

TROUT LAKE SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Room 132 (Timmy's Room) and via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Board Chairman Tim Dearden called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Board members present were Kristian Rubesh, Carmen Leslie, Laurie Sherburne, and Brent Fetsch. Also in attendance were Dr. Jerry Lewis, Stephanie Porter, Wendy Beldin, Dennis Anderson, Megan Anderson, Joe Vincent, and Kristin Schmid. Heather Lindseth, Mason Rolph, Debbie Lewis, and Heather Patt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dr. Lewis added Action Item 8.9 New Hire

2.0 SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE: The board shared positive things they've observed this past month.

3.0 HEARING OF VISITORS: Heather Patt spoke during the Hearing of Visitors.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE: None

5.0 FINANCIALS

5.1 Financial Projections for August: New Van and Small Bus Purchase, General Fund Accounts Payable warrant numbers 342803 through 342804 totaled \$51,139.28, and warrant numbers 342805 through 342828 totaled \$56,065.58. ACH A/P direct deposit numbers 9000000238 through 9000000245 totaled \$33,686.33. ASB Fund Accounts Payable warrant numbers 342829 through 342830 totaled \$462.31, and ACH A/P direct deposit number 9000000238 totaled \$18.25. Capital Projects Fund warrant number 342831 totaled \$144,055.33. Payroll warrant numbers 342684 through 342691 and direct deposit numbers 9000001643 through 9000001645 totaled \$164,597.27, with additional direct deposit numbers 9000001646 through 9000001648 totaling \$113,007.39.

Mason Rolph from Olympia Community Solar shared that he is ready and willing to write and submit an application for a Solar Grant. He shared what the next steps would be.

6.0 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

6.1 Principal Report

a) 2024-25 School Year: Principal Wendy Beldin shared that safety is a major focus this year, with the use of Emergent 3 and increased hands-on activities to keep students engaged beyond their phones. She highlighted ongoing efforts to raise awareness and improve safety protocols.

Joe Vincent asked the board to consider allowing him to bring his calm, well-mannered emotional support dog to school. He shared that in his previous district, the dog had a positive impact on student engagement and mental health. The dog is fully vaccinated and registered.

Dennis and Megan Anderson shared that a safety advisory group, including law enforcement, fire personnel, and military-experienced experts, met to discuss security at our school. Topics included building access, door locks, camera systems, communication tools like radios, and emergency procedures. Due to limited law enforcement availability (often only 1–2 officers on duty), the group also discussed the idea of arming staff, as some nearby districts are doing. Dennis and Megan attended a training focused on de-escalation and response in school settings. They recommend a work session to review what they learned and consider next steps. Dennis can share a packet with details and cost estimates.

6.2 Superintendent Report

- a) District Year-End Audit Report: There was a clean audit report.
- b) Building Security Camera Proposals: Dr. Lewis received another proposal, and since this is a public works project, we need to table the action item for now. Although we have two quotes, we must follow the required public bid process before the board can take action.

- c) Modernization Project Update: Dr. Lewis shared that they've had a difficult time fully draining the system to remove all the sludge. Another emergent grant will be released, which Apollo plans to apply for to fund a new cooling tower for Trout Lake School.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Board Minutes for July 23, 2025 and August 5th, 2025

7.2 Vouchers and Payroll

8.0 ACTION

8.1 Consent Agenda: Laurie Sherburne motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Camren Leslie seconded the motion. Motion carries.

8.2 Supplemental Contracts: There is currently no middle school volleyball assistant coach; that position remains vacant. Brent Fetsch moved to approve the listed supplemental contracts. Kristian Rubesh seconded the motion. The motion carried. Tim Dearden abstained.

Dennis Anderson	Joint Golf Club Advisor	\$450.00
Dennis Anderson	High School Outdoor School	\$83.84/Hour
Megan Anderson	Joint Golf Club Advisor	\$450.00
Jason Burns	High School Basketball Coach	\$3,160.00
Kari Dean	High School Cheerleading Coach	\$2,022.00
Michele Davis	Multi-Language Learner/English Dev. (MLL/ELD) Coordinator	\$1,000.00
Michele Davis	WIDA Testing Coordinator	\$48.58/Hour
Douglas Dearden	Middle School Girls Volleyball Coach	\$1,809.00
Anthony Fuentes	Sophomore Class Advisor	\$770.00
Marshall Harpe	High School X-Country Coach	\$3,160.00
Adam Peck	Middle School X-Country Coach	\$1,809.00
Joseph Vincent	Middle School Outdoor School Per Diem of 25 Hours at	\$58.06/Hour

8.3 Trout Lake SD Parent and Family Engagement Plan: Brent Fetsch motioned to approve the Trout Lake SD Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Laurie Sherburne seconded the motion. Motion carries.

8.4 Fall Outdoor School Rafting Trip: Laurie Sherburne motioned to approve the Fall Outdoor School Rafting Trip. Carmen Leslie seconded the motion. Motion carries.

8.5 District Camera System: Tabling

8.6 HS Girls Volleyball Overnight Trip: Laurie Sherburne motioned to approve the HS Girls Volleyball Overnight Trip. Carmen Leslie seconded the motion. Motion carries.

8.7 HVAC Replacement: Carmen Leslie motioned to approve the HVAC Replacement \$27,426.00 plus tax. Laurie Sherburne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8.8 2025-26 Out of Endorsement Teacher: Brent Fetsch motioned to approve Colin Richard to teach Spanish. Laurie Sherburne seconded the motion. Motion carries.

8.9 New Hire: Laurie Sherburne made a motion to approve Olivia Ross as a Paraeducator. Brent Fetsch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 Board Action Calendar and Checklist

10.0 Exempt Session

10.1 Closed to the Public – Discussion on Bargaining (RCW 42.30.140(4)(b):
Board Chair Tim Dearden moved the meeting into executive session at 8:05pm for 15 minutes to discuss bargaining. The board returned to open session at 8:21pm.

Action item: Laurie Sherburne moved to ratify the two-year classified contract as presented. Brent Fetsch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1.0 ADJOURN

Carmen Leslie moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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