# Trout Creek School District #6

# Board Meeting Minutes

9/13/2022

**In Attendance:** D. Scott Rasor, Board Chair; Carolyn Nesbitt, Vice Chair; Bryant Eaton, Trustee; Preston Wenz, Superintendent; Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk; Staff Members: Donn Morris, Debra Cashman, David Sorenson, Dave Eldridge. Others: Marian Stonehocker, Sheila Hoffland, Ed Cashman

**I. Call to order**

Mr. Rasor called to order the meeting of the Trout Creek School Board at 6 pm on 9/13/2022 at Trout Creek School.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Rasor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Rasor asked for public comment:

Marian Stonehocker thanked the Board Members who were present on opening PIR days and the First Day of School. She appreciated their show of support and hopes it continues. Ms. Stonehocker also asked where the Nurse wages were going to be reallocated to since we no longer have a nurse on staff. Ms. McPherson stated they are ESSER III funds and will remain there until an amendment is done to earmark them for other ESSER qualified expenses. Ms. Stonehocker also inquired about the garden. Mr. Wenz provided an update and was pleased to share that the kitchen staff has been integrating as much produce as possible into the menu for the children.

Mr. Ed Cashman spoke of his support for Mr. Wenz as a community member. He stated that there are great things going on at Trout Creek School. His wife, Mrs. Cashman, is the new 3rd and 4th grade teacher. He appreciates how staff is working together and taking things on as a team. Shiela Hoffland read a note and asked questions from Mr. & Mrs. Hassan, who could not join this meeting tonight, about the curriculum. Mr. Rasor stated that the Board must trust administration and staff to select the correct curriculum to carry the school forward and see improvement in our students. Mr. Rasor thanked all commenters.

**IV. Approval of the Agenda as Presented**

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

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

**V. Approval of the Warrants**

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

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

**VI. Approval of the Minutes from 8/9/22, 8/23/22, and 8/30/22.**

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

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

**VII. Administrative Report**

Mr. Wenz reported on the following:

**Attendance**

* 95% through September 9

**State Testing Results (Spring of 2022)**

Did meet state standards or did not meet state standards

- Grades 3/4

- 9 students

- ELA

- 6 students did not meet

- 3 students met

- MATH

- 7 students did not meet

- 2 students met

- Grades 5/6

- 8 students

- ELA

- 4 students did not meet

- 4 students met

- MATH

- 3 students did not meet

- 5 students met

- Grades 7/8

- 10 students

- ELA

- 7 students did not meet

- 3 students met

- MATH

- 9 students did not meet

- 1 student met

**Academics**

* Had two days of training on small group instruction and the best way to design the classroom for optimal learning on Aug 24 & 25
* Flexible grouping has been done to increase objective knowledge
* Lesson plans are being turned in weekly & reviewed
* Observation walk-throughs begin this week
* FastBridge testing concludes by this Friday
* Student monitoring continues daily
* Paras are working closely with teachers to provide further enrichment and support for students
* SmartBoards are being replaced with 64” Smart TVs with touch screen capabilities added on - TVs will be mounted in classrooms on adjustable mounting brackets - old SmartBoards and projector systems are hard to see (ESSER funds related to instruction) - new SmartBoards are $1,500-3,000 each - 6 set ups with TVs were @$4,300

**Personnel**

* Due to student enrollment and needs, we will be hiring two more paras to join the staff - They will start in a substitute capacity and if all goes well then they will be recommended for hire at the October meeting
* Recommending Elizabeth Hart be given the title of Early Kindergarten Program Manager at the department head level, which will move her to $15 an hour
  + She has 11 years of experience teaching Autistic students and is fully certified to teach in Montana. Her experience and knowledge is incredible!

**Facilities**

* Dave has his report
* Dave and I will be creating a Maintenance Plan moving forward that will line out upcoming timelines for projects, inspections, etc

**Extracurricular activities**

* Updated Cross Country schedule is in your packet tonight
* First XCountry meet is this Saturday in Missoula - we have 6 kids running in it
* First football game was supposed to be tonight
* Looking for a boys basketball coach - learned it cannot be a Board member as it has to be someone that answers to the administrator
* Looking for referees for basketball games
* STEM Club started and has about 10-12 kids participating
* Home school participants are filling out activity packets and we will be collecting ANB for those that live in our district
* Cheerleading is starting back up - utilizing uniforms we already have and two staff members are leading it on a volunteer basis - about 15 kids already signed up - ages 5 thru 8th grade are eligible (TC students & home school students)
* Archery is going well - tournament dates will be scheduled in the very near future

**Outdoor Learning Center**

* Next meeting will be September 20 at 9am
* 11 people attended the first meeting (3 were from the extension office)
* Going to start growing microgreens for use in the cafeteria
* Working with Renna to grow things moving forward that can and will be used in the cafeteria
* Two volunteers from the garden committee will be coming and teaching thew kids about composting and we will have composting bins in the cafeteria to then help with spring planting in the greenhouse and garden

**Miscellaneous**

* Grandparents breakfast had 21 attendees and I know for sure that one of them was face timing with a grandparent unable to attend - was a successful event
* We received $50 from Clark Fork Valley Hospital for students who went there for sports physicals
* Our school nurse resigned. Gaby is continuing the duties as she has in the past.
* 7th/8th grade class is working on a Halloween time fundraiser - a community invited Trunk or Treat in the parking lot with an indian bread taco dinner followed by an outdoor movie
* Christmas Bazaar will be November 5 - response has already been so good that booths will be extended into the main building this year
* Picture Day will be September 22
* Working on incentives for attendance
* Sending home Upcoming Event flyers for families

**VIII. Maintenance Report**

Mr. Eldridge reported on the following:

* Fire Marshall stopped by for in house inspection / Passed
* Fire Extinguishers have been inspected/ Waiting on 1 CO2 to come back
* ANSUL system for kitchen has been checked and waiting on bid
* UST Inspection Oct 4th / coming with printable VeederRoot
* Batteries for fire system have been replaced

**IX. District Clerk Update**

1. Financial Report - Ms. McPherson provided financial reports to the Board and answered questions from Board Members. Mrs. McPherson also shared her opinions about using the P-Cards as payment to collect the cash back rewards.
2. Multi-District Agreement - Ms. McPherson provided some information regarding using a multi-district agreement as a savings account. Since TCS is a EK-8 entity, the District cannot form an MDA with itself, as districts with both K-8 and HS budgets. Ms. McPherson will speak with other business managers and her Mentor to discuss options.

**X. Discussion (D) & Action (A) Items**

1. **Early Kinder Student Approval** - Mr. Wenz recommended several students for the Early Kinder program.

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

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

1. **Early Kinder Program Manager** - Mr. Wenz recommended Elizabeth Hart for the Program Manager position.

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

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

1. **Transportation Committee Update** - No update from the Board. The Board discussed opening the contract up for bids since it is renewing. Ms. McPherson to draw up a request for bids for approval and posting.

**XI. Next Meeting Agenda Items**

1. Transportation
2. MDA Partner
3. Sub List
4. CBA Addendum A
5. Univision
6. Meeting with Board and Mr. Wenz

**XII. Adjournmen**t – Meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2022 @ 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk Date

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

D. Scott Rasor, Board Chair Date