

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
*Tuesday, May 2, 2023*

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 beginning at 5:45 at Mineral County School District.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Juanita Diede, Tyler Viani, Kristin Reeves, Candice Birchum (online), Kathy Castagnola

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Stephanie Keuhey, Superintendent; Monica Keady, Interim Principal, HJH/MCHS

**OTHERS PRESENT:** In-Person: Crystal Sasser, Jaren Stanton, Donna Bruni, Kaiti Gentry, Janis Horn, Janina Easley, Tricia Schumann, Phillip Jaramillo

**Online:** Karry Larramendy, Diana Isom, Claire Hayhurst, Kari Banfield, Jake Rosemore, Erika Sanchez, Pashion Carr

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM**

1. Certification of Public Notice, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of a flexible agenda. (For Possible Action)
3. Person or Group Recognition – Drama Team, Ms. Gentry and Mr. Hudson put on a great play!
4. Presentations – TNT Presentation – Erin Ashley presented

**CONSENT ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

1. Minutes: April 18, 2023
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1128
3. Payroll Checks: 88379-88422
4. Warrants: 26324-26397
5. Personnel Report – Information Only  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the minutes from March 28, 2023; Payroll Vouchers 1114, 1115, 1121, 1122; Payroll Checks 88255-88346; Warrants 26215-26323. Candice Birchum, seconded the motion. Kristin Reeves-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani Motion passed 5-0-0*

**ACTION ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action to have a student representative to participate in the School Board meetings.  
*Discussion between the board and Superintendent. Need to review policy BCBA. Stephanie will review other school policies and get more information. GPC: Janina Easley  
Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.  
Kristin Reeves-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum-Y. Tyler Viani-Y Motion passed 5-0-0*
2. **Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action for the approval to buy a 2014 Ford Truck for the Maintenance Department at Mineral County School District.  
*GPC: Jake Rosemore, Tricia Schumann  
Tyler Viani made a motion to approve based on Ed doing an evaluation of the vehicle before buying.  
Juanita Diede seconded the motion.  
Kristin Reeves-N; Juanita Diede-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum-N; Tyler Viani-Y Motion passed 3-2-0*

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3. **Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action for the approval to buy a 2015 Ford Truck for the Maintenance Department at Mineral County School District.  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve based on Ed doing an evaluation of the vehicle before buying. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.  
Kristin Reeves-N; Juanita Diede-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum-N; Tyler Viani-Y  
Motion passed 3-2-0*
4. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible action for the position of Middle School CTE Teacher.  
**Competitive**  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.  
Kristin Reeves-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum-Y. Tyler Viani-Y  
Motion passed 5-0-0*
5. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of Critical Need Positions for Elementary Teachers  
*GPC: Diana Isom and Tricia Schumann suggestion that the high school counselor be put on the next agenda.  
Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Candice Birchum seconded the motion.  
Kristin Reeves-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum-Y. Tyler Viani-Y  
Motion passed 5-0-0*
6. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigation.
7. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to pending litigation.
8. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to discuss negotiations.
9. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to negotiations.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

1. Correspondence & Announcements - *NONE*
2. Board Members – *NONE*
3. Superintendent – *Stephanie Keuhey still working on legislature coming down. Working on TNTP feedback and implementation. Teacher retention. We had a good policy meeting on the financial section. We have hired Monica Keady for the High School Principal and Claire Hayhurst for the Dean of Students. Paul McDonald is doing great with the Special Education. She will be in NASS meetings tomorrow and Thursday.*
4. Principals – *Stephanie Keuhey – HES has lots of testing going on. K2 students are starting to test. It is frustrating time right now so they lose some of the fun. Tricia Schumann -3<sup>rd</sup> grade had Bike Day. The Sheriff's department donated 4 bikes to the students. Next week is Teacher Appreciation week. New furniture for the classrooms. Some of the kids have helped out putting the chairs together. Monica Keady-In the middle of SBAC's -have been interrupted by internet. They will wait to finish the testing after the fiber project is completed. Still working on the accreditation. Demo in the kitchens is almost complete. Dual Enrolment. Scott Cauldwell ROTC will be here next week to see if there is any interest in the program.*

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*Tricia Schumann on the Bike Day. It is a great program for all the kids.*

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Tricia Schumann – in the future we need the school counselor considered critical shortage. Monica said she is trying to headhunt. She might have someone interested. This item will be put on the next agenda. The impact of not having a counselor all the time.*

*Tyler Viani made a motion to go into closed session for general pending litigation to receive legal counsel. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.*


*Kristin Reeves-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum-Y. Tyler Viani-Y  
Motion passed 5-0-0*

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*Back in session at 7:25. No general comment.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:25 PM

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Kristin Reeves, Clerk