

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
751 A. STREET  
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
*Friday, February 21, 2020*

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on February 21, 2020 beginning at 1:00 pm at the Mineral County School District.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Schyler Hagen

**ADMINISTRATORS:** Karen Watson, Superintendent; Stephanie Keuhey, Principal HES

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Crystal Sasser, Tricia Schumann, Melissa Cardenas, Janis Horn, Jamarr Covington, Tyler Nicholls, Richard Durham, Summer Kay, Ann Kee

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

1. Certification of Public Notice, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of a flexible agenda - *NO*
3. Person or Group Recognition - *NO*
4. Presentations - *NO*

**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 and February 4, 2020
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1082,1083,1088
3. Payroll Checks: 85197-85227
4. Warrants: 21933-22039
5. Personnel Report

*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the Minutes for December 16, 2019 and February 4, 2020 from payroll vouchers 1082,1083,1088; Payroll Checks 85197-85227; Warrants 21933-22039 and the Personnel Report as presented. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, 4-0-0*

**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 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.

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

1. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to NRS288 to discuss/review MCCTA Bargaining Unit Grievance relative to Article V-4

*Candice Birchum made a motion to go into closed session. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-No, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, 3-1-0*

*Tyler Viani made a motion to go back into open session. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, 4-0-0*

*Recess after closed session at 2:20*

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2. **Open Session:** Discussion and Possible Action – Pursuant to NRS 288 relative to MCCTA bargaining unit Grievance Article V-4  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the grievance as accepted. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, 4-0-0*
3. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval – Update on Sidewalk Project  
*Karen gave an update on the sidewalk project. Karen will draft an MOU with MC on this sidewalk project. We can now apply for a grant that is put out by the state.*
4. *Tyler Viani made a motion to approve action #4 for Stephanie Keuhey, Rick Taylor and Tricia Schumann going to Montana, #5 Rick Taylor and Brian Thompson to attend the Teacher Fair in South Dakota, #6 Lance West and Catherine Williams-Tuni to attend the Teacher Fair Idaho, #7 Lance West, Catherine Williams-Tuni, Stephanie Keuhey and Tricia Schumann to attend the Boise State Teacher Education Career Fair. Candice Birchum seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, 4-0-0*
8. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of the MCSD Test Security Plan  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the MCSD Test Security Plan. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, 4-0-0*
9. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval for Fiber Optic System  
*We are waiting on trenching approval for CC communications to trench around the railroad lines on the Army Depot. As soon as this is approved, we can finish the project.*
10. **Recommendation:** Discussion Only on Project Plan for the MCSD Website Development being completed by CC Communications  
*Tyler Viani made a motion to approve the Website from CC Communications. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion. Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Tyler Viani-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, 4-0-0*
11. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval of a date for a Board Retreat in order to develop Board Goals  
*Table this item until all board members are present so everyone will have a say on a date.*

**POLICIES – First Reading**

BFC – Adoption, Revision and Repeal of Policies – *Make a change to add a Board Representative. Come back for a second reading.*

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

1. Correspondence & Announcements - NO
2. Board Member Reports – *Tyler Park and Rec meeting - \$8,000 to \$15,000 to redo the floor. Would the school be able to provide service to help the YCAC redo the floors? They are going to have an outdoor adventure club. Any help would be great or ideas. Karen said we could help with the maintenance on the floors.*  
*Keith – School Board of Conduct – consistent with the state. We do not have a code of conduct for the School Board right now.*

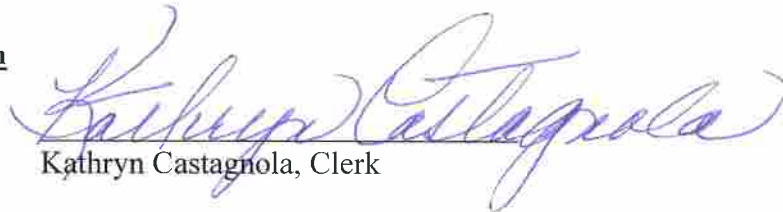
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3. Superintendent Report – *Zone 1A tournament here. Eight games yesterday, four today. Our teams play tonight at 6:00 and 8:00. Boys champ noon, girls 2. We just found out on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January that we would be hosting. The gym had some touch up paint completed. The scoreboards were replaced for zone. The lobby has been painted, locker rooms and ticket booth. Replacement tile in front of the gym. There was a lot of help in doing these things. Started on Sunday with the painting. Throughout the week the JAG class and maintenance crew has been helping painting and doing repairs and getting things ready for the tournament. The high school staff has been putting in a lot of work.*
4. Principals Report – Stephanie – *Last week the district team attended the Standards Institute. We had teachers and principals from all the schools attend the conference. HES was invited to go to Vegas for the NDE meeting and training. Reading Week in March. Events coming up in March. They have been doing Ice Cream socials for the kids.*

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Tyler Viani – We have done a disservice to our kids and parents. We have not provided a date to the parents on a meeting. We have rescheduled the meeting several times. We need to get these meetings completed. We need to reschedule the meetings and let all the board members know. Keith's email has been messed up and he has not been getting emails.*

**ADJOURNMENT: 3:34 pm**  
Respectfully submitted:

  
Kathryn Castagnola, Clerk