MINUTES OF BOARD VISITATION MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT 321
Madison Early Childhood Education Center, 2413 N 3000 W, Rexburg, Idaho
March 5, 2026

Justin Egbert called the meeting to order at 9:00am at the Madison Early Childhood Center. It was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were Justin Egbert, JC Weber, Joe Palmer, and Superintendent Randy Lords. Others in attendance were Assistant Superintendent Travis Schwab, Principal Josh Spencer, and Board Clerk Deon Ward. Holly Allen joined via phone for the levy vote.

Mr. Lords led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Weber made a motion to approve the Agenda as written. Mr. Palmer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lords presented information requested by board members. The information included levy amount options with corresponding tax per $100,000 of taxable assessed value. Keeping the levy amount the same would be a renewal while seeking more would require a new levy. Mr. Lords explained that, despite federal hold-backs, the district can get through this year. There will be no funding increase for classified staff. He and Mr. Snedaker would like to keep the November bonuses. The supplemental levy funds help bridge the gap between state funding and local needs. Mr. Lords and Board members expressed concerns about increasing expenses for tax payers. Mr. Weber moved to renew the $1.995 Supplemental Levy on the May ballot. The motion was seconded by Mr. Palmer and passed unanimously.

Principal Spencer then reported on the school. Madison Early Childhood Education Center services a total of 211 children ages 3-5 years-old, approximately 50% peer model students and 50% Special Services/EL/Migrant students. Staff includes four certified teachers, two instructor paras, 25 paras, four Speech Language Pathologists, and two SLP assistants. Students are identified through monthly community screeners, Infant Toddler referrals, transfer IEP's and walk-in/phone contacts. Mr. Spencer has been working to improve safety measures throughout the school with additional cameras, bathroom modifications, and modified drills. All students are participating in a school-wide *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* reading initiative. Mr. Spencer and his staff are working to increase family and community engagement and develop preschool standards.

The members of the school board voiced their gratitude to Mr. Spencer and his team for the remarkable work they do in preparing our youngest learners for kindergarten.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am and Board members were invited to visit classrooms.

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Clerk Board Chairman