

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
*Tuesday, May 17, 2022*

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 beginning at 5:37 PM at the Mineral County District.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Drew Schaar, Kaiti Gentry, Kristen Reeves, Karry Larramendy, MaryJo Gemelke, Phillip Jaramillo, Ann Kee, Claire Hayhurst, Kathleen Daulo, Toni Dodge, Tracy Larramendy, Tricia Schumann, Breanna Hatfield, William Bruni, Leo Dykstra, Erika Sanchez, Stephanie Keuhey, Phillip Jaramillo, Jazzmin Bryan, Jezzan Penas, Joy Magbana, Melissa Cardenas, Julia Viani, Lucas Thomas, Tara Musselman, JayDee Porras-Grant, Marty Waggoner, Travis Rhyness, Spring Blazewick, Amber Rhyness, Holly Pellet, Christy Grant

*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: 5:37 PM**

1. Certification of Public Notice, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of a flexible agenda.  
*Tyler Viani made the motion to table items 5, 6, 7 and 8. Candice Birchum seconded the motion. Juanita Diede-Y; Keith Neville-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum. Motion passed 5-0-0*
3. Person or Group Recognition – *NONE*
4. Presentations - *NONE*

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

1. Minutes: April 19, 2022 and May 2, 2022
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1158,1159
3. Payroll Checks: 87338-87372
4. Warrants: 24882-24928
5. Personnel Report – Information Only  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022 and May 2, 2022, payroll vouchers: 1158,1159; payroll checks:87338-87372; warrants: 24882-249287 and the personnel report. Kathy Castagnola seconded the motion.  
Juanita Diede-Y; Keith Neville-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum. Motion passed 5-0-0*

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

1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and possible approval of the contract between Mineral County School District and Diane Rodriguez  
*JayDee Porras Grant made a public comment. Letter submitted by Chris Porras read by Juanita Diede.  
Tyler would like to see the invoices for Diane's contract.  
Public comment made by Kristen Reeves, Spring Blazewick, Tyler Viani, Keith Neville, Karry Larramendy, Janis Horn.  
Keith Neville made a motion to have Mr. Ponder adjust the contract to suit the board and Diane to bring it back to the board. No second made.  
Juanita Diede made a motion to approve the contract at \$50 hour instead of the \$75 from May 5 to June 30..  
Kathy Castagnola second the motion.  
Juanita Diede-Y; Keith Neville-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Candice Birchum. Motion passed 5-0-0*

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2. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval for Mr. Ponder's Annual Evaluation Tool  
*Jaren Stanton advised that we not proceed on tonight due to notice not in compliance. Agenda item not correct. Suggested to bring back in 2 weeks for approval.*
3. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of out of state Professional Development for Andre Ponder to attend the Legislature Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC.  
*Public comment made by Kristen Reeves, Hope Blinco and JayDee Porras Grant. Letter submitted by Chris Porras read by Juanita Diede. Tyler Viani would like the Superintendent to bring back to the board what he learns from his trainings. Keith Neville made a motion to approve. No Second.*
4. **Recommendation:** Information Only: True Cost Analysis for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Bargaining Agreement for the Mineral County Classroom Teachers' Association (MCCTA)  
*MaryJo Gemelke – The contracts need to be reviewed. She believes there is incorrect information on hers. Melissa Cardenas, Tricia Schumann, Breanna Hatfield and Kristen Reeves made general public comment. Drew Schaar – There is a lack of communication in the District. The retro checks have none been put out to the staff yet. JayDee Porras-Grant made general public comment regarding the retro checks.*  
  
*No closed session. 5,6,7 and 8 have been tabled.*
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.
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.  
Discussion of Policy JB, Gender Identity and Gender Non-Conforming Students as students are protected by NRS.3818.132, Safe and Respectful Learning Environment. LEA Policy for Prohibiting Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Menacing and Hazing.
8. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to pending litigation.

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

1. Correspondence & Announcements - *NONE*
2. Board Member Reports – *Tyler Viani – NASB Updates.*
3. Superintendent Report – *Copy of report given to the Board Members*
4. Principal's Report –  
*Stephane Keuhey, Principal HES – SBAC State assessment. Thank you to Erika. MAPS Testing. Thankful for all the teachers. Thank you to the School Board. Music Program tomorrow at 6:00 pm in the Junior High Gym. Thank you Mr. Wales and Mrs. Gentry for helping out with rehearsal.*  
  
*Jeff Wales, Principal HJH/MCHS – The golf team and track teams are both going to state next week Graduation for Junior High is June 2<sup>nd</sup> and High School is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Phillip Jaramillo – The track team meet will be at Reed High School on Friday and Saturday.*

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Kristen Reeves made a general public comment.  
Karry Larramendy make a general public comment.*

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**ADJOURNMENT: 6:56 PM**

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Juanita Diede, Clerk