

COOKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Cooke City School District 9 met in regular session on **September 18, 2024** at the school.

Trustees present: Marie Carpenter and Sierra Wormlight

Trustees absent: Alix House

Visitors present: Lara Belice, Beth Woodson, Tim Short

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

Trustee Marie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Public comment was made to say that the school and community is lucky to have Lara as the teacher.

Business

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (SW) to approve the minutes of the 8/15/24 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. Marie asked what the MT TAP payment was for, Laura said that it is for state payroll taxes. No further discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (SW) to approve the first reading of the draft student/parent handbook. Second reading and final approval is tabled until the next meeting when all Board members have had chance to review it. No discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

A discussion was held about the resort tax and possible items for a funding request. Tim said that funds have to be spent in the year they are received and requests must be for specific items. Further discussion is needed.

A discussion was held about updating policy 3141. It was generally agreed that the policy should include wording to say that the school will consider applications after the deadline for open enrollment. The Board would like to wait to approve any changes until the policy can be reviewed at the same time as the Integrated Strategic Action Plan (ISAP) that Lisa is currently working on.

This is Sierra's last meeting as she is moving out of Cooke City. Lisa thanked her for her time and contributions to the school. Sierra will write an official resignation.

Superintendent Lisa Rosberg appointed and swore in Tim Short as trustee to replace Sierra. Lisa explained that since Tim has been appointed and not elected, he will need to run for election in 2025. As he is taking over what was originally Joelle's term, he will need to run again for election in 2027, if he decides to continue serving as trustee.

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Teacher Report

Lara thanked Tim for coming on board as a trustee.

Lara reported that MT Wild have allocated \$1,000 of funding to the school if the school decides to follow through with that project. This is tied into the Buffalo Unity project.

\$500 has been donated from the Prospector's Race for Lara's help in shuttling runners.

KayAnn Miller was at the school today to teach students about indigenous cooking and foraging.

Lara's graduate course is going well and she has already been able to integrate things into her classroom.

Superintendent's Report

Lisa said that she is focused on getting the Integrated Strategic Action Plan drafted for the next meeting, which will tie into policy 3141.

Further public comments were received asking Tim about his background and experience.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.