

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 April 10, 2023. Chairman Scott Walter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustees Present: Chairman Scott Walter, Trustees Stacy Baird, Martin Balukas, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer and Tyrel Murfitt. Superintendent Dan Rispens and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Principals: Duane Schlabach, Lynsi Morris, Michael Kemper, Brandon Crusat, and Brian Kessler. Athletic Director, Shaun Murgel and Technology Coordinator, Brandon Hansen.

Visitors: Robyn Mohs, Tristan Ulmer, Cassie Goulart, Ryder Finstad, Caleb Daum, Dan Shultz, Chance Hedden, K'Lynn Harris, Bret Charlton, Katherine Senecal, Mary Smith and Dan Karlin

Visitors on Zoom: Justin Mcleod, Kate Johnson

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Student Report

Casey Harris, Skills USA Advisor, introduced Dan Shultz who received the Silver Medal in Technical Drafting, Caleb Daum who received a Bronze in welding, and Caleb Daum, Ryder Findstad and Chance Hedden who finished with an Honorable mention in Welding.

Bret Charlton, Key Club Advisor, introduced Cassie Goulart who was elected as the Lieutenant Governor for District #9 for the State of Montana, and Isabella Williamson who was recognized with a distinguished Secretary Award.

Staff Recognition

Kate Peterson, NCCE Director, announced that Katherine Senecal received the 2023 Outstanding Technology Teacher Award at the Northwest Council for Computer Education (NCCE) technology conference in Tacoma.

Administrator Reports

Principal Morris reported on the 6th grade ski trip. SBAC Science Testing started on 4/4/2023. 6th/7th Smarter Balance testing will begin next week. Staff are working at changing the period rotations so that testing will be done in the morning when students appear more on task.

Vice Principal Kemper reported on discipline issues at EVMS and that track has begun with several students participating.

Principal Crusat reported that work will begin on the new Prickly Pear playground. Staff is currently looking at test results for kids.

Principal Somerfeld reported that the month of April marks our state testing season, ELA will be held on April 17 - 21, 2023 and the Math portion will be held on April 24-28, 2023.

Principal Kessler reported that Juniors will begin taking the ACT testing tomorrow, Freshman and Sophomores will be doing PreSat testing. MTSS Youth Days will be held in Missoula this year.

Vice Principal Schlabach reported on the discipline issues on EHHS.

High School Athletic Director Shaun Murgel, reported that spring sports started in March, with the first ever baseball games being held in East Helena's history. A new bus driver was recently hired, and did a big shout out to Brandon who now has internet streaming so we can broadcast games.

Brandon Hansen, Technology Coordinator, reported that Montana Internet Company (MIC) will be the district's new internet service provider. MIC will be installing direct connections over the coming weeks. Mr. Hansen also reported on the META Conference.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Martin Balukas reported the Personnel Committee recently held interviews for the Business Manager/Clerk position.

Scott Walter reported that he had just returned from the Consortium of State School Board Association (CASBA) annual meeting.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Superintendent Rispens reported that there will be a facility master planning committee meeting at the end of April, first part of May. SMA will be in attendance at this meeting. Superintendent Rispens also mentioned that he has been talking with Cindy Brooks, EPA, about the potential growth that is expected in the East Helena School District.

Chairman Walter discussed HB203, which allows students to come to any district of their choice and HB396 which provides funding for part-time students.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

Superintendent Rispens reported that he had recently accepted the following resignations and retirements:

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| i. | Taylor Lasher | - High School Teacher |
| ii. | Andromeda Abarr | - High School Teacher |
| iii. | Anthony Yniguez | - Custodian |
| iv. | Katherine Jenó | - High School Teacher |
| v. | LTC Mark Smith | - JROTC Instructor |
| vi. | Que Twoteeth | - Custodian |

Consent Action Items

A. Minutes of the March 13, 2023 Minutes

B. Approval of the March former and new warrants (Claims #- 47198 - _____) and Payroll # 63110 - _____).

C.. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

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| i. | Ada Dorfhuber | - Paraprofessional |
| ii. | Alex Johnson | - High School Math Teacher |
| iii. | Yvonne Strong | - Substitute |
| iv. | Marie Stark | - Substitute |
| v. | Patti McLean | - Summer School Teacher |
| vi. | Adrienne Simonson | - Summer School Teacher |
| vii. | Melinda Yary | - Summer School Teacher |
| viii. | Kristin Ophus | - Summer School Teacher |
| xi. | Rachel Beveridge | - Summer School Teacher |
| x. | Monica Foster | - Summer School Paraprofessional |
| xi. | Kendra Elgen | - Summer School Paraprofessional |
| xii. | Ashley Stafford | - Summer School Para/Secretary |
| xiii. | Vanessa Warner | - EVMS Art Teacher |
| xiv. | Brooklyn Purcell | - EVMS ELA Teacher |
| xv. | Troy Arnston | - EVMS Track Coach |
| xvi. | Tricia Haines | - EVMS Track Coach |

- xvii. Nikki Odegard
- xviii. Hailey Carpenter

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

Unfinished Business

Legislative Advocacy Update

Superintendent Rispens and Chairman Walter updated the Board on current bills and events relating to education at the Montana Legislature.

Election Update and Advocacy Information

Clerk Aarstad reported that the District had only received three declaration of intent applications for the Board of Trustee positions. Since the district only received three applications for the three open Board positions, Martin Balukas, Mark Diehl and Tristan Ulmer have been elected by acclamation. Ballots for the levy election will be mailed on April 14, 2023.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to support the district levy and direct Superintendent Rispens to advocate for the mill levy for the district. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Bid Opening Resolution 232

Chairman Walter reported that a bid for \$1200.00 was received from Mark Diehl for the 2005 Bluebird bus.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to accept the \$1200.00 bid from Mark Diehl. Trustee Diehl abstained from the vote. Unanimous vote for the motion.

New Business

Appointment of Representative for Prickly Pear Cooperative Board

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to appoint Superintendent Rispens to the Prickly Pear Cooperative Board. Unanimous vote for the motion.

ESSA Report Card Data Report & Update

Superintendent Rispens discussed the District ESSA report card.

21st Century Grant RE-Application

Superintendent Rispens updated the Board on the 21st Century grant. This grant is a 5 year grant and will expire this year. District has reapplied for the grant.

2022-2023 Accreditation Report

Superintendent Rispens reported that the District has received its accreditation report for the 2022-2023 school year. All Schools received regular accreditation with deviations noted for the librarian standard for PPE and EHHS. Plans are in place to correct this deviation in the 2023-2024 school year.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on May 8, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees Date