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Future Public School

Minutes

Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday August 27, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Location
Future Public School
511 E 43rd Street
Garden City, ID 83714

We exist to ensure that all children are equipped with the head and heart skills to be the change makers of our future world. Future Public School prepares students with a rigorous academic foundation, and does so through a joyful school community where everyone belongs.

Directors Present
Darnisha Orcutt, Jeff Carlson, Keith Donahue, Suzanne Metzgar, Trace Crago (remote), Tracy Sedano

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Amanda Cox, Lauren Tassos

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jeff Carlson called a meeting of the board of directors of Future Public School to order on Thursday Aug 27, 2026 at 9:06 AM.

C. Celebrations

The board shared various personal and professional celebrations.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes July 23, 2026 [action item]

Keith Donahue made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors Meeting on 07-23-26.
Darnisha Orcutt seconded the motion.
A correction was made to the name of the board member who moved to adjourn the meeting.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approve Bus Routes & Safety Busing [action item]

Keith Donahue made a motion to approve the bus routes and safety busing as presented.
Darnisha Orcutt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approve Updated Special Education Manual [action item]

Keith Donahue made a motion to approve the updated special education manual as presented.
Darnisha Orcutt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approve Consent Agenda [action item]

Keith Donahue made a motion to approve the consent agenda with an amendment to the meeting minutes from July 23, 2026.
Darnisha Orcutt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Governance Committee

A. Briefing New Idaho Education Laws

Jeff shared these new education laws that impact FPS stakeholders effective July 1, 2026.

1. Idaho HB515 - Updates public school requirements for handling harassment, intimidation, and bullying. The law specifically addresses notification of bullying when a suspension occurs to both families of the students involved. A written policy describing how FPS is already or will comply with the new law is being developed and will be reviewed by the board at our next meeting.

2. HB785 - Defines inappropriate online student behavior and allows public schools to discipline students for off-campus and after-hours online posts targeting school staff. The law gives schools rights and methods to address social media or texts that have a direct and severe impact on a school environment. A written policy describing how FPS is already or will comply with the new law is being developed and will be reviewed by the board at our next meeting.

3. HB822 - Schools, health care providers, and child care facilities must notify parents or guardians within 72 hours (3 days) if a minor requests a "social transition" or assistance that diverges from their sex assigned at birth. The law requires that parents are notified that their child is requesting help to transition within 72 hours. This includes using a different name or nickname, using non-matching pronouns or titles, using restrooms or locker rooms matching another sex, or joining opposite-sex sports teams. A written policy describing how FPS is already or will comply with the new law is being developed and will be reviewed by the board at our next meeting.

4. HB623 - Requires all K-12 public schools to observe a daily 60-second moment of silence near the beginning of the school day. A written policy describing how FPS is already or will comply with the new law is being developed and will be reviewed by the board at our next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:
Amanda to provide the board with policies and procedures that demonstrate our compliance with these laws. These **policies will be added to the Staff Handbook, and** the Family Handbook, and training will be provided to staff and volunteers, along with communication to all stakeholders.

B. Board Retreat Preview

Tracy reminded the board that the annual retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2026 from 2:30-6:30 PM at Kiln (3rd floor) in Meridian.

Tracy requested that board members complete pre-work so that they are prepared for the activities and discussions of the day including:

- Attend the Governance 101 training from Board on Track
- Review the Code of Ethics, Board Member Commitment and board terms in the Board of Director's Handbook

- Watch ISBA policy videos

Tracy will send a reminder to the board.

C. Remarks from the Chair

- Jeff will reach out to meet with each board member during the month of September.
- Tracy will likely attend the ISBA conference in November 4-6, 2026
- Please attend First Future Friday on September 4th or plan for another tour/school visit during September.
- A reminder to come prepared to the board retreat by completing pre-work. Plan to share the board committee you'd like to serve on this year. The options are:
    - Governance Committee - CEO support, compliance and board recruitment
    - Impact Committee - Growth and expansion, fundraising and community engagement, student and family recruitment
    - Finance Committee - Budget and financial planning (no change from the past year)

IV. Management

A. Director's Report

Amanda shared brief updates about:

- Upcoming Events
- Staffing
    - 1 Remaining Open Position: Behavior Interventionist
- Enrollment
    - Under-enrolled by 8 students compared to budget
    - The majority of students who have unenrolled have moved out of state (8 students) or moved to a neighborhood school (5 students)
- Outreach and student recruitment efforts
    - Canvassing, mailers, park events and other marketing and recruitment efforts are underway.
- Budget update to address enrollment shortfall
    - Amanda and Lauren are considering a variety of scenarios to address the budget shortfall created by under-enrollment and will present an amended the budget as needed.

- Pilot and Middle School Expansion
    - Reviewed Grant Funding and Middle School activities.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Metzgar