

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
751 A. STREET
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, December 13, 2022

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 beginning at 5:30 the Arlo K. Funk District Services Center.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candice Birchum

ADMINISTRATORS: Stephanie Keuhey, Interim Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: In-Person: Crystal Sasser, Jaren Stanton, Erika Sanchez, Ann Kee, Drew Schaar, Diana Isom, Sarah Dillard, Schyler Hagen, Michelle Haak, Anna Bandoni, Janet Wilson, Brooke Sterns, Theresa Vinson, Sarah Dillard, Hope Blinco, Kathleen Daulo, Claire Hayhurst, Helen Sanchez, Janis Horn, Kaiti Gentry, Philip Jaramillo, Amber Blinco, Jeremy Williams, Curtis Schleff, Kathy Trujillo, Jim Sciarani, Ann Alexander, Online: Kristen Reeves, Josh Dillard, JayDee Porras-Grant, Courtney Isom, Breanna Hatfield, Janina, Michael-Ann, Erik Schoen, Kerie Morgan, 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) move item #10 to item #1.
3. Person or Group Recognition
4. Presentations – *Hope Blinco – Recruitment Fair*
Kathy Trujillo – AB495 – Grant waiting final approval
Schyler Hagen – "Developing Mindfulness for Maximum Success"

CONSENT ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

1. Minutes: September 27, October 12, October 18, November 1, 2022
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1055,1056,1060,1061
3. Payroll Checks: 87899-87983
4. Warrants: 25628-25770
5. Personnel Report – Information Only
6. *Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the minutes from Minutes from November 1, 2022; Payroll Vouchers: 1055,1056,1060,1061; Payroll Checks: 87899-87983; Warrants: 25628-25770. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.*
Keith Neville-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0

ACTION ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

Moved to item #1

1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible approval for the District to pay for Senior class banners.
Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.
Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 3-0-1
Public comment made by Kristin Reeves and Kerie Justus.
2. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2022 Financial Audit.
Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Kathy Castagnola seconded the motion.
Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0

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Kerie Justus made a comment regarding SPED funds.

3. **Recommendation:** The Board will discuss and take possible action to adopt a resolution in support of iNVEST 2023, which is a document produced by Nevada's seventeen (17) school superintendents outlining what is needed to improve student achievement in Nevada.

Tyler Viani read the document out loud.

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

Kathy Castagnola-Abstain; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 3-0-1

4. **Recommendation:** Discussion and possible approval of the contract between Mineral County School District and Paul McDonald

Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Keith Neville seconded the motion.

Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0

Public comment made by Drew Schaar.

5. **Recommendation:** Discussion and possible approval of the contract between Mineral County School District and Diane Rodriguez

Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Keith Neville made a motion to approve.

Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0

Public comment made by Drew Schaar and Schyler Hagen.

6. **Recommendation:** For consideration and possible action relative to conveying the 6th Street School property to Mineral County, pursuant to NRS 393.240(3), to then be conveyed to Community Chest, Inc., pursuant to NRS 244.284(1)(b), for the purpose of establishing an early childhood center.

Sarah Dillard, Erik Schoen and Michael Ann gave a presentation. Public comments made by Jeremy Williams, Drew Schaar, Jaren Stanton. Tyler Viani read the resolution for the record.

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

Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0

7. **Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action to authorize outside legal counsel, Board Chair, and district staff, including but not limited to, the superintendent, to settle litigation in the Supreme Court of Nevada, Case No. 84240 titled Rick Taylor, An Individual, vs. Mineral County School District, a Government Entity, et al., for approval of proposed negotiated settlement, including but not limited to, the resignation of Rick Taylor at the conclusion of the current fiscal year and payment to the Nevada Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS") for the benefit of Rick Taylor in a sum equal to five year's contribution.

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

Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0

Public comment made by Drew Schaar.

5 minute break

8. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval for Stephanie Keuhey to attend the AASA Conference on February 15-18, 2023 in San Antonio, Texas.

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

Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0

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9. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of Independent Contract for Tashina Williams, Master of Social Work.
Items 7 (Tashina Williams contract) and 8 (Amanda Wachsmuth) were read together.
Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the contract for Tashina Williams, Master of Social Work and Contract for Amanda Wachsmuth, Master of Social Work.
Keith Neville seconded the motion.
Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 4-0-0
Public comment made by Drew Schaar.
10. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of Independent Contract for Amanda Wachsmuth, Master of Social Work.
11. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action to approve policies:
a. GCE – Benefits – Confidential Employees
b. JFCA – Student Dress and Grooming
c. GBC7 – Sick Leave Bank Policy
d. KBB – Public Record Request Fees
Tyler Viani made a motion to approve. Keith Neville seconded the motion.
Kathy Castagnola-Abstain; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Keith Neville-Y. Motion passed 3-0-1
Public comment made by Kristin Reeves.
- These items are tabled. Not needed.*
12. **Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigation.
13. **Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to pending litigation.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

1. Correspondence & Announcements- NO
2. Board Member Reports-Tyler training coming up. NASB training on January 14,2023 and Pool Pact training on January 20, 2023
3. Superintendent Report – *NASS conferences with the State Superintendents. Working on the invest that was just approved. The other Superintendents are helping with the transition. Meeting with the new governor in January. We are partnering up with other districts to mentor our departments. Met with each district office staff. They are doing great things behind the scenes in the office. Professional development. The district has hired 3 bus drivers primarily for sports trips. We have hired back the 2 SSP's. Pool pact training in person for Supervisors on Friday.*
4. *Principals Report - HES Christmas program tomorrow at 6:00pm.*

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Drew Schaar – Making vast improvements thanks to Mrs. Keuhey and Tech in the CTE Program and the school store. Working on items to have a grand opening in January. Thank you to Mr. Wales, Ms. Keuhey and the Tech Team.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted:

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Juanita Diede, Clerk