

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
751 A. STREET
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 3, 2022

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 beginning at 5:31 PM at Mineral County District, 751 A street.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candice Birchum

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Drew Schaar, Kaiti Gentry, Hope Blinco, Kristen Reeves, Alison Hudson, Tim Samaniego, Karry Larramendy, Greg Caldwell, Sybil Caldwell, MaryJo Gemelke, Phillip Jaramillo, Michelle Hudson, Stephanie Flow, Shannon Erickson, Sarah Dillard, Rene Holt, Troy House, Dorothy Grimes, Linda Larson, Ann Kee, Diane Rodriguez, Millini Burt, Claire Hayhurst

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".

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) *NONE*
3. Person or Group Recognition – *Presentation of the Purple Heart School*
4. Presentations - *NONE*

CONSENT ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

1. Minutes: April 19, 2022
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1147,1148
3. Payroll Checks: 87288-87320
4. Warrants: 24816-24851
5. Personnel Report – Information Only

Tyler Viani made a motion to approve items #2, 3 and 5. Kathy Castagnola seconded the motion. Juanita Diede-Y; Keith Neville-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0

ACTION ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of the proposals from Garland/DBS to repair the roofs at Hawthorne Elementary School and the District Office buildings.
Tim Samaniego gave a presentation for the roofing projects. Hope Blinco asked that this meets Pool Pact Engineer standards sent to him. Yes they do. Public comment made by Drew Schaar, Stephanie Flow, Kristen Reeves. Jaren Stanton asked what he was asking of the board tonight?
Juanita Diede made a motion to use this and proceed with this package to get the roof done. Tyler Viani seconded the motion.
Juanita Diede-Y; Keith Neville-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0
2. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of Policy JBC, Gender Identity and Gender Non-Conformity-Students.
Public comment made by Karry Larramendy, Shannon Erickson, Alison Hudson, Cybil Caldwell, Kristen Reeves, Greg Caldwell, Rene Holt, Michelle Hudson, Drew Schaar, Sarah Dillard, Stephanie Flow, Tim Howell, Stephanie Keuhey
Juanita Diede made a motion to approve this agenda item. Tyler Viani seconded the motion.
Juanita Diede-Y; Keith Neville-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kathy Castagnola-N. Motion passed 4-0-0

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Kathy Castagnola made a motion to set aside this policy and address the bullying policy. Keith Neville seconded. Juanita Diede-N; Keith Neville-Y; Tyler Viani-N; Kathy Castagnola-Y. Motion passed 2-2-0

3. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of out of state travel for Andre Ponder to attend the Legislature Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC.
MaryJo Gemelke made a public comment.
Keith Neville made a motion to approve of out of state travel for Andre Ponder to attend the Legislature Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC. No second. Tyler Viani thinks there are things that need to be attended to here.
4. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval for Mr. Ponder's Annual Evaluation
Jaren Stanton advised that we not proceed on tonight due to notice not in compliance. Agenda item not correct. Public comment made by Kristen Reeves and Hope Blinco

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

1. Correspondence & Announcements - *NONE*
2. Board Member Reports – *Tyler Viani attended the NASB meeting. Dr. Oliver put out information.*
3. Superintendent Report – *Given to the board members.*
4. Principal's Report – *Lance West –*
Stephane Keuhey, Principal HES – Hired in to the district since 2001 as an intern. Voter in community. Since Covid hit the school district has not been the same. Teachers are barely making it, struggles. We are dealing with the staff shortages, lack of call-ins, highly qualified educators in the District. Dealing with the students that have been at home. We need to finish the bullying policy. The board's presence is important for teachers, staff to know they are supported. We would like to see the board on the campuses. Kids are mean. We are losing good people. Getting cussed out by parents. Career week at HES. Many visits from parents and community members. Would like to thank HES Principal Advisory Committee and teachers. They are doing a great job. Wednesday, May 18th is the Armed Forces Day Program.

Jeff Wales, Principal HJH/MCHS – Ms. Dodge is working on their finals. Bite of Reality tomorrow. Ms. Gentry has a talent show tomorrow night at 7:00pm. Sports, library. National Honor society working on library on Friday.
May 12 – CTE Open house from 4 to 6pm.
Zone tournament – Golf next weekend.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kristen Reeves made a general public comment.

Tyler Viani made a motion to go into closed session Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 288.220 to Discuss labor unit contracts and negotiation. Kathy Castagnola seconded the motion.
Juanita Diede-Y; Keith Neville-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kathy Castagnola-N. Motion passed 4-0-0

5. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 288.220 to Discuss labor unit contracts and negotiations.
6. **Open Session:** Discussion of labor unit contracts and negotiations.

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7. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigation. *Nothing for this item. No action for 7 and 8.*
8. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to pending litigation.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted:



Juanita Diede, Clerk