

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 September 13, 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, Mark Diehl, Breck Scheet, Martin Balukas and Tyrel Murfitt. Superintendent Dan Rispens and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Principals: Brian Kessler, Brenda Stoltz, Brandon Crusat, Gus Somerfeld, VP, Krista Swindell, Vice Principal, Shaun Murgel, Bus Supervisor, Nick Turner, and Technology Coordinator, DJ Howell.

Visitors: Kate Johnson, Adrienne Simonson, KD Jones, Kimber Mook, Justine Christianson, Patrick Webb, Casey Gergen, Jodi Wigen, Jeremy Shields, Erica Madsen, Taylor Jendro, Joe Kuhl, Cameron Beck, Amy Pollington, Katrina Guse, Alex Reid, Austin Waldbillig, Brett Charlton, Brad Paskey, Tyler Anfinson, Sheryl Ito, Steve Skains, Cameron Mitchell.

Visitors on Zoom: Tyler Manning, Samuel Anagnostou, Kelli Kerpa, K'lynn Sloan Harris, Traci Mazanec, Tyler Manning, Dawn Schreiher, Evila Weaver.

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

Patrick Webb thanked the Board for their consideration and decision making for the students of East Helena School District.

Reports

Principal Reports

District Principals introduced their new staff who were in attendance.

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

Shaun Murgel, EHHS Vice Principal, reported that Homecoming week is being held this week.

Technology Coordinator reported that the start of the school year has begun with a bang.

Student Report

Cameron Mitchell, EHHS Student Body President reported on the upcoming Homecoming Festivities

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

No committee reports. Chairman Walter updated the Board on MTSBA actions for this year. Superintendent Rispens announced that the District received notice that we have been awarded a new DOT grant to provide additional sidewalks within the school district.

Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs

Superintendent Rispens reported that he had talked to Debra Silk and the district's draft strategic plan should be ready by the end of this week.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

I.	Amanda Hamper	-	Paraprofessional
ii.	Leslie Woodrow	-	Paraprofessional
iii.	Larry Loomis	-	Paraprofessional
iv.	Sarah Manibusan	-	Assistant Clerk
v.	Jennifer Holton	-	Custodian
vi.	Meaghan Schneiderhan-Bakas-		Kitchen Aide
vii.	Allan VanDiest	-	Maintenance Supervisor
viii.	DJ Howell	-	Technology Coordinator

Consent Action Item

Approval of the August former and new warrants (Claims #- 45584-45777) and Payroll # 59543 -59688).

Minutes of the August 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, with changes reflected to read the Amber & Ross Barnes would like to have masks be required in the district.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the August 9, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Unanimous vote for the motion.

C. Personnel Actions - Recommendation of employment

i.	Mary Thompson	- Paraprofessional
li	Sherylle Ito	- Paraprofessional
iii.	Tammi Daum	- Paraprofessional
iv.	Joseph Kuhl	- Paraprofessional
v.	James Huber	- Paraprofessional
vi.	Michael Evans	- TOSA
vii.	Michael Albright	- Custodian
viii.	Shelby Holmes	- EVMS VBall
ix.	Makayla McDonough	- EVMS VBall
X.	Grayson Quigley	- EVMS Cross County
xi.	Tyler Anfinson	- EHHS Soccer
xii.	Derik Chaney	- EHHS Assistant Soccer Coach
xiii.	Scott Ireland	- Intramural Soccer
xiv.	Jessica Clanin	- Substitute
xv.	David Armstrong	- Substitute
xvi.	Philesah Merriman	- Substitute
xvii.	Fredrico White II	- Substitute
xviii.	Tasha Herman	- Substitute
xix.	Laura Meier	- Substitute
xx.	Sue Faulk	- Substitute
xxi.	Kira Borske	- Substitute
xxii.	Audrey Howard	- Substitute
xxiii.	Jessica Jaramillo	- Substitute
xxiv.	Alyssa Owen	- Substitute
xxv.	Shauna Rode	- Bus Para
xxvi.	Jannice Osborne	- School Nurse (Part time Temporary)
xxvii.	Steve Skains	- Maintenance Supervisor
xxviii	Clancy Jones	- TIGER Site Coordinator
xxix.	Christina Broadhurst	- TIGER Site Coordinator
xxx.	Kimber Mook	- TIGER Site Coordinator
xxxi.	Shannon Wilson	- TIGER Instructor
xxxii.	Kelly Wilson	- TIGER Instructor
xxxii.	Amy Pollington	- TIGER Instructor
xxxiv.	Jessica Holton	- TIGER Para
xxxv.	Terri Valvoda	- TIGER Para
xxxvi.	Robin Bowlby	- TIGER Para
xxxvii.	Samuel Anagnostou	- Assistant Clerk
xxxix.	Lianne Ewals	- Special Education Teacher
xxxx.	Michael Garrison	- Paraprofessional

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

Unfinished Business

Building Construction Change Order Update

Tim Tholt updated the Board on the construction progress and reported that the building should be finished by the end of the month.

MTSBA Recommendation of EHPS Board Policy 1st Reading Board Policies 3233 and 3311.

Superintendent Rispens presented Board policies 3233, Student Use of Buildings: Equal Access & 3311, Firearms & Other Weapons, for the Board consideration. Both policies were tabled at the August meeting.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to adopt policy 3233 on the first reading. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to adopt policy 3311 on the first reading. Unanimous vote for the motion.

MTSBA Recommended revisions 2nd Reading Board Policies 2170(p) Digital Academy Classes, 2332 - Religion & Religious Activities, 2600 (P-F) Work Based Learning Program, 3121- Enrollment & Attendance Records, 3150 - Part Time Attendance, 3311 - Firearms & other Weapons, 3413 - Student Immunizations, 3510 - School Sponsored Student Activities, 3550 (F) - Student Clubs, 4211 - District and School Name, Logo, Imagery and Colors, 4331 - Use of School Property for Posting Notices.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve Board policies 2170, 2332, 2600, 3121, 3150, 3413, 3510, 3550 4211 & 4331. Unanimous vote for the 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 teacher and administration to educate and protect the kids from the COVID virus.

Patrick Webb asked some questions on the virus within K-5 students.

New Business

ARP/ESSER II/III Plan Review

Superintendent Rispens reported on the ARP/ESSER plan that has been developed by the district administration in consultation with teachers and parents.

Superintendent Rispens discussed the key components of the plan and the district's spending.

Enrollment Update

Superintendent Rispens reported that the current district enrollment is currently at 1739 students. Last year at this time the enrollment was at 1514.

Establish a Student Activity Fund for EHHS Culinary Arts

Motion by Trustee Baird , seconded by Trustee Diehl to establish a EHHS Student Activity fund. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Commercial Energy Contract Update for Natural Gas

Superintendent Rispens updated the Board on the current natural gas contract with Commercial Energy and discussed the possibilities for renewing the contract or seeking other options. New contract with Commercial Energy is being considered at \$3.99 dkt, for a two year commitment.

Motion by Trustee Diehl , seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to sign a two year agreement with Commercial Energy. Unanimous vote for the motion.

EHPS Board Policy Review/ MTSBA recommended revision 1st reading Board Policies 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 Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 3416. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer , seconded by Trustee Diehl approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 3417. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 5320 Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the 1st reading of Board Policies 5325. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8130. As outlined in lines 41, 42,& 47, of the new policy. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8200 as revised. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8301 as revised. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8410, as revised. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the 1st reading to Board Policy 8421 as revised. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8411. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8129 Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve 1st reading of Board Policy 8131. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8302. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8303 as amended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8502. Unanimous vote for the motion.

21st Century (TIGER after school) Program Update and Approval.

Superintendent Rispens updated the Board on the district plans to implement the 2021-2022 After School program.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the operation of the 2021-2022 After School Program. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Designate Authorized Representative for OPI Report Form Submission

Superintendent Rispens asked that the Board appoint him as the Authorized Representative to sign for the district on certain reports due to the Office of Public Instruction.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to appoint Superintendent Dan Rispens as an authorized representative for OPI. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Designate Signatory at Valley Bank

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to designate Dan Rispens as a bank signatory to sign for the district on Valley Bank Accounts. Unanimous vote for the motion

Approve MOU for Special Education Case management

Superintendent Rispens presented the EHEA MOU that allows for certain staff to assist with Special Education case management in our school district. The MOU will provide stipends to compensate individuals for their work and time.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the MOU that will pay teachers a stipend for helping with IEP's. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on October 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date