

**COOKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Board of Trustees of Cooke City School District 9 met in regular session on **October 16, 2024** at the school.

Trustees present: Tim Short, Alix House (via video call)

Trustees absent: Marie Carpenter

Visitors present: Lara Belice

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

Trustee Tim Short called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Business

A motion was made (AH) and seconded (TS) to approve the minutes of the 9/18/24 board meeting.

A motion was made (AH) and seconded (TS) to approve the claims and ACH payments as presented.

A discussion was held about the handbook. Lisa mentioned that the Board will need to consider whether the mission and vision statement from the handbook can be used for accreditation. A motion was made (TS) and seconded (AH) to approve the student/parent handbook as presented. No discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

A discussion was held about the resort tax. Requesting funds for field trips was suggested, it was also put forward that funding should be for more tangible items. Further discussion is needed.

Teacher Report

The cohort of professors visited the school earlier this month, they are traveling to rural schools to talk about STEAM education. Good connections were made.

Lara has polled her students on classroom techniques relating to IEFA. Results were very positive and she plans to continue incorporating IEFA into the curriculum wherever possible.

Lara attended the community council meeting and reported that the community council said it will try to support the school in any way they can to increase enrollment. A discussion was held about what is needed. Housing is a big barrier to families who would like to move here. Further research is needed on the short-term rental situation. Subsidies are available through the Park County Housing Coalition. It was suggested the community council could help with funding for advertising.

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Superintendent's Report

Lisa is working on accreditation for the school, the first part was completed last year and the second part needs to be completed this year, including a section on the proficiency-based learning model, educator effectiveness, school climate and an opinion poll of parents. The results of Lara's student poll can also be used.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.