

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
751 A. STREET
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on September 3, 2019 beginning at 5:31 pm at the Arlo K. Funk District Services Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tyler Viani, Keith Neville, Schyler Hagen, Kathryn Castagnola (On phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candice Birchum

ADMINISTRATORS: Karen Watson, Superintendent; Stephanie Keuhey, Principal HES; Rick Taylor, Principal HJHS/MCHS; Lance West, Principal SES

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Sasser, Sean Rowe, Ann Kee, Shelly Tweedy, Stephanie Ziegler, David Ziegler, Michael Stephens, Hope Blinco, Shawn Isom, Melissa Isom, Kara Reuter, Teri Straw, Ericka Sanchez, Karry Larramendy, Kelli Zuniga, Raymond Morgan, Alexis Inman, Lashay Stephens, Sharon Lininger, Autumn Duchscher, Bryce Stephens, Annie Jaramillo, Donna Kimmins,

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Mineral County Board of School Trustees was called to order by the Board President, Tyler Viani.

1. Certification of Public Notice, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of a flexible agenda – *Tyler Viani made a motion to move #1 and #2 to the bottom of the agenda. Schyler Hagen seconded the motion.*
Schyler Hagen-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes. 4-0-0
2. Person or Group Recognition - *NONE*
3. Presentations – MCHS Cheer and Mineral County Fire Department and Explorer/Cadet Program. *Need to contact the people for the presentations to bring back at the next meeting.*

CONSENT ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

1. Minutes: August 20, 2019 – *Need to make a change to the minutes. Board Vice President, Schyler Hagen to Board President, Tyler Viani*
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1013,1014,1157,1158
3. Payroll Checks: 84771-84821
4. Voided Checks: 84769-84770
5. Warrants: 21216-21240
6. Personnel Report
Tyler Viani made a motion to accept the Payroll vouchers 1013,1014,1157,1158, Payroll Checks 87441-84821, Voided Checks 84769-84770, Warrants 21216-21240 and the Personnel Report as presented.
Schyler Hagen seconded the motion.
Schyler Hagen-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes. 4-0-0

ACTION ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)

1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of Independent Contract for Kathy Trujillo, the Safe Schools Professional, located in the Elementary School
This will be brought back to the next meeting.
2. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of Attendance Policy – Kara Reuter explained the changes being made to the policy.
Tyler Viani made a motion to accept the Attendance Policy as presented. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion.
Schyler Hagen-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes. 4-0-0

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In addition, the Board suggested a parent education plan to let the parents know of these changes. The next Parent meeting in October we can discuss this with them.

3. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of the Ratification of the 2019-2020 MCCSEA Contract
*Tyler Viani made a motion to accept the Ratification of the 2019-2020 MCCSEA Contract as presented. Schyler Hagen seconded the motion.
Schyler Hagen-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes. 4-0-0*
4. **Recommendation:** Discussion Only – Mineral County School District and Mineral County – *Discussion of the new sidewalks and parking lots at the schools and district office.*
5. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval – Pop Warner requesting use of facilities
*Tyler Viani made a motion to accept the Pop Warner use of facilities as presented. Schyler Hagen seconded the motion.
Schyler Hagen-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes. 4-0-0*

POLICIES: NA

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

1. Correspondence & Announcements – *NDE Douglas County data analysis training tom improve English language – WIDA testing – Get paper from Karen.*
2. Board Member Reports – *NONE*
3. Superintendent Report – *Karen and Lance attended a 4 day training put on my Pool Pact. Status Update on the AC units at the Elementary School
In-Service Training put on by Jeff Kaye (Security) and Cultural Competency Training by the National Education Association on August for the entire district staff.*
4. Principals Report – *Lance West (SES)– Last Wednesday was the open house in Schurz. They are working on draft designs for walls at school to put murals on. The vision statement has been posted for the year.*

Rick Taylor (HJHS/MCHS) – The High School open house has been held already. He is tightening up the ship. Being fair, consistent, and just trying to keep everyone in line. Everything seems to be going well.

Stephanie Keuhey (HES) The Elementary school has had there open house. They served nachos and had a good turnout. The school is fully staffed with all the teachers for the year. They are working around the fences and gates this year and the single entryway. They are trying to work out the kinks. She would like to give a shout out to Robert for moving the bike racks. They are ready to go.

*BRIEF RECESS FOR 5 MINUTES 6:22 PM
BACK INTO SESSION AT 6:33 PM*

6. Closed Session: NRS 241.031(1)(b) for Michael Stephens

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Tyler Viani made a motion to go into closed session. Schyler Hagen seconded the motion. Schyler Hagen-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes. 4-0-0

Tyler Viani made a motion to end the session and to go back into open session. Schyler Hagen seconded the motion.

Schyler Hagen-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes. 4-0-0

7. **Open Session:** Discussion and Possible Approval – A recommendation may be considered pursuant to, but not limited to, termination, suspension, demotion, reduction in pay, reprimand, promotion, endorsement, engagement, retention, or “no action.” Pursuant to NRS 241.031(1)(b) of Mr. Stephens in relation to her job performance. *Tyler would like to table this item. He would like to get some more information regarding this subject. Bring back to the next meeting.*

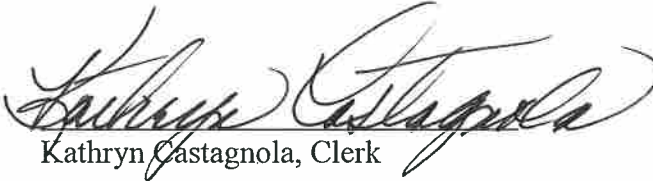
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: *Ann Kee, Sharon Lininger, Shawn Isom, Kelly Zuniga, Raymond Morgan, Stephanie Ziegler, David Ziegler, Melissa Isom, Shelly Tweedy, Karry Larramendy all got up and spoke on Michael Stephens behalf. Michael has a passion for the kids. He is an amazing coach and cares about all the kids in the community. Micheal has always gone out of his way to help get kids more involved in playing sports. Everyone just wanted the Board to know that Michael cares about the kids in this community and loves working with them.*

Claudia and Daria Benton – Suggested that Michael Stephens not get his job back. He is a bully and has harassed Claudi to the point that she did not want to cheer anymore. This was from not only Michael but also his entire family.

Stephanie Keuhey – She is being publically bashed on Facebook. The employees of the school district should be able to defend themselves. Suggest the board review the policy regarding employees.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:47 PM

Respectfully submitted:


Kathryn Castagnola, Clerk