

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
*Tuesday, March 19, 2024*

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 beginning at 5:33 PM at Schurz Elementary School.

*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:** Kristin Reeves, Candice Birchum, Tyler Viani

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Juanita Diede

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Stephanie Keuhey, Superintendent; Lance West, Principal, SES; Mercedes Krause, Principal, HES; Monica Keady, Principal, HJH/MCHS

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jaren Staten, Claire Hayhurst, Melissa Cardenas, Ann Kee, Diana Isom, Drew Schaar, Amanda Hughes, Pam Everitt, Charley Merrow, Meshanna Merrow

**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) **NO**
3. Person or Group Recognition **NO**
4. Presentations **NO**

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

1. Minutes: December 20, 2023, January 16, and February 6, and February 22, 2024
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1066,1074,1076,1080,1081,1092,1093,1097,1098
3. Payroll Checks: 89010-89427
4. Warrants: 27536-27667
5. Personnel Report – Information Only

6. Request for Transfer to the Adult Education Program/HSE (Confidential)

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the minutes from December 20, 2023, January 16, February 6 and February 22, 2024; Payroll Vouchers:1066,1074,1076,1080,1081,1092,1093,1097,1098; Payroll Checks:89010-89427; Warrants: 27536-27667 and the Personnel Report and the adult ed transfer as presented. Candice Birchum seconded the motion. Kristin Reeves-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0*

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

**1. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of the Designation of Auditing Firm for the year ending June 30, 2024

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the designation of the auditing firm for the year ending June 30, 2024. Candice Birchum seconded the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0*

**2. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action for the approval for Meshanna Merrow to travel to the Gear Up Annual Conference from July 20 to July 25, 2024.

*Mercede Krause GPC*

*Candice Birchum made a motion to approve Meshanna Merrow to travel to the Gear Up Conference. Tyler Viani seconded the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0*

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
*Tuesday, March 19, 2024*

**3. Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Action for the approval for out of state travel for the CTE department to attend the SkillsUSA CTSO Career and Technical Education Conference in Atlanta, Georgia from June 24 to June 26, 2024.

*Lance West, Drew Schaar, Monica Keady, Mercedes GPC*

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the out of state travel to attend the CTE SkillUSA CTSO the Candice Birchum seconded the motion*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y Motion passed 3-0-0*

**4. Recommendation:** Discussion and possible action relative to the approval of the 2024/2025 School Calendars. Melissa Cardenas GPC

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the 2024/2025 school calendar for Hawthorne Elementary school, 4 day and Hawthorne Junior High and MCHS, 4 day and reserve the Schurz calendar for a later date. Candice Birchum seconded the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0*

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

1. Correspondence & Announcements - NO

2. Board Member Reports - Tyler Viani - He and Juanita attended a Board training last weekend with the Legislature. There is another board training in Vegas on April 26th and 27th.

Kristin Reeves - Attended the district office training on Friday. Thank you Stephanie for putting it all together. It went well.

3. Superintendent Report - Thank the board for their understanding the last few weeks. Thank the Admin team, Theresa, Hope. It was a total team effort. All the Admin staff have been working hard on plans for the district. Shoutout to the Admin Team. Last Thursday the DO had training in the morning and the Admin Team had it in the afternoon with Jeff Kaye. Friday was training on the EOP with Jeff Kaye and PoolPact.

4. Principal Report

Mercedes Krause, Principal HES - Communication - PBIS Team is off to an enthusiastic start. She is taking student and family nominations. Adding the calendar that is highlighted in the family emails. Sharing things that are being done in the classrooms. Students questioning the dress code. Character traits are the compromise for March. Working on Academics, REading, Curriculum, Walkthroughs, Data Collection, Evidence of Learning.

Lance West, Principal SES - Working on SBAC for grades 3-6, prepping for testing. Going to increase the star rating in writing. They had a fundraiser for the 6th grade 3 weeks ago. Planning for a 6th grade field day. They have already earned \$1,400.00. Teachers are working on PLC with Kelly Barber. They have had a weekly principal's award for 17 weeks now. They had the Walker Lake Conservancy at the school for National Butterfly Day. The school uses My Path for reading and Math and scored 2nd in the Country.

Monica Keady, Principal HJH/MCHS - NV MTSS Training on Site Safety Teams. Putting it into the PLC's to build the teachers on Safety, Respect and Honesty. They have 4 committees based on the Strategic Plan - Culture, Climate, Academics and Protocols and Procedures. SBAC are next month. We have 15 CTE students testing this year. The ISS position will be starting on Monday. Working on the School Performance Plan. The school has very low test scores.

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**  
*Tuesday, March 19, 2024*

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Amanda Hughes - Curriculum

Meshanna Merrow - Gear Up Career Fair

Charley Merrow - Gear Up Career Fair

*Tyler Viani made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) and Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 288.220 to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigation and to discuss negotiations. Candice Birchum seconded the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0*

**12. Closed Session** – Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(2)(b)(2) and Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 288.220 to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigation and to discuss negotiations.

**13. Open Session** – Discussion and possible action relative to pending litigation and/or negotiations.

*Tyler Viani made a motion to go back into open session. Candice Birchum seconded the motion.*

*Kristin Reeves-Y; Candice Birchum-Y; Tyler Viani-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0*

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: NO**

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:10PM

Respectfully submitted:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristin Reeves, Clerk