

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 October 10, 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, Mark Diehl, Martin Balukas, Marcia Ellermeyer and Tyrel Murfitt. 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: Denise Feller, Jennifer Opie, Chris Baird, Heather Lay, Mary Smith, Dan Karlin, Tristan Ulmer, Kari Apeicher, Jack Nelson, Angela Belithien & Jin & Angeie Nelson.

Visitors on Zoom: Katherine Senecal, Matt MacDonald & Kate Johnson

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

Denise Feller addressed the Board on out-of District tuition.

Jennifer Opie also addressed the Board on out-of District tuition, and expressed concern on the letters that were sent out to the parents of out-of district students.

Chris Baird was wondering if he lived in Broadwater county but had an East Helena address, if this would come into play when the District makes a decision on who will be allowed to stay in the district.

Heather Lay asked if the District had a platform for advertising meetings.

Mary Smith reported that a parent group established an out of district Community group.

Dan Karlin also stated that the community group will be having a meeting on October 12, 2022, meeting will be held at the East Valley Firehall.

Reports

Principal & Technology Reports

Principal Kessler reported that the current high school enrollment is at 585. Officer Stoltz is continuing to work on the School Culture handbook. Mr. Kessler also reported on Homecoming week.

Vice Principal Schlabach reported on the discipline issues on EHHS.

Principal Crusat discussed the focus groups at Prickly Pear Elementary

Principal Somerfeld reported that fall assessments were completed three weeks ago. Mr. Somerfeld is proud to announce that 94% of the Radley students have attended school every day and discussed the student behavior reports.

Principal Morris reported that assessment was also completed, and staff is currently working on getting students to class and how they should interact with other students.

Vice Principal Kemper reported on discipline issues at EVMS and staff is still working on the behavior matrix for students. Vice Principal Kemper also reported the Enrichment classes that are being offered.

Tristen Ulmer asked questions on the behavior matrix for students.

Athletic Director, Shaun Murgel, updated the Board on the student activities.

Brandon Hansen reported on the technology issues in the district and discussed the GOfan website where fans can go to purchase tickets for sport events.

Student Report

Principal Kessler introduced Jack Nelson, who is one of 16,000 students in the US who scored high enough on the PSAT to earn the recognition as a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. Jack has now submitted his application to be considered as a finalist, we will find out in February whether he has earned that recognition.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Chairman Walter updated the Board on COSSBA, and reported that they would have nationwide recognition by the first part of January.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Trustee Murfitt stated that he would like to see the district get a mechanic for transportation.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

Chairman Walter reported that Superintendent Rispens had recently accepted the following resignations:

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| i. | Jamison Elliott | - Custodian |
| ii. | Janis Torgeson | - Kitchen Aide |
| iii. | Kristen Lovaas | - School Foods Supervisor |

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the September 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approval of the August former and new warrants (Claims #- 466716 - 46806) and Payroll # 62060 - 62201).
- C.. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

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| i. | Bambii Horbeck | -Substitute |
| ii. | Jeff Salisbury | -Coach |
| iii. | Jacquelyn Smith | -Volunteer Coach |
| iv. | Bryan Beniger | -Substitute/Volunteer Coach |
| v. | Tina West | -Substitute |
| vi. | Mary Thompson | -Substitute |
| vii. | Allison Sauer | -Substitute |
| viii. | Carson Bender | -Girls BBall Head Coach |
| ix. | Troy Arnston | -Girls BBall Assistant Coach |
| x. | Shelby Holmes | -Girls BBall Assistant Coach |
| xi. | Jacee Senecal | -Girls BBall Assistant Coach |
| xii. | Ty Ridgeway | -Boys BBall Head Coach |
| xiii. | Bryan Haines | -Boys BBall Assistant Coach |
| xiv. | JD Ferris | -Boys BBall Assistant Coach |
| xv. | Francis Guerin | -Kitchen Aide |
| xvi. | Jessica Clanin | -TLC Teacher |
| xvii. | Jon Moore | -EHHS Head Speech Coach |
| xviii. | Katie Jenó | -EHHS Assistant Speech Coach |
| xix. | Harrold Olson | -Custodian |
| xx. | Michael Sloan | -Custodian |
| xxi. | Harry Sherwood | -Substitute |
| xxii. | Bret Charlton | -EVMS Cross Country Coach |
| xxiii. | Jeff Salisbury | -Intramural Soccer Coach |
| xxiv. | Nicole Wolfe | -EMVS Assistant Volleyball Coach |

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

Unfinished Business

Second Reading Board Policy 3145 - Foreign Exchange Students

Motion by Trustee Diehl , seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policy 3145, Foreign Exchange Students, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

MCEL Update

Clerk Aarstad updated the Board on the upcoming MCEL conference in Missoula.

New Business

Board Policy Review - First Reading Policy 2334 Health Enhancement, Policy 3415 Sports Related Concussions

Chairman Walter presented Board Policy 2334 Health Enhancement and Policy 3415, Sports Related Concussions for Board approval.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 2334, Health Enhancement. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 3415, Sports Related Concussions. Unanimous vote for the motion.

2022 EHPS K-12 Summer School Final Report

Principal Somerfeld and AD Director Shaun Murgel discussed the 2022 summer school program.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on November 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees