

TROUT LAKE SCHOOL BOARD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Timmy's Room, Room 132

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Board Chair Laurie Sherburne called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. Board members present were Carmen Leslie, Brent Fetsch, and Melanie Kelly. Also in attendance were Dr. Jerry Lewis, Wendy Beldin, Dan Baller, Stephanie Porter, Sarah Arnold, Shane Milburn, Melissa Kephart, Mason Rolph, Heather Patt, and Kristin Schmid.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE: New Superintendent Doug Dearden was sworn in by Board Chair Laurie Sherburne.

1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dr. Lewis removed the 2026-2027 Budget Hearing from the agenda; the Budget Hearing happened at 6:00 pm before the regular board meeting.

2.0 SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE: The board shared positive things from June regarding the school.

3.0 HEARING OF VISITORS: No visitors spoke at the meeting.

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence was shared.

5.0 FINANCIALS

5.1 Financial Projections for June were shared by Stephanie Porter.

6.0 INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

6.1 Principal Report

- a) Principal Updates: Principal Wendy Beldin shared the staff survey results for 1:1 Chromebook use and requested the school board's input. She shared the outdoor school model for the 2026-2027 school year.

6.2 Superintendent Report

- a) Solar Grant Presentation: Mason Rolph from Olympic Community Solar presented information on the Solar Grant. Mason Rolph and Doug Dearden will follow up tomorrow with more information.
- b) USDA Community Connect Grant Presentation: Melissa Kephart from Klicknet gave a presentation about the USDA Community Connect Grant. Klicknet is applying for a rural community grant to fund a portable building that would serve as a community center with public internet access and four computer workstations. As part of the application, Klicknet requested a letter of support from the school district.
- c) State 2nd Facilities Planning Grant: The district is back in line for a \$6 million grant and will hear back in a couple of years.
- d) Enrollment: Dr. Lewis shared that enrollment remained stable.
- e) First Reading of Policy:
 - i) Policy No. 6022: Minimum Fund Balance was tabled and will be brought back for first reading at the July 2026 meeting.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 School Board Meeting Minutes for May 27, 2026, 5:30 pm Work Session and 6:30 Regular Board Meeting

7.2 Vouchers and Payroll: General Fund Accounts Payable warrant numbers 343225 through 343244 totaling \$45,784.71 and ACH A/P direct deposit numbers 9000000357 through 9000000362 in the amount of \$4,063.67. ASB Accounts Payable warrant numbers 343245 through 343249 totaling \$3,065.83. Capital Project Fund warrant number 343224 totaling \$17,354.40. Payroll warrant numbers 343214 through 343223 and direct deposit numbers 9000002124 through 9000002179 in the amount of \$221,435.44.

8.0 ACTION

8.1 Consent Agenda: Carmen Leslie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Kristian Rubesh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8.2 Budget Resolution 04-26: Adoption of 2026-2027 Budget: Kristian Rubesh made a motion to approve the Budget Resolution 04-26 as presented. Brent Fetsch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8.3 Continuing and Certificated Contracts: Kristian Rubesh made a motion to approve the contract for Wendy Beldin as Trout Lake K-12 Principal and Steve Allaway as Maintenance Director for the 26-27 school year. Carmen Leslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8.4 Playground Equipment: Brent Fetsch made a motion to approve the bid from Columbia Cascade as presented. Kristian Rubesh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8.5 Solar Grant Contract: Tabled. A special meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

8.6 USDA Community Connect Grant Letter of Support: Kristian Rubesh made a motion not to provide a letter of support, and Brent Fetsch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8.7 Volleyball and Cross Country Cooperative Glenwood Agreement: Brent Fetsch made a motion to approve the Volleyball and Cross Country Cooperative Glenwood Agreement, and Carmen Leslie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8.8 Soccer Cooperative Horizon Agreement: Brent Fetsch made a motion to approve the Soccer Cooperative Horizon Agreement as presented, seconded by Kristian Rubesh. Motion carried.

8.9 Continuing Contract Status for Certificated Employees: Brent Fetsch made a motion to approve the Continuing Contract Status for Certificated Employees Devin Kuh, Chris Moon, and Joe Vincent. Kristian Rubesh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9.0 MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 Board Action Calendar and Checklist

10.0 Executive Session

10.1 Personnel per RCW 42:30.110(g): Laurie Sherburne moved to recess into executive session at 8:07 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.110(g). The executive session ended at 8:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Brent Fetsch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Carmen Leslie seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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