

Minutes

Special Meeting Of The East Helena Board Of Trustees, East Helena

School District NO. 9

Call to Order: The East Helena School Board held a Special Board Meeting on Monday, October 30, 2023. Chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

In Attendance: Scott Walter, Board Chair, Tyrel Murfitt, Vice-Chair, Dan Rispens, Superintendent. Trustees: Martin Balukas, Stacy Baird, Mark Diehl and Tristan Ulmer
Principals: Brian Kessler and Lynsi Morris Director Information Systems, Brandon Hansen and District Secretary, Jen Cordell

Visitors: Jonathon Ambarian and Heather Irving

Online Participants: KD Jones and Sonny Tapia

Review the Agenda:

No Comments

Hear the Public:

No one addressed the Board

Personnel Notifications

Resignations Accepted:

- Sydnee Clairmont -Secretary
- Laura Helgeson -Paraprofessional
- Dani Norling -EHHS Business Teacher

The Following Recommendations for Hire:

Recommended for Hire:

- Madison Beason -Paraprofessional
- Laura Juvan-George -Substitute
- Lawrence Irwin -Substitute
- Janie Taylor -High School Secretary
- Isabella Hansen -Tiger Program Site Coordinator
- Michael Cabrie -Substitute
- Leah Fredrick -Substitute
- Christina Lute -Substitute
- Patty Marxer -Substitute
- Nancy McBain -Substitute

- Tiffany Miller -Substitute
- Emily Rodewald -Substitute
- Lori Schlagel -Substitute
- Kara Seyler -Substitute
- LeeAnn Whetstone -Kitchen Substitute
- Aurora Peavey -Paraprofessional

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carries

Claims Review and Approval

Approval of the warrants (Claims # 49364-49405)

Motion by Vice Chair Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the Claims as presented.

Motion carries

Charter School Application Review

Superintendent Rispens explained the application process to the Board. He stated that there is a short timeline to get it submitted. The Board discussed what the Charter School could potentially look like within the District. It will be geared for students grades 6-12 in need of assistance as well as advanced students in need of more opportunities. It could be very beneficial for any student in which a regular public school setting isn't the best option.

The group discussed the mechanics of the proposed charter school and if it would be housed in one location or two and possible logistics of those options. They also discussed resources to existing students as well as potential charter school students and how the resources could be split or shared. Superintendent Rispens relayed that EHPS does have an alternative program at the high school and having a charter school would make the learning opportunities more robust. The District could still offer distance and hybrid opportunities as well.

Chairman Walter suggested that teaching staff be included in a parent council for the Charter School. Principal Kessler and Superintendent Rispens agreed and added that they would be soliciting parent and community input as well during this process.

Participation in extracurricular activities for potential charter school students was discussed. Superintendent Rispens informed the Board that students would have the same opportunities as the District's current homeschool and distance learning students. The Board also briefly discussed transportation within a charter school.

Chairman Walter addressed the working title, 227 Academy, and will revisit a more formal name in the future.

The Charter School Application is Due on November 1, 2023
There will be an in person interview with the Board of Public Education in November that
Superintendent Rispens and Principal Kessler will attend.
The Schools awarded will be informed in January 2024.

Trustee Balukas made the motion to authorize Superintendent Rispens to submit the charter
school application. Trustee Diehl seconded the motion.

Motion carries

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:23

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – November 13th, 2023 5:30 @ EVMS

Submitted by: <u>J. Cordell</u>	<u>10-30-23</u>
District Secretary, Jen Cordell	Date
Approved by: <u>Scott A. Walter</u>	<u>Nov. 13, 2023</u>
Chairman, Board of Trustee	Date

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