# Trout Creek School District #6

# Regular Meeting Minutes

01/09/2024

**In Attendance:** D. Scott Rasor, Carolyn Nesbitt, Marian Stonehocker, Mike Linderman, Zach Hannum, Jennifer McPherson, Preston Wenz, Debra Cashman, Jim Castner, Chantel Schmidt, and Beckie Doyle

**I. Call to order**

Mr. Rasor called to order the regular meeting of the Trout Creek School Board at 6:02 pm on 1/9/24 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:

Chantel Schmidt spoke regarding her experiences in the 6-8 grade classroom with the students and the teacher.

Debra Cashman spoke regarding her resignation.

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

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

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

**V. Approval of Warrants:**

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

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

**VI. Approval of :**

December 19, 2023 Minutes

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

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

December 20, 2023 Minutes

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

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

**VII. Administrative Update:**

Mr. Wenz reported that since there have only been 5 days of school since the last Board meeting, there is not much of an update. The County Transportation meeting was today and the new routes have been approved. Mr. Wenz encouraged the Board to have conversations with Noxon and Thompson Falls School Board members regarding bi and tri-district agreements. Mr. Wenz is monitoring the weather for Friday. High of minus 10 expected overnight, getting up to positive 2 for Friday. Also expecting 6+ inches overnight as well.

Enrollment is at 34.

**VII. Maintenance Report**

Mr. Castner reported that the gym heat is holding up fine. The approaching cold snap is concerning. Mr. Castner requested the Clerk to keep an eye on the electric bill connected to the main heater. There was over a $1,000.00 difference between December of 2023 and December of 22, with the rate staying the same. Mr. Castner is confident the increase in cost is because the blower fan is running all the time. We are unable to turn it off during the night due to the low temperatures. The classrooms wouldn’t warm up in time in the morning.

Mr. Hannum inquired on the thermostat lock out boxes for the Gym. Mr. Castner stated they have not been ordered yet. Mr. Hannum also expressed concern regarding the cleanliness of the gym and the need to figure out the lack of storage room that is contributing to the gym looking untidy.

**VIII. District Clerk Update:**

Ms. McPherson provided financial reports and reviewed them with the Board.

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

1. Rental Units Heating - The District received two bids, one each from Cabinet Mountain Propane and Home Essentials Master Services. The Board discussed the bids of both and decided on Cabinet Mountain Propane since the company can have them installed for sooner. Mrs. Nesbitt asked who was going to pay for the initial propane in the tanks. The Board decided it would be paid by the District with tenants paying for usage at refill times.

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

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

1. 8th Grade Trip (Yellowstone) - TABLED
2. Call for Election - Ms. McPherson presented the Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election was due to the Elections office.

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

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

1. Staff Recommendation - Mr. Wenz recommended the Board hire Mrs. Tracey Dean to be an itinerant Special Education Teacher on Fridays. The plan is to keep Chris Hart as well, but Mrs. Dean will provide he in-house help that is needed.

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

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

**X. Next Meeting Agenda Items**

1. Yellowstone Trip
2. J1 Visa Teachers
3. Teacher Residency

 **XI. Adjournmen**t – Meeting was adjourned by Mr. Rasor at 7:21 pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2024.

 Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk Date

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D. Scott Rasor, Board Chair Date