MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
751 A. STREET
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 beginning at 5:35 PM at the Mineral County School District.

Juanita Diede read: I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on or broadcasted on traditional lands of the Paiute People, and pay our respect to elders both past and present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tyler Viani, Juanita Diede, Kristin Reeves
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tahlyah Norcom
ADMINISTRATORS: Stephanie Keuhey, Superintendent; Claire Hayhurst, Principal HES; Monica Keady, Principal, HJHS/MCHS; Lance West, Principal, SES; Mercedes Krause
OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda Zapata, Drew Schaar, Theresa Vinson, Erika Sanchez, April Jaramillo

CALL TO ORDER: 5:35 PM
1. Certification of Public Notice ~ Yes; Roll Call - Tahlyah Norcom not present. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of a flexible agenda. (For Possible Action) Table item #5
3. Person or Group Recognition ~ NONE
4. Presentations ~ DIP and SIP Update from the Administrators ~ Given by Mercedes Krause, Monica Keady, Claire Hayhurst, and Lance West

CONSENT ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
1. Minutes: March 3, 2026
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1061,1062
3. Payroll Checks: 90891-90926
4. Warrants: 30831-30902
5. GBB6-AR Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace
6. Personnel Report for information only.

Juanita Diede made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2026; Payroll Vouchers: 1061,1062; Payroll Checks: 90891-90926; Warrants: 30831-30902; GBB6-AR with changes on page 8 "may to will" and page 9, the same sentence is in twice. And no personnel report. Kristin Reeves seconded. Juanita Diede-Y;Tyler Viani-Y; Kristin Reeves-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
1. Recommendation: Discussion and Possible Approval of the Designation of the Auditing firm for FY25/26 Annual Audit.
Juanita Diede made a motion to approve the auditing firm for FY25/26. Kristin Reeves seconded. Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kristin Reeves-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0

2. Recommendation: Discussion and Possible Approval of the MOU between Mineral County School District and Mineral County Classified Employees Association.
Juanita Diede made a motion to approve the MOU. Kristin Reeves seconded. Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kristin Reeves-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0

3. Recommendation: Discussion and Possible Approval of the Xerox contract/lease agreement for 60 months.
Juanita Diede made a motion to approve the Xerox contract. Kristin Reeves seconded. Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kristin Reeves-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0

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4. Recommendation: Discussion and Possible Approval to nominate 2 board members to negotiate with Superintendent Keuhey.
Juanita Diede made a motion to nominate Tyler Viani and Juanita Diede to negotiate. Kristin Reeves seconded. Juanita Diede-Y; Tyler Viani-Y; Kristin Reeves-Y. Motion passed 3-0-0

5. Recommendation: Discussion and Possible Approval of Board Goals for Superintendent Keuhey.
Supporting Information: Approval of Board Goals for Superintendent Keuhey for the next school year. Each member and the Superintendent bring 3 goals.
This item is tabled until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:
Future Agenda Topics: March 17, 2026 ~ Phones for Board Members; Superintendent goals; MOU for the County. Discuss priorities.

No closed session.
1. Closed Session: Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 241.015(4)(c) and Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 288.220 to receive information from legal counsel relative to general pending litigation and to discuss negotiations.

2. Open Session: Discussion and possible action relative to pending litigation and/or negotiations.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)
1. Correspondence & Announcements - *NONE*
2. Board Members - *Saturday, March 21 Board Training in Reno. Kristin went to the 6th grade fundraiser and cake walk. They had cornhole, free throws and tic-tac-toe. It was a great turnout and a great fundraiser. And the Indian tacos were very much enjoyed. Thank you to the 6th grade and teachers for having a great fundraiser.*
3. Superintendent - *Highlights from the last two weeks.*

Superintendents are preparing for the next legislative session. We are working with the state superintendent and the new Nevada Education Service Center. One of the top things we're looking at right now is reducing the number of reports. I met with the district office staff the other day Friday. Looking at the number of reports that we have to submit at the district level or information that the administrators have to provide. It's excessive and it keeps us away from important work with students. So we're really working with these three different entities working as a team to make sure which reports we really do need. Which ones might be able to be combined or tweaked.
There's a discipline report that we have to pull, for example, for the state of Nevada, but there's also a CRDC report that we have to pull for the FEDs. Why does that take one of our staff members that much longer to do two separate reports? We're really trying to get some of those reporting requirements reduced. But I think now we've got the right people in the room to start making some of those changes. So, we're really excited about that. Superintendents have also been working on some language proposal changes for different laws or requirements that are out there. We have working groups in which we're working on specific ones like the new education bill. We're also looking at preschool. But we have five committees that are actively working to have a stronger voice in the legislative session coming up. We had TNTP here walking with administrators. Making sure that we're all seeing exactly what I told you that we're all aligned in what we're saying. Also just clarify when in the classroom for ten to twenty minutes, you may not see it all. So just making sure that we're all on the same page, it might be a lesson where it is more teacher led at this moment.
I am working with RPDP on the professional development plan for next year.
Working on policies, with the intent of having a policy committee in April.
I met with Ryan and Kyle regarding our MOU with the county, so that will be on the next agenda.

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Currently working on the MOU with the tribe as well. Working on the school calendars for the next two years. We did have one calendar committee already. The guidance from the state department just came out Monday so we're fine-tuning those. And we will have another calendar committee meeting in the next two weeks to get more input. And then we can bring those before the board in April. So, shooting for April seventeenth.
Also working with Erica to do a more visually friendly calendar because what we're required to submit to the state has all those non- instructional days. Non- instructional days, non- instructional days. There's so many things that if you're a parent looking at the calendar or even a staff member. So moving forward with an easy to follow calendar.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:
Drew Schaar - *Wrapping up the CCR Diplomas. 75% pass rate. 9 out of 12 students passed the Culinary test. Retakes are in April. 4 or 5 of the sophomores passed the test already.*
Claire Hayhurst - *HES has award assemblies tomorrow from 12:45 to 3:15.*

ADJOURNMENT: 6:45PM
Respectfully submitted:

Kristin Reeves, Clerk