

**BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2026**

The Board of Trustees held a Regular Board Meeting on Monday June 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the East Middle School Library with Chairperson Ann Boston presiding. Trustees present were Tom Billteen, Patti Hepola, Henry Klobucar, Mike Kujawa, and Kelly Lee. Trustee Thatcher was absent. Also present were Judy Jonart, Superintendent, Keith Miller, Assistant Superintendent and Kevin Patrick, Business Director.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME AND DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item 3.1 – Special Board - Organizational Meeting-Canvass Votes Minutes, May 18, 2026

Trustee Kujawa motion to approve, second by Trustee Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3.2 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes, May 18, 2026

Trustee Billteen motion to approve, second by Trustee Hepola. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3.3 – Special Board Meeting Minutes, May 22, 2026

Trustee Hepola motion to approve, second by Trustee Kujawa. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Item 4.1 – Retired Senior Volunteer Presentation

Dawn English, RSVP Coordinator, stated she has been the coordinator for the last four years. There are currently 250 RSVP members who are meeting the needs of the community, specifically the Food Bank, Archives and the World Mining Museum, which all have the largest number of volunteers. The other locations the senior volunteers are providing their time, energy and expertise are BSD#1 for tutoring and mentoring, AARP Tax Assistance program, Action Inc., -Mining City Christmas, Belmont Senior Center, Butte Archives, Butte Emergency Food Bank, Butte Literacy Program, Bulldog Outfitters, Trek Healthcare, The Springs at Butte, World Mining Museum, The Daughters of the American Revolution/American Legion, and BSD#1 Special Projects such as dance groups and knitting group.

RSVP is currently in year three of the current grant award, which will be completed on March 31, 2027. A Notice of Funding Opportunity by AmeriCorps will be opened sometime in the summer to compete for another three-year award. AmeriCorps changed the in-kind match from 30% of the total grant amount to 10% and due to this reduction the program has made the match

in the first year. Many programs throughout the U. S. could not make that match, but our program has been able to do that due to the generosity of the businesses and those we partner with. Fundraising continues, however, and that's to meet the needs of hosting our recognition events on a yearly basis. We provide pies for our volunteers during the holiday season, and we have a big dinner at Lydia's, and those donation funds help to fund those events as well as other smaller events throughout the year. In July of 2025, the annual RSVP back to school supply drive and BBQ was hosted by the Springs of View. Approximately 100 people attended this recognition event. And 9 bankers' boxes full of school supplies were donated by volunteers and the residents of the Springs to Butte Area Schools. The BBQ will again be hosted by the Springs this summer on July 22nd, 2026. Our theme last year was Fiesta, and this year our theme will be a Mad Hatter's Tea Party to include a hat contest judged by some of the residents of the Springs. The 2025 holiday event was Friendsgiving, and that was held on the afternoon of November 20th. Apple and pumpkin pies were served, and games were based on how well you know your friends were played by our volunteers. Perkins pies were again provided to the members in the month of December as recognition over the holidays, and they love that. Starting off 2026, 5 elementary schools in Butte participated in Martin Luther King Day Read for Peace on Friday, January 16th. Students in 38 classrooms, kindergarten through 6th grade, had a volunteer read to them about the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. RSVP volunteers read to students this year. The 27th Annual Butte RSVP Spring Recognition Dinner was held on Thursday, March 5th at Lydia's and 160 members and their guests attended. Our theme was silver and black and everybody dressed accordingly. And the Springs donated the decorations to match the theme. Everybody had a great time, and we had fantastic door prizes donated by our local business for the event. We did have more volunteers signed up for that event. However, March 5th was the first day of winter. So, there were a number of people, about 20 people, that didn't make that event due to the weather. There are currently 250 members of Ute RSVP, and this number has held steady for the last four years. RSVP volunteers are given the opportunity to choose the activity they want to provide service for and the amount of time that they would like to do that. AmeriCorps, as an agency, continues to operate with very limited staff, but they are doing a good job reaching out to grant awardees through webinars and training. There were a lot of cuts federally made to AmeriCorps. Previously, there were 600 employees and now there's about 140. So, we don't have grant managers anymore that we can reach out to. The AmeriCorps staff just strictly awards the dollars. So, they are providing webinars and training that we can attend to learn more about the grant and how to do it the correct way. There's a great amount of hope that AmeriCorps seniors will continue to be funded into the future. And I would just like to say that this job has been a great honor to have. It's been very inspiring. I've met fantastic people, probably some of Butte's best, I mean, people that sometimes volunteer almost 40 hours a week really keep the food bank running, the archives and the mining museum really wouldn't make it without our volunteers. So, it's been a great honor, and it's been a great adventure, and I hope that it continues in Butte. Superintendent Jonart thanked Dawn, stating she has done a phenomenal job and it's a pleasure to have worked alongside her. I'm excited about the July party and I'm looking forward to hoping that we will continue working on this application and go forward for the next three years of funding, so I hope the District will continue with that. Thank you, Dawn, for all you have done. You've done a phenomenal job and I so appreciate you.

Item 4.2 – Public Comment on Items Not on Agenda

None.

CONSENT AGENDA**Item 5.1 – Approval of Claims, Budget Transfers, Revenue Reports, Budget vs. Actual Reports, Travel Requests and School Activity Fund Reports (April 2026 & May 2026)**

Date	Memo	Reference	Bank Account	
5/31/2026	PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	Transfers		
Account	Description	Debit	Credit	
7761.000.2120.30.000	101 - ELEM GENERAL FUND	\$1,742,213.29		
7761.000.2120.30.000	110 - ELEM TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$87,079.90		
7761.000.2120.30.000	112 - SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND	\$93,197.57		
7761.000.2120.30.000	113 - ELEM TUITION FUND	\$39,340.31		
7761.000.2120.30.000	114 - ELEM RETIREMENT FUND	\$291,468.11		
7761.000.2120.30.000	117 - ELEM ADULT EDUCATION FUND	\$10,126.79		
7761.000.2120.30.000	119 - MEDICAID	\$30,666.19		
7761.000.2120.30.000	121 - ELEM SICK LEAVE RESERVE	\$35.39		
7761.000.2120.30.000	124 - ELEM METAL MINES	\$19,552.93		
7761.000.2120.30.000	131 - TITLE I	\$49,348.49		
7761.000.2120.30.000	137 - PAX	\$4,106.90		
7761.000.2120.30.000	141 - TITLE IV, PART A	\$17,077.80		
7761.000.2120.30.000	142 - TITLE IVA,SSAE	\$3,543.18		
7761.000.2120.30.000	144 - SCHOOLWIDE	\$37,353.08		
7761.000.2120.30.000	146 - 21ST CENTURY	\$7,040.40		
7761.000.2120.30.000	149 - RSVP	\$6,811.30		
7761.000.2120.30.000	151 - MT READS	\$1,183.44		
7761.000.2120.30.000	153 - IDEA B 47-0840-7711	\$93,742.57		
7761.000.2120.30.000	155 - IDEA PRESCHOOL	\$2,942.36		
7761.000.2120.30.000	162 - 21ST CENTURY	\$8,689.72		
7761.000.2120.30.000	165 - FACILITY USE	\$3,178.99		
7761.000.2120.30.000	189 - COBRA	\$3,960.35		
7761.000.2120.30.000	186 - PAYROLL CLEARING ACCOUNT		\$2,552,659.06	
7761.000.2120.30.000	201 - H S GENERAL FUND	\$902,579.52		
7761.000.2120.30.000	210 - H S TRANSPORTATION FUND	\$45,354.24		
7761.000.2120.30.000	213 - HS TUITION	\$35,328.86		
7761.000.2120.30.000	214 - H S RETIREMENT FUND	\$151,659.80		
7761.000.2120.30.000	217 - H S ADULT EDUCATION FUND	\$8,641.64		
7761.000.2120.30.000	221 - HS SICK LEAVE RESERVE	\$3.41		
7761.000.2120.30.000	224 - HS METAL MINE RESERVE	\$20,179.68		
7761.000.2120.30.000	225 - AGGREGATE-INDIRECT COSTS	\$19,562.63		
7761.000.2120.30.000	231 - TITLE I	\$25,166.32		
7761.000.2120.30.000	233 - TECH ED	\$125.00		
7761.000.2120.30.000	238 - GRADUATION COACH	\$6,030.32		
7761.000.2120.30.000	241 - TITLE II	\$9,744.63		
7761.000.2120.30.000	245 - CARL PERKINS	\$5,802.42		
7761.000.2120.30.000	248 - ADULT BASIC ED (ABLE)	\$4,345.56		
7761.000.2120.30.000	251 - MT READS	\$1.24		
7761.000.2120.30.000	253 - IDEA B	\$9,850.81		
7761.000.2120.30.000	268 - MT DIGITAL ACADEMY	\$10.85		
7761.000.2120.30.000	275 - ACTIVITY BUS SERVICE FUND	\$17,012.73		
7761.000.2120.30.000	282 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FUND	\$3,626.16		
7761.000.2120.30.000	284 - HS COCURRICULAR	\$1,175.55		
7761.000.2120.30.000	186 - PAYROLL CLEARING ACCOUNT		\$1,266,201.37	

Date	Memo	Reference	Bank Account
5/31/2026	Please transfer from the funds listed below into the CLAIMS CLEARING FUND		
Account	Description	Debit	Credit
7761.000.2120.30.000	101 - ELEMENTARY GENERAL FUND	239,952.74	
7761.000.2120.30.000	110 - ELEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION FUND	23,305.38	
7761.000.2120.30.000	112 - SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE FUND	82,155.53	
7761.000.2120.30.000	113 - ELEM TUITION	3,550.05	
7761.000.2120.30.000	117 - ELEM ADULT EDUCATION FUND	333.00	
7761.000.2120.30.000	119 - MEDICAID	8,213.42	
7761.000.2120.30.000	128 - ELEM TECHNOLOGY FUND	24,952.11	
7761.000.2120.30.000	129 - ELEM FLEXIBILITY FUND	2,628.91	
7761.000.2120.30.000	135 - BUS BARN RELEASE	831.76	
7761.000.2120.30.000	149 - RSVP	4,533.15	
7761.000.2120.30.000	150 - ELEM DEBT SERVICE FUND	34,531.43	
7761.000.2120.30.000	151 - MT READS	729.30	
7761.000.2120.30.000	153 - IDEA B 47-0840-7711	7,147.85	
7761.000.2120.30.000	177 - VOC-REHAP REIMBURSEMENT	1,255.34	
7761.000.2120.30.000	187 - CLAIMS CLEARING ACCOUNT		434,119.97
7761.000.2120.30.000	201 - HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL FUND	123,689.56	
7761.000.2120.30.000	210 - H S TRANSPORTATION FUND	11,474.22	
7761.000.2120.30.000	213 - H S TUITION FUND	3,702.42	
7761.000.2120.30.000	218 - TRAFFIC ED	1,810.98	
7761.000.2120.30.000	228 - H.S. TECHNOLOGY	163.62	
7761.000.2120.30.000	229 - FLEXIBILITY FUND	17,719.25	
7761.000.2120.30.000	230 - HOME ECONOMICS	1,095.80	
7761.000.2120.30.000	233 - TECH ED	887.74	
7761.000.2120.30.000	242 - TITLE IVA_SSAE	1,118.75	
7761.000.2120.30.000	245 - CARL PERKINS 47-1212-8111	19,901.60	
7761.000.2120.30.000	248 - ADULT BASIC ED	382.94	
7761.000.2120.30.000	250 - HS DEBT SERVICE	17,011.91	
7761.000.2120.30.000	261 - H.S. BUILDING RESERVE FUND	329,840.00	
7761.000.2120.30.000	266 - INNOVATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS	12,566.40	
7761.000.2120.30.000	270 - JOBS FOR MONTANA GRADUATES (JMG)	737.32	
7761.000.2120.30.000	275 - ACTIVITY BUS SERVICE FUND	715.75	
7761.000.2120.30.000	282 - INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FUND	3,500.00	
7761.000.2120.30.000	284 - CO-CURR ACTIVITIES FUND	11,579.87	
7761.000.2120.30.000	187 - CLAIMS CLEARING ACCOUNT		557,898.13

DATE: 6/10/2026

LETTER: #3

RE: ADJUSTING JOURNAL ENTRIES RECAP
May 2026TO: Brandy Gamer
Treasurer's Office
Butte-Silver Bow CountyFROM: Kevin Patrick
Director of Business AffairsPUT INTO THESE FUNDS:

101	Elem General	\$	5,561.91
112	Food Services	\$	1,110.82
225	Indirect Costs	\$	7,287.00
245	Carl Perkins	\$	1,075.00
271	McKinney Vento	\$	246.39

TOTAL \$ 15,281.12

TAKE FROM THESE FUNDS:

110	Elem Transportation	\$	913.14
141	Title IIA	\$	767.00
142	Title IIA	\$	377.00
144	Schoolwide	\$	1,222.00
153	Idea B	\$	3,290.00
155	Idea Preschool	\$	86.00
159	EMS Water Damage	\$	424.85
162	21st Century	\$	13.00
201	HS General	\$	2,769.19
210	HS Transportation	\$	509.40
230	Home Economics	\$	120.00
231	Title IA	\$	2,437.00
284	Co-Curricular	\$	484.72
999	Warehouse	\$	1,867.82

TOTAL \$ 15,281.12

NOTE: A complete and detailed listing of the Payroll and Claims Warrants, Budget Transfers and Revenue Reports is on file in the Clerk's Office and by the reference is made part of these minutes.

- **Student Activity Fund Report from Butte High School (April 2026)**
- **Student Activity Fund Report from East Middle School (April 2026)**

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Kujawa. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL

Item 6.1 – Approval of the PAR, June 15, 2026

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, presented the following PAR for approval.

Butte School District No. 1 Personnel Action Report Regular Board Meeting June 15, 2026

Certified Personnel

**Pending Paperwork and Background Check*

Appointments:

Stephanie Bilodeau*	8/25/2026	Crossroads Teacher, BHCC
Marki Bouffiou**	8/25/2026	Intervention Teacher, Hillcrest
Alex Colvin	6/15/26-8/4/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Amanda Davis	7/9/26-8/4/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Jacqui Dinius	6/15/26-8/4/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Kaelan Doherty*	1/4/2027	Floating Teacher, District
Dawn English	8/25/2026	Special Education Teacher, EMS
Trisha Ericson	8/25/2026	Special Education Teacher, West
Ashley Facincani	8/25/2026	1st Grade, Kennedy
Bethanney Foley*	8/25/2026	Intervention Teacher, West
Megan Graham	6/9/26-8/15/26	Pathway Academy Summer Program
Kaden Hanni	6/15/26-7/8/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Lesley Holman	6/15/26-7/8/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Celeste Johnston	8/25/2026	Half-Time German Teacher, BHS
Chad Jonart	6/9/26-8/15/26	Pathway Academy Summer Program
Meghan Larson	6/15/26-7/8/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Dawn Marxer	7/9/26-8/4/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Monica Matthiesen	7/9/26-8/4/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Makenzy McGivern*	8/25/2026	Floating Teacher, District
Cheryl McLaughlin	6/15/26-7/8/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Krystin Mengon-Lee	6/9/26-8/15/26	Pathway Academy Summer Program
Kaci Paffhausen**	8/25/2026	Temporary Early Literacy Teacher, Emerson
Jake Parish	6/9/26-7/2/26	Adult Education Summer Program
Megan Paul	6/9/26-8/15/26	Pathway Academy Summer Program

Tina Powers	6/15/26-8/4/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Kayle "Rosie" Real*	8/25/2026	Temporary Early Literacy Teacher, Emerson
Brooke Samson	8/25/2026	Special Education Teacher, West
Kelsey Schofield	8/25/2026	Special Education Teacher, West
Nicole Tanner*	8/25/2026	Temporary Title I Teacher, West
Taylor Tregidga	7/9/26-8/4/26	ELTI Summer Jumpstart Teacher, District
Jayson Wanner**	8/25/2026	Temporary 5th Grade Teacher, Whittier

* Denotes Permanent Hire, Temporary Position

Resignations:

Dawn English	8/24/2026	RSVP Coordinator, District
Page Grogan	6/8/2026	Special Education Teacher, West
Jori Liva	6/8/2026	Title I, West
Jake Parish	7/2/2026	Adult Education Teacher, BHCC
Tessa Smyth	6/8/2026	5th Grade, Kennedy

Retirement:

Janeen Walsh	6/10/2027	Library, BHS
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Leaves of Absence:

Tess Murphy	1/4/27-6/9/27	5th Grade Teacher, Hillcrest
Jacqueline Paffhausen	9/1/26-10/30/26	Special Education Teacher, BHCC
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Emily Rivers	11/30/26	5th Grade Teacher, Hillcrest

Classified Personnel

Appointments:

John Magnus	6/16/2026	Substitute Engineer, District
Makayla Mulcahy	7/7/26-8/10/26	Summer Cleaner, District
Amie Opie	7/7/26-8/10/26	Summer Cleaner, District
Christine Quist	8/4/2026	Attendance Secretary, BHS
George Riojas	6/16/2026	Substitute Engineer, District
Doug Royse	8/25/2026	Substitute Bus Driver, District
Doug Royse	8/25/2026	Substitute Bus Monitor, District
Dan Sage	8/25/2026	Bus Driver, District
Marc Snow	6/9/26-8/24/26	Summer Bus Driver, District
John Sorich	8/25/2026	Bus Driver, District
Sean Swisher*	6/16/2026	Substitute Engineer, District

Resignations:

Christine Quist	8/3/2026	Substitute Secretary, District
John Sorich	8/24/2026	Substitute Bus Driver, District

Retirements:

Jeannie Hawkey	6/10/2027	ParaProfessional, West
Cynda Ritter	6/8/2026	Food Service, Kennedy
Dan Shea	6/30/2026	Bus Driver, District

Leave of Absence:

Hayley Park	4/21/26-7/6/26	Cleaner, EMS
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Inactive Removals:

Amoreena Bercier	6/16/2026	Substitute Monitor, District
Cynthia Cisneros	6/16/2026	Substitute Cleaner, District
Carolyn Osborne	6/16/2026	Substitute Cleaner, District
Katrina Szawarzenski	6/16/2026	Substitute Cleaner, District
Marla Jill Weatherson	6/16/2026	Substitute Engineer, District
Trey Whitlock	6/16/2026	Substitute Engineer, District

Supplemental Personnel**Appointments:**

Cole Conway	6/16/2026	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, BHS
Aiden Maesar	6/16/2026	Student Event Worker, District
James Martz	6/16/2026	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, BHS
Eddy Stewart	6/16/2026	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, BHS

Resignations:

Jake Evans	6/2/2026	Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach, BHS
Ashley Facincani	8/24/2026	Substitute Teacher, District
Terry Faulkner	6/30/2026	Department Head - Business/FACS/IT, BHS
Don Foley	6/8/2026	Assistant Cross Country Coach, BHS
Anna Keltner	6/8/2026	Volleyball Co-Coach, EMS
Anna Keltner	6/8/2026	Girls' Basketball Coach, EMS
Anna Keltner	6/8/2026	Track, EMS
James LeProwse	6/9/2026	Head Baseball Coach, BHS
Robert Mehrens	6/8/2026	Special Olympics Co-Coach, District
Jake Parish	6/8/2026	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, BHS
Jake Parish	6/8/2026	Event Worker, District
Levi Taylor	5/18/2026	Substitute Teacher, District

Removals:

Jordan Clary	6/8/2026	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, BHS
Manuel Rodriguez	6/8/2026	Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, BHS

Trustee Kujawa motion to approve, second by Trustee Hepola. Trustee Lee recused himself from the vote. Motion carried.

Item 6.2 – Approval of Non-Union Contracts

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, is requesting approval of the 2026-2027 non-union contracts for Jennifer Luoma, Assistant Superintendent and Kevin Patrick, Director of Business Affairs.

Trustee Billteen made motion to approve, second by Trustee Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Item 7.1 – Approval of the Applications for Non-Resident Student Enrollments

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, is requesting approval of the 54 applications for non-resident student enrollments for elementary and 1 for the high school.

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Kujawa. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7.2 – Approval of the 2026-2027 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

Kevin Patrick, Business Director, is requesting approval of the 2026-2027 Trustee meeting calendar. Meetings are scheduled on the third Monday of each month, except for January and February, when the 3rd Monday falls on a holiday. Those months the Trustee meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Trustee Billteen made motion to approve, second by Trustee Hepola. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7.3 – Approval of Authority for the Director of Business Affairs to Make End of the Year Budget Transfers

Kevin Patrick, Business Director, is requesting approval to make end-of-the-year budget transfers. Kevin stated all budgeted funds are to be closed out for the fiscal year on June 30th, so approving the budget transfer eliminates the needs for a special board meeting at the end of June to approve the transfer. These are just regular end-of-the-year transfers which will be reported to the Board in July or August.

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Billteen. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7.4 – Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and the Butte School District for the 2026-2027 School Year

Travis Johnson, Vice Principal/Athletic Director, is requesting approval of the MOU between YBGR and BSD#1 for school-based mental health services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Billteen. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7.5 – Approval of the Contract for the 2026-2027 School Year with Katie Pipinich, Best Life Simplified Dietitian and Nutrition Services

Kurt Marthaller, Warehouse Director, is requesting approval of the contract for Katie Pipinich, Best Life Simplified Dietitian and Nutrition Services for the 2026-2027 school year. Katie has contracted with the District since the 2022-2023 school year.

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Kujawa. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7.6 – Approval of the Montana High School Association Dues and Fees

Travis Johnson, Vice Principal/Athletic Director, is requesting approval of the MHSA dues and fees for sports and activities for the 2026-2027 school year. Also, in addition is asking for the catastrophic and concussion liability insurance to be paid.

Trustee Hepola made motion to approve, second by Trustee Klobucar. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Hepola moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Kujawa. Motion carried unanimously. Chairperson Boston adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.



District Clerk/
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Chairwoman of Board of Trustees