TROUT LAKE SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2025
6:30 p.m.
Room 132 (Timmy's Room) and via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
Board Chair Tim Dearden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present included Kristian Rubesh, Laurie Sherburne, Carmen Leslie, and Brent Fetsch. Also in attendance were Stephanie Porter, Katie Corson, Rob Beldin, Kinsley Lanz, Kara Jackson, and Kristin Schmid. Dr. Jerry Lewis and Heather Patt joined the meeting via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NEW BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No changes were made.

2.0 SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE: Board members shared positive things happening in the district.

3.0 HEARING OF VISITORS: No visitors spoke.

4.0 STUDENT REPORT: The student representative shared the student report.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

6.0 FINANCIALS
6.1 General Fund Accounts Payable warrant numbers 342538 through 342561 totaling $30,332.85 and ACH A/P direct deposit numbers 9000000196 and 9000000198 through 9000000207 in the amount of $19,883.92. Capital Project Fund Accounts Payable warrant numbers 342296 through 342297 totaling $72,307.68. ASB Accounts Payable warrant numbers 342562 through 342565 totaling $1,117.23 and ACH A/P direct deposit number 9000000197 totaling $99.96. Use Tax Account Payable direct deposit number 9000000195 in the amount of $333.01. Payroll warrant numbers 342635 through 342645 and direct deposit numbers 9000001405 through 90000001456 and wire transfers 000114 through 000120 in the amount of $277,359.06.

Stephanie Porter shared that she is looking into using InTouch Receipting so families can pay fees, bills, and lunch accounts electronically.

7.0 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION
7.1 Principal Report
a) Staff Presentation: Kara Jackson shared that she is using a new science and social studies curriculum that was adopted last year. First grade recently completed their Sound and Light unit. Kara Jackson spoke about it and shared a presentation.
b) Principal Updates: Principal Wendy Beldin shared information about Securly. It allows teachers to control which websites students can access, alerts staff about at-risk searches, and enables screen sharing from a student to the whole class. ESD 112 visited to interview our CTE students. Spring conferences are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 24th and 25th. Kindergarten Roundup flyers will be posted tonight. PTO is off to a strong start and recently hosted a Family Kahoot Night. Missoula Children's Theater is coming soon, with auditions scheduled for May 5th.
c) State Testing: State testing began on Monday, and Michele Davis is overseeing it this year.

7.2 Superintendent Report
a) Enrollment: 211.92 FTE
b) District Budget: Dr. Jerry Lewis shared that he is working with Wendy Beldin to start the process of updating the Strategic Plan on May 9th.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

8.1 School Board Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2025

8.3 Vouchers and Payroll

9.0 ACTION

9.1 Consent Agenda: Brent Fetsch motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, Laurie Sherburne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

9.2 Second Reading Policy 6210 Purchasing Authorization and Control: Laurie Sherburne made a motion to approve Policy 6210, Carmen Leslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9.2 New Hires: Laurie Sherburne motioned made a motion to approve new employees for the 25-26 school year, Tony Fuentes as K-12 Music Teacher, Michele Davis as Part-Time Middle School ELA Teacher, Melissa Hollister as 4th Grade Teacher, and Stephanie Rubesh as K-12 LAP/Title Para Educator. Carmen Leslie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kristian Rubesh abstained.

9.4 The "Action Item" on the agenda was intentionally left blank and has been removed.

9.5 Sports Coop: Brent Fetsch made a motion to approve the Trout Lake/Glenwood volleyball co-op for the 2025–2026 school year. Kristian Rubesh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10.0 MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 Board Action Calendar and Checklist

ADJOURN

Carmen Leslie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. Laurie Sherburne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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