MINUTES OF BOARD VISITATION MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT 321
Madison Junior High School, 134 Madison Ave, Rexburg, Idaho
January 8, 2026

The meeting began in the conference room at Madison Junior High School. Board Chair, Brian Pyper called the meeting to order at 9:03am. It was determined that a quorum was present. Those in attendance were Brian Pyper, Holly Allen, JC Weber, Joe Palmer, Justin Egbert and Superintendent Randy Lords. Others in attendance were Assistant Superintendent Travis Schwab, Principal Wade Carlson, Assistant Principals Josh Wilson and Jean Erikson and Board Clerk Deon Ward.

The National Anthem was provided by MJH Select Choir. Mr. Weber made a motion to approve the Agenda as written. Mr. Palmer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lords received an offer for the 290 N 1st E property. Mr. Weber asked if there is a need to sell at this time and about possible costs in maintaining the current property. Mr. Pyper expressed his desire to walk through the building in the next few days.

Idaho School Board Association requested a board member serve as the legislative liaison which would entail attending weekly zoom meetings throughout the legislative session. Mr. Weber expressed interest in fulfilling this role. Mr. Palmer made a motion for Mr. Weber to serve as the ISBA Legislative Liaison. The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and passed unanimously.

Madison Education Foundation has asked for the input of the school board as the Excellence in Education recipients are selected. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Pyper agreed to attend the February MEF meeting as part of the selection committee.

Mr. Lords shared two 2026-2027 school year calendar options. Board members were able to ask questions for clarification and share input. These calendar options will be discussed and voted on at the January Board Business Meeting.

Madison Junior High Student Council, under the direction of their advisor, Parker Stucki, shared some recent activities. They spoke of their goals to Unite, Connect and Instill Confidence in the student body. The process to be part of the student council has changed to utilize the strengths of and provide opportunities to a more varied group.

There are currently 1275 students attending Madison Junior High. They are taught by 55 teachers. The counselors play a critical role in supporting students' mental, social and behavioral challenges. Mr. Carlson highlighted the facility enhancements, recent trend in teacher retention, and family culture at the school. Students are exceling in the classroom, athletics, fine arts and a variety of clubs and programs.

Mr. Carlson continues to promote One Team, One Connection, One Madison. The vision of the administrative team is to be unified with the district, promote kindness and literacy, continue to develop Professional Learning Communities, improve attendance, and strengthen family and community engagement.

Board members thanked the Administrative team for their outstanding efforts in building an excellent, hope-filled environment for students and staff.

Mr. Palmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Weber. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am. Board members were invited to visit classrooms.

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Clerk Board Chairman