Yaak School District
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 23, 2026
3:45 PM

Board Chair Pamela Fuqua call to order the meeting at 3:45 p.m, Vice Chair Bob Zaccheo, and District Clerk Tracy Rebo were present. Trustee David Henderson was present via phone.

Guests Diane Downey and Craig Johnson were welcomed.

Meeting Minutes: Minutes of prior meetings are delayed until they get done.

Continuing Business:

Maintenance report:

Playground Fencing Update: Trustee David Henderson updated the board. He had met with Mike to get an estimate for the landscaping out below the chalkboard, the low area, they were going to give him an estimate for both the fence and the landscaping but as of today they had not gotten back to him. Henderson mentions that he spoke to Cameron Little who is a fence builder and he would be interested in doing the project. Henderson has received a list of items that is required to finish the fence. Discussion held on the wages and insurance for Little. Clerk was instructed to contact the Schools Workers Comp company and see what the best way would be to go forward with hiring Mr. Little

Creek Restoration: Craig Johnson gave an update to the board: The Yaak Valley Forest Council came today with three employees. Fifty trees were planted with help from the students. The Council was informative and very good at answering questions from the children.

Playground Equipment Usage Signs: Signs have been missing and still need to get them located. Clerk Rebo will check where the equipment was ordered and get replacement signs.

Safety Inspection Report: Trustee Henderson, inspection was done and a copy of it is in their packet. There is one thing the wiring for the smoke detector in the science room still needs to be done. Everything else looks good.

Technology Report:

Black Mountain Software: Clerk Rebo updated board on the change from Foxie Lady to Black Mountain Software. The expenditure budget is being inputted, claims for the month of September were paid out of Black Mountain, and payroll at the end of the month should also be through BMS. Will be reconciling August in the Foxie software and then Black Mountain will be transferring everything from July and August into the accounting program. Will need to work with the County regarding the difference amounts in the Claims Clearing Fund 187.

Discussion was held on internet boosters that are needed for the teacherage. The internet is not strong enough and the booster will help. Boosters were picked up from All Systems Go and will be installed.

Curriculum Committee:

IEFA Project – Update: The IEFA (Indian Education For All) event was September 8th to 11th, 2026. Willow Bend Trading Post put up a Tepee and had taken it down on Friday. This was a wonderful event with crafts, stories and songs, and Indian tacos for lunch. Board would like to be sure that a thank you note to everyone who was involved in putting this on for the week.

Old Business

Emergency Drills Report: The Drill Schedule is done. As of today, they have had two. The first one did not work out so well, students who were not in the classroom didn't hear the alarm. So, another drill was done just a few days later. A bullhorn was used, everybody heard and exited quickly, they were in their places, roll had been taken in a minute and 13 seconds.

Library Clock: Clock still has not been purchased. Clerk will order one with number and no roman numeral.

New Business:

Welcome Chasity Little and Tracy Rebo. Tracy Rebo, District Clerk, has been working for a couple of weeks now, and we are very pleased. She's learning fast and keeping up and taking lots of notes. Chasity Little, Head Teacher started on the 15th, but she is ill today. So we won't hear from her, and we will say thank you at a different time. There was a meet and greet night before last where a lot of community members came in and met her and ate s'mores, the event was hosted by Joyce Moore.

CIPA Notification: Updated notification is in the boards packet for their review. Will post on bulletin board and update the website.

Homeless Liaison: Suzy Rios the County Superintendent will be the liaison for the Yaak School District.

Substitutes for School Year 2026-2027: Craig Johnson, Joyce Moore, Terry Herman, Lynn Edwards, and Bonnie Surrell are the substitutes for 26/27. Motion to approve the sub list as stated was made by Bob Zaccheo, second by David Henderson. Carried.

Schedule Trustee Observations for the Classroom: Bob Zaccheo will do the observation for the fall; David Henderson will do the winter observation. Pam will gather all the information and put it together for an evaluation.

Discussion was held on a Halloween party or community Halloween party for the School and for all the community, discussion on past events were discussed.

Appoint Curriculum Committee Members: Appointed members will be Chasity Little, David Henderson, Suzy Rios, Sam Moore & Joyce Moore.

Appoint Fundraising Members: Appointed members will be Pam Fuqua and Bob Zaccheo.

Public Employees Retirement System (PERS): PERS application will need to be done first before a resolution needs to be done. Application was forwarded to all board members.

Discussion was held on the status of the Kindergarten Teacher. She had to stop being the kinder teacher for personal reasons. Pam has met with someone who has stated she would like to fill the position. She has met the Head Teacher and that meeting went well. Pam would like to have a motion to accept the application of Melissa West as the new Kindergarten Teacher. Motion to appoint Melissa West to the Kindergarten teacher position was made by Bob Zaccheo, second by David Henderson. Motion Carried.

Teacher's report: – Report is delayed as the teacher is ill.

Clerks Report & Expenditures: Clerk stated the claims in the amount of $7,463.28 for August were included for approval. There are two different financial reports. One is from Foxie which is through August 2026, and the second is from Black Mountain for September 2026. Both revenue and expenditure reports were submitted for review.

Public comments: None

Next meeting is October 21st at 3:45 pm, and meeting is adjourned.

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Pamela Fuqua, Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Tracy Rebo, District Clerk