

School Board Meeting Minutes

Hot Springs School

2/12/2025 7:00 PM

@ 301 Broadway

Attendance

Present:

Members: Gerald Chouinard, Jennifer Christensen, Mandie DePoe, Ricky DePoe, Carmen Jackson, Julie White

Absent:

Members: Lynette Ek

Brady Ovitt, Taylor Salmi, Sam & Katie Nitcy, Renee Dalton, Jason Colyer, Tara Key, Colten & Jesse Stephens, Barkley Flynn, Alica Garcia, Justin Silva, Alisha Pablo, Nick McAllister, and Nick McAllister

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 pm)
 - 1.1. Roll Call
 - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.3. Trustee Explanation of Procedures
 - 1.4. Public Participation

Jesse Stephens spoke to the Board regarding an incident that recently happened in her daughter's classroom. She questioned why the District has not contacted parents in the classroom to inform them of the incidents and the resources available to them.

Gerald Chouinard requested Chairman DePoe allow him to address the incident and what has been done in response. The substitute contacted the office on the day of the incident for assistance. The superintendent was out due to illness, and the classroom teacher was out; the student had scissors and chased another student. A staff member responded and evacuated the room, de-escalated the situation, and escorted the student to a different location, and the students were sent home. Mr. Chouinard understands Stephens's frustration regarding not being immediately contacted and did address this with the teacher. The student's behavior was addressed and is continually being addressed. The substitute also in the classroom that day will not be used within this classroom again. In addition we are bringing in some professional development on behavior management. Along with continued monitoring and re-evaluation of the plan.

- 1.5. Correspondence
Public Records Request

2. Approve/Disapprove of Minutes

2.1. January 8, 2025

 [Minutes 1-8-25.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion moved by Julie White and motion seconded by Jennifer Christensen.

Passed

2.2. January 29, 2025

 [Minutes 1-29-25.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion moved by Jennifer Christensen and motion seconded by Mandie DePoe.

Passed

3. Warrant's Report

3.1. Approval of Claim Warrants

 [CLAIMS 1-2025.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion moved by Julie White and motion seconded by Jennifer Christensen.

Passed

Motion:

Move to amend the previous motion to exclude the payment of the \$2100 payment for the Apttegy Media Engage Platform.

Motion moved by Jennifer Christensen and motion seconded by Mandie DePoe.

Passed

3.2. Approval of Payroll Warrants

 [PAYROLL 2-2025.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion moved by Jennifer Christensen and motion seconded by Julie White.

Passed

3.3. Approval of Extracurricular Activity Checks

 [20250211_25059.52.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion moved by Jennifer Christensen and motion seconded by Julie White.

Passed

4. Reports/Discussion/Information

4.1. Maintenance Report (5 minute report)

4.2. Superintendent Report (5 minute report)

 [2-12-2025-Superintendent's Report.pdf](#)

 [Hot Springs School Video Proposal \(1\).pdf](#)

4.3. Athletic Director Report (5 minute report)

 [February 2 12 2025 Board Meeting.pdf](#)

4.4. Budget Review

 [1-25 General Fund Budget vs. Actual.pdf](#)

 [1-25 Board Fund Review.pdf](#)

5. New Business

5.1. Recommend to Approve/Disapprove Senior Trip

Chaperones: Justin Wright, Jason Colyer, & Elena McAllister

Cost: Total \$4,000

Lodging \$3498.72, includes 2 lift tickets & waterpark

When: March 17th - March 19th

Where: Silver Mountain Lodge, ID

How: School Minibus

Motion:

Motion moved by Jennifer Christensen and motion seconded by Mandie DePoe.

Passed

5.2. Recommend to Approve/Disapprove Custodian Hire

Mr. Chouinard recommended the Board hire Susanne Schmiedbauer as a custodian.

Motion:

Motion moved by Jennifer Christensen and motion seconded by Julie White.

Passed

5.3. Trustee Resolution Calling For An Election

The 2025 Election Resolution calls for a mail ballot election to be held on May 6, 2025, to elect Two (2) trustees for a three-year term and approval to request additional levies. If it is determined that the election is not required, the Board authorizes the election administrator, Carmen Jackson, to cancel that portion of the election.

 [Trustee Resolution Calling For Election.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion moved by Jennifer Christensen and motion seconded by Julie White.
Passed

5.4. Recommend to Approve/Disapprove Professional Development Proposal

Alisha Pablo presented information on a professional development package to work with the Hot Springs staff on developing successful classroom behavior management programs. Mary Ann Brittingham is an expert in classroom behavior management who has teamed up with Solution Tree to offer professional development programs tailored to each school district's specific needs. The package would include on-site (6 or 7-hour) training and three (3) 75-minute online sessions for a total cost of \$11,600. The District received the Title I School Support Grant and has budgeted \$25,525 for professional development.

Motion:

Motion moved by Julie White and motion seconded by Jennifer Christensen.
Passed

6. Old Business

6.1. Bus Replacement Discussion - Possible Action

Quotes were received on three yellow school buses to compare with the 2025 Coach bus.

- 47 Passenger Route bus \$141,000
- 65 Passenger Route bus \$156,000
- 71 Passenger Route bus \$161,000

The total trade-in values of the buses that are being replaced are:

- 2009 \$3,200
- 2010 \$3,500
- 2016 \$13,900

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Motion:

Move to purchase the 2025 Coach Bus for \$189,632.59 to replace the two travel buses the District currently owns.

Motion moved by Ricky DePoe and motion seconded by Jennifer Christensen.
Passed

7. March Agenda Items

8. Adjourn

Motion:

Motion moved by Jennifer Christensen and motion seconded by Julie White. Passed