BOZEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
ZOOM ONLY
MONDAY -- August 31, 2026 -- 4:00 PM

Special Board Meeting

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Black = Agenda Item

5:45 **1. Call to Order -- Roll Call -- Pledge of Allegiance**

2. BSD7 Experience

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

3. Action Items -- Consent

3.1 Policy 2nd Reading

3.2 Minutes

3.3 High School District

3.4 Both Districts

3.5 Elementary District

4. Action Items -- Singular

4.1 Both Districts

4.2 High School District

4.2.1 Consider Revision to 2026-2027 High School District Building Reserve Fund Budget

4.3 Elementary District

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

7.2 Board of Trustees

Requests, Calendar, Concerns, Reports, Future Agenda Items, Open Meeting Topics for Next Meeting

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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.

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Meeting Date:	August 31, 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 Revision to 2026-2027 High School District Building Reserve Fund Budget

Background:

1. On August 17, 2026, the Bozeman High School District Board of Trustees adopted 2026-27 budgets in accordance with 20-9-131, MCA.
2. After the budget meeting, it was discovered that a duplicate payment had been made to the City of Bozeman during FY2025-26. Issued from the High School Building Reserve Fund, the duplicate check was returned and voided–increasing that fund's balance at the end of FY26. The increased fund balance means the amount available for budgeting in the 2026-27 fiscal year is greater than what was reported at the August 17 budget meeting. This correction is necessary to finalize and submit the budget.
3. Tax levies will not change as a result of the proposed revision, and all other budget limits will remain unchanged.

Fiscal Impact:
The proposed revision increases the 2026-27 Bozeman High School District Building Reserve Fund budget to $12,538,823. There is no impact on tax levies or the other District budgets that were previously approved.

Superintendent's Recommendation:
The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a budget of $12,538,823 for the Bozeman High School District Building Reserve Fund for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Other Alternatives:

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

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Bozeman Public Schools

MISSION

"Bozeman Public Schools exists to ensure high-level learning for all students."

VISION

"Bozeman Public Schools will empower all students to reach their full potential for achievement and thrive in their community. We will promote inclusive community involvement; support a passionate education team; and nurture a dynamic learning environment."

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.

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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?

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Remember our Disclaimer:

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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

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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

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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 Gary Lusin - Delegate Sarah Wilson - Alternate

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SCHOOL LIAISONS

Bozeman High School	Melissa Moran
Bridger Charter Academy	Sandy Wilson
Gallatin High School	Greg Neil
Chief Joseph Middle School	Lauren Dee
Sacajawea Middle School	Sarah Wilson
Emily Dickinson Elementary School	Greg Neil
Hawthorne Elementary School	Gary Lusin
Hyalite Elementary School	Sandy Wilson
Irving Elementary School	Lei-Anna Bertelsen
Longfellow Elementary School	Gary Lusin
Meadowlark Elementary School	Melissa Moran
Morning Star Elementary School	Sarah Wilson
Whittier Elementary School	Lei-Anna Bertelsen

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Bozeman Public Schools
Future Board Meetings
5:45 PM - Willson Library #217A

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.

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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

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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

JULY • 2026

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Please note that our individual schools might have additional important dates related to other school functions. Please check with your local school for these dates and events.

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