

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
*Tuesday, March 7, 2023*

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 beginning at 5:41 at the Arlo K. Funk District Services Center.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathy Castagnola, Juanita Diede, Tyler Viani, Kristin Reeves (online), Candice Birchum

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Stephanie Keuhey, Superintendent; Jeff Wales, Principal HJH/MCHS; Lance West, Principal SES (online)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** In-Person: Crystal Sasser, Ann Kee, Jaren Stanton, Will Gemelke, Staci Teeters, Dakota Bowman, Ann Kee, Mike Domagala, Erika Sanchez, Kaiti Gentry, Diana Isom, Drew Schaar, Jennette Ketz, Janis Horn, Breanna Hatfield, Brock Barton, Cade Torres, Andrew Stinson, Hayden Viani, Cole Sellers, Cassie Hall, Brennan Dore, Azriel Campos, Atreyu Campos, Phillip Jaramillo, Kathleen Daulo, Holly Pellett

**Online:** Kari Banfield, Monica Keady, Tammy Goforth, Janina Easley, Erika Sanchez, Alexis E., Breanna Hatfield, Kerie Justus,

*Tyler Viani 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 Presentation – NONE
4. Presentations – Jeff Wales – HJH/MCHS School Performance Plan – Mr. Wales presented his plan.
5. CTE, Drew Schaar and Breanna Hatfield presentation. Certificates from the state were given out to the CTE students and staff. Students participating were from the Serpent Store, Culinary Arts, Serpent Café and Serpent Union.

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

1. Minutes: February 7, 2023
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1086, 1087, 1095, 1096
3. Payroll Checks: 88084-88163
4. Warrants: 26010-26132

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7, 2023 with the correction of removing Keith Neville and adding Kristin Reeves; Payroll Voucher 1086,1087,1095,1096; Payroll Checks: 88084-88163; Warrants: 26010-26132. Candice Birchum seconded the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Candice Birchum-Y.  
Motion passed 5-0-0*

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

1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action relative to the approval of the contract/scope of work for Hustle University to work with Mineral County School District.

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the contract for Hustle University to work with Mineral County School District. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Candice Birchum-Y.  
Motion passed 5-0-0*

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- 2. Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action relative to the approval to buy one new bus for the School District.  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve \$237,000 out of capital and \$7,000 out of general funds. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.*  
*Kristin Reeves-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Candice Birchum-Y.*  
*Motion passed 5-0-0*
- 3. Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action relative to the approval of the 2023/2024 School Calendars.  
*General Public Comment made by Diana Isom, Ann Kee, and the Board.*  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to the 2023/2024 school calendars with changes for professional development district wide. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.*  
*Kristin Reeves-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Candice Birchum-Y.*  
*Motion passed 5-0-0*
- 4. Recommendation** Discussion and possible action regarding the disposition of the Mina bus garage, including but not limited to demolition, repairs, or sale of the property.  
*General Public Comment made by the DA and Janina Easley.*  
*Tyler would like to table and discuss in 2 weeks.*
- 5. Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action relative to the approval for Monica Keady to attend the 2023 Innovative Schools Summit in Orlando, FL on March 30 to April 2, 2023.  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve Monica Keady to attend the 2023 Innovative Schools Summit in Orlando, FL. Candice Birchum seconded the motion.*  
*Kristin Reeves-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Candice Birchum-Y.*  
*Motion passed 5-0-0*
- 6. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action on District Wide Roof Repairs  
*Discussion by the board and the Superintendent about the roofs. Some materials for the roof in Schurz are here and we are waiting on more to be delivered. The job is scheduled to be completed during Spring Break. We have more damage from the roofs leaking and need to get it done.*
- 7. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action on Transportation Issues  
*Discussion by the board and Superintendent. There are no bus drivers in Schurz right now. General Public comment made by Diana Isom, Drew Schaar and Janina Easley. There is a career fair on March 13 and the district has a booth.*
- 8. Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action relative to the approval for Holly Pellett to attend the NASN 2023 Building for the Future Health, Advocacy and Leadership conference in Orlando, FL on June 29 to July 13, 2023.  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve Holly Pellett to attend the NASN 2023 Building for the Future Health, Advocacy and Leadership conference in Orlando, FL. Candice Birchum seconded the motion.*  
*Kristin Reeves-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Candice Birchum-Y.*  
*Motion passed 5-0-0*

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- 9. Recommendation:** For consideration and possible action relative to directing the Superintendent to conduct an investigation regarding the on-campus incident that occurred on February 16, and submit a report to the Board to include findings and corrective action.

*General Public Comment made by Josh Santos, Jaren Stanton, Drew Schaar, Diana Isom*

*Tyler Viani made a motion to direct the Superintendent to conduct an investigation regarding the on-campus incident that occurred on February 16, and submit a report to the Board to include findings and corrective action. Juanita Diede seconded the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Candice Birchum-Y.*

*Motion passed 5-0-0*

- 10. Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action relative to the hiring of Stephanie Keuhey as the Superintendent and the authorization of two Board members to negotiate a contract with Ms. Keuhey to be brought before the Board on March 21, 2023, for further action.

*General Public Comment made by Diana Isom, Ann Kee, Drew Schaar.*

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve Juanita and Kristin to be the 2 board members to negotiate a contract with Ms. Keuhey to be brought before the board. Kathy Castagnola seconded the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Candice Birchum-Y.*

*Motion passed 5-0-0*

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

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

- 13. Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) to discuss negotiations.

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

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

1. Correspondence & Announcements
2. Board Members – *The legislative meetings are on the 10<sup>th</sup> and training on the 11<sup>th</sup>. May be able to sign up for virtual training.*
3. Superintendent - *Stephanie is having Team meetings every week with the district office and the principals. We have 52 policies ready to go to the policy committee. AB495 meetings on a daily basis. Working on NASS legislative. Funding for students. Title I letters. UNLV program. Tech Team is working with Jeff Kaye on our safety programs.*
4. Principals - *Jeff Wales - Nothing to add after his presentation.*
5. Maintenance
6. Finance
7. Grants
8. Infinite Campus – *Ann Kee – Training for Portrait of a Learner. Includes Shannon Williams, Drew Schaar, and Claire Hayhurst. Diana Isom – Competency Leadership*
9. Information Technology

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**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Drew gave out shirts to the Board Members from the CTE program.*

*Josh Santos - Kids at the elementary bullying. How can parents help? Juanita suggested, as a parent be as present as possible.*

*Tyler – If you see something, say something. Report it to the school.*

*Diana Isom – Kids are doing what they are seeing. Adults have nothing nice to say, say it behind closed doors.*

*Kids see these things adults are doing and saying. Kindness goes a long way. Stop bad mouthing people.*

*Tyler – Solidify what is going on in the schools. Sheila goes to the school every day. 2 key points – 1. Educate parents. 2. Kids behavior won't change until parents do.*

*Stephanie – Parents coming out for the stakeholders meetings. It's about the Hopes and Dreams for the students of Mineral County.*

*Drew – Schools are a reflection of the community. CTE night only one of the board members showed up. Put up posters in the business.*

*Ann Kee – District wide stakeholder meeting on Thursday night.*

*Janis Horn – Teachers can't reteach when kids aren't at school. Need parent contact. Appreciate parents that pay attention to the kids.*

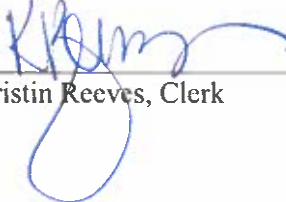
*Tyler made a motion to go into closed session. Candice second the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Kathy Castagnola-Y; Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Candice Birchum-Y.*

*Motion passed 5-0-0*

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Kristin Reeves, Clerk