

COOKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Trustees absent:

Visitors present: Lara Belice

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

Trustee Marie Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

No public comments.

Business

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (TS) to approve the minutes of the 11/20/24 board meeting. No comments. Motion passed with all in favor.

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

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to adopt a resolution calling for an election. A brief discussion was held regarding the open trustee positions – Marie’s for a three-year term, and Tim’s for a two-year term. No further discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

A discussion was held about the resort tax. It was decided that the school will put in an application for funds. Marie requested a copy of this year’s budget estimate from the Clerk.

Teacher Report

Lara reported that the internet is fixed, the router was replaced.

Lara has signed up for the Montana CARES which provides mental health support and is available free of charge to community members, with additional services for students such as free e-therapy.

The Cold Snap Film Festival was a success and \$500 in award money will be given to the school, to go in the Dark Sky fund. The school has also been accepted into the Flathead Film Festival, which is in February. At this time, Lara does not plan on the school attending this festival. She would like to consider attending the Big Sky Festival if the film gets accepted.

The school is in need of a new laptop for film making projects. Tim offered to sell a lightly used Chromebook to the school for \$600. Lara stated that the laptop is nicer than anything she would normally purchase for the school and would like to purchase it.

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Marie Carpenter and Alix House were fine with this and will vote on it at the next meeting. Tim said that the school could use the laptop in the meantime.

Lara asked if any of the Board members would be willing to serve on the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) Board for Park County, or if they knew of anyone who may be interested. A brief discussion was held.

Clerk Comments

Laura gave an update on the Century Link account. A more cost-effective plan is available. Laura will arrange for the switch to happen over Christmas break as there will be some down time for the phone line.

Superintendent's Report

Lisa said she is moving forward with accreditation which is due at the end of February.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (TS) to submit a proposal for the resort tax grant, Marie will prepare something for submission. Motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (TS) to adjourn the meeting. No discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on February 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.