

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 December 12, 2022. Vice Chairman Tyrel Murfitt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

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

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

Visitors: Lisa Mortieau, Camy Dusenberry, Carrie Clement, Dan Karlin, Robyn Mohs, Kaitlyn Caltabiano, Chris & Stacy Baird, Morgan Mortieau, Teagan Wigen, Christine Gray, Mary Smith, Tristan Ulmer, & Megan Micheletto

Visitors on Zoom: Traci Mazanec, Shana Dachs, Crystal Thompson, Clancy Casey, Jill Feller-Richards, Jodi Wigen, Kari Speicher, Mark Smith, Julie Penner, Katherine Senecal and Kate Johnson

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Principal & Technology Reports

Principal Crusat wanted to thank all the paraprofessionals, teachers and tutor staff for all their hard work through the school year. Staff is working hard on rejuvenating the Olweus program after COVID.

Principal Somerfeld wanted to thank the building Paraprofessional for all their hard work during the school year. On December 5th early release the staff worked on the Vertical alignment for the English/Language art curriculum.. Christmas concerts are now in full swing, and wanted to thank Deputy Stoltz for all the help he is able to provide within the district.

Principal Morris reported that 225 children attended the EVMS dance on December 9, 2022, 8th grade ski trip will be held on January 5, 2023 and 6th & 7th grade ski trip will be held in February. Principal Morris and Principal Kessler will be attending a jobs fair at MSU. EVMS Choir and Band concert will be held on December 20th.

Vice Principal Kemper reported on discipline issues at EVMS

Vice Principal Schlabach reported on the discipline issues on EHHS.

Principal Kessler reported that a parent committee had been working on EHHS graduation, The committee is working on establishing names for student awards, Winter formal was held on 12/2/2022, 180 students were in attendance. Winter Concert was held on 12/12/2022, A art show/band concert will be held on 12/13/2022. Staff & students are working on Toys for Tots donations and Staff will be working on the upcoming prom.

Athletic Director, Shaun Murgel, updated the Board on the following: Winter season going strong, East Helena had their first dual win in high school wrestling, at the Frenchtown basketball tournament, boys basketball went 1-1 ,and the girls basketball went 2-0 last week.

Brandon Hansen reported the District will be going to Infinite Campus at the end of the school year.

Mark Diehl arrived at the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Student Report

Tiegen Wigen, FFA Vice President reported that FFA was able to attend the MT Expo in Bozeman, and several members were able to participate in events. Kristy Grey, FFA Treasurer and Morgan Mortieau, FFA Reporter, discussed the FFA program and what the organization has been working on.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Vice Chairman, Tyrel Murfitt reported that the Bargaining (Classified) committee had met to discuss the classified staff salary. No report at this time.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Superintendent Rispens reported that METG will be having a public meeting at 6:00 p.m, on 12/13/2022. Superintendent Rispens will send out the information on this meeting tomorrow.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| i. | Mark Stevens | - Bus Driver |
| ii. | Wendy Jorgensen | - Bus Driver |
| iii. | James Hogan | - Teacher |
| iv. | Jolene Schwoob | - Substitute Custodian |
| v. | Heidi Opitz | - School Counselor |

Consent Action Items

A. Minutes of the November 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

B. Approval of the August former and new warrants (Claims #- 46901 - 46982) and Payroll # 62351 - 62620).

C.. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

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| i. | Guy McDermott | - HS Paraprofessional |
| ii. | Abigail Cook | - HS Paraprofessional |
| iii. | Jolene Schwoob | - Substitute Custodian |
| iv. | Dani Mitchell | - Substitute |
| v. | Jen Listerud | - Substitute |
| vi. | Adeline Weidow | - Substitute |
| vii. | Kent Stevenson | - Substitute |
| viii. | Ralph White | - Bus Driver |
| ix. | Ben Pepka | - EVMS Girls BBall Coach |
| x. | Alesha Auers | - EVMS Girls BBall Coach |
| xi. | Que Twoteeth | - Custodian |

Motion by Trustee Balaukas, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Unfinished Business

Collection of Superintendent's Evaluation

Vice Chairman Murfitt reminded the Board to turn in the superintendent evaluation.

Resolution #230 - Obsolete and Unusable Equipment - Bid Opening

No Bids were received.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Diehl to have Superintendent Rispens dispose of the items listed in the Resolution. Unanimous vote for the motion.

New Business

Academic Achievement Update and Pandemic Consideration

District Principals updated the Board on academic achievement data within the District and the efforts to help kids recover from pandemic learning loss.

Approval of JROTC Shoulder Loop Insignia and Shoulder Sleeve Insignia Designs - Incorporating Vigilante Logo

Superintendent Rispens reported that the JROTC program has enlisted the assistance from the US Army's Institute of Heraldry to develop shoulder loop insignias for the program.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the designs provided by the US Army Institute of Heraldry. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Long Term Infrastructure Committee Report

Superintendent Rispens updated the Board of the progress made by the 2022 Long Term Infrastructure Committee and their recommendations.

MOU for EHESA Members to Work Over School Break

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the MOU for EHESA allowing members to work outside their classified area for the school district over Christmas and Spring Break. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Final Audit Report

Clerk Aarstad discussed the 2021-2022 Audit report.

Review of EHPS Grants Received, Timelines, and Grant Funded Positions/ESSER Funding Update

Superintendent Rispens reviewed the EHPS grants that were received in the 2021-2022 school year.

Legislative Advocacy for Education

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Diehl to direct Superintendent Rispens and Chairman Walter to lobby and advocate on behalf of EHPS with the 2023 Montana Legislature

regarding issues relating the financial interest of the District and education progress of our students. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on January 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Radley Gym

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date