

MINERAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
751 A. STREET
Hawthorne, Nevada 89415
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 14, 2020

The Mineral County School District held a public meeting on July 14, 2020 beginning at 5:35 pm at the Mineral County School District.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tyler Viani

ADMINISTRATORS: Karen Watson, Superintendent; Stephanie Keuhey, Principal HES; Lance West, Principal SES

OTHERS PRESENT: Alicia Dalton, Amy Murray, Ann Kee, Catrinna Berginnis, Cindy Linares, Crystal Sasser, Dana Towe, David Ziegler, Dawn McGhauey, Debra Stephens, Desirae DeMars, Devin Canright, Diana Isom, Esmerald Gutierrez, Jazmin Serrato, Juanita Diede, Jeremy Williams, Jeff Moody, Kari Banfield, Karry Larramendy, Kristen Stinson, Kristen Reeves, Lindsey Ives, Melissa Cardenas, Michele Hart, Mollie Moody, MaryJo Gemelke, Monica Keady, Maria Gurule, Melissa Cardenas, Sean Rowe, Susan Bradt, Shari Berry Shanna McKenzie, Shannon Gurule, Stephanie Ziegler, Tari Straw, Tommy Martinez, Tricia Schumann, Toni Dodge, Tonja Hughes, Victor Hughes, Will Gemelke, Yareth Castillo, Yulisa Lopez

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 pm.

1. Certification of Public Notice, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of a flexible agenda. (For Possible Action)
3. Person or Group Recognition - **NONE**
4. Presentations - **NONE**

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: June 16, 2020 (The wording in item #4 needs to be fixed and Tyler voted no, not yes)
2. Payroll Vouchers: 1139, 1140, 1142
3. Payroll Checks: 85532-85546
4. Warrants: 22472-22560
5. Voided Checks: 22402, 22114, 85555, 85564
6. Personnel Report

Candice Birchum made a motion approve Payroll Vouchers 1139, 1140, 1142; Payroll Checks 85532-85546; Warrants 22472-22560; Voided Checks 22402, 22114, 85555, 85564 and the Personnel Report as presented. Schyler Hagen seconded the motion.

Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Candice Birchum-Yes, Keith Neville-Yes, Schyler Hagen-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.

1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval – Approval of 2020-2021 Bargaining Agreement ratification.

Schyler Hagen made a motion approve the 2020-2021 Bargaining Agreement ratification. Kathryn Castagnola seconded the motion.

Kathryn Castagnola-Yes, Candice Birchum-No, Keith Neville-Yes, Schyler Hagen-Yes. 3-1-0

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1. **Recommendation:** Discussion and Possible Approval to move the 7th and 8th grade students back to the 6th grade hall in the Administrative Building for classes.
School Board member Kathy Castagnola wanted to discuss moving the 7th and 8th grade students back to the 6th grade hall in the Administrative Building. Several parents and Stephanie Keuhey voiced their opinion on how they thought it would be a good idea as they were not in favor of this when it was actually done.
Melissa Cardenas was not on board at the time they were moved and still does not like that they have to be at the high school. However, there are not enough staff to teach in both schools.
Tricia Schumann was against the move at the time also. We need to have more monitoring on the kids in the school. We do not even know if the positions needed have been filled to have enough teacher's. There are many things that need to be addressed before changes are made.

Tari Straw – Not sure why they are bringing this up right now when it should have been addressed at the time of the move.

Kathy Castagnola – These kids need the option. We can free up space at the high school.
Monica Keady-There are a lot items that need to be addressed. There are not labs in the junior high; they are all in the high school hall. The staff is concerned with the mixing of the kids and try to keep them separated. We do not know that there is enough time to pull off this move before school starts.

Stephanie Keuhey- The move of the 7th and 8th grade was a financial decision at the time. The sixth graders coming up next year need more help. If we need to put the students back in the district office for school, I think we should. They should not be in the same school as the high school kids. It can be done. Stephanie said she would work to be the Admin for the junior high students.

Karen Watson– How long will it take to pull this off. We need five classrooms and teachers. The logistics need to be look at and how we can work this out.

This item will be tabled while we come up with a plan. Kathy will work the Superintendent to bring back to the Board. Tommy Martinez said the rooms are ready to go. We will plan for a special meeting on July 28, 2020.

2. **Recommendation:** Report on Re-Opening of the Schools
Press release on the final logistics from the State Superintendent – Talked about the committee guidelines. The 3 phases of the school openings and how each phase would be handled. The schools mask guidelines were going off of the American Association of Pediatrics. All students will be wearing masks in the classrooms. Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classrooms. Each child will have two meals a day even if they are not in the classroom.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS: (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

1. Correspondence & Announcements - **NONE**
2. Board Member Reports - **NONE**
3. Superintendent Report - **NONE**
4. Principals Report – Stephanie Keuhey –“I would just like to thank the teachers, staff and parents that have been involved in the Reopening Committee. We could not do it without you! It is a community effort. Thank you to everyone!”

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alicia Dalton has three kids going into school this year and would like information. She quoted GBB2 and said are you pleased with how this has been handled?

Tari Straw has grandchildren she is raising and will be homeschooling them this year. The school administration should really think about whom they are hiring. She is disappointed in everyone.

Suzanne Bradt moved here in the 3rd grade and grew up her in Hawthorne. School is supposed to be a safe place to send your kids. She is pulling her daughter out of school next year.

Karry Larramendy had questions about the Gear Up Program? The negotiations with the teachers association have been finalized, now can we advertise for the Gear Up Instructor?

Kristen Reeves son is a senior this year and she wants these problems fixed. She has talked to the Superintendent about the grade system being wrong. Her son has not been signed up for summer classes yet.

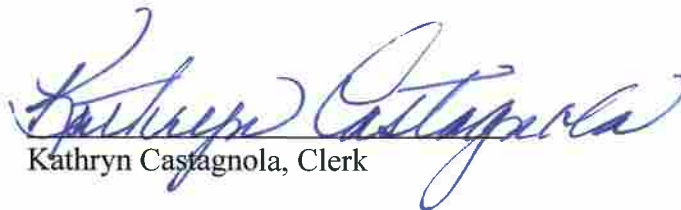
Stephanie Ziegler said her daughter did not feel comfortable being around some high school employees. The school district needs to do the right thing.

Tommy Martinez has a 12-year-old son going into the 7th grade. He gets in trouble easily, needs help, and will not be getting it. He does not feel safe in the school.

Jeremy Williams is a lifetime resident. He is disappointed in the school district. The school is a resource to our community and has a responsibility to our town. Kids are being pulled out because of the problems. The school district is being asked questions and cannot respond. The school board needs to do something to comfort the community. They will rally and can help.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:41 PM

Respectfully submitted:


Kathryn Castagnola, Clerk