

**BEAR LAKE SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MEDIA CENTER
July 16, 2025
7:00 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President, Bethany Merrill; Vice President, Eric Smith; Secretary, Gregory Babinec; Treasurer, Shad Buckner; Trustees, Connie Ledford, Robert Gauthier, and Josh Groenwald

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Bethany Merrill called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Bear Lake Media Center.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

NMSLA Dinner Invitation
Merrill Board Resignation Letter
Babinec Board Resignation Letter
Leffew Board Acceptance Letter
Lineberry Board Acceptance Letter
Harthun Resignation Letter
Kuenzer Resignation Letter

BOARD REPORTS

Sarah Harless presented the Principal's Report.
Kaylie Brown Presented the Athletic Director's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Personnel
- B. Depositories of School Funds
- C. Appointment of Legal Counsel
- D. Miscellaneous Memberships
- E. Transportation Contract
- F. Student Handbook Changes

- G. Employee Handbook Changes
- H. Board Members' Resignations
- I. Speaker and Lockdown Technology Quote
- J. Thrun Policy Update - 1st Read
- K. Bond Update
- L. Thank you to Bethany
- M. Thank you to Greg

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR ACTION

Moved by Smith, supported by Babinec, that the Consent Calendar Items B & C be approved as presented; carried 7-0.

Moved by Smith, supported by Babinec, that the Treasurer's Report of monies on hand

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>\$331,856.27</i>
<i>Food Service Fund</i>	<i>7,614.24</i>
<i>Debt Retirement Funds</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Capital Projects</i>	<i><u>44,418.20</u></i>
<i>Total All Funds</i>	<i>\$383,888.71</i>

be accepted that bills totaling \$383,888.71 and check numbers 127685-127756 to be approved for payment; carried 7-0.

Moved by Smith, supported by Babinec, that the minutes of the regular business meeting held June 11, 2025, be approved as presented; carried 7-0.

Moved by Gauthier, supported by Buckner, to accept the resignation of Crystal Harthun, GSRP Preschool Teacher, effective as of July 14, 2025, as presented; carried 7-0.

Moved by Babinec, supported by Groenwald, to accept the resignation of Renia Kuenzer, Bus Driver, as presented; carried 7-0.

Moved by Smith, supported by Gauthier, to approve the depositories of school funds for the 2025/2026 school year as recommended; carried 7-0.

Moved by Ledford, supported by Smith, to approve Thrun Law as the appointment of legal counsel for the 2025/2026 school year as recommended; carried 7-0.

Moved by Buckner, supported by Gauthier, to approve the miscellaneous memberships for the 2025/2026 school year as recommended; carried 7-0.

Moved by Smith, supported by Groenwald, to approve the transportation contract between Kaleva Norman Dickson School District and Bear Lake Schools as presented; 7-0.

Moved by Smith, supported by Babinec, to approve the student handbook changes as presented; carried 7-0.

Moved by Gauthier, supported by Buckner, to approve the employee handbook changes as presented; carried 7-0.

Moved by Smith, with regret, supported by Groenwald, to accept the resignation of Bethany Merrill, Bear Lake Board of Education President, effective July 31, 2025, as presented; carried 6-0 (Merrill abstain).

Moved by Smith, with regret, supported by Gauthier, to accept the resignation of Gregory Babinec, Bear Lake Board of Education Secretary, effective July 31, 2025, as presented; carried 6-0 (Babinec abstain).

Moved by Buckner, supported by Babinec, to approve the quotes from Lightspeed Technologies, Inc. and Forté in the amount of \$54,709.52 as recommended; carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Babinec, supported by Merrill, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. with no objections.

Board Secretary _____