

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 November 14, 2022. 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, Breck Scheet, Martin Balukas, Marcia Ellermeyer and Tyrel Murfitt. Superintendent Dan Rispens and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Mary Smith, Jill Richards, Abby Daum, Stu (Mariah) Rogers, Bryce Schoenfeld, Christa Schoenfeld & Rori Schoenfeld and Dan Karlin

Visitors on Zoom: Crystal Thompson, Camy Dusenberry, Brian Daum, K Butler, Katy Hauer & Cole Bass

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Principal & Technology Reports

Principal Kessler reported that staff is focused around establishing a clear Tier 1 support program for the School District and reported that EHHS had completed three rounds of student testing. Principal Kessler also reported that Casey Harris was recognized as teacher of the month from the Montana Broadcasting company.

Vice Principal Schlabach reported on the discipline issues on EHHS.

Principal Morris reported that Deputy Stoltz and Officer Tawnya Murgel held a presentation on internet safety for all students. Principal Morris also reported that there are 3 students from EHHS coming to EVMS to work in the classroom and do small group tutoring.

Principal Crusat reported that staff are remaining diligent in their work with our new reading curriculum and math practices. Principal Crusat also reported that Jennifer Warner is a finalist for the Presidential award in Mathematics & Science Teaching.

Principal Somerfeld reported that the attendance rate through October is at 92%, and discussed the discipline issues at Radley Elementary, Principal Somerfeld all reported that there were 16 positive office referrals. 5th grade students will be doing the MAST testing this week, this testing is being done as a pilot program for the State of Montana

Vice Principal Kemper reported on discipline issues at EVMS

Athletic Director, Shaun Murgel, updated the Board on the following:

Winter sports will begin on 11/17/2022.

Facilities: Buildings are being used a lot

Transportation: Always looking for Bus Drivers

Brandon Hansen reported on Technology business in the district and discussed the process that he had worked on getting everything ready for the student count. District sponsored a Robotics competition in EHHS on 11/12/2022.

Student Report

Rori Schoenfeld, Freshman Student Council, Abby Daum, EVMS President, Bryce Schoenfeld, 6th grade Representative, and Stu (Mariah)Rogers, EVMS Treasurer reported on the state student council convention which was held on November 6-8 in Great Falls.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Chairman Walter reported that MTSBA is getting ready for the next legislative session which will begin in January.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Superintendent Rispens reported that a long term infrastructure meeting will be held on November 11, 2022, and that he has a meeting scheduled with Cindy Brooks, METG, on November 18, 2022.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| i. | Megan Bonde | - Teacher |
| ii. | Kyle Yeary | - Custodian |
| iii. | Michael Albright | - Custodian |
| iv. | Richard Denny | - Teacher |
| v. | Laura Smith | - Paraprofessional |
| vi. | Kathy Brandt | - EVMS/Radley Special Ed Teacher |
| vii. | Marya Warren | - Teacher |
| viii. | Nancy Meinhardt | - Paraprofessional |

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the October 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approval of the August former and new warrants (Claims #- 46807 - 46900) and Payroll # 62202 - 62351).
- C.. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

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| i. | Emily Smith | - Instruction Tutor |
| ii. | DeLane Erickson | - Assistant Wrestling Coach |
| iii. | Jen Hager | - EVMS Boys Basketball Coach |
| iv. | Makenna Bushilla | - HS Paraprofessional |
| v. | Brianna Clark | - HS Paraprofessional |
| vi. | Gloria Darling | - HS Paraprofessional |
| vii. | Jayde Elwess | - HS Paraprofessional |
| viii. | Jewel Hurley | - HS Paraprofessional |
| ix. | Isaac Mazanec | - HS Paraprofessional |
| x. | Lily Orr | - HS Paraprofessional |
| xi. | Dakota Peterson | - HS Paraprofessional |
| xii. | Moases Sobrepena-George | - HS Paraprofessional |
| xiii. | Kaylee Sutton | - HS Paraprofessional |
| xiv. | Teagan Wigen | - HS Paraprofessional |
| xv. | Aidan Wosoba | - HS Paraprofessional |
| xvi. | Laura Smith | - Substitute |
| xvii. | Melissa MacDonald | - Substitute |
| xviii. | Heidi Opitz | - Counselor |
| xxiv. | Sophia Lance | - EVMS Science Teacher |
| xxv. | Blaine Schaff | - Bus Driver |
| xxvi. | Bonnie Stevens | - Bus Paraprofessional |

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

Unfinished Business

Second Reading Board Policy 2335 - Health Enhancement, Policy 3415 Sports Related Concussions

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Blaukas to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policy 2335, Health Enhancement, Sports Related Concussions, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

MCEL Reflections

Superintendent Rispens and board members discussed some of the meeting topics they were able to attend at the MCEL conference.

New Business

MTSBA Dues Revenue Estimate Consideration

Chairman Walter and Superintendent Rispens presented the MTSBA due revenue estimate for the 2022-2023 school year. Superintendent Rispens explained that if the board approves the revenue estimate, someone should be designated to cast the district electronic ballot in favor.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the MTSBA revenue estimate and designate Chairman Walter to cast our electronic vote in favor. Unanimous vote for the motion.

New Equipment Purchase for CTE & Adult Ed

Superintendent Rispens asked that the Board approve the purchase of Epilog Fusion Pro Engraver. Cost of this engraver will be paid out of Perkins grant and Adult Ed Funds.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the purchase of the engraver. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Creation of High School Student Activity Accounts: Boy Baseball, Science Olympiad; \$600.00 Petty Cash for EHHS Activities

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to establish the two student activity accounts and the EHHS petty cash fund. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Dan Karlin reported that he has been involved with the Science Olympiad in High School and would be happy to help in any way he can.

Resolution #230, Obsolete and Unusable Equipment

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve Resolution #230, Obsolete & Unusable equipment. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of Approval of EHPS Operations Logo Design

Superintendent Rispens reported that the district needs a mascot neutral logo for district designation and identification and asked that the Board approve the new design that was designed by KD Jones.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the EHPS Operations Logo. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Preliminary 2023-2024 Budget Projections

Superintendent Rispens presented and discussed the 2023-2024 budget.

Distribution of Superintendent's Evaluation

Chairman Walter handed out the survey tool to be used to do the Superintendent evaluation. Written comments will not be put into the final report.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

A special Meeting on zoom will be held on November 28, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. This meeting will be canceled if not needed.

The next regular meeting will be held on December 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in Prickly Pear Elementary Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date

