



RISE CHARTER SCHOOL #562

203 Center Street West Kimberly, Idaho 83341, Room 84

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

February 23, 2026

Board Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: 6:00 p.m.

Item 8.a.1-2: 6:00

CALL TO ORDER

- The Board of Directors of RISE Charter School #562, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, convened in RISE Room 84, located at 203 Center Street West, Kimberly, Idaho, on its re-scheduled date of Monday, February 23, 2026.

REGULAR SESSION

- Chairman Cann called the regular session to order at 6:06 p.m.
- A courtesy Zoom link was made available to the public prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL

- **Board Members Present:**
 - Eli Cann – Chairman
 - Jonathan Butler – Vice Chairman (arrived at 6:21 p.m.)
 - Roger Keller – Treasurer
 - Angela Bingham – Board Director (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)
 - Brent Christensen – Board Director
 - Emily O’Connor -- Board Director
- **Board Members Absent:**
- **Others Present:**
 - Heidi Child – Executive Director
 - Haylee Mollerup – Board Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All those in attendance at 6:00 p.m. stood and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to approve the agenda.
- **Second:** Director O'Connor seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- **AGENDA ITEM 8.a.1-2: Interview Board Candidates**
 - Matthew Bell
 - Nathan Erickson

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION TO ENTER: Director Bingham moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code.

As per Section 33-205 and 74-206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.
- **Time Entered Executive Session:** 6:56 p.m.
- **Roll Call:** Eli Cann - Yes; Jonathan Butler - Yes; Roger Keller - Yes; Brent Christensen – Yes; Angela Bingham – Yes; Emily O'Connor - Yes

- **ACTION TO EXIT:** A motion was made by Director O'Connor to adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.
- **Time Adjourned Executive Session:** 7:14 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Director O'Connor to offer board position to Nathan Erickson.
- **Second:** Director Christensen 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:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **ACTION TO ENTER:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code.
 - **As per Section 33-205 and 74-206(1)(d)** To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in [chapter 1, title 74](#), Idaho Code;
- **Second:** Director O'Connor seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.
- **Time Entered Executive Session:** 7:34 p.m.
- **Roll Call:** Eli Cann - Yes; Jonathan Butler - Yes; Roger Keller - Yes; Brent Christensen – Yes; Angela Bingham – Yes; Emily O'Connor - Yes

- **ACTION TO EXIT:** A motion was made by Director O'Connor to adjourn executive session and return to the regular meeting.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.
- **Time Adjourned Executive Session:** 7:59 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY 9450 – FIREARMS; Fourth Reading

- **Discussion:** The majority of the meeting focused on discussion of a proposed policy allowing trained staff to carry concealed firearms. Discussion about this policy being a RISE policy, not KSD policy placing full responsibility — including evaluations, training oversight, and liability — on the RISE board and administration.
 - **Concerns raised included:**
 - Board oversight and long-term liability
 - Whether sufficient data and information had been provided
 - Law enforcement hesitancy
 - Financial limitations of hiring a School Resource Officer (SRO)
 - Fairness in asking teachers to assume this responsibility
 - **Those in favor of the policy expressed that:**
 - It could serve as a deterrent and immediate response measure
 - It may enhance campus safety given limited funding for an SRO
 - Properly trained staff could provide an added layer of protection
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to pass and adopt Policy 9450 – Firearms policy.
- **Second:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Director O'Connor - Nay; Director Christensen – Yay; Director Bingham – Nay; Treasurer Keller – Yay; Vice Chairman Butler – Nay; Chairman Cann – Nay

- The motion failed with a 4-2 vote.
- **Motion:** Director Bingham moved to reject the Firearms Policy 9450.
- **Second:** Director O'Connor seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Director O'Connor - Yay; Director Christensen – Nay; Director Bingham – Yay; Treasurer Keller – Nay; Vice Chairman Butler – Nay; Chairman Cann – Yay
- The motion failed with a 3-3 tied vote.
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to table Policy 9150 – Firearms until the board has another opportunity to hear from the people who have spoken to the board previously so that the board can have the same information before taking a final vote.
- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Director O'Connor - Nay; Director Christensen – Yay; Director Bingham – Nay; Treasurer Keller – Yay; Vice Chairman Butler – Yay; Chairman Cann – Yay
- The motion passed with a 4-2 vote.

POLICY 3265 – STUDENT OWNED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES; Annual Review

- **Discussion:** The Board reviewed the added language for smart watches to this policy.
- **Motion:** Director Bingham moved to accept the amendments to Policy 3265.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 3330 – STUDENT DISCIPLINE; Annual Review

- **Discussion:** The Board reviewed the proposed addition to the policy clarifying that an expulsion hearing may proceed even if the student withdraws from the school prior to the hearing.
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to accept the amendments made to Policy 3330.
- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 1500B: BOARD OPERATING PROCEDURE & PROTOCOL; Second Reading

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to approve Policy 1500B, Board Operating Procedure & Protocol.
- **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 Christensen to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2025.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 4–0, with Vice Chairman Butler and Director O'Connor abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY 3612: DISTRICT PROVIDED ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC INFORMATION, SERVICES, AND NETWORKS; First Reading

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director O'Connor moved to table Policy 3212, District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks for a second reading.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 5450: EMPLOYEE ELECTRONIC MAIL AND ON-LINE SERVICES USAGE; First Reading

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to table Policy 5450, Employee Electronic Mail and On-Line Services Usage for a second reading.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 5335: EMPLOYEE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES; First Reading

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to table Policy 5335, Employee Use of Electronic Communication Devices for a second reading.
- **Second:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 8220: FOOD SERVICES; Amend

- **Discussion:** The Board reviewed the amendments made to Policy 8220.
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to accept the amendments to Policy 8220, Food Services.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 8245: UNPAID SCHOOL MEAL CHARGES; Amend

- **Discussion:** The Board reviewed the amendments made to Policy 8245.
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to accept the amendments to Policy 8245.
- **Second:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 2720: VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN; First Reading

- **Discussion:** The Board discussed the first reading of Policy 2720 and requested that language be added addressing behavioral disabilities and the accommodations provided in determining eligibility for valedictorian and salutatorian.
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to table Policy 2720 for language to be added about behavioral disability and for a second reading.

- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 4120: UNIFORM GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE; Amend

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to table Policy 4120.
- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 5-0, with Chairman Cann abstaining.

POLICY 2445: CHARTER SCHOOL-PROVIDED VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION; First Reading

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director O'Connor moved to table Policy 2445 for a second reading.
- **Second:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 4260 and 4260F1: RECORDS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND RECORDS REQUEST FORM; Amend

- **Discussion:** The Board requested an estimate of the cost of copies to be included in the policy language.
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to table Policy 4160 and 4160F1 to figure out the actual cost of printing.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 5740: REDUCTION IN FORCE; Amend

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to pass Policy 5740.
- **Second:** Vice Chairman Butler seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

POLICY 7225: FINANCIAL FRAUD AND THEFT PREVENTION; Amend

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Treasurer Keller moved to pass Policy 7225, Financial Fraud and Theft Prevention.
- **Second:** Director O'Connor seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

APPROVE USU COLLEGE TOUR AND BRIDGER TECH TRIP FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS – MARCH 4

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to approve the Juniors and Seniors attending the USU College Tour and Bridger Tour on March 4th.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

APPROVE SENIOR TRIP TO LAGOON WITH KIMBERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT – MAY 20

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director O'Connor moved to approve the Senior Trip to Lagoon on May 20.
- **Second:** Treasurer Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

APPROVE KEVIN RILEY AS CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) TEACHER

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Director Christensen moved to approve Kevin Riley as a CTE Teacher
- **Second:** Director O'Connor seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

STUDENT EARLY GRADUATION REQUEST – EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Discussion:**
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to approve Student X for Early Graduation for the 2026 Graduating Class.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Hires/Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Leaves:

- Emily Legaard – Paraprofessional
- **Motion:** Vice Chairman Butler moved to approve the personnel report.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- [Director's Report](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Public Comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Vice Chairman Butler to enter into executive session at 9:31 p.m.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** Chairman Cann - Yes; Vice Chairman Butler – Yes; Treasurer Keller - Yes; Director Bingham - Yes; Director Christensen – Yes; Director O'Connor - Yes

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

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

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

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Director Christensen to exit executive session at 10:32 p.m. and reconvene to regular session.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

- Chairman Cann adjourned the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Haylee Mollerup -- Board Clerk -- Date: March 16, 2026