

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 March 13, 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, Mark Diehl, Tyrel Murfitt and Breck Scheet. Superintendent Dan Rispens and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Caroline Gates, Troy Arntson, Angela Huschka, Mark Ophus, Jana Nygaard, Amy Pollington, Casey Harris, Shana Dachs, Kate Johnson, Carrie Clement, Lisa Mortieau, Tristan Ulmer, Karly Olson, Katie Jenö, Shelby Holmes, Anna Spoja, Mary Smith, Summer Racine, Dani Mitchell, Dawn Spencer, Jacob Spencer and Christa Schoenfeld.

Visitors on Zoom: Brian Daum, K Butler, Jeff Davis and Kari Speicher

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Student Reports/Recognitions

Principal Kessler introduced Taryn Vaughan and Landon King who took 1st place in basketball at the State National Olympics.

Principal Kessler introduces three students who will be serving in the armed services after graduation. Justus Racine and Cameron Mitchell who will be serving in the Army and Jacob Spencer who will be in the Air National Guard.

Administrator Reports

Principal Kessler reported that the Office of Public Instruction will be in the building to finalize the EHHS accreditation standards next week. Parent College and student registration went well. EHHS Jazz band has been asked to play in the Capital Rotonda on March 22, 2023.

Vice Principal Schlabach reported on the discipline issues on EHHS.

Principal Morris reported that EVMS had finished the 3rd trimester last week. Parent College was a great success. On Tuesday, June 6th, 8th grade parents are planning a day full of activities. During this time, EVMS will give out certificates to students in between the activities.

Principal Crusat reported that Sarah Sandau renewed her National Board Certificate. The recent K-5 Olweus Assembly was a great success and staff will begin working on the Big Brother/Big Sister program for students within the district.

Vice Principal Kemper reported on discipline issues at EVMS and reported that the enrichment classes were going strong.

Athletic Director Shaun Murgel, reported that Spring sports began last week and Junior Prom will be held on March 18, 2023.

Superintendent Report - National AASA Conference

Superintendent Rispens reported on the AASA Conference that was held in San Antonio Texas.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Superintendent Rispens reported on the February 22, 2023 Policy Committee meeting where they discussed High School Graduation requirements.

Mark Diehl arrived at the meeting at 5:47.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

- i. Makala McDonough - Elementary Teacher

Consent Action Items

A. Minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Board Meeting & February 27, 2023 Special Board Meeting

B. Approval of the March former and new warrants (Claims #- 47121 - 47197) and Payroll # 62944 - 63109).

C.. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

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| i. | Travis Smith | -Bus Driver |
| ii. | Tyler Huseby | -Bus Driver |
| iii. | McKaulie Matteson | -Substitute |
| iv. | Se'amus Diggins | -Student Custodian |
| v. | Sophia Lance | -EVMS Science |
| vi. | Rachel Beveridge | -Elementary Teacher |

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Diehl 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.

Budget Update and Mill Levy Consideration

Superintendent Rispens presented the current budget projections and discussed the possibility of having a levy election in May.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve a mill levy election in the amount of \$ 334,000.00 in May. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of Logo Licensing Agreement with Safeway

Superintendent Rispens discussed the response that he had received from Safeway and the legal advice that he had received from the district attorney. In the newest agreement Safeway adjusted our sale share from 7% to 10%.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the Logo licensing agreement with Safeway for one year. Unanimous vote for the motion

New Business

Science Curriculum Adoption and Material Purchase

The EHPS Science Committee presented a recommendation to purchase the Science curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Trustee Scheet seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the Science Curriculum and materials as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

CET Curriculum Adoption and materials Purchase

The EHPS CTE Committee presented a recommendation to purchase the CTE Curriculum for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the CTE Curriculum and materials as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of SMA Facilities Master Planning Proposal

Superintendent Rispens presented a proposal from SMA Architects to perform a deeper study of the district facilities and future needs projections. This work is needed to make decisions as we manage growth within the District.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the SMA Facilities Master Planning proposal.

“Yes” Trustee Diehl, Trustee Baird, Trustee Scheet & Trustee Walter

“No” Trustee Murfitt

Motion Carried.

Review of McKinstry Proposed Initial Facility Condition Assessment

Superintendent Rispens and Jeff Davis discussed the Design build agreement with McKinstry and discussed that it will have several phases to the proposal. The initial phase and scope of work will be a facility condition assessment to define the opportunities for improvement of our mechanical infrastructure that exist in the designated school buildings. McKinstry will coordinate this work with SMA to ensure there is no duplication of tasks between the two firms.

Superintendent out of State Travel Request - Competency Based (Personalized) Learning Training in Denver, CO - June 2023

Superintendent Rispens reported that he would like to take a team of EHPS educators to the Competency Based Education training in Denver, CO in June. The training is being provided by Marzano Academies and cost will be covered by the Transformational Learning funds.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the travel request, Unanimous vote for the motion. Trustee Murfitt was absent from the vote.

Disposal of Obsolete Equipment - Resolution 232

Superintendent Rispens presented Resolution 232 for Board consideration.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt , seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve Obsolete Equipment Resolution #232. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Notice of Intent Regarding Permissive levies - Resolution 233

Superintendent Rispens presented Resolution #233, for the Boards Approval. Superintendent Rispens explained that the proposed budgeted funds are permissively levied by the Board to support funds like Transportation, Tuition, Bus Depreciated Fund, Adult Ed and Building Reserve Fund.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve Resolution #233, Notice of Intent Regarding Permissive Levies. Unanimous vote for the motion.

FWP Hunter's Education Program Request

Superintendent Rispens discussed the FWP annual request for the Hunters Education classes to be taught locally in our school district.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the Hunters Education Program at EVMS and to allow the use of demonstration firearms on school property. Unanimous vote for the motion.

COEH Water Quality Update

Superintendent Rispens updated the progress being made regarding the City of East Helena's water situation and the corrosive injection system installation.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on April 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees