

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 February 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, Martin Balukas Marcia Ellermeyer, Tyrel Murfitt and Breck Scheet. Superintendent Dan Rispens and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Jon Moore, Katie Jeno, Tim Baird, Eric Lampman, Stewart Beagles, Kim Metzger, Steve Strong, Dawes Elwood, Hailey Hayes, Danica Jackson, Samantha Bartow, Emery Bremer, Lilianna Peters, Katelynn Meridith, Celene Richard, Katherine Senecal, Kaitlyn Caltabiano, Bowen Traynham Jr., Teagan Wigen, Adam Shirley, Layne Powers, Corriッサ Baker, Dakota Peterson, Evan Lampman, Sarah Richter, Cassie Goulart, Copen Earley, Dru Lindsay, Kylie Shults, Davis Thompson, Riley Ophus, Ava Snyder, Karlee Erickson, Walker Young, Gloria Darling, Madisyn Gard, Annebelle Hauer and Tamika Schoppe.

Visitors on Zoom: Cole Bass, Katy Hauer, Carrie Clement, K.D. Jones & Camy Dusenberry

Review the Agenda

Trustee Baird asked that Student Recognitions be moved to the top of reports.

Hear the Public

Stewart Beagles discussed the Bus Driver salary

Reports

Student Recognitions

Katherine Senecal, introduced The Techno Tiger Queens, Hailey Hayes, Danica Jackson, Samantha Bartow, Emery Bremer, Lilianna Peters, Katelynn Meredith and Celene Richardson. The Techno Tiger Queens took 1st place in core values at the First Lego League State Robotics Tournament that was held in Bozeman.

FFA instructor, Kaitlyn Caltabiano, introduced Bowen Traynham Jr who took 1st place in Creed contest and Teagan Wigen who took 1st place in Employment Skills at the last FFA tournament.

Wrestling Coach Tim Baird introduced Adam Shirley, Layne Powers, Corissa Baker and Dakota Peterson, who had a 3rd place finish at state and discussed the possibility of offering more athletic programs at EVMS

Swim Coach, Evan Lampman, introduced Sarah Richter who took a 6th place finish at state.

Speech & Debate Coach Jon Moore & Katie Jeno introduced Cassie Goulart, Copen Earley, Dru Lindsay, Kylie Shults, Davis Thompson, Riley Ophus, and Ava Snyder who placed 3rd at Divisional.

Principal & Technology Reports

Principal Crusat reported that the District is looking to expand and enrich our Adult Education Program. Principal Kessler, Superintendent Rispens and Principal Crusat are collaborating on introducing an additional service to the community by introducing the HiSET Program. And reported that Camryn Beck received the Award of Excellence from General Joel Cusker.

Principal Somerfeld went over the winter benchmark assessments, and discussed the monthly discipline report.

Principal Morris reported on her benchmark assessments, and discussed some of the issues the students had to deal with while taking the test. Parent/Teacher conferences were a great success, with 98% of the parents participating. 7th Grade students will be going bowling/movie on 2/14/2023 and will be going skiing on 2/15/2023. Principal Morris also expressed support for more EVMS sports.

Vice Principal Kemper reported discipline issues at EVMS and reported that enrichment classes are going strong.

Principal Kessler reported that the District is working on revitalizing the Parent College opportunity for 6-12 families in the coming months. Principal Kessler reported on the PLC+ Growth in the EHHS. The district will be working on finalizing our registration handbook and prepping Infinite Campus to allow us to build a master schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. April 11, 2023 the district will host the ACT and PreACT day at EHHS

Vice Principal Schlabach reported on the discipline issues on EHHS.

Athletic Director Shaun Murgel, reported that winter sports were still going strong, and discussed the facilities usage in the district.

Brandon Hansen reported that the Spring count was completed on February 6th, and that Infinite Campus will go live on 2/21/2023.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

No Report

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Superintendent Rispens talked about student count trends and long term infrastructure planning. Trustee Murfitt discussed the TA project they will be putting in the sidewalk between Prickly Pear and Radley & Trustee Baird would like to see the district work on developing more athletic programs in EVMS..

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| i. | Isaac Mazanec | Student Aide |
| ii. | Mo Sobprepena-George | Student Aide |

Consent Action Items

A. Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting & January 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting

B. Approval of the January former and new warrants (Claims #- 47040 - 47120) and Payroll # 62785 - 62943).

C.. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

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| i. | Michael Hunter | - JROTC Substitute |
| ii. | Quinten Hicks | - JROTC Substitute |
| iii. | Sheridan Weaver | - Student Aide |
| iv. | Tyzer Moden | - Student Aide |
| v. | Josh Mangold | - Student Aide |
| vi. | Annebelle Hauer | - Student Aide |
| vii. | Megan Surginer | - Head Softball Coach |
| viii. | Jayden Tripp | - Assistant Softball Coach |
| ix. | Shari Northcott | - Assistant Softball Coach |
| x. | Cassie Rice-Wetzel | - Assistant Softball Coach |
| xi. | Taylor Lance | - Assistant Baseball Coach |
| xii. | Jon Moore | - Head Track Coach |
| xiii. | Bret Charlton | - Assistant Track Coach |
| xiv. | Alex Reid | - Assistant Track Coach |
| xv. | Tom Banks | - Tennis Coach |

xvi. Megan Murgel

- Tennis Coach

xvii. Casey Gergen

- Assistant Baseball Coach

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer 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.

RFQ Update

Superintendent Rispens updated the Board on the process regarding our recently advertised RFQ for Design Build Services. The District received only one proposal. A special board meeting will be held on February 27, 2023.

MHSA Update - Executive Board Proposals

Athletic Director Shaun Murgel and Principal Kessler updated the board on the MHSA Executive Board meeting. There were 4 proposals presented to the Executive Board, with only one proposal passing. This proposal states that if a district is in a co-op with another school district, MHSA will consider the count of both school districts to see what class the co-op team will be in; AA, A, B ect....

New Business

Indian Education Update

Kim Metzger updated the Board on the Indian Education program.

EHHS Choir Trip Request

Choir Director, Tamika Schoppe introduced Karlee Erickson, Walker Young, Gloria Darling, Madisyn Gard, Cassie Goulart and Annebelle Hauer, who sang a song for the Board.

Mrs. Shoppe asked the Boards permission to have EHHS Choirs attend the Heritage Music Festival in Seattle WA. This trip will cost \$600.00 per student and students will be working to raise the money for this trip by doing concessions at athletic events.

Motion by Trustee Scheet , seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the travel request.
Unanimous vote for the motion.

School Calendar Adoption

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve option A for the 2023-2024 school calendar.

Trustee Diehl, Scheet, Baird, Murfitt, Walter, Balukas “Yes”

Trustee Ellermeyer “No”

Motion carried.

Calendar will be included with the minutes.

Consideration of Resolution #230, Calling for Mail Ballot Election

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve Resolution #230, Calling for a mail Ballot Election. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Insurance Update

District Clerk, Kim Aarstad, updated the Board on the Self Insurance Plan.

FY 24 Budget Forecast

Superintendent Rispens and Clerk Aarstad updated the Board on budget projections for the 2023-2024 school year.

Consideration of Logo Licensing Agreement with Safeway

Superintendent Rispens reported that he had been approached by Ohioptyle Prints Inc. about providing spirit wear using our logo and name for sale at local Safeway and Albertson stores. The agreement states that they would only use Board approved logos and we will receive 7% of the net proceeds.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to table this agreement at this time.
Unanimous vote for the motion.

Board Evaluation of Clerk/Business Manager

Chairman Walter adjourned the meeting at 8:16.

Chairman Walter called the meeting back into session at 8:43 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to offer Clerk Aarstd a two month contract for July & August and accepted her retirement resignation effective August 31, 2023. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Diehl to provide Superintendent Rispens the authority to find a replacement for Clerk/Business Manager. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on March 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees