

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 August 8, 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. Principal Brian Kessler and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Principals: Duane Schlabach, Lynsi Morris, Michael Kemper, Athletic Director, Shaun Murgel, Bus Supervisor, Nick Turner, and Technology Coordinator, Brandon Hansen. Brandon Crusat attended the meeting on Zoom.

Visitors: KD Jones

Visitors on Zoom: Camy Dusenberry, Kate Johnson and Aric Curtiss

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

NickTurner asked that the Board consider allowing his grandson to attend the East Helena School District for the 2022-2023 school year.

Reports

Technology Reports

Brandon Hansen reported that he had been working on getting rid of the district's e-waste and will be continuing to work on new chrome books.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Chairman Walter reported that the Budget Committee met on August 3, 2022.

Chairman Walter also discussed that a meeting was held on 7/20/2022 to discuss the new bylaws for COSSBA. The organization is now getting national recognition.

Chairman Walter also reported that he and Dan Rispens had attended the July 19, 2022 City Board meeting, where they were discussing a new tax increment district.

Mark Diehl arrived at the meeting at 5:39.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Principal Kessler reported that an Infrastructure committee will be meeting at EHHS on August 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| I. | Shayla Murphy | - Paraprofessional |
| II. | Sheryl Gunsch | - Day Treatment/Special Education Radley |
| III. | Megan Surginer | - Radley Secretary |

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the July 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Approval of the August former and new warrants (Claims #- 46549 - 46630) and Payroll # 61746- 61933).
- C.. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

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| i. | Joan Lazer | - Kitchen Aide |
| ii. | Kevin Bokovoy | - Substitute |
| iii. | Jamie Clayton | - EHHS Assistant VBall Coach |
| iv. | Jessical Clanin | - Radley Instructional Tutor |
| v. | Evan Lampman | - EVMS Science Teacher |
| vi. | Amanda Countryman | - EHHS Special Education |
| vii. | Jamison Elliott | - Custodian |
| viii. | Devon Elliott | - Custodian |

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

Unfinished Business

EHPS Covid - Update

Principal Kessler updated the Board on the ongoing efforts of the teachers and administration to educate and protect kids from the COVID virus.

Board Policy Review - Second Reading Procedures Policy Review

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the second reading to remove the “P” procedures policies from the policy manual and have them placed in a policy binder at Central Office for administrative use. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Board Policy Review - Second Reading forms Policy Review

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the second reading to remove the “F” policies from the policy manual and have them placed in a forms binder at Central Office for administrative use. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of Contract for CSCT Services for Radley School and EVMS with ICH (Intermountain Children's Home)

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the CSCT contract with Intermountain Children's Home. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Summer Facility Improvement Update

Principal Kessler updated the Board on the upgrades and summer work being done throughout the district in preparation for the 2022-2023 school year.

New Business

TFS Report Approval

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 2021-2022 TFS report. Unanimous vote for the motion

Final Budget Approval

Clerk Aarstad presented the 2022-2023 Budget.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the 2022-2023 final budget. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of Non Resident Tuition Requests Grades K-8 Students New to EHPS

Principal Kessler presented support documents regarding the consideration of Non Resident Tuition requests for K-8 students.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve a limited number of students in the kindergarten class, accept the remaining grades application, and then to direct the superintendent to draft a letter to the families of non resident students informing them that the ongoing option to continue with EHPS year after year is no longer assumed or guaranteed.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Baird to amend the motion that the district will not accept any out of district 6th grade students.

Chairman Walter called on a roll call for the amended motion.

“Yes” Trustee Scott, Trustee Scheet, Trustee Baird & Trustee Murfitt to approve the amended motion.

“No” Trustee Ellermeyer, Trustee Balukas and Trustee Diehl.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to amend the original motion to allow the first 10 of the 15 Kindergarten applications to be enrolled in the district, with the remaining 5 applications will be permitted and approved at the discretion of the superintendent based on first day Kindergarten enrollment, and the district will not accepted any new out of district Kindergarten applications.

Trustee Walter called for a vote on the twice amended motion to allow the first 10 of the 15 Kindergarten applications to be enrolled in the district, with the remaining 5 applications to be permitted and approved at the discretion of the superintendent based on first day Kindergarten enrollment, and the district will not accepted any new out of district Kindergarten applications. The District will accept the applications of all remaining grades except for out of district 6th grade students, and then direct the superintendent to draft a letter to the families of non district students informing them that the ongoing practice of continuing with EHPS year after year should no longer be assumed or guaranteed. Unanimous vote for the twice amended motion

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the amended motion as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Subdivision process - Mountain View Meadows

A letter from Stahly Engineering and MVM Developer to discuss the cooperation regarding our parcel in the MVM subdivision. The cooperation will result in a slight alteration of the utility easement that already exists across our property to accommodate Helena City code in regards to the installation of water and sanitary sewer. This agreement will enhance our property value with the access of city services, but will result in a street and utility easement that is 4-6” wider than originally planned in the original survey.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to allow Superintendent work on a letter to be sent to the City of Helena Community Development Department indicating our cooperation. Unanimous vote for the motion.

MCEL - Planning for attendance at the Montana Conference of Education Leadership

Clerk Aarstad asked the Board members if they will be attending MCEL in Missoula On October 19-21, 2022

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on September 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Helena High School.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees