

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

Call to Order: Trustees of School District No. 9 held a meeting on August 12, 2024. Chairman, Scott Walter called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustees Present: Chairman Scott Walter, Vice Chair Tyrel Murfitt, Stacy Baird, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, and Tristan Ulmer

Superintendent Dan Rispens, Clerk Jill Hoogerheide, and Director of Information Systems Brandon Hansen

Building Admin: Michael Kemper, Lynsi Morris, Trish Klock, Gus Somerfeld, Shaun Murgel, Paul Condon.

Visitors: Brooke Harris, Kate Johnson, Sonny Tupis, Kendra Charlton, Josh Hedges, Julie Penner

Review the Agenda

No comments

Hear the Public

No comments

Reports

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Board Chair Walter solicited reports from the Trustees and Committees.

No reports from the Committees and Trustees.

Strategic Planning – Scan for Future Needs

Chairman Walter solicited comments and observations regarding the current strategic plan and planning needs.

Superintendent Rispens spoke a bit about the Valley Drive project.

Vice Chair Murfitt had some questions about the Habitat for Humanity project.

Notifications of Retirements and Resignations

The Following Staff Resignations Have Previously Been Accepted:

- Carrie Schwaller Instructional Tutor

Consent Action Items

Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 8, 2024

Approval of the former and new warrants (Claims # 50157 - 50253) and (Payroll # 66428 - 66605)

Personnel Actions

Recommendation of Employment:

- Jewel Fox Tiger Program Data Entry and Management

Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

East Helena School District Students Attending Other School Districts for 2024-2025 School Year:

	<u>Helena</u>	<u>Jefferson High</u>	<u>Montana City</u>	<u>Clancy</u>
Kindergarten	1			
1 st grade	2			
2 nd grade	2			1
3 rd grade	1			
4 th grade	3			
5 th grade	1			2
6 th grade	1			
7 th grade	1			
9 th grade		1		
10 th grade		1		
11 th grade	1			
12 th grade		1		

Total: 19

Chairman Walter pulled the minutes for July 8th to include an action item for the motion on appointing Chairman Walter

Chairman Walter pulled the claims to answer questions from Trustee Ulmer.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Vice Chair Murfitt to approve the consent action items to include Personnel Actions and Surrounding School District enrollment as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the minutes as corrected. Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Motion by Vice Chair Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the claims. Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Summer Maintenance /Boiler Project Update

Superintendent Rispens updated the Board about progress on the summer maintenance projects.

EPA Rebate and Lion Bus Delivery Update

Superintendent Rispens updated the Board regarding the Clean School Bus Rebate Program and our progress with Lion Electric and the status of our current bus on order.

Superintendent Rispens introduced Paul Condon and Trish Klock the new Admin at EHHS.

New Business

Appointment of Student Representative

Superintendent Rispens reported that we had an application from Brooke Harris for our new student representative position. He had the opportunity to interview her and recommended that the Board appoint her for a one-year term as the EHPS School Board Student Representative.

Motion by Trustee Ulmer seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to appoint Brook Harris as the EHPS School Board Student Representative for a one-year term. Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Chairman Walter swore in Brooke Harris as the EHPS School Board Student Representative.

Trustee Financial Summary Review and Approval

The Board members and the public had the opportunity to review the Trustees Financial Summary for the last fiscal year as filed by the District Clerk.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the TFS report as presented by the District Clerk. Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Final FY'25 Budget Review and Approval

The Board members and the public had the opportunity to review the proposed budget amounts for Fiscal year 2025.

Motion by Vice Chair Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the proposed budget amounts for FY25 as presented by the District Clerk. Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Policy Review and First Reading – Policy 3145 Foreign Exchange Students

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Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer seconded by Trustee Baird to approve policy 3145 to change maximum enrolled students to four on first reading.

Vice Chair Murfitt voted nay; Trustees Ellermeyer, Baird, Ulmer, Diehl and Walter voted aye. 5 ayes and 1 nay. Motion carries.

Non-Resident Extenuating Circumstance Tuition Request

Superintendent Rispens reported that the district received a non-resident tuition application in which the parent is requesting Board consideration due to extenuating circumstances.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to consider reviewing the out of district application for extenuating circumstances.

Vice Chair Murfitt and Chairman Walter voted nay; Trustees Ellermeyer, Ulmer, Baird, and Diehl voted aye. 4 ayes and 2 nays. Motion carries.

Kendra Charleston spoke to the Board regarding her out of district application for her child.

The meeting went into a recess at 7:11. Regular Board meeting resumed at 7:21.

The Board entered a Closed Session in order to protect the privacy rights of the individuals. Chairman Walter adjourned the regular meeting at 7:22 p.m.

The Board exited Closed Session and resumed the Open Session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Ulmer to approve the Out of District request under extenuating circumstances.

Vice Chair Murfitt and Chairman Walter voted nay; Trustees Diehl, Baird, Ellermeyer and Ulmer voted aye. 4 ayes and 2 nays. Motion carries

Non-Resident Extenuating Circumstance Tuition Request

Superintendent Rispens reported that the district received a second non-resident tuition application in which the parent is requesting Board consideration due to extenuating circumstances. This is a foreign exchange student who will be residing with a district employee.

The Board entered a Closed Session in order to protect the privacy rights of individual.

Chairman Walter adjourned the regular meeting at 7:42 p.m.

The Board exited Closed Session and resumed the Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the Out of District request under extenuating circumstances.

Trustees Diehl, Baird, Ellermeyer, and Ulmer voted aye. Chairman Walter and Vice Chair Murfitt voted nay. 4 ayes and 2 nays. Motion carries.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next special meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15th @ 5:30 p.m. at EVMS

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 9th, 2024 @ 5:30 EHHS

Submitted by: _____

Board Clerk, Jill Hoogerheide

Date

Approved by: _____

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date