



RISE CHARTER SCHOOL #562

203 Center Street West Kimberly, Idaho 83341, Room 86

Board of Directors

Eli Cann – Chairman; Jonathan Butler – Vice Chair; Roger Keller – Treasurer;
Angela Bingham – Director; Brent Christensen – Director; Emily O'Connor – Director
Heidi Child – Executive Director; Haylee Mollerup – Board Clerk

School Board Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025

Board Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

- The Board of Directors of RISE Charter School #562, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, convened in RISE Room 86, located at 203 Center Street West, Kimberly, Idaho, on its scheduled date of Monday, December 15, 2025.

REGULAR SESSION

- Chairman Cann called the regular session to order at 6:01 p.m.
- A courtesy Zoom link was made available for the public prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL

- **Board Members Present:**
 - Eli Cann – Chairman
 - Jonathan Butler – Vice Chairman (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)
 - Roger Keller – Treasurer
 - Angela Bingham – Board Director (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)
 - Brent Christensen – Board Director
 - Emily O'Connor – Board Director
- **Board Members Absent:**
- **Others Present:**
 - Heidi Child – Executive Director
 - Haylee Mollerup – Board Clerk

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Treasurer Keller to enter into executive session at 6:02 p.m.

- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Chairman Cann – yes; Treasurer Keller – yes; Director Christensen – yes; Director O’Connor – yes; Note: Vice Chairman Butler and Director Bingham were not yet present when voting took place to enter executive session.

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1), the RISE Charter School Board will meet in executive session to discuss the following:

- a (b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS MAY BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED UPON, IF APPROPRIATE, IN OPEN SESSION

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Butler to exit executive session at 6:33 p.m. and reconvene to regular session.
- **Second:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone stood and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to approve the agenda, as amended, to add item 8v: Motion for Executive Session.
- **Second:** Director O’Connor seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Butler to approve the financial report as presented.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY 9450 – FIREARMS

- **Discussion:**
 - Superintendent Luke Schroeder, who was listed on the agenda, addressed the Board regarding the process used by the Kimberly School District in adopting its firearms policy, including application, vetting, and training requirements. He responded to questions from the Board.

- Sergeant Ken Mencl, who was listed on the agenda, provided information on the potential pros and cons of a firearms policy on school campuses and answered questions from the Board.
- Public comment was opened for individuals wishing to speak on the proposed firearms policy. Corrine Bell and Mathew Bell addressed the Board. Public comment was limited to three minutes per speaker in accordance with Policy 4105.
- Following presentations and public comments, the Board discussed the proposed policy. Chairman Cann limited Board discussion to 15 minutes, with time monitored by Board Clerk Mollerup.
- **Motion:** Director O'Connor moved to table the policy for additional review.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0. (***)Did Brent oppose to this motion???)

POLICY 2470, 2470P, & 2470F – SELF-DIRECTED LEARNER

- **Discussion:** The Board discussed the potential benefits and drawbacks of implementing the Self-Directed Learner Policy. Executive Director Child was asked for her recommendation regarding the school's needs and stated that the policy would be beneficial.
- **Motion:** Treasurer Keller moved to approve and adopt the policy.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Director O'Connor to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2025.
- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 4-0 with Chairman Cann and Director Christensen abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

RISE Performance Certificate Review

- **Discussion:** Kimberly School District requested that Executive Director Child perform a self-evaluation for the RISE Performance Certificate. Following this, Executive Director Child was evaluated by Kimberly School District Superintendent, Luke Schroeder, KSD Programs Director, Matt Schvaneveldt, and Xavier Charter School Head of Schools, Gary Moon. The evaluation was approved by the KSD Board and forwarded to the RISE Charter School District Board for approval.
- **Motion:** Director Bingham moved to accept the RISE Charter School Performance Certificate.
- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 7406 – PROCUREMENT OF GOODS & SERVICES FOR SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

- **Discussion:** This was a first reading of the policy. In accordance with Board policy, all new policies must undergo two readings before adoption.
- **Motion:** Director O'Connor moved to table the first reading of policy 7406: Procurement of Goods and Services for School Meal Programs.
- **Second:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Policy 7405: Public Works Contracting and Procurement and

Policy 7405P: Procuring Public Works Services and Personal Property

- **Discussion:** The Board accepted the amended changes to the policy and procedures.
- **Motion:** Director Bingham moved to approve the amendments for Policy 7405, Public Works Contracting and Procurement and Policy 7405P, Procuring Public Works Services and Personal Property.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Annual Review of Policy 3320: Substance and Alcohol Abuse

- **Discussion:** The Board reviewed Policy 3320 as part of its annual review and did not identify any changes that needed to be made.
- **Motion:** Treasurer Keller moved to accept the annual review of Policy 3320, Substance and Alcohol Abuse.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Annual Review of Policy 3265: Student Owned Electronic Communications Devices

- **Discussion:** The Board requested input from RISE teachers regarding the implementation of cell phone policy in the classroom. A survey will be distributed to teachers and the results will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to table Policy 3265.
- **Second:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Amend Policy 2700 & 2700P: High School Graduation Requirements and Procedures

- **Discussion:** The Board accepted all amendments made to the graduation policy and procedures.
- **Motion:** Director Bingham moved to approve the amendments for Policy 2700 and 2700P, High School Graduation Requirements and Procedures.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

First Reading of Policy 2710 & 2710F: Early Graduation Policy and Form

- **Discussion:** This was the first reading for Policy 2710 & 2710F. In accordance with Board policy, all new policies must undergo two readings before adoption.
- **Motion:** Treasurer Keller moved to table Policy 2710 & 2710F, Early Graduation and Form.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

First Reading of Policy 2460, 2460F1, & 2460F2: Extended Learning Opportunities

- **Discussion:** This was the first reading for Policy 2460, 2460F1, and 2460F2. In accordance with Board policy, all new policies must undergo two readings before adoption.
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to table Policy 2460, 2460F1, and 2460F2.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Amend Policy 8100: Transportation

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to approve the amendments made to Policy 8100, Transportation.
- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8105 & 8105P: Extracurricular Transportation & Procedures

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to adopt Policy 8105 & 8105P, Extracurricular Transportation & Procedures
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8115: Maximum Drive Time

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Treasurer Keller moved to adopt Policy 8115, Maximum Drive Time.
- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8120: Bus Routes, Stops & On-Transportation Zones

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to adopt Policy 8120.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8130: Transportation of Students with Disabilities

- **Discussion:**

- **Motion:** Director O'Connor moved to adopt Policy 8130, Transportation of Student with Disabilities.
- **Second:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8150: Unauthorized School Bus Entry

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director Bingham moved to adopt Policy 8150, Unauthorized School Bus Entry.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8170 & 8170P: District-Owned Vehicles and Procedures

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to adopt Policy 8170 & 8170P.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8180: Driver Training and Responsibility

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Treasurer Keller moved to adopt Policy 8180, Driver Training Responsibility.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8185: Use of Wireless Devices by Bus Drivers

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director O'Connor moved to adopt Policy 8185, Use of Wireless Devices by Bus Drivers.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8190: Emergencies Involving Transportation Vehicles

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to adopt Policy 8190, Emergencies Involving Transportation Vehicles.
- **Second:** Director O'Connor seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Second Reading of Policy 8195: District Vehicle Idling

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to adopt Policy 8195, District Vehicle Idling.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Approve Dates for Enrollment Lottery

- **Discussion:** Executive Director Child recommended the dates for open enrollment to the Board: December 19, 2025, through April 3, 2026. In accordance with Board policy, the lottery period must be open for at least 90 days. These dates fulfill that requirement.
- **Motion:** Director O'Connor moved to approve the open lottery dates of December 19, 2025 – April 3, 2026.
- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

Staff Holiday Bonuses

- **Discussion:** Executive Director Child recommended that the Board approve holiday bonuses of \$100 per person for all RISE staff.
- **Motion:** Treasurer Keller moved to approve holiday bonuses in the amount of \$100 for all RISE staff.
- **Second:** Director O'Connor seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 5-0, with Director Christensen abstaining.

Motion for Executive Session

- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to have a letter sent to student A.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 5-0, with Director Bingham abstaining.

- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to have a letter sent to student B.
- **Second:** Director O'Connor seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 5-0, with Director Bingham abstaining.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Hires/Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Leaves:

- Shonni Barendregt – Paraprofessional
- **Motion:** Director O'Connor moved to approve the personnel report.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The vote passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- [Director's Report](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman Cann adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Haylee Mollerup -- Board Clerk -- Date: December 18, 2025