

COOKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Cooke City School District 9 met for the annual budget meeting on **August 15, 2024** at the school.

Trustees present: Marie Carpenter and Sierra Wormlight

Trustees absent: Alix House

Visitors present: Lara Belice present via video call

The Clerk and Superintendent were present via video and voice call throughout the entire proceedings.

Trustee Marie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Business

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (SW) to approve the minutes of the 6/12/24 board meeting. No discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (SW) to approve the claims and ACH payments as presented. No discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.

The Board reviewed the Trustees' Financial Summary. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (SW) to approve the FY24 Trustees' Financial Summary. No discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.

The Board reviewed the FY25 Budget. Clerk, Laura Carroccia went over the summary and explained the building reserve district tax levy and state maintenance payment. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (SW) to adopt the FY25 Budget. No discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.

A discussion was held about taking some chairs and desks that are no longer needed to the dump. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (SW) to approve disposing of 3 desks and 6 chairs. No discussion. Motion passed with all in favor.

Teacher Report

We have received two responses to the letters sent out to the community regarding enrollment.

There is a possibility that NPR will do a piece on Cooke City School.

Lara has been accepted onto the Leadership 49 program in Park County.

Lara is the new Chair of the Beartooth Alliance. If there is a conflict with community relationships she will step down from that role.

Lara has been accepted into the MSSE program at MSU to complete a Master of Science in Science Education.

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Lara has raised funds for the school this summer as follows:

\$1,000 from the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club

\$2,042.20 from Go Fund Me

\$360 from compost sales

Possibility of up to \$500 for shuttling runners during the Prospectors Race

The funds from Go Fund Me will be used to fly the two students who participated in making the Dark Skies movie back to Montana for the MINT Film Festival. It will also be used for travel expenses and lodging for all students, teacher and chaperones to attend the film festival. The \$1,000 from the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club will also be used for this purpose as needed.

KayAnn Miller has agreed to visit the school in mid-September to teach about indigenous foods and cooking. She will take the students foraging and cook a meal. She does not want payment for this. Lara suggested a gift and will research an appropriate amount.

Dr Becky Hammack, Purdue Professor of Science Education, will be visiting the school on October 8 with 8 research colleagues.

Superintendent's Report

Lisa thanked Lara for all she has done to raise funds for the school, and congratulated her on being accepted to the Master's program and Leadership 49.

Lisa asked about the student handbook and suggested something should be put together. Lisa will share Arrowhead's handbook and Laura will check with McLeod about sharing their handbook.

Lisa said that we do need to get policy 3141 relating to out of district enrollment updated. Laura will get the policy that McLeod used as a starting point.

Board Comments

Sierra reported that she is moving in October and will no longer be able to serve on the school board. Her last meeting will be in September.

Marie commented that she will be gone for the October meeting and would like to discuss the resort tax funds and a possible wish list at the September meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.