

KIMBERLY SCHOOL DISTRICT 414
KIMBERLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 20, 2026

Board Dinner: 5:15 p.m.
Executive Session: 5:30 p.m.
Regular: 6:00 p.m.
Plant Facility Levy Resolution – 12B2 – 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Zachary Kelsey motioned, and Leah Meeks seconded the motion to enter executive session at 5:30 p.m. as provided for in section IC 74-206(1) b) To consider personnel matters. Roll call was requested: Chad Allen – yes; Leah Meeks – yes; Emilie Carlson – yes; Zack Kelsey – yes; Rick Jones – yes.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Trustees of School District No. 414, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, convened its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026, in the district boardroom at 141 Center Street West, Kimberly, Idaho. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Chad Allen (CA). Trustees in attendance also included Leah Meeks (LM), Zachary Kelsey (ZK), Rick Jones (RJ) and Emilie Carlson (EC). Also, present were Luke Schroeder, Superintendent; Director of Programs, Matt Schvaneveldt, Cassandra Searby, Board Clerk, Laurie Wirtz, Business Manager, district administrators, students and interested patrons, both in person and via Zoom.

AGENDA

LM motioned to approve the agenda, ZK seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FLAG SALUTE

Those in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS

- None

HEARING OF VISITORS

- None

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

- Good Stories to Share LM shared positive feedback regarding the District's Back-to-School Nights and how well the events went. Matt Schvaneveldt highlighted Kimberly's school ranking on MaxPreps as another positive recognition for the District.
- Emergency Levy - Mr. Schroeder provided information regarding the potential for an emergency levy based on increased student attendance and the District's ADA. Current enrollment indicates a freshman class of more than 200 students. Administration will monitor attendance over the coming days to determine ADA and whether the District qualifies for an emergency levy. If necessary, a special Board meeting will be called for further consideration.

- Cell Phone Tower Lease - Mr. Schroeder invited Matthew Searby to join the discussion regarding a potential cell tower lease on the District's 35-acre property. The discussion was preliminary and intended to provide the Board with information regarding a possible long-term lease. It was noted that approximately 95% of the contract terms would be negotiable. Administration will seek legal counsel regarding the potential lease and bring the matter back to the Board at a future meeting for further consideration.
- FY27 Board Tours - The Board reviewed the FY27 Board Tour schedule. LM requested that Athletics and Support Services be switched on the current schedule and that the Migrant Program be added to the FY28 Board Tour schedule.
- Important Dates – Provided at meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Laurie Wirtz presented the July 2026 Financial Report. General Fund revenues totaled \$446,471.97 and expenditures totaled \$489,923.07. Mrs. Wirtz reviewed changes reflected in the financial comparison between FY26 and FY27 and reported no financial concerns. The FY26 financial audit is currently underway, and Board members noted they had received questionnaires from the auditor.

ZK moved to approve the July 2026 Financial Report. EC seconded the motion. The motion passed.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

- Matt Schvaneveldt, Director of Programs, reviewed the proposed reporting schedule for the 2026-2027 school year. The Board requested that future reports identify trends, include action plans, and provide comparisons between state testing data and classroom performance. The Board also requested a year-in-review presentation during the summer meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT

ZK Motioned to approve the consent agenda, EC seconded the motion. The motion passed.

1. Approve District Invoices FY26 - FY27
2. Approve School Invoices
3. Approve Food Service Expenditures
4. Approve Meetings Minutes from July 16, 2026; July 27, 2026
5. Approve Fundraiser Requests
6. Approve travel for wrestling to Spring Creek, NV. - January 14-16, 2027.
7. Approve MOU/Contracts/Grants: None
8. Approve KMS Fall Sports Schedules
9. Surplus: Pallets; Sent to PC Recyclers - 1 Promethean; 150 Laptops; 1 Printer; 15 Monitors; 200 Power Cords; 1 Tower.

DISCUSSION

APPROVE ADDITIONAL INVOICES

After review, **LM motioned to approve the additional invoices, EC seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

PLANT FACILITY RESOLUTION LEVY (7:00 p.m.)

The Board discussed the proposed Plant Facility Levy and the recommendation to revise the previous proposal from \$500,000 annually for 10 years to \$400,000 annually for five years. Three community members who had recently participated in a tour of District facilities were invited to join the discussion and provide feedback regarding the proposed levy and current facility needs.

Community members shared that the facility needs were evident during the tour and expressed concern that continued deferral of necessary maintenance could result in larger and more costly issues in the future. They also discussed the value of having direct access to District facilities and administration to better understand the scope of the needs, anticipated costs, and how facility funding is utilized.

While recognizing the identified facility needs, the community members collectively expressed concern that pursuing a Plant Facility Levy in the November 2026 election may be too soon. Discussion centered on the importance of timing, rebuilding trust within the community, providing greater transparency, and ensuring patrons have sufficient information and opportunities to understand the District's needs before being asked to consider a levy. Community members expressed a willingness to assist with community outreach and help facilitate conversations with patrons.

The Board discussed potentially postponing the levy until the May election, with consideration of a resolution as early as the February Board meeting. The Board also discussed steps that could be taken in the interim to improve public understanding and engagement, including providing information at regular Board meetings regarding facility modernization projects, deferred maintenance, curriculum costs, and other District financial needs; holding a future Board work session focused on facilities; utilizing community focus groups; and increasing communication with patrons regarding District needs, available funding, anticipated costs, and future planning.

The Board expressed appreciation for the community members' participation and feedback and discussed the importance of continuing to involve patrons in the process.

No formal motion was made, and no action was taken regarding placement of a Plant Facility Levy on the November 2026 ballot. The matter will continue to be discussed at future Board meetings.

APPROVE FY27 BUS ROUTES

In accordance with Idaho Code § 33-1502, the Board reviewed the proposed bus routes for the upcoming school year as presented by Director of Operations Matthew Searby. The District will operate 10 routes, including the addition of Route #7, an express route serving the north side of town, to address overcrowding. Currently, 762 students are registered to ride, with that number expected to decrease. The transportation department is currently well staffed, with 17 buses in the District fleet.

LM moved to approve the FY27 bus routes as presented. RJ seconded. The motion carried.

RISE FY27 MOU AND RENTAL AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed the annual Rental Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kimberly School District and RISE Charter School. The Rental Agreement automatically renews with no changes other than updated dates. The MOU was updated on page 3 to clarify that the provision does not apply to non-resident students.

LM moved to approve the agreements as presented. EC seconded. The motion carried.

ADOPT POLICY 2340 MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Board reviewed the first reading of Policy 2340, Moment of Silence, establishing a daily 60-second moment of silence in accordance with Idaho Code § 33-512B.

ZK moved to approve the first reading of Policy 2340. LM seconded. The motion carried.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR BOARD MEETINGS

The Board discussed adding a moment of silence to regular Board meetings, consistent with the practice

implemented for students under new Idaho law and as an opportunity for individual reflection.

RJ moved to add a moment of silence to future regular meeting agendas following the Flag Salute. ZK seconded. The motion carried.

FY27 SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT

The Board reviewed FY27 supplemental contracts for certified staff serving in year-round advisor or coaching roles and Fall coaching positions. Winter and Spring coaching contracts will be presented prior to their respective seasons.

LM moved to approve the FY27 supplemental contracts as presented. RJ seconded. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL REPORT

ZK motioned to approve the personnel report, LM seconded the motion. The motion passed.

HIRE:

- Cory Carter KHS Girls Wrestling Coach
- Rebecca Browning KMS Library Paraprofessional
- Erin Jacob KHS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
- Nicole Rowley KMS English Teacher
- David Nelson KHS Paraprofessional
- Tucker Lierman KHS Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach
- Nolan Amundson KHS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- Nancie Mathews KMS Volleyball Coach
- Rocio Allen ELL/Migrant Paraprofessional
- Bridget Tilton KSD Administrative Assistant
- Hannah Williams KMS Paraprofessional
- Tracy Threlfall SES Paraprofessional
- Isabel Heiner KES Paraprofessional
- Ashley Serrano KES Paraprofessional

Resignation/Retirement:

- Madison Smith KHS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
- Talon Volkel KHS Assistant Wrestling Coach
- William Sullivan KMS English Teacher
- Gus Ramasco KHS Assistant Football Coach
- Delainna Wood KMS Paraprofessional
- Michelle Canaday KSD Administrative Assistant
- Kristen Rodriguez SES Paraprofessional

ADJOURNMENT

ZK moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m., LM seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cassandra Searby, District Clerk

Chad Allen, Board Chair