

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
*Wednesday, October 5, 2022*

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 beginning at 5:36 at the Arlo K. Funk District Services Center.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Candice Birchum, Juanita Diede, Tyler Viani, Keith Neville, Kathy Castagnola,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Andre Ponder, Superintendent; Jeff Wales, Principal, HJH/MCHS; Stephanie Keuhey, HES Principal; Lance West, Principal SES

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Crystal Sasser, Jaren Stanton, Erika Sanchez, Breanna Hatfield, Kaiti Gentry, Christy Romero Grant, Ann Kee, Phillip Jaramillo, Drew Schaar, Tricia Schumann, JayDee Porras-Grant, Claire Hayhurst, Jean Peterson, Stephanie Flow, Kristen Reeves, Jamarr Covington, Hope Blinco, Monica Keady, Helen Sanchez, Michelle Hudson, Steven Hudson, Shari Berry, Kerie Justus Morgan, Tom Gallegos, Taylor Doolin-Cardenas, Janina Easley, William Bruni, Bryan Morgan, Leslie Maker, Janis Horn, Jezzan Penas, Kathleen Dauilo, Darla Miller, Kari Banfield, Taralynn Musselman, Staci Teeters, Will Gemelke, Attie West, Alicia Baker, Brooke Sterns, Chris Porras, Courtney Isom, Damond Holt, Debbie, Diana, Allen Gumm, Holly Pellett, JayDee Porras Grant, Jose Silva, Sarah Dillard, Stacie King, Theresa Talamantes, Will Gemelke

*Keith Neville read, "I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on traditional lands of the Paiute People, and pay our respect to elders both past and present".*

**Board and Staff will utilize an online presence as well as social distancing for this meeting.**

Please Note: The Board reserves the right: (1) to take agenda items in a different order, (2) to combine two or more agenda items for consideration, and (3) to remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time, in order to accomplish the business on the Agenda in the most efficient manner.

**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)

*Tyler Viani made a motion to table items 2-6. Juanita Diede second the motion. Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Keith Neville-Y; 5-0-0*

3. Person or Group Recognition -NONE
4. Presentations - NONE

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

1. Minutes: September 20, 2022

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

1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action relative to the resignation of Superintendent Andre Ponder, the appointment of an interim Superintendent, and setting a salary range for the position of Interim Superintendent.

*The Board does not need to approve Mr. Ponder's resignation. William Bruni, Drew Schaar and Jaren Stanton, Hope Blinco, Courtney Isom, Janina Easley, Tricia Schumann, Stephanie Flow, Bryan Morgan, Kristen Reeves, Diana Isom, Sarah Dillard, Janice Horn, Stephanie Keuhey, Jamarr Covington, Taylor Doolin, Tyler Viani, Monica Keady, Claire Hayhurst all made general public comment regarding this item.*

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2. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action relative to the following:
  - a. A recruitment plan for the position of Superintendent.
  - b. Expenditures for the recruitment.
  - c. Recruiting criteria, and
  - d. Job description and setting a salary range the position of Superintendent.
  
3. **Grievance 83022:** Discussion and Possible Action relative to the presentation of Superintendent's decision on grievance 83022, presentation of the grievant's position, and action by the Board to including but not limited to sustaining or overturning the Superintendent's decision and taking the resulting action.  
*Table item until October 18, 2022*
  
4. **Grievance 82922:** Discussion and Possible Action relative to the presentation of Superintendent's decision on grievance 82922, presentation of the grievant's position, and action by the Board to including but not limited to sustaining or overturning the Superintendent's decision and taking the resulting action.  
*Table item until October 18, 2022*
  
5. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigation.
  
6. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to pending litigation.

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

1. Correspondence & Announcements
2. Board Member Reports
3. Superintendent Report
4. Principals Report – Stephanie Keuhey – HES is having a week of Respect the first week of October. The 11<sup>th</sup> is Tailgate night for literacy. Thursday is PJ Day for Childhood Cancer. Lance West – SES, Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> is Indigenous Day. October 12 5:30 dinner at SES. Thank you to Stephanie. She is very qualified for the interim Superintendent job position.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bryan Morgan – Speech therapy services.  
Allen Gumm – CBB  
Jaren Stanton – Proclamation by the County for Indigenous Day  
Stephanie Keuhey – National Custodian Day was on Sunday

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:56 PM**

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Jhanita Diede, Clerk