

IRS Update

February 9, 2023

Bonneville Joint School District 93 paid for the modular classrooms on February 6, 2023, and the check was deposited that day.

On February 7, 2023, I took a check for \$46,094.07 to the local IRS office. This check covered any taxes and interest owed based on the November 28, 2022 transcripts and any payments made or notices received through January 9, 2023. I also left a letter prepared by Kurt Folke, our auditor, requesting the abatement of penalties along with a chart showing what was paid and what was requested to be abated. We now must wait for the IRS decisions in this matter. A copy of the letter and chart is included in the Board packet.

Mel Rivera and Jacob Smith from the Charter School Commission contacted me on January 30th to discuss our progress with the IRS. I shared our plan to submit a check for tax and interest along with a letter requesting abatement of the penalties. Ms. Rivera asked why we didn't just pay the penalties too and then request that the IRS refund any penalties that were abated. I asked Kurt Folke if this would be a better option. He said that once the IRS receives the money, it would not be refunded. He said our plan to pay taxes and interest was the better option.

We received new IRS notices on February 7, 2023 for the 2nd quarter of 2019, the 1st quarter of 2018, the 4th quarter of 2014 and the second quarter of 2014. I asked Kurt Folke if I should edit the letter and check to address these notices before meeting with the IRS on February 7th. He said I should not. He said any responses to these and future notices before the IRS responds to our request for abatement of penalties will just muddy the water. Additional payments prior to the IRS's response would probably not be credited correctly. He said IRS officials will give the same advice to wait. He suggested keeping a separate folder for notices received after the letter was prepared for the IRS.