# Trout Creek School District #6

# Meeting Minutes

9/14/2021

**In Attendance:** Mike Linderman, Board Chair; Carolyn Nesbitt, Board Member; Zach Hannum, Board Member; Eric Viviano, Board Member; Preston Wenz, Principal/Superintendent; Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk; Craig Barrus, Staff; Donn Morris, Teacher; Kathleen & Art Hassan, Brian Krick, Cindy Bertsch, Mariam Stonehocker, and Monte Nesbitt.

1. Call to order

Mr. Linderman called to order the regular meeting of the Trout Creek School Board at 7:01 pm on 8/10/21 at Trout Creek School.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Linderman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment

Mr. Linderman asked for public comment and read Policy 1420F. Kathleen Hassan addressed the Board re: Constitution Day, pocket Constitutions, and Classroom sit-in. Brian Krick asked for clarification re: Covid policies and CDC recommendations.

1. Motion to Approve the Agenda as Presented
   1. Action Read By: Mr. Linderman

Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt

Motion Seconded By: Mr. Hannum

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

1. Motion to Approve Warrants
   1. Action Read By: Mr. Linderman

Motion Made By: Mr. Hannum

Motion Seconded By: Mr. Viviano

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

1. Approval of Minutes from 8/10/21 and 8/19/21.
   1. Action Read By: Mr. Linderman

Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt

Motion Seconded By: Mr. Viviano

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

1. Administrative Update
   1. Grants Update – ESSER III submitted, expecting return for amendment. Will continue to seek additional grant opportunities.
   2. Cleaning/Sanitizing Standards for Staff – Craig & Joe. G. continue to do a great job with daily sanitizing. Exterminator provided service yesterday (9/13/21).
   3. Nurse Hours Update – Nurse will work 1-2 hours per day, more if needed, to be paid through ESSER funds.
   4. Teacherage Renovation Funding – tabled. Teacher housing walkthrough, discussion on legalities. Requesting thoughts and ideas as to remodel process. Board delegated to Mr. Wenz.
   5. Board Training Dates – No dates set at this time.
   6. Other Updates – Assistant cook still needed, 5 year plan. Mr. Linderman would like to see goals and vision as a Board and input from the Community. Mr. Linderman also asked Mr. Wenz for testing results. Mr. Wenz said they should be available by next Board Meeting.
2. Custodial & Maintenance Update
   1. Teacherage Renovation Contract – Mr. Barrus discussed his invoice for the clean-out of the teacherage. Mr. Barrus recommended that the Board and any interested parties do a walk-through now that the mess is cleared to view condition and damage. Board and interested parties complied. Discussion was held re: the walkthrough and plans, including mold possibility, code and liability issues, and possible structural concerns.
   2. Teacherage Renovation Update – Teacherage is now cleared out from mess left behind. Renovation on hold. Need to obtain a home inspection, contact County Sanitarian, request bids from contractors based off home inspection report. The Board delegated renovation plan and action to Mr. Wenz.
   3. School Facilities Update – Old teacherage water shut off valve needs to be located, Mr. Barrus will see to it. Drain field is now down to 5 lines functional. Gym machine is now running. Mr. Barrus will provide an update on this previous summer activities at next meeting.
3. District Clerk Update
   1. Financials – Clerk answered questions regarding current financials. Will provide extra copies of warrants list for the public at next meeting.
   2. Direct Deposit – Informed the Board that we will be moving to Direct Deposit for those employees interested in it.
   3. School Nutrition Update – Provided update from recent training, including the fact that the Food Fund cannot be reimbursed from federal funds for non-program adults. Non-program adults are adults who do not directly cook and distribute foods to the students.
   4. Transportation Update – TR-1s not in OPI website at this time. Questions about OPI Transportation processes and mileage. Will reach out to OPI Transportation and County Superintendent for directives.
4. Information and Discussion Items
   1. Discussion – Athletic Director & Coaches Update. The Recommendation was made for Alicia Wenz to be the Athletic Directory with Taylor Etienne and Jennifer Adair as co-coaches for Cross Country team.
   2. Discussion – Board Member Vacancy – Received information of intent from Becky Barrus and possibly Vicky Cross. Brian Krick introduced himself and stated his desire to be on the school board, if possible. Mr. Linderman will call Nichol Scribner re: out of district lines Trustee possibility. Rest of item tabled until Special Board meeting this Friday, September 17, 2021 @ 7 pm via Zoom.
   3. Discussion – School Facilities – Previously Discussed.
   4. Discussion – School Garden – Mr. Wenz shared the donation of garden tools and tilling of the garden location. Marian Stonehocker asked who, with experience, is going to be supervising the garden. Mr. Wenz shared that all are welcome to help, but we do have several staff members who will be working with the students. Concerns were shared and addressed. It was agreed that the garden will be a matter of “Let’s see how it goes the first year.”
   5. Discussion - Administrator Moving Expenses – Mr. Wenz requested $1,000.00 for moving expenses. The Board discussed but did instead offer a one-time $1,500.00 payment to cover the two months inconvenience and compensation since the teacherage stated to be supplied in his contract was not ready when he moved in. Mr. Wenz accepted. Board discussed Wenz family moving into the old pre-school instead of the teacherage, effective immediately. Board also discussed the new rental amount for the teacherages to be $750.00 per month moving forward. District Clerk stated the need for awareness that questions asked to the school district’s attorney need to be for school district business only, since the attorney does charge for her legal advice. Mr. Wenz stated his personal questions to the attorney would not be billed to the school.
5. Action Items
   1. Approve Fund 20 – Rental fund to pay toward clean out and renovation of teacherage until exhausted.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman

Motion Made By: Mr. Hannum

Motion Seconded By: Mr. Viviano

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

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  2. Approve Mrs. A. Wenz as Athletic Director.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman

Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt

Motioned Seconded by: Mr. Linderman

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

Approve Mrs. Etienne and Mrs. Adair as co-coaches of Cross Country.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman

Motion Made By: Mr. Viviano

Motioned Seconded by: Mr. Hannum

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

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  2. Approve Wenz family moving into old Pre-school building and $1,500.00 payment as compensation to Preston Wenz.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman

Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt

Motioned Seconded by: Mr. Hannum

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

1. New Business
   1. Clerk to draft letter to Foreman Family itemizing past-due rents and clean-out expenses.
2. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk Date

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Michael Linderman, Board Chair Date