# Trout Creek School District #6

# Meeting Minutes

4/12/2022

**In Attendance:** Mike Linderman, Board Chair; Zach Hannum, Board Member; Eric Viviano, Vice Chair; Scott Rasor, Board Member; Preston Wenz, Superintendent; Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk; Staff Members: Donn Morris, David Sorenson, Dave Eldridge, Taylor Etienne, Sarah Bohorquez, Jennifer Adair, Stephanie Wortley, Renna Mummert; Community Members: Janaya Ingersoll, Art & Kathy Hassan, Marian Stonehocker, Doug Cooper, Sara Dana, Callie Lackner, Allie Viviano.

**I. Call to order**

Mr. Linderman called to order the special meeting of the Trout Creek School Board at 6 pm on 4/12/2022 at Trout Creek School.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Linderman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment**

Mr. Linderman asked for public comment. Marian Stonehocker voiced concerns re: nepotism on the School Board. She shared that she did look it up in the MCA and saw that there are no nepotism restrictions for school boards and county commissioners. Mrs. Stonehocker stated that the Board needs to not have the appearance of impropriety and the public needs to trust what they do is ethical and moral. Mr. Linderman thanked Mrs. Stonehocker greatly for her continued presence and involvement with Trout Creek School.

**IV. Motion to Approve the Agenda as Presented**

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt; 2nd: Mr. Rasor

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

**V. Motion to Approve the Minutes from 3/8/22 and 3/24/22**

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt; 2nd: Mr. Rasor

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

**VI.**  **Administrative Update**

Mr. Wenz reported on the following:

Enrollment & Attendance

Enrollment 71 - Overall Attendance 84% - See report for individual grade levels

Academic

Report Card shows improvement but accountability system is not updated

yet - State is redoing the accountability system -

EK-6th Grade:

Math

School: 33% Novice, 17% Nearing Proficient, 50% Proficient and Advanced

State: 34% Novice, 31% Nearing Proficient, 34% Proficient and Advanced

Reading

School: 28% Novice, 22% Nearing Proficient, 50% Proficient and Advanced

State: 29% Novice, 25% Nearing Proficient, 46% Proficient and Advanced

School: 45% of our students with at least 95% attendance for the year

State: 47% of students with at least 95%attendance for the year

7th - 8th Grade:

Math

District: 47% Novice, 16% Nearing Proficient, 37% Proficient and Advanced

State: 34% Novice, 31% Nearing Proficient, 34% Proficient and Advanced

Reading

District: 31% Novice, 22% Nearing Proficient, 47% Proficient and Advanced

State: 29% Novice, 25% Nearing Proficient, 46% Proficient and Advanced

District: 43% of our students with at least 95% attendance for the year

State: 47% of students with at least 95%attendance for the year

Friday, April 15, professional development day with Yvonne from OPI (curriculum alignment, small group instruction, standards look-in, etc)

State Testing for us will be the week of May 16

- Going to be providing an incentive for 100% attendance those days

Summer Program

We will be having a summer program - Paid for by a grant we received through eGrants

Other part of the grant monies will be used for professional development this summer -

July 11 - 28 - Monday - Thursday; 9am - 12:00pm - Lunch 12:00-12:30pm

Students leave at 12:30pm - Parents drop off and pick up - Teachers will work 20 hours a week

Paras will work 16 hours a week

Summer Professional Developments

Renna will be attending the Montana School Nutrition Assoc. Summer Conference (Billings)

Jennifer will be attending the New Clerk Academy & Summer Conf (Butte) -

Dave will be attending a safety training (Safety Fest in May) (Missoula) -

3-5 teachers will be attending a Reading training/conference in August

Facilities

Maintenance Supervisor recommendation.

Roof bids need to be decided on as Buckingham already had to increase their bid due to price of materials increasing - Still trying to get HVAC bids - Dave has a working list of projects that need to be done or will be done (ie-roof, HVAC, etc) - Focus is continuing on completely finishing #6 by June 30 - Tree off of the southwest corner of #6 is down

Activities

May 10 is our Activities Awards Banquet at 6pm here in the Multipurpose room

May 14, some of the archery team members will be participating in a shoot in Libby put on by the Libby Archery Club.

May 21 is our NASP archery tournament AND our Burgers & Bows fundraiser (flyers are with my report) - We need some more volunteers to help supervisor stations - let me know if you are able to help. This has been advertised all over the state so I am hopeful and anticipating a very good turnout. We have a parent who is making us two new bow stands and a set of arrow holders - donating all of it, costing us nothing

Resident Program

Through my work with OPI and Educator Prep Programs across the state, we are going to be a part of the first phase of the new Resident Demonstration in Montana

We will be getting 2 Resident students (from Univ. of Montana Western) that will be with us all year next school year - We have to provide housing - Both will be sharing the house - they know this and are okay with it - They will each be assigned a Teacher Leader - Annie will be with Jo Hanson - Riley will be with Alicia Wenz. Teacher Leaders have to be classroom teachers, attend a week of training (Teacher's Academy) in June, attend Teacher Academy Training one Saturday a month for 6 months in Billings, have ongoing communication with the Resident, professors, EPPs, OPI, etc and others involved with the Residency Demonstration - Costs for the District are housing for the Residents and hotel for the week of training in June - Residents will be in a co-teaching setting - We will also be rotating them through all of the grade levels over the course of the year to gain experience to better prepare them for a teaching position when they are done.

Adult Ed Classes

Dancerize with Dogs - 6 participants (Thursdays)

Line Dancing - 25 participants (Fridays)

Pickleball - 15 participants (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Aquaponics - 7 participants (Mondays)

Vermiculture - 8 participants (Fridays)

Sustainable Feeds - 18 participants (Tuesdays)

Total of 79 participants in our Adult Ed program this year

Clerk Evaluation

Need to set a date for Jennifer's evaluation - preferably within the next 2

weeks

VIII. **District Clerk Update**

Ms. McPherson gave the financial report and answered questions from the Board. Attention was brought to the additional last minute additions that are not on the Financial documents provided. Ms. McPherson also shared that the P-Cards are in, active, and now being used.

IX. **Discussion (D) and Action (A) Items:**

1. **Roof Bids -** Mr. Wenz shared that the insurance is not going to cover any of the roof expenses due to the age of the roof. Mr. Wenz recommended going with Buckingham Roofing.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt; 2nd: Mr. Hannum

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Transportation Contract -** Ms. McPherson stated that she does not recommend entering actual negotiations this early, as we have one full year left of the contract. She believes we have a fiduciary responsibility to open bidding up prior to a vote and the negotiations with any one vendor. Mr. Linderman suggested forming a committee to simply open discussions at this time. Mrs. Nesbitt agreed that it shouldn’t be delayed too long, as we don’t want it to be a rushed negotiation. Mr. Hannum asked for clarification as to who pays for the fuel; TCS does. Mr. Rasor stated he would like to be on the committee.
2. Water Line - Mr. Doug Cooper from the Water Board came to answer questions from the Board. He shared that their responsibility ends at the valve; from there on, it is the District’s line. Recommends getting ahold of ARPA funds for water and sewer projects specifically. Our water is not metered. There was discussion on looking into replacing the water line with a 6” line throughout the property and placing another hydrant in for fire suppression. Mr. Cooper reminded the Board that there is a dedicated irrigation line by the chain link fence on the north side. He also stated that all lines need to be flushed once per year.
3. **McKinstry -** Mr. Wenz recommended that we have the DEQ’s input before deciding about McKinstry. **TABLED**
4. **CBA -** A brief discussion was held regarding points of the negotiated CBA. Union and the Board reached an agreement. CBA will be on file for review after approval.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt; 2nd: Mr. Hannum

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Maintenance Supervisor Recommendation -** Mr. Wenz recommended David Eldridge for the position.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Rasor; 2nd: Mr. Hannum

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

**G.**  **Part-Time Custodian Recommendation -** Mr. Wenz recommended Michael Boys and Liam McPherson for job-sharing the position.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Hannum; 2nd: Mr. Rasor

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

**H. Teacher Recommendation -** Mr. Wenz recommended Debra Cashman for a 1 yr contract for FY23. Mrs. Nesbitt provided feedback on the interview and Mrs. Cashman’s qualifications.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt; 2nd: Mr. Rasor

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

1. **Substitute List -** Mr. Wenz provided the Substitute list for the Board’s approval.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt; 2nd: Mr. Hannum

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

**J. Classified Pay Matrix -** Mr. Wenz presented the classified pay matrix for consideration and adoption.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt; 2nd: Mr. Hannum

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

**K. Policy 2113 Amendment -** Mr. Wenz recommended changing “Pre-K” to “Early Kinder” throughout the document to be in compliance with the OPI expectations.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Rasor; 2nd: Mr. Hannum

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

**L. Policy 2311 Update: Final Reading -** Mr. Wenz read Policy for 2311 again and recommended for approval and adoption.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Hannum; 2nd: Mr. Rasor

**On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.**

**M. Marian Stonehocker re: Election -** Mrs. Stonehocker wanted to know why Mrs. Nesbitt and Mr. Linderman swapped terms on the Board they are running for. Mrs. Nesbitt replied that she wanted to run for the 3 year position and then be done. Mr. Linderman responded that he agreed because Mrs. Nesbitt asked him to.

**X. Next Meeting Agenda Items**

1. Transportation Committee
2. Water LIne
3. McKinstry

**XI. Adjournmen**t – Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2022 @ 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk Date

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Michael Linderman, Board Chair Date