

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
*Wednesday, August 23, 2023*

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 beginning at 5:38 PM at Mineral County School District.

*Tyler 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".*

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kristin Reeves

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Crystal Sasser, Drew Schaar, Chris Hughes, Ann Kee, Tony Torres, Amanda Hughes, Breanna Hatfield, Janis Horn, Kaity Gentry, Phillip Jaramillo, Jaren Stanton, Amanda Jones, Pam Everett, Cade Torres, Donoman Moran, Chase Reeves, Cole Robinson, Devanye Isom

**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 - NONE
4. Presentations - Portrait of a Learner

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

1. Minutes: June 14 and July 11, 2023-*These items were tabled.*

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

**1. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of Independent Contract for Tashina Williams, Master of Social Work.

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve contingent upon NDE approval for funding. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.*

*Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Candice Birchum-Abstain; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 3-0-1*

**2. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of Independent Contract for Amanda Wachsmuth Master of Social Work.

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve contingent upon NDE approval for funding. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.*

*Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0*

**3. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action for the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Mount Grant General Hospital and Mineral County School District.

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.*

*Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0*

**4. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action for approval of the District Testing Plan

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Kathy Castagnola seconded the motion.*

*Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0*

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**5. Recommendation:** Discussion on College Credit Equivalency, update on progress by Stephanie Keuhey.

*Discussion between the board, Monica Keady, Stephanie Keuhey, Pam Everett. we need to get a committee for this item.*

**6. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action on the Exit Interview Process

*We would like to improve the process to align with the District Strategic Plan Work with HR to analyze this process. The Board agrees with this.*

**7. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action to approve policies:

a. JFCEB - Personal Communication Devices - *Public comment by Amaya Hatfield read in by Juanita Diede - An AR needs to be written for this policy.*

b. GBBM1 - Requirements for Coaches and ExtraCurricular Activity Advisors - *Wait until after the coaches handbook has been approved.*

c. IICC - Volunteers - *Wait until after the coaches handbook has been approved.*

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Kathy Castagnola seconded the motion.*

*Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0*

**8. Recommendation:** Discussion Only of GDA-AR5-2 Substitute Teachers: Short, Long-Term, Emergency Substitutes and New Hire Compensation - *Review the policy, revise and bring it back to the board.*

**9. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action to increase the SPED ParaPro in Schurz to from part time to full time.

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Kathy Castagnola seconded the motion.*

*Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0*

*Tyler Viani made a motion to go into closed session per (NRS) 288.220 to discuss negotiations. Kathy Castagnola seconded the motion.*

*Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0*

**10. Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigation.

**11. Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to pending litigation.

**12. Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 288.220 to discuss negotiations.

**13. Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to negotiations.

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

1. Correspondence & Announcements - NONE
2. Board Member Reports - Board Training in Vegas on September 8th and 9th.
3. Superintendent Report - Stephanie Keuhey Busy working this summer on the District Strategic Plan. Glad to have everyone back.
4. Principals Report - Monica Keady, HJH/MCHS Principal - A lot of changes. Hopeful for restorative justice and discipline plan. It is a mounted effort. Working on norms for staff and students. Implementing classroom management.

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**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Pam Everett - Cell phones - At her last school it made it better.*

*Stephanie Keuhey i am glad to hear they are setting up norms.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Kristin Reeves, Clerk