

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 April 11, 2022.

Trustees Present: Vice Chairman Tyrel Murfitt, Trustees Stacy Baird, Martin Balukas, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer. Trustee Scheet attended the meeting by zoom.. Superintendent Dan Rispens and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Robyn Mohs, KD Jones, Rachel Bright, Jennifer Hager, Shana Dachs, Erin Vetsch, Adrienne Simonson, Krystal Butler, Tristan Ulmer, Belle Surginer and Jill Marie Steeley

Visitors on Zoom: Cole Bass, Aric Curtiss, Kate Johnson, Cathy Carlson & Breck Scheet

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Principal Report

Principal Kessler reported that EHHS mental health screens this last week. The ACT testing will be held on 4/12/2022. 430 students will take this test. Working on getting final hiring completed for the 2022-2023 school year.

Shaun Murgel, EHHS Vice Principal, reported on the current discipline report at EHHS, and reported that spring sports was now in full swing. Vice Principal Murgel also discussed the future of baseball at East Helena School District.

Krista Swindell, EVMS Vice Principal, reported on the current discipline report.

Principal Stoltz reported the EVMS will be holding the first dance of the year on 4/15/2022. The Day of Awesomeness will be held on 5/10 and 5/11/22.

Principal Somerfeld reported that some EHHS students are now serving as mentors at Radley Elementary. Smarter Balance testing will be completed the last week of April. Student of the month assembly was held 4/11/2022. Members from the Fire Department, Sheriff's office and East Helena Police Department were in attendance at the assembly; where they recognized a 4th grade student who was awarded the Hero Award for helping to notify families that there was a fire in their apartment building.

Principal Crusat discussed the new reading K-5 Reading Program purchase. The Office of Public Instruction, MCLSDP grant has agreed to pay for part of this purchase.

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

Student Report

Belle Suringer reported that Spring sports is now in full swing. Everyone loves the new facilities. Girls softball won their first varsity game, and Belle hit the first ever varsity home run at that game.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

No Committee Meetings were held.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Superintendent Rispens reported that a Planning Infrastructure meeting will be held at EHHS on April 25, 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 | Brittany Hiatt-Vandenacre | - Paraprofessional |
| ii. | Emily Franke | - Teacher |
| iii. | Randi Havens | - Secretary |

Consent Action Item

- A. Minutes - April 14, 2022 - At the request of the Board Clerk, Minutes will be pulled.
- B. Approval of the April former and new warrants (Claims 46216- 46265 and Payroll 60591 - 60727.

C. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

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| i. | Drew Boedecker | - High School Social Studies Teacher |
| ii. | Camryn Beck | - Elementary Teacher |
| iii. | Tabatha Smail | - Foreign Language Teacher (Spanish) |
| iv. | Veronica Rubio | - Elementary Teacher |
| v. | Ethan Hoffman | - Counselor |
| vi. | Steve Morgan | - Driver's Ed Teacher |
| vii. | Kaitlyn Caltabiano | - High School Ag Teacher |
| viii. | Anna Spoja | - High School Business Teacher |
| ix. | Troy Zeeman | - Head Soccer Coach |

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the warrants and personnel actions as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Balukas to pull the April minutes so Clerk Aarstad can make changes to the minutes. 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 Policy #7320

Superintendent Rispens presented Board Policy 7320, Purchasing, for the second reading.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the second reading of Board Policy 7320, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

New Business

Health Clinic Update- Jill Marie Steeley, CEO, Purview Health

Jill-Marie Steeley updated the Board on the Pureview Health Clinic located in East Helena.

Consideration of Health Clinic Lease

Superintendent Rispens presented the Lease Agreement with PureView Health Clinic.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Diehl to table this lease agreement until a special meeting can be held or until the next Board meeting. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of Multi District agreement

Superintendent Rispens presented a new Multi District Agreement with Lincoln School District.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the Multi-District with Lincoln School District. Unanimous vote for the motion.

K-5 Reading Program Purchase Consideration

Principal Crusat presented the K-5 reading curriculum for the Boards consideration, total cost for the curriculum will be \$384,405.51. Superintendent Rispens reported that the administrations have secured \$180,000.00 in grant funded support from OPI for this purchase, the remaining funds will come from end of year monies or ESSER funding.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the K-5 Reading purchase. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of MHSA Sanctioned Baseball in East Helena

Superintendent Rispens reported that SMA Architects and Dick Anderson Construction have completed a pricing exercise for us regarding the construction of a baseball facility on our property. The facility will cost between \$636,000.00 and \$2,000,000.00 depending on the selected options. Superintendent Rispens reported that the district has around \$62,000.00 in bond funds left.

KD Jones and Krystal Butler spoke on the issue.

Research will continue and the board will discuss this issue in a future meeting.

Board Policy Review - First 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; 2510, Instruction; 3121, Enrollment and Attendance Records; 3305, Use of Restraints, Seclusion, and Aversive Techniques for Students; 3310, Student Discipline; 3413F1, Form; 3414F2, Form; 3416, Administering Medication to Students; 3612, District-Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, Equipment and Networks; 5121, Applicability of Personnel Policies; 5131,Personnel; 5223, Personal Conduct; 5321, Leave of Absence; 5450, Personnel; 7265, Use of Enhanced Tax Credit Receipts; 8300, Risk Management and 8502, Construction and Repairs.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 1520. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 3100 as amended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 2161P. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Balukas seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 2167. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 2168 as amended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 2170. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 2312. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 2510. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Diehl to table Board Policy 3121 until next Board meeting. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Board Policy 3305 was not approved.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 3310. Unanimous vote for the motion.

3413F1 & 3414F2 (forms) will not be included in Board Policy

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 3416. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Baird , seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 3612. Unanimous vote for the motion.

No action on Board Policy 5121.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 5223 as amended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 5321 as amended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 5450. Unanimous vote for the motion.

No Action on Board Policy 7265.

Trustee Balukas left the meeting at 8:26.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8300 as amended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

No Action taken on 8502.

Appointment of Representative for Prickly Pear Cooperative Board

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Baird to appoint Superintendent Rispens to the Prickly Pear Cooperative Board. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

A Long Term Infrastructure meeting will be held on April 25, 2022, in EHHS Library at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees

_____ Date

