



RISE CHARTER SCHOOL #562

203 Center Street West Kimberly, Idaho 83341, Room 86

Board of Directors

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

School Board Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2025

Board Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: 6:30 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, July 21, 2025. The regular session was called to order by Interim Chairman Cann at 6:36 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

- Interim Chairman Cann called the regular session to order at 6:36 p.m.
- A courtesy Zoom link was made available for the public prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL

- **Board Members Present:**
 - Eli Cann – Interim Board Chairman (via zoom)
 - Jonathan Butler – Board Director
 - Roger Keller – Board Director
 - Emily O'Connor
 - Brent Christensen
 - Angela Bingham
- **Board Members Absent:**
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- **Others Present:**
 - Heidi Child – Executive Director
 - Haylee Mollerup – Board Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone stood and participated in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Motion:** Director Butler moved to approve the agenda.
- **Second:** Director Keller seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 3-0.

OATH OF OFFICE

- Board Clerk, Haylee Mollerup, administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed board members Emily O'Connor, Brent Christensen, and Angela Bingham. The Oath was signed by each new board member and by the Board Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Director Butler to approve the financial report.
- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.
 - LGIP presented by Cole Skinner
 - Routine Expenditures and Invoices presented by Cole Skinner.

OLD BUSINESS

SICK LEAVE BANK – POLICY 5825

- **Discussion:** The Board reviewed the fourth reading of Policy 5825. All final revisions were approved. The Board directed that the policy be submitted to legal counsel for final review prior to formal adoption.
- **Motion:** Director Bingham made a motion to table the Sick Leave Bank Policy to allow for review by legal counsel.
- **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 Keller to approve the consent agenda with the amendment to the 6.16.25 meeting minutes, noting that board members Lacey Clinger and Dusti Jensen were absent from that meeting.

- **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.
- **Note:** Directors O'Connor, Christensen, and Bingham recused themselves from voting on the approval of the 6.16.25 meeting minutes, as they were not serving as board members at that time. However, all six board members voted to approve the remainder of the consent agenda.
 - Approval of previous meeting minutes for June 16, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - Approval of Contracts – Liability Insurance; Health, Dental, & Vision Insurance; Gradient Learning; Steppin' Stones Physical Therapy; E-Spark, PowerSchool, Bright Arrow, Happy Numbers

NEW BUSINESS

- **Approval of Bank Signature Authority**
 - **Discussion:** The Board reviewed adding Roger Keller, Emily O'Connor, Brent Christensen, Angela Bingham, and Haylee Mollerup as authorized signers on the First Federal Bank account. The Board also approved the removal of Lacee Clinger and Dusti Jensen as signers. All necessary banking forms were signed to enact these changes.
 - **Motion:** Director Butler moved to approve the changes made to the bank signers as stated above.
 - **Second:** Director Keller seconded the motion.
 - **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

- **Approval of Board/Staff lunches for Fall and Spring**
 - **Discussion:** The board discussed the following dates for the Fall and Spring board/staff lunches as 10/17/25 and 2/20/26.
 - **Motion:** Director Butler moved to approve the above dates for the board/staff lunches in the 2025/2026 school year.
 - **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
 - **Vote:** The vote passed 6-0.

- **Approval of FY26 Board Meeting Dates**
 - **Discussion:** The Board reviewed the proposed dates, times, and location for the FY26 board meetings. It was decided to maintain the current schedule, with meetings held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will continue to take place at 203 Center Street West, Kimberly, ID 83341; however, the room location will change to Room 86 for FY26. All meeting dates are posted on the RISE website.
 - **Motion:** Director Butler moved to approve the FY26 Board Meeting Dates
 - **Second:** Director Christensen seconded the motion.
 - **Vote:** The vote passed 6-0.

▪ **New Board Member Orientation**

- **Discussion:** Board Clerk, Haylee Mollerup, led a discussion providing an overview of board member roles and responsibilities. The importance of confidentiality was emphasized. Board members were asked to watch five training videos for new board members available on BLUUM's YouTube page. Additionally, the Board was informed of the upcoming board retreat scheduled for August 23, 2025, during which further training will be provided for all members.
- **Motion:** No motion needed
- **Second:**
- **Vote:**

PERSONNEL REPORT

▪ **Hires/Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Leaves:**

1. Carinne Bell – Special Education Manager
 2. Lacee Clinger – Resignation as School Board Treasurer
 3. Dusti Jensen – Resignation as School Board Treasurer
- **Motion:** A motion was made by Director Keller to approve the personnel report as presented.
 - **Second:** Director O'Connor seconded the motion.
 - **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

▪ Positive School Culture

- Assigned teacher to be Sunshine Coordinator for FY25-26 – organize a monthly fun staff activity.
- Begin year with positive vibes, celebrations, and focus on habits of success.
- Will share board committee designed Strategic Plan with staff in August Training and will work toward the goals outlined therein.
- August 12 New Teacher Training
- Differentiated training throughout year custom to teacher's assignments.

▪ Academic Excellence

- Gradient Learning training – attended by Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Child in Houston. New platform is exciting and much improved with student interaction, feedback, and grading options for teachers.
- K-2 teachers attended training for teaching students to read.
- Gradient Learning for teachers 4 –12 July 28-Aug 1.

▪ Quality Management

- Y25-26 classes full/nearly full: K: 25, 1st :24, 2nd :17, 3rd :20, 4th :21, 5th :20, 6th :30, 7th :28, 8th :28, 9th :26, 10th :19, 11th :19, 12th :10
- Modular buildings projected construction July 21-28.
- All certified positions filled for Y25-26. Filled Sped Manager position with exceptionally qualified individual.
- Beginning own instance of Powerschool – in process of rollover.
- Fiscal Responsibility
 - Opted to not fill four FT Paraprofessional positions to enable offering higher salary to Special Education Manager.
 - Continued negotiations with KSD to cover all fringe costs related to additional buildings.
 - Plans to increase ADA next year, own instance of PowerSchool, incentivize teachers to take accurate attendance, and students to come to school.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **ACTION TO ENTER:** Director Butler moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code.

As per Section 33-205 and 74-206(1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of or to hear complaints brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent or public-school student.
- **Second:** Director Bingham seconded the motion.
- **Vote:** The motion passed 6-0.
- **Present:** Eli Cann - Yes; Jonathan Butler - Yes; Roger Keller - Yes; Emily O'Connor - Yes; Brent Christensen – Yes; Angela Bingham – Yes.
- **Time Entered Executive Session:** 7:51 p.m.
- **ACTION TO EXIT:** A motion was made by Director Keller 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:** 7:58 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

- Interim Chairman Cann called the regular session back to order at 7:58 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER ACTION AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Motion:** No motion needed

- **Second:**
- **Vote:**

ADJOURNMENT

- Interim Chairman Cann adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Haylee Mollerup -- Board Clerk -- Date: August 8, 2025