BOZEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
WILLSON BOARD ROOM #217A
MONDAY -- October 12, 2026 -- 5:45 PM

Regular Board Meeting

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

2. BSD7 Experience

2.1 Student Representatives Report

2.2 Board Education - Student Safety and School Resource Officer (SRO) Program

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 Recognition of National Merit Semifinalists
- 2.3.2 2026 AA Golf All-State Individuals
- 2.3.3 Recognition of Bozeman High School Solar Club

3. Action Items -- Consent

3.1 Policy 2nd Reading

3.2 Minutes

- 3.2.1 Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

3.3 High School District

- 3.3.1 Consider Approval of the use of Alternative Delivery Method (ADM) for the Bozeman High School South Campus Improvements project.
- 3.3.2 Consider Approval of Revised Sublease Terms for Heroes Park

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 Transportation Bus Route Changes
- 3.4.4 Consider Approval of Position Statement Regarding Tax Increment Finance Districts
- 3.4.5 Consider Approval of the 2027-28 Budget Development Calendar

3.5 Elementary District

- 3.5.1 Consider Approval of Nonresident Student

4. Action Items -- Singular

4.1 Both Districts

4.2 High School District

4.3 Elementary District

5. Board Discussion

5.1 Policy 1st Reading

5.2 2026-2027 Superintendent Evaluation Formative Assessment Discussion

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.

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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:	October 16, 2026
Category:	Recognition and Awards
Agenda Item #:	2.3.1
Originated By:	Marilyn King and Mike Van Vuren, Deputy Superintendents
Others Involved:	Dan Mills, BHS Principal; Erica Schnee, GHS Principal

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
Recognition of National Merit Semifinalists

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

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

WHEREAS: Approximately 16,000 semifinalists have been named in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship program from across the United States; and

WHEREAS: Semifinalists are designated on a state-representational basis and are the highest-scoring entrants in each state; and

WHEREAS: Hayden Shupp, Stetson Stocks, Rowan Williamson, and Roger Zhang have been designated as Bozeman High School National Merit Semifinalists; and

WHEREAS: Ezra Graham, Matthew Watson, and Christopher Zacher have been designated as Gallatin High School National Merit Semifinalists;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees recognize and honor Ezra Graham, Hayden Shupp, Stetson Stocks, Matthew Watson, Rowan Williamson, Christopher Zacher, and Roger Zhang for this accomplishment.

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Category:	Recognition and Awards
Agenda Item #:	2.3.2
Originated By:	Mark Ator, GHS Activities Director James Maxwell, BHS Activities Director
Others Involved:	Todd Houston, BHS Head Coach Matt Clark, GHS Head Coach

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
2026 AA Golf All-State Individuals

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

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

WHEREAS: The Bozeman High School and Gallatin High School golf teams participated in the 2026 State AA Golf Tournament in Great Falls on October 1–2, 2026; and

WHEREAS: The following student-athletes earned All-State honors by placing in the top 15:

Gallatin High School:
- Sam Alke – Tied for 5th
- Breckin Frederick – Tied for 5th
- Aspen Lura – Tied for 5th
- Aerin Ryan – 3rd

Bozeman High School:
- Will Benne – Tied for 5th
- Andrew Johnson – Tied for 13th
- Easton King – Tied for 15th

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees recognize and honor the following 2026 All-State individuals:

Gallatin High School All-State Individuals: Sam Alke, Breckin Frederick, Aspen Lura, and Aerin Ryan; and

Bozeman High School All-State Individuals: Will Benne, Andrew Johnson, and Easton King.

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Category:	Recognition and Awards
Agenda Item #:	2.3.3
Originated By:	Marilyn King and Mike Van Vuren, Deputy Superintendents
Others Involved:	Dan Mills, Bozeman High School Principal

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
Recognition of Bozeman High School Solar Club

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

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

WHEREAS: The Bozeman High School Solar Schools Club is a student-led organization focused on promoting renewable energy, environmental stewardship, and sustainable practices at Bozeman High School and across the Gallatin Valley community; and

WHEREAS: The Bozeman High School Solar Club raised approximately $42,500 over the past 9+ years; and

WHEREAS: The funds raised by the Bozeman High School Solar Club were used to support the installation of the BHS D-Wing solar project installation, which was completed on July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS: Talia Bendick, Bryn Claiborne, Addison Oberly, Gillian Smith, Emily Stanley, and Caelan Stewart are all current members of the Bozeman High School Solar Schools Club;

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees recognizes the students of the Bozeman High School Solar Club over the past 10 years and the club sponsor, Miles McGeehan.

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 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 September 8, 2026, Committee Meeting.
2. Minutes of the September 14, 2026, Regular 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 Committee Meeting on 9-08-2026 and the Regular Board Meeting on 9-14-2026 as presented.

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

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - High School District
Agenda Item #:	3.3.1
Originated By:	Matt Stark, Director of Facilities
Others Involved:	Mike Waterman, Executive Director of Business and Operations

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
Consider Approval of the use of Alternative Delivery Method (ADM) for the Bozeman High School South Campus Improvements project.

Facts:
1. The Bozeman School District Board of Trustees approved the 2026-27 Building Reserve/Capital Projects list in March 2026.
2. The district publicly advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an architect in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle in late April 2026, with submittals due May 6, 2026.
3. The Selection Committee met on May 7, 2026 to evaluate and score the architectural submittals.
4. A&E + SMA was selected as the architect in May 2026.
5. Project kickoff with architects and the Steering Committee was held on June 24, 2026.

Discussion:
The District is requesting the use of an Alternative Delivery Method (ADM) to bring a general contractor on board early in the project, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated Title 18, Chapter 2, Part 5. Under MCA 18-2-502, an alternative project delivery method may be used when a project demonstrates at least two of three statutory criteria: significant schedule considerations, significant cost savings, and significant technical complexity. The Bozeman High School South Campus Improvements demonstrates all three of the statutory criteria.

Bozeman School District has successfully utilized alternative delivery methods on numerous major capital projects, including Chief Joseph Middle School (2008), Hyalite Elementary School (2008), Bozeman High School Expansion (2010), Meadowlark Elementary School (2013), Hawthorne Elementary School Expansion (2017), Sacajawea Middle School Expansion (2017), Gallatin High School (2020), and Bozeman High School Expansion and Renovation (2022). The District's experience with these projects provides a strong foundation for evaluating ADM as an effective delivery approach when the statutory criteria are met.

Fiscal Impact:
N/A

Upon Board approval of this process, the District and architects will move forward with selecting a general contractor for the Bozeman High School South Campus Improvements project. That selection–and the associated cost of that contract–will be brought to the Board at a later meeting for consideration and approval.

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Superintendent's Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the use of the Alternative Delivery Method (ADM) for the Bozeman High School South Campus Improvements project.

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

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - High School District
Agenda Item #:	3.3.2
Originated By:	Casey Bertram, Superintendent
Others Involved:	Mike Van Vuren, Deputy Superintendent; Mike Waterman, Executive Director of Business and Operations

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
Consider Approval of Revised Sublease Terms for Heroes Park

Facts:

1. The Bozeman School District Board of Trustees approved Boys' Baseball as a school-sanctioned sport beginning with the 2026 spring season.
2. The Bozeman School District does not currently have baseball facilities on District premises.
3. On September 14, 2026, the Board of Trustees provided conditional approval for a long-term lease of Heroes Park. As conditions of that approval, the Board stipulated that the sublease terms must provide:

    - Unlimited use of Heroes Park, associated improvements, and the associated indoor facility during the high school baseball/softball seasons for the term of the sublease;
    - A term no shorter than the end of Bozeman Baseball, Inc's lease with the County (December 31, 2039, 12 baseball/softball seasons);
    - A one-time cost not to exceed $366,000;
    - Acknowledgement that all Heroes Park maintenance, future upgrades and damage repairs, and additional cost of the turf installation will be performed by Bozeman Baseball, Inc. at no additional cost to the District for the term of the sublease; and
    - Confirmation of a contract between Bozeman Baseball, Inc. and a qualified vendor to install artificial turf at least covering the Heroes Park infield, including necessary soil stabilization/amendments.

    The Board further authorized administration to negotiate optional facility access outside of the high school baseball/softball season at an additional cost, to be paid using fundraised proceeds; and issue the $366,000 sublease payment immediately upon execution of the contemplated lease and satisfaction of the stated conditions.

Discussion:
Following the Board's conditional approval on September 14, Bozeman Baseball, Inc. representatives (who lease Heroes Park from Gallatin County) have proposed changes to the Board-approved terms as follows:

- Limited–rather than unlimited–access to Heroes Park, associated improvements, and the associated indoor facility during the high school baseball/softball seasons for the term of the sublease; and
- An agreement that the District would be financially responsible for damage costs specifically caused by its use.

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These proposed changes are acceptable to administration. Administration will also require language in the sublease to protect the District's long term investment, ensure installation of infield turf at Heroes Park at least in time for the 2028 spring season, and ensure District baseball teams have adequate field use at Heroes Park for the 2027 spring season.

Superintendent's Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Board of Trustees direct administration to negotiate and enter into a long-term sublease of Heroes Park, subject to the conditions described above and otherwise approved on September 14, 2026.

Other Alternatives:

1. Do not approve the recommendation and direct administration to negotiate a short-term lease for Heroes Park facilities or another location to accommodate the 2027 high school baseball and softball seasons.

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 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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Meeting Date:	October 12, 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, 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. September 2026 warrants are as follows: Operational warrants were $1,417,253.79; net Payroll, taxes and deductions were $2,294,414.83; Warrants disbursed for September 2026 were $3,711,668.62.

Investment of District Funds in accordance with State law as of:	August 31st, 2026
Gallatin County Investment Pool	$ 354,766.37
First Interstate Bank	$ 27,238,411.99
STIP Investment Pool	$ 14,874,088.56
Nonexpendable Endowment (D.A. Davidson)	$ 984,189.89
Total District cash and investments	$ 43,451,456.81

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - Both Districts
Agenda Item #:	3.4.3
Originated By:	Mike Waterman, Executive Director of Business & Operations
Others Involved:	Douglas Kellie, Transportation Coordinator

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
Consider Approval of Transportation Bus Route Changes

Facts:

1. Board and Transportation Committee approval is required for all bus routes, Individual Transportation Contracts, and out-of-district transportation agreements.
2. On July 13, 2026, the Board approved the initial 2026-27 home-to-school transportation routes. Many of the routes' miles–especially those for special ed routes–were unknown at the time.
3. According to our contract with First Student, bus routing is the responsibility of the contractor, subject to District approval. First Student reconfigures routes as needed to accommodate students entering and exiting the District.
4. The District pays First Student on a per-route basis.
5. Under Montana law, districts receive a per-mile reimbursement for distances traveled by home-to-school buses. Those reimbursements are funded by a permissive countywide levy (25%) and from the State of Montana (75%). Transportation costs in excess of the reimbursement amounts are funded by local taxpayers.
6. First Student and the District continue to adjust routes for better efficiency and to accommodate student changes, and route maps have been updated since the Board's initial approval in July.
7. The proposed changes will result in a net increase of 44 route miles per day. The route changes are as follows:

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Route	Daily Route Miles Approved July 2026	Revised Daily Route Miles	Change
2	43	38	-5
3	43	46	3
5	54	54	0
6	43	44	1
7	37	41	4
8	49	50	1
10	74	73	-1
11	90	89	-1
12	75	75	0
13	48	53	5
14	41	39	-2
15	54	52	-2
16	43	36	-7
17	43	43	0
18	37	40	3
19	31	34	3
20	47	47	0
21	94	95	1
22	49	52	3
23	45	44	-1
24	54	52	-2
25	31	32	1
26	38	37	-1
28	65	64	-1
29	55	59	4
31	55	55	0
32	40	40	0

Route	Daily Route Miles Approved July 2026	Revised Daily Route Miles	Change
33	79	63	-16
34	32	28	-4
35	19	19	0
36	45	44	-1
37	54	54	0
38	50	50	0
39	50	49	-1
40	55	53	-2
41	46	44	-2
80	41	57	16
81	61	47	-14
82	37	40	3
83	45	33	-12
84	86	55	-31
85	51	38	-13
86	29	53	24
87	52	50	-2
88	49	48	-1
89	35	37	2
90	41	33	-8
92	40	41	1
80 Mid	0	8	8
81 Mid	0	28	28
86 Mid	0	31	31
87 Mid	0	15	15
90 Mid	0	17	17
TOTALS	**2,375**	**2,419**	**44**

Fiscal Impact:
Home-to-school bus transportation is financed through the Transportation Funds. The District's contract costs for school year routes will increase by $291,772 as a result of this update, and the District's 2026-27 per-mile reimbursement from the County and State will increase by an estimated $17,653. The adopted Transportation Fund budgets included contingency amounts, and all of these contemplated increases are within those existing contingencies.

Discussion:
Gallatin County Transportation Committee approval is also required for all bus route changes and contracts. The updated route information became available after the last Board meeting, but before the County Transportation Committee's September 30, 2026 meeting. The County Transportation Committee generally meets on a quarterly basis, so the route changes were presented to them and approved at that September 30 meeting, contingent on approval of the BSD7 Board of Trustees. If the Board approves the route changes as recommended, the changes will be final.

Superintendent's Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the 2026-27 bus route changes as presented.

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

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - Both Districts
Agenda Item #:	3.4.4
Originated By:	Mike Waterman, Executive Director of Business and Operations
Others Involved:	

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Topic:
Consider approval of Position Statement Regarding Tax Increment Finance Districts

Facts:

1. Tax Increment Finance Districts (TIFDs) are tools available to local governments to help fund development. When a TIFD is created, a property's current taxable value becomes the "base." Taxes from that base continue to go where they normally would. As property values within the TIFD increase, the tax revenue on the growth (the "increment") is set aside to pay for improvements within the district. As a result, School District taxpayers do not receive the benefit of property value growth within the TIFD as they do with growth outside the TIFD.

2. TIFDs are created and administered at the discretion of the City of Bozeman. Under state law, the City must notify the county and school district of its intention to issue bonds and extend the term of the TIFD. School districts can provide comment, but decision-making authority regarding the TIFDs rests solely with the City.

3. The City of Bozeman is considering the issuance of tax increment revenue bonds that would extend the life of the existing South Bozeman Technology Tax Increment Finance District beyond the normal 15-year TIFD term. The City notified the school district of its intentions on September 11, 2026, and will conduct a hearing to consider the issue on September 22, 2026.

4. The Board of Trustees has historically approved Position Statements when TIFDs are proposed or extended, with the most recent iteration approved on October 12, 2020 (see agenda item 4.4.3 here). The messaging has remained very consistent over time.

Fiscal Impact:
TIFDs increase taxes for the District's taxpayers. The amount of the increase is relative to the size of the increment value; for the 2026-27 fiscal year, the increase amounted to 1.82 mills. For comparison purposes, the Bozeman School District's net General Fund Over-BASE tax increase–which requires the approval of voters to levy–for the current year was 1.81 mills.

Superintendent's Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Board of Trustees reaffirm its position and adopt the following statement regarding Tax Increment Financing Districts in the City of Bozeman.

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The Board of Trustees:

- Supports the City's desire to improve and develop Bozeman's economy, culture, and value.
- Appreciates the opportunity to share the District's perspective regarding Tax Increment Finance Districts ("TIFD") and that the City considers our perspective even though the Trustees do not have control over TIFD creation or administration.
- Appreciates having representation on the Boards that advise the City Commission on local TIFDs.
- Values the confidence and support that our Elementary and High School District taxpayers consistently display to our District.
- Strives to be transparent with our taxpayers regarding district operations, costs, and revenue.
- Prefers to have predictable and known costs facing the district, and the revenue sources to meet our needs.
- Requests that the City clearly define the scope and develop a reasonable and reliable cost estimate before creating new TIFDs, and limit the TIFD to the duration and amount needed to fund those identified costs.
- Acknowledges that while seemingly levied by the District, the taxes raised in support of TIFDs do not support local K-12 education. Further, those taxes are levied exclusively at the City Commission's discretion, and neither the Board nor School District voters have any control over them.
- Reminds interested parties that extending the term of a TIFD prolongs the time before taxpayers receive benefit of the increment.
- Requests at least 30 days notice of any proposed action regarding a TIFD.

Specific to South Bozeman Technology Tax Increment Finance District, the Board of Trustees specifically requests the:

- Clearly define the infrastructure improvements needed to achieve the TIFD goals and structure the TIFD to collect only the money needed to finance those infrastructure improvements.
- If bonding is indeed needed to complete the infrastructure, distribute tax proceeds from the increment in excess of the debt service requirements to the taxing jurisdictions proportionate to their levied mills.

Other Alternatives:

1. Do not adopt the position statement
2. Alter the position statement.

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - Both Districts
Agenda Item #:	3.4.5
Originated By:	Lacy Clark, Director of Business Services
Others Involved:	Mike Waterman, Executive Director of Business and Operations

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Topic:
Consider approval of the 2027-28 Budget Development Calendar

Facts:
Budget development is a year-long process.

Discussion:
The calendar has been set to accommodate a potential General Fund Levy election on May 4, 2027. The adoption of the final 2027-28 Budget is scheduled for August 16, 2027.

Superintendent's Recommendation:
It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed schedule for the development of Fiscal Year 2027-28 budgets with the understanding that it may need to be modified.

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

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Category:	Action Item - Consent - Elementary District
Agenda Item #:	3.5.1
Originated By:	Casey Bertram, Superintendent
Others Involved:	Enrollment Office

MOTION	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN

Topic:
Consider Approval of Nonresident Student

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. The application is for a student who recently moved out of the district but wishes to remain at their current school for the 2026–2027 school year.
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 application as presented.

Other Alternatives:

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

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 2026
Category:	Discussion Item
Agenda Item #:	5.2
Originated By:	Board Leadership
Others Involved:	Casey Bertram, Superintendent

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Topic:
2026-2027 Superintendent Evaluation Formative Assessment Discussion

Background:

- The Superintendent contract states the following regarding evaluation: "The District shall meet with the Superintendent to discuss and agree upon an evaluation procedure as outlined in District Policy. The Superintendent Evaluation is described in revised policy #6110, at least annually, and in accordance with the Superintendent's contract, the Board will evaluate the performance of the Superintendent, using standards and objectives developed by the Superintendent and the Board that are consistent with the District's mission and goal statements. The Board will designate a specific time for a formal evaluation session. The evaluation will include a discussion of professional strengths, as well as performance areas needing improvement.
- The Superintendent wishes to waive his right to privacy for the formative and summative evaluation discussions with the Board of Trustees and is not requesting a closed session. The Superintendent has stated that he believes his position as a community leader puts the public's right to know ahead of his right to privacy.
- The Board of Trustees approved revisions to the superintendent evaluation process and tools at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 14, 2026. HERE.
- The At-A-Glance Document was also updated and is provided HERE for Trustees as a helpful tool to capture notes tied to the evaluation standards for the Superintendent.
- As per the established timeline, the Superintendent has completed the self-assessment and goal-setting pieces of the process in preparation for the formative assessment meeting with the Board of Trustees.
- The Superintendent will begin to document evidence to support the self-assessment scores in the evaluation rubric HERE to aid Trustees in completing the final summative evaluation.
- Trustee feedback regarding the self-assessment and presentation of goals will be captured by the District Clerk in the evaluation document.

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Meeting Date:	October 12, 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.

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Meeting Date: October 12, 2026

Category: Reports

Agenda Item #: 7.2

Originated By: Trustees

Others Involved:

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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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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?

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.

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

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

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES 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 TRUSTEES 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

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 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 19, 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

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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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