Yaak School District
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 15, 2026
3:45 PM

Board Chair Pamela Fuqua called to order the meeting at 3:45 p.m., Vice Chair Bob Zaccheo, and Trustee David Henderson were present.

Guests: Rose Wilson, Lea Zwiebel, Joyce Moore, Samuel Moore, Diane Downey and Sabre' Alderete.

Minutes: Minutes of June 24, 2026, are delayed.

Continuing business:

Maintenance report: Maintenance is concerned about the tables. There was paint on them and scratches from the knives the children were using. David Henderson says he has spoken to Artie, and they would like to get a piece of plexiglass to cover the tables to avoid any more damage to them. Dave will check into the plexiglass and will update. Question regarding the greenhouse roof; it doesn't look like it needs repaired according to Dave and stated he is not the deciding factor. Discussion on some of the repairs that should be done. Cost of the repairs would come out of Title 1 funds since the greenhouse was purchase with the funds many years ago. Question regarding the sink in the boy's restroom. Artie has it fixed and they are working on painting the trim, priming, and priming and painting the trim on the outside of the window. Maintenance is very busy right now with the lawnmower, parts just came in and is now being repair, they also are working on the swing set pole that broke.

Technology report: E-rate Discount was 70% for the internet and due to the student surveys the discount has dropped to 50%. The new monthly rate will be around $400 instead of $270. Discussion was held on the technology funds the County failed to levy for. Would really need to start bugging them to get this paid. Bob will look into this and report back to the board.

Curriculum committee: Joyce and Sam Moore have gone through the current curriculum supply that is scattered everywhere. They had spent approximately fifty hours going through everything, sorting and putting things back in order. Their interest was to figure out what curriculum the school has and then ascertain what does the school need based on the age groups and assessments for the kids. There are a few bits and pieces of Go Math, this is the HMH curriculum that was newly ordered. There is a good literature segment. It seems as though the school has a good foundation. There may be little bits and pieces, workbooks and things like that is needed to include, but there really is plenty here. The bad news is the HMC curriculum that was ordered this year is not usable and is one of the worst math programs out there for the math curriculum. Rose showed us a wonderful notebook, which is right in the front of the teacher area that shows all of the standards, what to look for grade by grade. Discussion was held on types of curriculums that could be better for the students.

Old Business:

Clerk Position: The board has interviewed one person who is unable to do it right now. There are a few other prospects out there but are uncertain if they would be able to start when needed. Discussion held on advertising the position through MASBO and MSSA.

Teacher Position: Discussion was held on hiring somebody from overseas. Pros and cons were discussed.

Review Preliminary General Fund Expenditure Budget SY26/27: Work continues on the up-coming budget. In the May meeting it was discussed that once the numbers come in from the County, all line-item transfers to fix miscoded stuff would be done. A lot of money spent out of the general fund should have been paid out of other funds. Title 1 and Technology funds were discussed. Discussion to hire a forensic auditor to help with trying to figure out the differences between the county and the school's balance.

New Business:

Final Budget Meeting Resolution: Final Budget Resolution was read, final budget meeting will be held August 25th, 2026. Motion to approve the Final Budget Meeting Resolution was made by Bob Zaccheo, second by David Henderson, motion concur and carried.

Confirm final summer maintenance projects to be completed in August: David stated that what has already been spoke of earlier is what is going to be done in August. Discussion on spraying thistles, would like to have that done. Question on how to get rid of the gophers? Would like to some pellets to put in the ground which are lit and then the hole is covered.

Clerks Report & Expenditures:

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Financials – status of accounts: Nothing to report

Public Comments: Where are we in recruiting students? An e-mail was sent to everybody about who knows what about people. It was suggested that a day and a time be set up to have parents who want to have their kids in school to come and register their students, have a registration day. A flyer will be created and distributed. Discussion on a family engagement plan. When would be a day and time to have it. Will investigate when a date is good.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2026, 3:45 pm. Meeting is adjourned.

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Pamela Fuqua, Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Bob Zaccheo, Vice Chair/Acting Clerk