

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 May 9, 2022.

Trustees Present: Chairman, Scott Walter, Trustees Tyrel Murfitt, Stacy Baird and Mark Diehl. Superintendent Dan Rispens and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Trustee Scheet attended the meeting by zoom.

Principals: Brian Kessler, Brandon Crusat, Gus Somerfeld, Vice Principals, Krista Swindel and Shaun Murgel and Technology Coordinator, Brandon Hansen

Visitors: Robin Mohs, Kate Johnson, Jana Nygaard, Elsie Arntzen, Aric Curtiss, Dawes Elwood & Tristan Ulmer

Visitors on Zoom: KD Jones, Corbin Knight, Tim Baird, Brian Daum, Lynn Knight and Jodi Wigen

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Principal Report

Principal Somerfeld reported that Smarter Balance testing has been completed. Principal Somerfeld also reported that he was able to work with the 5th grade students to get registered for the 6th grade.

Principal Crusat reported that staff had begun looking at the spring benchmark testing. Day of Awesomeness will be held on May 10, 2022. Students will be able to meet with their new teachers this week, and a parent/kindergarten meeting will be held soon.

Principal Kessler reported that students have completed year end benchmark testing. EHHS had some testing irregularities when the students took the ACT test, and the administration is working on getting some new classes set for the 2022-2023 school year.

Krista Swindell, EVMS Vice Principal, reported on the current discipline at EVMS. Vice Principal Swindell also reported that EVMS has recently set a Penalty Box in place for students who are using the technology incorrectly. Technology Coordinator, Brandon Hansen, can lock down their usage for a while.

Vice Principal, Shaun Murgel, reported on current discipline at EHHS.

Technology Coordinator, Brandon Hansen, discussed the technology updates and needs within the district.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Long term infrastructure meeting was held on April 25, 2022.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Superintendent Rispens reported that the Strategic Plan has been completed and will be sent out to the board for them to view.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| i. | Mason Skains | - Paraprofessional |
| ii. | Robin Bowlby | - Paraprofessional |
| iii. | Karla Allen | - Kitchen Aid |
| iv. | Corbin Knight | - Teacher |

Consent Action Item

- A. Minutes - April 11, 2022 Regular meeting.
- B. Approval of the May former and new warrants (Claims 46266- 47668 and Payroll 60728 - 60874).

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Baird moved to approve the April 11, 2022 meeting minutes and May former and new warrants. Unanimous vote for the motion.

C. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment:

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|------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| i. | Michael Patrick | - Middle School Science |
| ii. | Jaicee Senecal | - Middle School Science |
| iii. | Megan Bondy | - Middle School Science |
| iv. | Kendra Elgen | - Paraprofessional |

v.	Andromeda Abarr	- High School English
vi.	Rebecca Bergman	- High School Art
vii.	Alicia Lloyd	- EVMS Social Studies
vii.	Christina Berg	- EVMS Communication Arts
viii.	Alyssa Shaul	-TOSA - EG/PPE
ix.	Victoria Kraft	- Substitute
x.	Tyler Murray	- EHHS Football Coach
xi.	Troy Arnston	- EHHS Football Coach
xii.	JD Ferris	- EHHS Football Coach
xiii.	Riley Sampson	- EHHS Football Coach
xiv.	Jeff Darling	- EHHS Soccer Coach
xv.	Nikki Odegard	- EHHS Soccer Coach
xvi.	Lisa Mortieau	- EHHS Cross County Coach
xvii.	Karla Layson	- EHHS Volleyball Coach
xviii.	Jon Moore	- EHHS Speech & Debate Coach
xix.	Jewel Fox	- Radley 3-5 TOSA
xx.	Karley Snarr	- Radley Instructional Tutor
xxi.	Mason Skains	- Day Maintenance
xxii.	Taylor Canright	- EHHS Cheer Coach
xxiii.	Jon Moore	- EHHS Summer School Teacher
xxiv.	Bradi Watkins	- EVMS Summer School Teacher
xxv.	Alex Reid	- MTDA Facilitator
xxvi.	Andrew Elliott	- PE Teacher

2022-2023 Hiring Recommendation

Eastgate and Prickly Pear Elementary Certified Staff - Tenured

Kate Johnson	Ashlee Mikesell	Alyssa Salerno
Adrienne Simonson	Kristin Ophus	McKenzie Heidinger
Katie Griffiths	Sarah Sandau	Richard Adamson
Kelsey Phelps	Erin Vetsch	Katy Hauer
Marya Warren	Nikki Odegard	Robyn Arntson
Jenni Krause	Jen Hager	Kara Petersen
Jannice Odermann	Tana Fetherston	Nancy Lunday
Shana Dachs		Stacey Abrahamson

Non Tenured staff to be rehired for the 2022-2023 school year

Camryn Beck	Taylor Stipcich	Derik Chaney
Brandy Gallups	Jolette Haas	Catherine Hansen
Matthew Krantz	Amy Pollington	Alyssa Shaul

Awarded the status of Tenured

Jennifer Warner

Classified Staff

Natalie Clark
Hillary Mergenthaler
Ella Emmons
Erika Madsen
Monica Foster
Rick Krause
Nancy Steward Meinhardt

Kristin Fuhriman
Lew Tyler
Laura Boltz
Connie McLaughlin
Kyra Gallups
Kendra Elgen
Samantha Burke

Bethany Kalous
Joseph Kuhl
Carrie Schwaller
Kari Kalous
Doreen Helfert
Caitlin Rivers
Philesa Merriman

**Radley Elementary
Tenured Certified Staff**

Carrie Clement
Jennifer Scoles
Ashley Ferro
Tricia Haines
Veronica Rubio-Pratt
Matthew Krantz

Michael Kemper
Vashti Teders
Karla Layson
Scott Ireland
Rachel Bright
Traci Mazanec

Julie Penner
Jewel Fox
Camilla Dusenberry
KD Jones
Michael Cloeren
Katherine Senecal

Non Tenured Staff to be rehired for the 2022-2023 school year.

Erin Finstad
Dani Norling

Makala McDonough
Karly Olson

Patti McLean

Awarded the status of tenure

Heather Countryman
Kari Speicher

Sheryl Gunsch

Anna Reiff

Classified Staff

Megan Surginer
Sharyn Gunderson
Emily Smith
Katie Burk
Melinda Yeary

Angela Adamson
Stephanie Higgins
Melinda Yeary
Michelle Lashway

Debbie Dunlap
Michael Jenks
Patti Blaskovich
Karley Snarr

**East Valley Middle School
Certified Staff - Tenured**

Whitney McLaughlin
Staci Dawes
Carolyn Gates
Lisa Mortieau
Diana McMahon

Kevin VanNice
Beth Walsh
Marne Bender
Bryanna Brown
Erik Pritchard

Holly Somerfeld
Tamika Schoppe
Nicole Hash
Cory Horne

Non Tenured staff to be rehired for the 2022-2023 school year.

Brooklyn Bennett
Lianne Ewals

Jodi Wigen
Casey Gergen

Emma Menage

Non Tenured staff to be rehired for the 2022-2023 school year and be awarded the status of tenure.

Kaitlyn Murphee
Jason Cobb

Katie VanderZanden

Troy Arntson

Classified Staff

Ember Titland
Beth Thomas

Stormi Lucero
Shayla Murphy

Jacquelyn Meeker
Teri Valvoda

**East Helena High School
Certified Staff - Tenured**

Ty Ridgeway
Cole Bass

Carson Bender
Tamika Schoppe

Jana Nygaard
Ashley Torgerson

Non Tenure staff to be rehired for the 2023-2024 school year.

Taylor Canright
Jon Moore
Christina Schoenfeld
Shelby Holmes
Riley Sampson
Casey Harris

Bret Charlton
Katie Jeno
Tasha Dearborn
Christa Schoenfeld
Kelli Kerpa
Brad Paskey

Dawes Elwood
Elizabeth Clarkson
JD Ferris
Emma Menage
Angela Huschka

Non Tenure staff to be rehired for the 2022-2023 school year and be awarded the status of tenure.

Sarah Cobb

Victoria Curtiss

Whitney Mitchell

Classified Staff

Tammi Daum
Jennifer Paszkiet

Tonya Hauck
Alex Reid

Sherylle Ito

Food Service Staff

Aaron Strong
Blanca Saur
Kaydee Strum
Harleigh Broadhurst

Diane Harrison
Michelle Olds
Kayla Groat
Marla Durcello

Karen Chaffins
Renee Slocum
Kim Powell

Maintenance Staff

Liam Gallups
DeLane Erickson
Michael Albright

Brian Yeary
Andrew Ritchie
Patrick Moore

Kyle Yeary
Anthony Yniquez
Dennis Briggs

Bus Drivers

Randy Vose
Mark Stevens
Douglas Hollingshead
Joseph Krall

Hank Flatow
Kelly Allen
Ryan Jorgenson
Mikhail Schmalzried

Lester White
Stuart Beagles
Wendy Jorgenson

Administrative Staff

Gus Somerfeld
Jill Hoogerheide
Kim Aarstad
Shaun Murgel
Janice Osborne
Michelle Olds

Brandon Crusat
Steve Skains
Kristen Lovaas
Krista Swindell
Brian Kessler

Brandon Hansen
Jennifer Wiedbusch
Jennifer Cordell
Kaylee May
Nick Turner

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Scheet to award the status of tenure to Jillian Briski. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Diehl to non-renewal Justine Christianson for no cause. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Diehl to non-renewal Kimber Mook for no cause. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Diehl to non-renew Malachi LaRoque (Paszkiet) without cause. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Diehl to non-renew probationary employee Jolene Price without cause. Unanimous vote for the motion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

COVID Update

Superintendent Rispens updated the Board on the efforts of the teachers and administration to educate and protect the kids from the COVID virus.

Board Policy Review - Second Reading Policies 1520, The Board of Trustees; 3100, Flexibility and Efficiency/Students; 2161P, Special Education; 2167, Correspondence Course; 2168, Distance, Online and Technology Delivered Learning; 2170, Digital Academy Classes; 2312, Copyright; 3310, Student Discipline; 3416, Administering Medication to Students; 3612, District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, Equipment and Networks; 5223, Personal Conduct; 5321, Leave of Absence; 5450, Personnel and 8300, Risk Management.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policies, 1520, 3100, 2161P, 2167, 2168, 2170, 2312, 3310, 3416, 3612, 5223, 5321, 5450 & 8300 as edited. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of MHSA Sanctioned Baseball In East Helena

Superintendent Rispens shared with the Board the progress that has been made, as well as shared the cost estimate for offering MHSA Sanctioned Baseball for EHHS students in the spring of 2023 season.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve adding boy's baseball as an EHHS sport in the 2022-2023 school year.

Mark Diehl, Stacy Baird, Breck Scheet, Scott Walter "Yes"
Tyrel Murfitt "No"
Motion Carried.

New Business

Certification of the Election

Clerk Aarstad reported on the election results for the May 3, 2022 trustee election. Results are attached to the minutes.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the Certification of Election by approving Scott Walter and Marcia Ellermeyer as new Board members. Unanimous vote for the motion

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Trustees

Superintendent of Schools, Elsie Arntzen administered the oath of office to Scott Walter. Trustee Ellermeyer was not in attendance. Oath will be administered at a later date.

Reorganization of the Board

Chairman Walter turned the meeting over to Superintendent Rispens to get nominations for Board Chair.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Scheet to nominate Scott Walter as Board Chairman. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to close the nominations and appoint Trustee Walter as Board Chair by acclamation. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Superintendent Rispens turned the meeting over to Chairman Walter.

Chairman Walter called for nominations for Board Vice Chair,

Trustee Scheet nominated Tyrel Murfitt as the Vice Chairman.

Motion by Trustee Baird , seconded by Trustee Diehl to nominate Tyrel Murfitt as Board Vice Chairman by acclamation. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Board Committee Appointments

Chairman Walter established the following Board committees.

Infrastructure & Transportation

Tyrel Murfitt

Breck Scheet

Scott Walter

Bargaining (Certified)

Mark Diehl
Marcia Ellermeyer
Scott Walter

Bargaining (Classified)

Mark Diehl
Tyrel Murfitt
Breck Scheet

Budget, Personnel & Insurance

Martin Balukas
Marcia Ellermeyer
Breck Scheet

Policy Review & Oversight

Stacy Baird
Martin Balukas
Tyrel Murfitt

High School Transition & Curriculum Development

Stacy Baird
Martin Balukas
Tyrel Murfitt

Representatives of Long-Term Infrastructure Committee

Stacy Baird
Scott Walter

Appointment of Clerk

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Diehl to appoint Kim Aarstad as the K-12 East Helena School Board Clerk for the 2022-2023 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Board Policy Review - First Reading Policies 1901, 3121, 2510 and 8502

Superintendent Rispens presented Board policies 1901, 3121, 2510 and 8502 for the Board consideration.

Policies will be voted on at the June meeting

State Accreditation Notification

Superintendent Rispens discussed the district accreditation status that each school received this year.

Setting District Administrator Salaries

Superintendent Rispens presented the recommendations for school administration staff for 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Baird to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to provide a salary increase to the administrative staff as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Approval of non resident students in grades 9-12

Superintendent Rispens presented a list of non resident students in grades 9-12. Superintendent Rispens explained that the Board is addressing these requests so the students can register and sign up for summer programs and workouts.

Motion by Trustee Diehl , seconded by Trustee Scheet to accept the tuition students being recommended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Notice of Upcoming MTSBA Meetings and Training

Chairman Walter discussed the upcoming opportunities through MTSBA.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on June 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Special Discipline Hearing may be held on June 7, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarsad

Approved by: _____

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date