

Trout Creek School District #6

Board Meeting Minutes

5/10/2022

In Attendance: Mike Linderman, Board Chair; Zach Hannum, Board Member; Eric Viviano, Vice Chair; Scott Razor, Board Member; Preston Wenz, Superintendent; Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk; Others: Bobbi Christiansen, Alicia Myers, Sarah Bohorquez, Taylor Etienne, Allie Viviano, Marian Stonehocker, Craig Barrus, Donn Morris, Janaya Ingersoll, Renna Mummert, Beverly Brumbaugh.

I. Call to order

Mr. Linderman called to order the special meeting of the Trout Creek School Board at 6:20 pm on 5/10/2022 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 gave praise and congratulations to Mr. Wenz for the time and efforts going into new programs for the kids, but also shared her concerns regarding the staff and “internal workings” of the school. Mr. Linderman thanked Mrs. Stonehocker and encouraged her to go speak with Mr. Wenz about any concerns she may have. Mr. Wenz let Mrs. Stonehocker know he is available to talk.

Taylor Etienne made a public announcement that the Spring Concert (K-6) is next Thursday, May 19th. There will be a silent auction at the concert and they are looking for donations toward it. Mrs. Etienne is hoping to raise enough funds to bring Missoula Children’s Theater to Trout Creek School. Mr. Linderman told Mrs. Etienne to please contact him, as he knows someone who may help fund that project.

IV. Approval of the Agenda as Presented

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Hannum; 2nd: Mr. Viviano
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Approval of the Warrants

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Razor; 2nd: Mr. Viviano
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of the Minutes from 4/12/22 and 4/19/2022

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Hannum; 2nd: Mr. Viviano
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.

VII. Administrative Report

Mr. Wenz reported on the following:

Enrollment - 70

Attendance - 88%

Five Year Attendance "Look"

	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
October	98%(60)	93%(65)	91%(58)	94%(57)	83%(57)
January	96%(58)	85%(70)	89%(63)	95%(58)	92%(73)
May	95%(56)	89%(65)	100%*(68)	90%(62)	96%** (70)

*Covid - Not all teachers reported attendance regularly I'm told

**As of today

Academics

- State testing has begun
- Curriculum resources are being looked at & reviewed
- Pre & Post tests are done and are in final review stages
- Last quarter award ceremony is May 26 at 1pm

Facilities

- #6 plumbing figured out
- Septic tank discovered is the one for that house but the cast iron line is broken to it so plumbing is being rerouted to the tank on the north side of #8
- Safety corrections are done and submitted back to the state from our safety inspection
- Roof is set to be replaced June 15-24
- Looking for part-time custodian

Personnel

- Hiring two paraprofessionals for next year (one-on-one and instructional)
- This fills in 2 of 3 positions that were in place this year - do not need 3rd one at this time

Extracurricular

- Awards banquet May 17 at 6pm in multipurpose room
- AD meeting May 11 in Plains
- 22-23 anticipated offerings
- Cross country
- Soccer
- Boys basketball
- Girls basketball
- Football (tackle or possibly flag)
- Archery
- Robotics
- Golf (if grant applied for is received)
- 22-23 Possible offerings
- Speech & Drama
- Business Professionals of America (BPA)
- Need an AD
- I have asked staff and no takers - will ask Resident (Riley) coming in if he's interested as he is working towards a PE certification

Dates

- May 17 Activities awards Banquet 6pm in multipurpose room
- May 24 Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony 6pm in multipurpose room
- May 25 8th grade Graduation 2pm in gym

Miscellaneous

- Can collect some ANB for homeschool students in our district
- I am going to be doing some research and eventually bringing to the Board the idea of moving our district line out to match ALL Trout Creek addresses - provide more tax money and pick up more homeschool ANB for extracurriculars

Agenda Items

- Calendar is fixed
- Recommending reimbursement of two full months of rent to Sarah (\$700) - We told her she would have the toilet and sink in for her and neither has happened - not by anyone's fault but not fair to keep full rent when basics were not met as said
- I have a request in for \$70,000 of the ARPA funds from the county:
- Hi Preston,
- The Board is reviewing your request along with the funds that are available after other requests have been made.
- As a decision is made we will contact you.
- Thank you,
- **Jennifer Mihan**

VIII. District Clerk Update

- A. Financial Report - MS. McPherson provided documentation for the District Finances and answered questions. Mr. Rasor asked if Student Activities funds are being spent or will roll over. Ms. McPherson responded that both are and will be occurring.
- B. Clerk Training Update - Ms. McPherson shared that she will not be at the next meeting due to attending the Clerk Training in Butte that week. Mr. Wenz will document during the meeting for the meeting minutes.

IX. Discussion (D) & Action (A) Items

- A. **Academic Calendar** - Mr. Wenz presented the FY23 Academic Calendar to the Board and pointed out the changes from the last draft they saw.
Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Hannum; 2nd: Mr. Viviano
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.
- B. **Certified Salaries Overpayment** - Ms. McPherson presented the staff overpayment discovery. The issue with the matrix has been resolved moving forward. Mr. Linderman suggested to the Board that they consider the overpayment to be a one-time stipend to the staff members it effected. Ms. McPherson's recommended freezing the staff member's pay who would see a decrease in wages if it was not frozen. The Board stated that they would like to see the one teacher who was "underpaid" (was paid the amount on her contract,

but that amount was not what it should have been” to be paid what is due to her.
Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt; 2nd: Mr. Rasor
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.

- C. FY23 & FY24 Certified Salary Matrix - Ms. McPherson presented the certified matrix for approval.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Rasor; 2nd: Mr. Viviano
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.

- D. Rental Reimbursement - Mr. Wenz Recommended to the Board that teacher Sarah Bohorquez be reimbursed partial rent for the time she was a tenant in #6 School Lane, as the work that was promised to be done quickly could not be, to her great inconvenience. Mr. Wenz recommended \$700.00. The Board stated payable upon move-out.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mr. Hannum; 2nd: Mr. Viviano
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.

- E. **Transportation Committee - TABLED**

- F. **Water Line** - Mr. Wenz shared that he has checked on the ARPA funds for water and sewer projects. He has requested assistance from the county and is awaiting their response.

- G. **McKinstry - TABLE** until after DEQ engineers can assess the issue.

X. **Reorganization of the Board**

- A. **Board Chair** - After much discussion and deliberation, the call for a motion to nominate D. Scott Rasor as new Board Chair by Mr. Linderman.

Action Read By: Mr. Linderman; Motion Made By: Mrs. Nesbitt; 2nd: Mr. Hannum
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Board Vice-Chair** - Mr. Linderman nominated Mrs. Nesbitt. Mr. Rasor agreed. Mr. Viviano shared his upcoming job opportunities and will not be readily available to fulfill duties.

Action Read By: Mr. Rasor; Motion Made By: Mr. Linderman; 2nd: Mr. Hannum
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.

- C. **Appointment of District Clerk** -

Action Read By: Mr. Rasor; Motion Made By: Mr. Linderman; 2nd: Mrs. Nesbitt
On the poll of the Board, the motion carried unanimously.

- XI. Next Meeting Agenda Items**
- A. ESSER Funds Update
 - B. Transportation Committee
 - C. Water Line
 - D. McKinstry
 - E. District Lines

X. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, June 14, 2022 @ 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk

Date

Approved on _____, 2022.

D. Scott Rasor, Board Chair

Date