

COOKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 9
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of Cooke City School District 9 met in regular session on February 26, 2025 at the school.

Trustees present: Tim Short, Marie Carpenter, 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 5:05 p.m.

No public comments.

Business

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (TS) to approve the minutes of the 12/18/24 board meeting. No comments. Motion passed with all in favor.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) 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 purchase a laptop from Tim Short that will be used by students. No discussion, motion passed.

Superintendent Lisa Rosberg updated the Board on the Special Ed Compliance monitoring that was completed by OPI. Everything is in order on this.

The Board reviewed the Notice of Intent to Increase the Non-Voted Levies. The Board asked for clarification as to why the numbers showed '0', Laura said that this is due to the same levy being planned for this year as last year. Last year the figures were also '0' as the Board did not decide to run a levy until later in the year; this notice is an estimate only and the Board can adjust the levy amount once it is posted. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (TS) to approve the notice. No further discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

Lisa presented the Mission and Vision statement for accreditation and discussed other updates, she explained that it is a working document and can be updated once it is submitted. A motion was made (MC) and seconded (AH) to approve the Integrated Strategic Action Plan.

A motion was made (MC) and seconded (TS) to approve the purchase of new checks for QuickBooks. No discussion, motion passed with all in favor.

Teacher Report

Lara reported that the students' Dark Sky film was selected for the Big Sky Film festival. The school was unable to attend due to skiing and other time commitments.

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The Natural History Day competition is on April 12th at MSU. Our 7th grader is entering a project. Lara would like to attend with the students and their family and will be requesting at the March meeting that the school pay for fuel, lodging, food and rodeo tickets for the MSU rodeo in the evening. The estimated total cost will be \$750. The school has saved money on other previously approved projects such as the buffalo unity project, which will not be going ahead, the indigenous food project which was provided at no cost and horse riding which was provided at no cost, so there is money in REAP to pay for the trip to Bozeman for the competition. This will be on the March agenda for approval.

The Indian Ed for All conference takes place on March 24th, Lara is considering going but may not be able to schedule it in.

Lara has been looking into a field trip abroad with Ecology Project International and has some ideas which can be looked at more closely for next year.

Lara asked if contracts were to be discussed at the March meeting. The Board would like Laura to provide draft contracts for the March meeting. The Board asked for a draft of the regular teaching contract, a draft of a retaining contract in the event that there are no students next year (given that there is only one family current attending the school) and a draft of the clerk contract, along with details of available funds.

Clerk Comments

Laura asked if she could ensure the school is set up to do federal background checks, this may currently be in place but there is a process to set it up if the school has done State background checks in the past. It is now in the school's policy to do Federal background checks. The Board were okay with Laura getting this set up if it is not already in place.

Board Comments

The Resort Tax funding application was submitted. A Board member was unable to attend the meeting. Marie said she was able to attend the next meeting on March 11, and Lisa said she would attend also.

Superintendent's Report

Lisa updated that she has turned in all the paperwork for accreditation which is due at the end of this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.