

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 11, 2021. 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, Mark Diehl and Tyrel Murfitt, Superintendent Dan Rispens and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Patrick Webb, Kate Johnson, Kevin VanNice and Mathew Krantz

Visitors on Zoom: Julie Penner, Erin Finstad, Aric Curtiss, Adrienne Simonson, DJ Howell & Sarah Sandau

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Principal Reports

Principal Somerfeld reported that the fall benchmark assessments have been completed. Olweus kickoff assembly was held at the EHHS Sport complex. And a zoom student of the month assembly was held October 11, 2021.

Principal Stoltz reported that the Day of Awesomeness schedule for this week has been cancelled and has been rescheduled for May 9th & 10th, and updated the Board on EVMS sports.

Krista Swindell, EVMS Vice Principal, discussed the current discipline report.

Principal Crusat reported that discipline issues had really increased this last month and discussed the Olweus assembly.

Principal Kessler reported that student enrollment has continued to increase since school began in August. 26 students will be taking the pre SAT test this week, Mr. Kessler reported that he is looking forward to the upcoming Red Ribbon parade. Shakespeare in the school will be held on October 28th. And on October 12, 2021 the High School inducted our first National Honor Society members.

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

Superintendent Rispens introduced the Technology Coordinator, Brandon Hansen

Student Report

Ashley Carpenter & Lauren Betz, reported that 30 students were in attendance at the first student council meeting. The Student Council has recently opened the Tiger Shed. Student Council is looking for a banner to carry during the Red Ribbon parade.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

No committee reports.

Chairman Walter updated the Board on MTSBA actions for this month, and reported that he was able to attend the Western States regional meeting.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs.

Superintendent Rispens reported that the Draft plan was mailed out to Board members last week. The survey is needed next and a draft survey was included with the board packet.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| i. | Grayson Quigley | - Tutor |
| ii. | Chris Hovda | - EVMS Secretary |
| iii. | Yvonne Strong | - Kitchen Aide |

Consent Action Item

- A. Minutes of the September 13, 2021 regular meeting.
- B. Approval of the September former and new warrants (Claims 45778 - 45859 and Payroll 59689 - 59838).

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the former and new warrants. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Personnel Actions were pulled from the Consent Agenda.

C. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

i.	Michael Garrison	- Paraprofessional
ii.	Jewel Fox	- Paraprofessional
iii.	Malachi Paszkiet	- Paraprofessional
iv.	Jennifer Paszkiet	- Paraprofessional
v.	Tara Wooten	- Tiger Program Site Coordinator
vi.	Erin Finstad	- Tiger Program instructor
vii.	Brandon Keim	- Tiger Program Instructor
viii.	Susan Hoving	- Tiger Program Paraprofessional
ix.	Bonnie Jones	- Tiger Program Paraprofessional
x.	Jessica Hoffman	- Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xi.	Bella Surginer	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xii.	Krystain Higgins	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xiii.	Isaac McGuire	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xiv.	Kennedy Higgins	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xv.	Jack Carter	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xvi.	Margaret Bruno	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xvii.	Ayden Dess	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xviii.	Quinn Bright	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xix.	Ryder Finstad	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xx.	Sawyer Finstad	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xxi.	Morgan Mortieau	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xxii.	RaeAnna Schnittgen	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xxiii.	Caleb Queen	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xxiv.	Abby Hauer	- HS Tiger Program Paraprofessional
xxv.	Jewel Fox	- Tiger Program Substitute
xxvi.	Lianne Ewals	- Special Education EHHS/EVMS
xxvii.	Emily Wacaser	- Substitute
xxviii.	Jon Moore	- EHHS Track Coach
xxix.	Bradi Watkins	- Tutor
xxx.	Brandon Hansen	- Technology Coordinator
xxxi.	Ty Ridgeway	- EHHS Boys Basketball Coach
xxxii.	Bryan Haines	- EHHS Boys Basketball Coach
xxxiii.	JD Ferris	- EHHS Boys Basketball Coach
xxxiv.	Carson Bender	- EHHS Girls Basketball Coach
xxxv.	Troy Arntson	- EHHS Girls Basketball Coach
xxxvi.	Shelby Holmes	- EHHS Girls Basketball Coach

xxxvii.	Jeremy Shields	- EHHS Wrestling Coach
xxxviii.	Tim Baird	- EHHS Wrestling Coach
xxxix.	Shauna Rode	- EHHS Swim Coach
xxxx.	Jon Moore	- EHHS Speech & Debate
xxxxi.	Katie Jeno	- EHHS Speech & Debate
xxxii.	Delicia Larson	- Substitute
xxxiii.	Audrey Howard	- Substitute
xxxiv.	Laura Meier	- Substitute
xxxv.	Kendra Elgen	- Paraprofessional
xxxvi.	Kansas Benton	- Custodian
Xxxxvii.	Dennis Briggs	- Custodian
Xxxxviii.	Kelsie Thompson	- Building Secretary

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to remove Tim Baird from the personnel actions, and approve the personnel actions as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Unfinished Business

EHPS Board Policy Review/ MTSBA recommended revision 2nd reading of Board Policies 3233, Student Use of Buildings: Equal Access, 3311, Firearms and Other weapons, 3416, Administering Medications to Students, 3417, Communicable Diseases, 5320, Preventions of Disease Transmission. 5325, Breastfeeding in the School and Workplace, 8130, Air Quality Restrictions on Outdoor Activities, Practice and Competition, 8200, Food Services, 8301, District Safety, 8410, Inspections, 8421, Lead Renovation, 8411, Water Supply Systems and Wastewater, 8129, Chemical Safety, 8131, Indoor Air Quality, 8302, Noxious Plant and Animal Control, 8303, Facility Cleaning and Maintenance, 8502, Construction and Repairs.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the 2nd reading of Board policies 3233, 3311, 3416, 3417, 5320, 5325, 8130, 8200, 8301, 8410, 8421, 8411, 8129, 8131, 8302, 8303 & 8502.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Dehil to accept the policies as amended. Unanimous vote for the amended motion.

Unanimous vote for the original motion.

MCEL Update

Superintendent Rispens reported that the MCEL Conference will be held virtually this year.

EHPS 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.

New Business

Summer School Report

Summer School Lead Teachers, Kate Johnson and Amy Pollington, updated the board on the summer school program and reported on the achievement data and activities for the 2021 summer school

Student Data Privacy Agreement

Superintendent Rispens presented a new student data privacy agreement between EHPS & Synergy 1 Group for the Boards consideration.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the Student Data Privacy Agreement. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Policy Series Review 1st Reading: 1135, School Board Advocacy, 1210, Qualifications, Terms & Duties of Board Officers, 1420, School Board Meeting Procedures, 2050, Student Instruction, 2140, Guidance & Counseling, 2167, Correspondence Courses, 2168, Distance, Online & Technology-Delivered Learning, 2240, Summer School, 3121, Enrollment & Attendance Records, 3222, Distribution and Posting of Student Materials, 3231 Searches & Seizure, 3235, Video Surveillance, 5140, Classified Employment & Assignment, 5223, Personal Conduct, 5314, Substitutes, 7251, Disposal & Sale of school District Property, 4125, District Social Media Presence, 8211, Procurement Policy Using Federal Funds, 2312P, Copyright compliance. (To Be Deleted)

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 1135, 1210, 1420, 2050, 2140, 2167, 2168, 2240, 3121, 3222, 3231, 3235, 5223, 5314, 7251, 4125 as amended. Board Policy 2132P will be deleted from the Policies. Board Policy 5140 & 8211 was removed for further clarification. Unanimous vote for the motion.

RBHI MOU Review

Superintendent Rispens discussed the district's suicide prevention efforts and the mental health screeners that are being used to identify students who may be at risk.

Rural Behavioral Health Institute is offering to support our efforts and presented an MOU for review.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the MOU through June 30, 2022, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on November 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

_____ Date