

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
*Tuesday, January 7, 2020*

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on January 7, 2020 beginning at 5:36 pm Arlo K. Funk District Services Center in Hawthorne, Nevada.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kathryn Castagnola, Candice Birchum, Tyler Viani, Keith Neville, Schyler Hagen

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Karen Watson, Superintendent; Stephanie Keuhey, Principal HES; Lance West, Principal Schurz Elementary; Rick Taylor, Principal HJH/MCHS

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Crystal Sasser, MaryJo Gemelke, Tricia Schumann, Toni Dodge, Tom Gallegos, Sean Rowe, Shelly Tweedy, Tylor Nicholls, JayDee Porras-Grant, Tracy Larramendy, Kristin Reeves, Karry Larramendy, Jamarr Covington, Janis Horn, Will Gemelke, Traci Paulson, Drake Larramendy, Glen Reeves, Jayla Tolliver

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 pm.**

1. Certification of Public Notice, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of a flexible agenda - *NONE*
3. Person or Group Recognition - *NONE*
4. Presentations - Hawthorne Junior High School/Mineral County High School-School Performance Plan.  
*Rick Taylor made a presentation on the Hawthorne Junior High School/Mineral County High School-School Performance Plan*  
*The high school does not have a school counselor right now. Our math program is in bad shape and they are trying to deal with it the best that they can. We cannot get teachers in Hawthorne right now. The STEM teacher is leaving next week so we will be short another teacher and electives.*  
*Housing is a huge issue in Hawthorne right now. Maybe we could do something about housing for the new teachers.*  
*Kids are skipping school and the Principal had a meeting with the DA today. Working to figure out how to discipline the kids that are missing school.*

**CONSENT ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Items listed under the consent calendar will be voted on as a block. If a member of the public or a Board Member wishes to discuss an item in the consent calendar, that item will be removed from the Consent Items and placed with the Action Items for possible action.

1. Minutes: December 16, 2019 – *2 Typo's on the minutes, it will be brought back to the next meeting.*
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1065,1066,1069
3. Payroll Checks: 85038-85125
4. Warrants: 21750-21888
5. Personnel Report  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the Payroll vouchers 1065,1066,1069; Payroll Checks 85038-85125; Warrants 21750-21888 and the Personnel Report as presented. Schyler Hagen seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, Schyler Hagen; 5-0-0*

**ACTION ITEMS: (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

There will be an opportunity for public comment on each **Action Item** following Board discussion on the item and before the Board makes a motion on the item. You may request to speak by raising your hand during the Public Comment period or by completing a Request to Address the MCSD Board form prior to the Public Comment period. Those who submit the form will normally be called on first. Speaking

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time will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes. The President may allow additional time to a given speaker as time allows and in his/her discretion.

1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval for Toni Dodge for Out of State Travel  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve Toni Dodge for Out of State Travel to include a van and driver. Candice Birchum seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, Schyler Hagen-yes; 5-0-0*
2. **Recommendations:** Discussion and Possible Approval of JayDee Porras Grant to attend the National ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) Conference in Atlanta, GA.  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve Out of State Travel for JayDee. Candice Birchum seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville -Yes, Schyler Hagen-yes; 5-0-0*
3. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval for ITCN Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada for Head Start Meals  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve ITCN Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada for Head Start Meals. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, Schyler Hagen-yes; 5-0-0*
4. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval-for the increase of salary and changes to guidelines for short and long-term substitute teachers.  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve for the increase of salary and changes to guidelines for short and long-term substitute teacher to exclude the prep period by out. Keith Neville seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, Schyler Hagen-yes; 5-0-0*
5. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of the School Reimbursement Account  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the School Reimbursement Account. Schyler Hagen seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville -Yes, Schyler Hagen-yes; 5-0-0*
6. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval – Nomination and Election of Officers  
**Supporting Information:**
  - a. Board President – Tyler Viani nominated himself. Kathy Castagnola nominated Keith Neville.  
*Vote – Tyler Viani for President, Schyler Hagen seconded. Kathryn Castagnola-No, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-No, Keith Neville -No, Schyler Hagen-Yes; 2-3-0*  
  
*Keith Neville for President. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-No, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville -Yes, Schyler Hagen-No; 3-2-0*
  - b. Vice President – Keith Neville nominated Candice Birchum for vice president. Schyler Hagen seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville -Yes, Schyler Hagen-yes; 5-0-0

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c. Clerk- *Keith Neville nominated Kathryn Castagnola for the office of the clerk. Candice Birchum seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville -Yes, Schyler Hagen-yes; 5-0-0*

7. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval – Appoint Board Members to the following Committees

**Supporting Information:**

a. Park and Recreation Committee – Tyler Viani

b. Consolidated Agencies of Human Services (CAHS) – ~~Kathryn~~ Kathryn Castagnola

c. Legislative Committee – Keith Neville

d. Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool – Tyler Viani

e. Nevada Association of School Boards (NASB) Board of Directors – Primary-Keith Neville, Alternate-Schyler Hagen

f. Mineral County Debt Management Committee – Keith Neville

g. Insurance Committee – Tyler Viani

h. Budget Committee – Candice Birchum & Keith Neville

i. Attendance Committee – Kathryn Castagnola & Candice Birchum

j. Sexual Education Committee - Kathryn Castagnola

k. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee – Primary- Kathryn Castagnola, Alternate-Schyler Hagen

l. Certified Negotiators Team – Tyler Viani, Schyler Hagen, Alternate-Keith Neville

m. Classified Negotiations Team – Keith Neville & Schyler Hagen

n. Administrative Negotiations Team - Tyler Viani, Schyler Hagen, Alternate-Keith Neville

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the board members. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, Schyler Hagen-yes; 5-0-0*

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8. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval – Allow the Superintendent, Karen Watson to apply for all Federal, State, and competitive grants that benefit Mineral County School District. *Tyler Viani made a motion to allow the Superintendent, Karen Watson to apply for any and all Federal, State, and competitive grants that benefit Mineral County School District. Keith Neville seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, Schyler Hagen-yes; 5-0-0*

**COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

1. Correspondence & Announcements - *NONE*
2. Board Member Reports - *NONE*
3. Superintendent Report - *NONE*
4. Principals Report – *NONE*

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** *It was suggested that we have a student on the School Board, their used to be one that attended. Talk to the Principal at the high school about this.*

*Glen Reeves, Drake Larramendy and Jayla Tolliver are all upset about their grades in Mr. Waggoner's math class. They all had A's in the class before Christmas Break and when they came back, they were all flunking due to a test.*

*The grades are not being put into the computer on a weekly basis how they should be. They should be two grades per week not just one. This hurts the kid's grades.*

*Stephanie Keuhey – The Admin Team is meeting once a week now. She thinks we should up the signing bonuses. We have to make the teachers want to come to Hawthorne. There has to be a penalty for teachers leaving early.*

*Kristen Reeves – Her son is 4.0/Perfect Attendance Student. Parents feel like failures and should not have to pay for college classes.*

*Kerry Larramendy – The math teacher posted failing grades to all the kids in the math class. Policy IKA states you have to have at least two grades per week. This policy is not being followed.*

*The parents and kids would like something done about this problem. This topic will be an agenda item on the next board meeting.*

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:20 PM**

Respectfully submitted:

  
Kathryn Castagnola, Clerk