# Trout Creek School District #6

# Meeting Minutes 2/21/2023

**In Attendance:** Scott Rasor, Board Chair; Zach Hannum, Board Member; Bryant Eaton, Vice Chair; Carolyn Nesbitt, Board Member; Preston Wenz, Superintendent; Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk;

**I. Call to order**

Mr. Rasor called to order the special meeting of the Trout Creek School Board at 5:40pm on 2/21/2023 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; none given.

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

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

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

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

1. **Transportation Update -**

Mr. Wenz shared the three Bids received and reviewed by the Transportation Committee. The Bids came from Harlows, Mosher Transportation, and Clark Fork Transportation. After discussing the significant difference between the two contenders, the Board directed Ms. McPherson to email the bids to the School Attorney and to make a list of questions that need further clarification by the bidders. Mr. Wenz to check with attorney to determine if the District can ask clarifying questions of the bidders. This item to be listed as an agenda item next month with no action at this time.

1. **Clerk/Business Manager Contract -**

Ms. McPherson provided a copy of the current contract and requested that the Board leave her rate of pay the same. Ms. McPherson shared with the Board that it is her hope that there is a possible raise in the Matrix and would not feel comfortable receiving a raise without knowing if the staff would receive one or not. The Board asked if Ms. McPherson received a raise last year, to which she responded that she declined a raise last year. The Board decided on a 4.5% cost-of-living adjustment to the Clerk’s contract, especially since she did not receive a raise with her last contract and in light of her most recent performance evaluation. Mr. Rasor also pointed out that the language regarding health insurance needed to be adjusted to reflect current policy.

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

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

1. **Superintendent Goals - TABLED**
2. **Superintendent Contract -**

Mr. Wenz presented his requests for his current contract, in effect from 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2024.

1. That his current contract be extended an additional two years, to end June 30, 2026.
2. If Mr. Wenz is performing Athletic Director (AD) duties, he will receive the AD stipend.
3. That his contract that reads he has twenty (20) working days off during the summer be modified to read that he may use said days during the summer, holiday breaks, and/or spring break.
4. That his personal days be raised from 4 to 8 per year.
5. That should the staff receive a raise above and beyond the steps on the matrixes, that he would receive the same percentage of raise.

The Board’s decisions were as follows:

1. Declined to extend the current contract since we are only 8 months into the 2 year extension granted in March of 2022.
2. Approved
3. Approved
4. Conditionally approved - Mr. Wenz to receive 8 days per year but only 4 days can carry over.
5. Approved

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

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

1. **Ski Trip Approvals**

Mr. Wenz provided dates of 3/3/23, 3/16/23, and 3/30/23 and requested approval for the out-of-state ski trips.

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

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

1. **Track Coach Recommendation**

Mr. Wenz recommended Kate Hardman as the track coach if TCS has a track team. Letters of Intent are out and are due back March 1, 2023.

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

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

**IV. Adjournment –** Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer McPherson, District Clerk Date

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D. Scott Rasor, Board Chair Date