	Guidance Counselor, 1.0 FTE, CJMS	Suicide Prevention Specialist, 1.0 FTE, Payroll Central Office	8/26/2026	New Position
Guttormson, Margaret	8th Grade Core Teacher, 1.0 FTE, SMS	Behavioral Support Specialist, 1.0 FTE, SMS	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Harper, Noelle	Librarian, 1.0 FTE, GHS	Art Teacher, 1.0 FTE, GHS	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Hays, Jessica	Technology & Industry Teacher, 1.0 FTE, BHS	ICTE/Photography Teacher, 1.0 FTE BHS	8/26/2026	Rehire
Higgins, Shelly	Librarian, 1.0 FTE, HAWT	Librarian, 1.0 FTE, BHS	8/26/2026	Rehire
Johnson, Allison	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, MOST	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, MOST	8/26/2026	Rehire
Johnson, Michaelann	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, EMDI	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, EMDI	8/26/2026	Rehire
Knopf, Madison	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, HAWT	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, HAWT	8/26/2026	Rehire
Lake, Laci	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, HAWT	Librarian, 1.0 FTE, HAWT	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Lee, Danielle	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE MOST	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, IRVG	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Lee, Justen	School Psychologist, 1.0 FTE, GHS	School Psychologist, .6 FTE, WHIT, School Psychologist, .4 FTE, IRVG	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer

Changes and Revisions in Contracts (Certified) cont.

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Lenihan, Kathryn	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, LONG	HE/Science Teacher, 1.0 FTE, SMS	8/26/2026	Rehire
McCown, Jamie	SPED Teacher, 1.0 FTE, IRVG	SPED Teacher, 1.0 FTE, EMDI	8/26/2026	Rehire
O'Connor, Rory	ELA/SS Teacher, 1.0 FTE, SMS	ELA/SS Teacher, 1.0 FTE, SMS	8/26/2026	Rehire
Owens, Corrie	HiSET Options Coordinator, 1.0 FTE, GHS	Counselor, 1.0 FTE GHS	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Pauletti, Gretchen	Elementary Teacher, .5 FTE, MDLK, Elementary Teacher, .5 FTE, HAWT	High School Teacher, .5 FTE, GHS, High School Teacher, .5 FTE, BHS	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Persson, Sarah	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, IRVG	Elementary Teacher, 1.0, MOST	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Rodriguez, Taeler	School Psychologist, 1.0 FTE, BHS	Student Wellness & Intervention Specialist, 1.0 FTE, BHS	8/26/2026	Rehire
Samuelson, Nancy	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, HYL T	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, EMDI	8/26/2026	Rehire
Shonkwiler, Tonya	Teacher, SPED, 1.0 FTE, CJMS	Life Skills Teacher, 1.0 FTE, CJMS	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Thorn, Ambure	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE IRVG	SPED Teacher, 1.0 FTE, CJMS	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
Tyrell, Frannie	SPED - Behavioral Support Specialist, 1.0 FTE, WHIT	Sped, .5 FTE, LONG, Sped, 5 FTE Intervention, LONG	8/26/2026	Internal Transfer
West, Lauren	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, EMDI	Elementary Teacher, 1.0 FTE, EMDI	8/26/2026	Rehire
White, Tina	SPED Teacher, 1.0 FTE, HYL T	SPED Teacher, 1.0 FTE, CJMS	8/26/2026	Rehire

Changes and Revisions in Contracts (Professional)

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Hardin, Elizabeth	Coordinator - SPED, 1.0 FTE, Payroll District Office	Coordinator - SPED, 1.0 FTE, Payroll District Office	8/26/2026	Rehire

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<u>Stipends - Not Extracurricular</u>				
Name	Authorized Position	Stipend	Level	Effective
Bahn, Christopher	25-26 Sub Bonus Second Semester	\$290.00		6/22/26
Burnett, Christy	25-26 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/26
Clarke, Patrick	25-26 Sub Bonus Second Semester	\$300.00		6/23/26
Dorow, Amanda	25-26 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/2026
Fraser, Graci	25-26 Jump Start (Hrly. Rt.)	\$17.75		6/22/26
Grigalunas, Hannah	25-26 Summer Cook (Hrly. Rt. @ FF08)	\$25.09		6/16/26
Harris, Addy	25-26 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/26
Jackson, Thomas	25-26 Sub Bonus Second Semester	\$470.00		6/23/26
Jamison, Matthew	25-26 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/26
Kraska, Elizabeth	25-26 Jump Start - (Hrly. Rt.)	\$18.90		7/1/26
Lister, Coreene	25-26 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		6/12/26
Nehring, Alex	25-26 Summer Credit Recovery (Hrly Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/26
Rabinsky, Matt	25-26 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/26
Sampley, Camille	25-26 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/26
Smith, Emily	25-26 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/26
Spieker, Taylor	25-26 Jump Start - Sub Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/26
Stevens, Skylar	25-26 Sub Bonus Second Semester	\$280.00		6/23/26
Strizich, Isabel	25-26 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$38.00		7/1/26
Anderson, Duffy	26-26 Sub Bonus Second Semester	\$310.00		6/22/26
Burnett, Christy	26-27 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/1/26
Certalic, Mike	26-27 Drivers's Ed Instructor (Hrly Rt.)	\$39.00		6/16/26
Dorow, Amanda	26-27 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/1/26
Fraser, Graci	26-27 Jump Start (Hrly. Rt.)	\$18.28		6/22/26
Grigalunas, Hannah	26-27 Summer Cook (Hrly. Rt. @ FF09)	\$26.36		6/16/26

August 17, 2026

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS (con't)

Stipends - Not Extracurricular

Name	Authorized Position	Stipend	Level	Effective
Hamilton, Sarah	26-27 ESY High School - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		6/30/26
Harris, Addison	26-27 Jump Start - PK Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/10/26
Harris, Addy	26-27 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/1/26
Jamison, Matthew	26-27 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/1/26
Knapp, Conner	26-27 Jump Start - Sub Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/17/26
Kraska, Elizabeth	26-27 Jump Start - (Hrly. Rt.)	\$19.87		7/1/26
Lister, Coreene	26-27 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		6/12/26
McCormick, Steve	26-27 Driver's Ed Instructor (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		6/16/26
Nehring, Alex	26-27 Summer Credit Recovery (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/1/26
Peres, Cortney	Add'l Compensation covering for C. Reuter (BCEA, Article 9) (Hrly. Rt.)	\$4.80		7/10/26
Rabinsky, Matt	26-27 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/1/26
Sampley, Camille	26-27 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$36.00		7/1/26
Schure, Mark	26-27 Driver's Ed Instructor (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		6/16/26
Smith, Emily	26-27 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/1/26
Spieker, Taylor	26-27 Jump Start - Sub Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/1/26
Stizich, Isabel	26-27 Jump Start - Teacher (Hrly. Rt.)	\$39.00		7/1/26



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - Both Districts
Agenda Item #:	3.4.2
Originated By:	Lacy Clark, Director of Business Services
Others Involved:	Eliza Salonga, Accounting Supervisor Brooke Swain Cantu, District Bookkeeper

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

Consider Approval of the [Financial Reports](#), [Donations](#), [New Club Request](#), and Warrant Listing

Facts & 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 Bozeman Public Schools.

The Warrant Registers are available in the Business Office and have been sent to the Trustees. July 2026 warrants are as follows: Operational warrants were \$4,446,596.22; net Payroll, taxes, and deductions were \$1,426,487.11; Warrants disbursed for July 2026 were \$5,873,083.33.

Investment of District Funds in accordance with State law as of:	<u>June 30th, 2026</u>
Gallatin County Investment Pool	\$7,655,723.31
First Interstate Bank Investment Pool	\$20,55,906.88
STIP Investment Pool	\$14,775,414.78
<u>Nonexpendable Endowment (D.A. Davidson)</u>	<u>\$970,274.99</u>
Total District cash and investments	<u>\$43,956,319.96</u>

Fiscal Impact:

Refer to the attached report.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the [Financial Reports](#), [Donations](#), [New Club Request](#), and Warrant Listing as presented.

Other Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the recommendation and request that administration propose changes.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - Both Districts
Agenda Item #:	3.4.3
Originated By:	Casey Bertram, Superintendent
Others Involved:	Marilyn King and Mike Van Vuren, Deputy Superintendents

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

Consider Approval of Updates to BSD7 Student Handbooks

Facts:

- Each school provides an online version of the handbook on its website:
[Bozeman High School Student Handbook](#)
[Gallatin High School Student Handbook](#)
[Bridger Charter Academy Student Handbook](#)
[Chief Joseph Middle School Student Handbook](#)
[Sacajawea Middle School Student Handbook](#)
[Emily Dickinson Elementary School](#)
[Hawthorne Elementary School Student Handbook](#)
[Hyalite Elementary School Student Handbook](#)
[Irving Elementary School Student Handbook](#)
[Longfellow Elementary School Student Handbook](#)
[Meadowlark Elementary School Student Handbook](#)
[Morning Star Elementary School Student Handbook](#)
[Whittier Elementary School Student Handbook](#)
- The District utilizes a template provided by the Montana School Boards Association and also utilizes guidance from Kaleva Law Office. Schools may personalize their handbook with some school or grade-band level-specific information, e.g, bell schedule, pick-up and drop-off locations, etc.

Discussion:

The handbook template is updated annually, taking into account new or revised policies adopted by the Board, and then each school personalizes it for the specific school site.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the BSD7 Student Handbooks as proposed.

Other Alternatives:

- Do not approve the recommendation and request that the administration propose changes.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Singular - High School District
Agenda Item #:	4.2.1
Originated By:	Lacy Clark, Director of Business Services
Others Involved:	Mike Waterman, Executive Director of Business and Operations

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

Consider Approval of [2026-2027 High School District Budget](#)

Background:

1. MCA 20-9-131 -- Final Budget Meeting requires that the trustees of each district shall meet annually on or before August 20 to adopt the final budget for the district and determine the amounts to be raised by tax levies for the district. The meeting can be continued from day to day, but budget spending must be adopted no later than August 25.
2. The Board previously reviewed the preliminary 2026-27 budget at its February 2026 and July 2026 Board meetings.
3. High School District budgets to be adopted total \$60,702,847 (all funds).
4. Total High School levied dollars will decrease \$7,193,412 from \$28,631,041 in 2025-26 to \$21,437,628 in 2026-27. The large decrease is primarily a result of HB156 in which the Counties where the district resides are now responsible for levying the base general fund levy.
5. The District received taxable value information from the Department of Revenue. According to the information received, the taxable value for the High School District increased by 8.59% from \$412,161,850 to \$447,551,746.
6. FY 2026-27 was a non-reappraisal year. Market value in the High School District increased, as did taxable value. The increase was partially due to newly taxable property, but primarily to the new taxable value structure established under SB 542 during the 2025 legislative session in which 2nd homes and short-term rentals are taxed at a higher rate than primary residences and long term rentals.
7. Based on the new base levy structure and the taxable value provided, total mills levied will decrease by 19.78 mills from 67.68 mills to 47.90 mills.
8. Although school districts traditionally calculate the mill impact associated with its adopted budget, state law actually assigns that task to the County Superintendent for completion, this year by September 1, 2026.
9. Due to turnover within the Business Office and complications with the state reporting system, the budget document that administration has traditionally prepared is not yet available. However, an [Executive Summary](#) and [additional supporting documentation](#) are available, and the full budget document is expected to be finalized in the coming weeks. Once completed, that document will be posted to the website and shared with Trustees.

Discussion:

Following is an explanation of the significant differences between the preliminary budget presented at the July 27, 2026 Board meeting and final budgets and taxation amounts:

- Taxable value change. Administration assumed a 5% decrease in our taxable value when building the preliminary budget. Actual values are now known, and the change in taxable value differed markedly from our projections. As noted above, the High School taxable value increased 8.59% from \$412,161,850 to \$447,551,746.

- Revisions to carry over funds. The District has finished closing its 2025-26 books, and fund balance remaining has been adjusted in several instances. These fund balance changes account for the remaining differences in the final spending limits and tax levies.
- Recommended budgets in the Tuition, Transportation, and Adult Ed Funds have been adjusted slightly as 2026-27 cost estimates became more refined.

The proposed budget will result in an overall decrease in revenue and, due to the increase in taxable value and the change in the Base General Fund taxation to the County, a decrease in overall levied mills. The following chart compares FY26 and FY27 levied mills:

High School Fund	Actual FY2025-26 Mills	Current FY2026-27 Mills	Change
General	26.78	12.98	(13.80)
Debt Service	25.98	22.77	(3.21)
Building Reserve	8.17	6.01	(2.16)
Transportation	3.50	2.18	(1.32)
Technology	1.04	1.00	(0.04)
Adult Education	1.91	2.69	0.78
Tuition	0.30	0.27	(0.03)
High School Total	67.68	47.90	(19.78)

Bozeman High School District taxes will decrease from 67.68 mills in 2025-26 to 47.90 mills in 2026-27, a decrease of 19.78 mills (29%). However, much of this local decrease will be offset by an increase in countywide taxes following HB156. As a result, the BSD7 mill decrease will likely not result in a felt overall reduction in property taxes. The countywide tax information cannot be calculated until all local school district budgets are submitted, so those numbers are not yet available and meaningful year over year comparisons cannot yet be made.

Changes to the state's tax rates (HB231 and SB542, 2025 legislative session) further complicate year over year comparisons. Whatever the net impact of the HB156 conversation, it is likely that owner-occupied and long-term rental properties will see school taxes remain relatively stable or even decrease slightly. However, owners of second homes and short-term rental properties should expect taxes to increase—possibly significantly—as a result of the state's tax rate changes.

Administration will continue to update the Board as more information becomes known.

Fiscal Impact:

This is the proposed [budget for the 2026-2027](#) school year.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent is requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the following budgets and associated tax levies noted above:

	FY2025-26	FY2026-27		
	Budget	Budget	Change \$	Change %
General	27,093,903	28,846,335	1,752,432	6.5%
Debt Service	12,463,525	10,662,625	-1,800,900	-14.4%
Building Reserve	14,045,233	11,110,933	-2,934,300	-20.9%
Transportation	2,286,200	2,098,271	-187,929	-8.2%
Technology	604,865	634,929	30,064	5.0%
Adult Education	886,348	1,241,762	355,414	40.1%
Bus Depreciation	343,115	355,790	12,675	3.7%
Tuition	848,410	802,037	-46,373	-5.5%
Flexibility	222,000	250,166	28,166	12.7%
Retirement	4,400,000	4,700,000	300,000	6.8%
Total High School	\$ 63,193,599	60,702,847	\$ (2,490,752)	-3.9%

If the Board wishes to adopt the proposal as presented, the following motion would be in order: Move to Adopt the [Proposed 2026-2027 High School District Budget](#) as presented.

Other Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the recommendation and request administration propose changes.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Singular - Elementary District
Agenda Item #:	4.3.1
Originated By:	Lacy Clark, Director of Business Services
Others Involved:	Mike Waterman, Executive Director of Business and Operations

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:

Consider Approval of [2026-2027 Elementary District Budget](#)

Background:

1. [MCA 20-9-131 -- Final Budget Meeting](#) requires that the trustees of each district shall meet on or before August 20 to adopt the final budget of the District. The meeting can be continued from day to day, but the budget must be adopted no later than August 25.
2. The Board previously reviewed the preliminary 2026-27 budget at its February 2027 and July 2027 Board meetings.
3. Elementary District budgets to be adopted total \$69,815,540.
4. Total Elementary levied dollars will decrease \$6,759,136 from \$29,772,410 in 2025-26 to \$23,013,274 in 2026-27. The large decrease is primarily a result of HB156 in which the Counties where the district resides are now responsible for levying the base general fund levy.
5. The District received taxable value information from the Department of Revenue. According to the information received, the taxable value for the Elementary District increased by 7.85% from \$330,910,948 to \$356,886,582.
6. FY 2026-27 was a non-reappraisal year. Market value in the Elementary District increased, as did taxable value. The increase was partially due to newly taxable property, but primarily to the new taxable value structure established under SB 542 during the 2025 legislative session in which 2nd homes and short-term rentals are taxed at a higher rate than primary residences and long term rentals.
7. Based on the new base levy structure and the taxable value provided, total mills levied will decrease by 25.48 mills from 89.96 mills to 64.48 mills.
8. Although school districts traditionally calculate the mill impact associated with its adopted budget, state law actually assigns that task to the County Superintendent for completion, this year by September 1, 2026.
9. Due to turnover within the Business Office and complications with the state reporting system, the budget document that administration has traditionally prepared is not yet available. However, an [Executive Summary](#) and [additional supporting documentation](#) are available, and the full budget document is expected to be finalized in the coming weeks. Once completed, that document will be posted to the website and shared with Trustees.

Discussion:

Following is an explanation of the significant differences between the preliminary budget presented at the July 27, 2026 Board meeting and final budgets and taxation amounts:

- Taxable value change. Administration assumed a 5% decrease in taxable value when building the preliminary budget. Actual values are now known, and the change in taxable value differed markedly from our projections. As noted above, the Elementary taxable value increased 7.85% from \$330,910,948 to \$356,886,582. This change resulted in lower mills in all funds compared to July projections.

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- Revisions to carry over funds. The District has finished closing its 2025-26 books, and fund balance remaining has been adjusted in several instances. These fund balance changes account for the remaining differences in the final spending limits and tax levies.
- Recommended budgets in the Tuition and Transportation Funds have been adjusted slightly as 2026-27 cost estimates became more refined.

The proposed budget will result in an increase in revenue and, due to the increase in taxable value and the change in the Base General Fund taxation to the County, a decrease in overall levied mills. The following chart compares FY26 and FY27 levied mills:

Elementary Fund	FY2025-26 Mills	FY2026-27 Mills	Change
General	48.53	24.85	(23.68)
Debt Service	15.38	11.85	(3.53)
Building Reserve	12.73	11.77	(0.96)
Transportation	10.15	11.78	1.63
Technology	1.89	1.84	(0.05)
Tuition	1.28	2.39	1.11
Elementary Total	89.96	64.48	(25.48)

All Bozeman Elementary property lies within the boundaries of the Bozeman High School District, so Bozeman Elementary District taxpayers also pay Bozeman High School District taxes. When combined, the two Districts' combined mills will decrease from 157.64 mills in 2025-26 to 112.38 mills in 2026-27, a decrease of 45.26 mills (29%).

However, much of this local decrease will be offset by an increase in countywide taxes following HB156. As a result, the BSD7 mill decrease will likely not result in a felt overall reduction in property taxes. The countywide tax information cannot be calculated until all local school district budgets are submitted, so those numbers are not yet available and meaningful year over year comparisons cannot yet be made.

Changes to the state's tax rates (HB231 and SB542, 2025 legislative session) further complicate year over year comparisons. Whatever the net impact of the HB156 conversation, it is likely that owner-occupied and long-term rental properties will see school taxes as a whole remain relatively stable or even decrease slightly. However, owners of second homes and short-term rental properties should expect taxes to increase—possibly significantly—as a result of the state's tax rate changes.

Administration will continue to update the Board as more information becomes known.

Fiscal Impact:

This is the [proposed budget for the 2026-2027](#) school year.

The Superintendent recommends the Board:

1. The Superintendent is requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the following budgets and associated tax levies noted above:

	FY2025-26	FY2026-27		
	Budget	Budget	Change \$	Change %
General	39,691,204	42,199,317	2,508,113	6.3%
Debt Service	5,674,300	5,673,300	-1,000	0.0%
Building Reserve	7,606,528	7,476,897	-129,631	-1.7%
Transportation	4,100,132	5,179,619	1,079,487	26.3%
Technology	1,002,140	1,071,422	69,282	6.9%
Bus Depreciation	342,840	355,506	12,666	3.7%
Tuition	635,606	890,855	255,249	40.2%
Flexibility	64,400	68,624	4,224	6.6%
Retirement	6,300,000	6,900,000	600,000	9.5%
Total Elementary	\$ 65,417,150	69,815,540	\$ 4,398,390	6.7%

If the Board wishes to adopt the proposal as presented, the following motion would be in order: Move to Adopt the [Proposed 2026-2027 Elementary School District Budget](#) as presented.

Other Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the recommendation and request administration propose changes.



Meeting Date:	August 17, 2026
Category:	Reports
Agenda Item #:	7.1
Originated By:	Casey Bertram, Superintendent
Others Involved:	Executive Cabinet

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
The Executive Cabinet will provide updates of current issues in their respective areas of responsibility. Since the topics that may come up have not been properly noticed, these reports should not result in extensive discussion by the Board and public at this meeting. They may, however, lead to future agenda items that have been properly noticed.



Meeting Date: August 17, 2026

Category: Reports

Agenda Item #: 7.2

Originated By: Trustees

Others Involved:

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
Individual Trustees will be provided the opportunity to make requests, express concerns, give reports and request future agenda items. Since the topics that may come up have not been properly noticed, these reports should not result in extensive discussion by the Board and public at this meeting. They may, however, lead to future agenda items that have been properly noticed.



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CORE VALUES

- **High Student Achievement:** We commit to ensure all students learn at their highest potential.
- **Committed, Quality Staff:** We strive to attract, retain, and support well-qualified, dedicated, and passionate staff members.
- **Inclusive Culture:** We foster respect, diversity, and adaptability, where all stakeholders feel safe, empowered, supported, and valued.
- **Collaborative Engagement:** We believe quality staff, family engagement, and community support are essential contributors to student well-being and achievement.
- **Integrity and Transparency:** We operate with honesty, use research-based decision-making, and provide open communication.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** We are responsible in the management and expenditure of all District resources.

MEASURABLE GOALS

Goal Area 1 - Academic Performance

- **Grade Level Reading Goal:** By 2029, 90% of all BSD7 3rd grade students will demonstrate grade-level reading skills by achieving a proficient score on the Acadience reading assessment at the end of the school year.
- **Graduation Goal:** By 2029, 95% of BSD7 students in each graduation cohort will earn a high school diploma in four years or fewer.

Goal Area 2 - Operations and Capacity Building

- **Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) Goal:** By spring of 2028, all BSD7 schools PK-12 will have fully implemented PLCs in place that will support the closing of the achievement gap, thus qualifying BSD7 as a Solution Tree Model PLC District.

Goal Area 3 - Community Engagement and Partnerships

- **Early Literacy Goal:** 85% of all children entering kindergarten will have requisite literacy skills as measured by Acadience.

Goal Area 4 - Student and Staff Well-being

- **Staff Well-Being Goal:** By 2028, BSD7 will increase staff well-being to 85% or above as measured by the Panorama survey.
- **Student Well-Being Goal:** By 2031, fewer than 15% of students will self-report depression symptoms as measured by the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). This represents an almost 60% decrease in self-reported depression symptoms at the high school level, and an almost 50% decrease at the middle school.



Welcome to the Bozeman Public Schools Board of Trustees meeting!

If this is 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 Bozeman trustees facilitate school business.

What is the purpose of these meetings?

The meetings of the Bozeman Public Schools Board of Trustees are always open to the public. 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 of 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?

Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Members of the audience are encouraged to briefly address the trustees on an issue that is not on the agenda. The Chair of the Board will seek comments from the audience on significant items as they occur. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order.

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES****TERM**

Kevin Black -- Chair	2029
Lauren Dee	2028
Lei-Anna Bertelsen	2027
Gary Lusin	2027
Melissa Moran	2027
Greg Neil	2029
Sandra Wilson	2027
Sarah Wilson	2028

EXECUTIVE CABINET**POSITION**

Casey Bertram	Superintendent
Chad Berg	Director of Special Education and Student Health
Lacy Clark	Director of Business Services
Marilyn King	Deputy Superintendent
Patrick McClellan	Director of Student Programs
Matt Stark	Director of Facilities
Mike VanVuren	Deputy Superintendent
Mike Waterman	Executive Director Business and Operations

Public comment can be submitted electronically to trustees@bsd7.org

BOARD OF TRUSTEE STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Equity Advisory Committee

Trustees

Sarah Wilson

Long-Range Strategic Planning (LRSP)

Trustees

Full Board

Long-Range Facilities Planning (LRFP)

Trustees

Kevin Black

Greg Neil

Long-Range Collaboration Plan via the District Ongoing Collaborative Committee (DOCC)

Trustees

Melissa Moran

Sandy Wilson

Greg Neil - Alternate

District Safety

Trustees

Lei-Anna Bertelsen

Student Well-Being Committee

Trustees

Sarah Wilson

BOARD OF TRUSTEE AD-HOC OR AS NEEDED COMMITTEES

Budget Committee

Trustees

Full Board

Certified (BEA) Negotiations

Trustees

Lauren Dee

Melissa Moran

Sandy Wilson

Greg Neil - Alternate

Classified (CBEA) Negotiations

Trustees

Sarah Wilson

Kevin Black - Alternate

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES/COUNCILS ASSOCIATED WITH BSD7

Bozeman Schools Foundation (BSF)

Trustees

Gary Lusin - Voting Member
Kevin Black - Board Leadership

MTSBA Municipal Director and Delegates

Trustees

Lei-Anna Bertelsen - Director
Kevin Black - Delegate
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Bozeman Public Schools Future Board Meetings

5:45 PM - Willson Library #217A

August 17, 2026	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
*August 24, 2026	Monday	Special Board Meeting
September 14, 2026	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
*September 28, 2026	Monday	Special Board Meeting
October 12, 2026	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
*October 26, 2026	Monday	Special Board Meeting
November 9, 2026	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
*November 23, 2026	Monday	Special Board Meeting
December 14, 2026	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
January 11, 2027	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
*January 25, 2027	Monday	Special Board Meeting
February 8, 2027	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
*February 22, 2027	Monday	Special Board Meeting
March 8, 2027	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
*March 29, 2027	Monday	Special Board Meeting
April 12, 2027	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
*April 26, 2027	Monday	Special Board Meeting
May 17, 2027	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
June 14, 2027	Monday	Regular Board Meeting
*June 28, 2027	Monday	Special Board Meeting

*The second meeting of every month is considered a “special board meeting” and will take place at the discretion of the Board Chair and Vice Chair if the agenda warrants holding a meeting.



Bozeman Public Schools Upcoming Board Presentations 2026-2027

October 7, 2026	Wednesday	Bozeman High	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
October 21, 2026	Wednesday	Meadowlark	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
November 4, 2026	Wednesday	SMS	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
November 17, 2026	Tuesday	Gallatin High	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
January 20, 2027	Tuesday	Whittier	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
February 3, 2027	Wednesday	Bridger Charter	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
February 17, 2027	Wednesday	Hawthorne	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
March 3, 2027	Wednesday	Morning Star	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
March 10, 2027	Wednesday	Emily Dickinson	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
March 24, 2027	Wednesday	Irving	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
April 7, 2027	Wednesday	Longfellow	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
April 21, 2027	Wednesday	Chief Joseph	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
May 4, 2027	Tuesday	Hyalite	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM



Bozeman Public Schools

Calendar

2026-2027

PIR Dates & Conferences - No School

August 26-28	K-12 PIR Day
September 28	K-12 PIR Day
October 15-16	K-12 PIR Day
November 12-13	K-5 P/T Conferences
November 20	9-12 PIR Day
January 18	K-12 PIR Day
January 25	9-12 PIR Day
April 8	6-8 PIR Day
April 9	6-12 PIR Day
May 28	K-12 PIR Day
June 11	K-12 PIR Day

Holidays & School Closures- No School

September 7	Labor Day
November 25-27	Thanksgiving
December 21 -January 1	Winter Break
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr.
February 15	President's Day
March 15-19	Spring Break
May 31	Memorial Day

Important Dates

August 31	School Begins 1-12
September 3	Kindergarten begins
January 20-22	HS Final Exams
June 5	HS Graduation!
June 10	Last Day of School, students released at 12:45 p.m.

Grading Periods

K-5:	January 22 June 10
6-8:	Semester 1 - January 22 Quarter 1 - October 30 Quarter 2 - January 22 Quarter 3 - April 2 Semester 2 - June 10
9-12:	Period 1 - October 9 Period 2 - November 20 1st Semester - January 22 Period 1 - March 5 Period 2 - April 23 2nd Semester - June 10 HS Credit Recovery Required Days - June 14-June 25

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Please note that our individual schools might have additional important dates related to other school functions.

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