

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 June 14, 2021. Chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustees Present: Marcia Ellermeyer, Stacy Baird, Martin Balukas, Breck Scheet and Scott Walter. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and District Secretary, Jen Cordell.

Principals: Brenda Stoltz, Dan Rispens, Joe McMahon, Brandon Crusat and Technology Coordinator, DJ Howell.

Visitors: Kate Johnson

Zoom Meeting Attendees: Vice-Chair- Tyrel Murfitt, Stacy Murfitt, Tyler Manning, Adrienne Simonson and Robyn Mohs.

Review the Agenda

No Changes

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board.

Reports

Principal Reports

Principal Rispens reported that staff has been working on the scheduling for the 2021-2022 school year. The proposed schedule would include a modified A, B and C day block while adjusting and modifying as necessary to address COVID -19 concerns and issues. He informed the Board of the initial Smarter Balanced test scores

Principal Crusat reported on the kindergarten screening process this year. He informed the Board that the screening tools used provides a great deal of data. The social and emotion aspects are more difficult to measure. Principal Crusat added that his staff worked with a Conscious Discipline Trainer last week who was insightful and helpful.

Principal McMahon reported on the Smarter Balance testing scores. He also informed the Board that there were more calls to CPS (Child Protective Services) than in years previous.

Vice Principal, Brenda Stoltz, reported on the EVMS Discipline. She said that discipline referrals were up slightly.

Technology Coordinator, DJ Howell reported to the Board on the updates to the District Infrastructure.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Trustee Walter discussed the MTSBA membership meeting. There were not enough members present to hold a vote to formally elect officers at that time. He reported on the passing of longtime MTSBA Member and GFPS Board Chairman, Jan Cahill.

Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs

Superintendent Whitmoyer gave the Board several dates in which to work with Debra Silk from MTSBA on strategic planning for the School District. June 30, 2021 was decided on for the meeting. Superintendent Whitmoyer will reach out to Debra Silk and get it scheduled.

Notifications of Retirements and Resignations

The following staff resignations have previously been accepted:

I.	Jim Asbury	-Bus Driver
II.	Darwin Curry	-Custodian
III.	Katrina Guse	-Tutor
IV.	Mara Fitzgerald	-Teacher
V.	Cindy Herbst	-Kitchen Aide

Consent Action Items

A. Minutes of the Minutes of Regular Meeting May 10, 2021, May 17, 2021(Special), May 19, 2021 (Special) & May 27, 2021 (Special) were presented and a couple errors were found. The Board discussed clarifying the minutes of the Special Board Meetings with the Clerk before approving them at the next Board Meeting.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Baird to approve the May 10th meeting minutes and table the minutes from May 17, May 19 and May 27. Unanimous vote for the motion

- B. Approval of the February former and new warrants (Claims #45560-_____) and Payroll # 59336-_____)

C. Personnel Actions - Hiring Recommendations

I.	Carlie Olivas	-TOSA
II.	Justine Christianson	-TOSA
III.	MacKenzie Holst	-Paraprofessional
IV.	Mason Skains	-Paraprofessional
V.	Shannon Wilson	-Paraprofessional
VI.	Elizabeth Clarkson	-Teacher
VII.	Grayson Quigley	-Instructional Tutor
VIII.	Taylor Jendro	-Kindergarten
IX.	Justine Christianson	-TOSA
X.	Jeremy Shields	-SPED/ EVMS
XI.	Kelli Kerpa	-Counselor
XII.	Christina Berg	-Instructional Tutor
XIII.	Erika Madsen	-Instructional Tutor
XIV.	JD Ferris	-Teacher
XV.	Shane Neal	-Custodian
XVI.	Shayla Murphy	-Summer Custodian
XVII.	Rick Krause	-Summer Custodian
XVIII.	Bret Charlton	-Teacher
XIX.	Brad Paskey	-CTE Teacher
XX.	Camryn Beck	-TOSA
XXI.	Lois Starnes	-Kitchen Aide
XXII.	Veronica Rubio	-Instructional Tutor

Unfinished Business

Building Construction Change Order Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer and Principal Rispens updated the Board on the Building Construction at EHHS.

EHPS Covid - Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the Covid 19 reopening plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The plan will be posted by June 24, 2021. Masks will not be required at this point but are still an option for those who choose to do so. Distance Learning will still be available for some families. Cohorts will still be implemented as well as social distancing although somewhat relaxed compared to this year. The plan does not need Board approval but Chairman Walter asks that the plan remain fluid as the COVID restrictions and requirements change. Trustee Baird asked about the Walk to Read Program at the Elementary Schools. Principal McMahon reported that without the program, due to COVID-19, the students still got the assistance they needed it was just delivered in a different way.

Final Reading of Board Policies 1310, 2050, 2100, 2221, 2410, 3110 & 5328

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve Board Policies 1310, 2050, 2100, 2221, 2410, 3110 & 5328 Unanimous vote for the motion.

FY22 Budget Update Including ESSER II & III Projections

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the FY22 Budget.

New Business

Memorandum of Understanding Agreements Approval with EHEA

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). One MOU clarifies and provides compensation for a contract clause that delineates the number of minutes of prep time per week and the other MOU clarifies a need to promote dual credit high school classes with staff and creates an incentive for teachers.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve MOU's presented to the Board. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Title I Parent Participation Meeting

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the Title I program for K-12 for the coming year.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the Title I Program Unanimous vote for the motion.

Age Exception Kindergarten Enrollment Consideration

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the requests for special consideration of age exception students with unique and significant needs as age exception kindergarten students.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the age exception kindergarten requests. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Setting of Fees for 2021 - 2022

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the fees, pay and charges for the coming school year as noted. He recommended that the high school tuition be raised to \$200 per year to align with that of Helena High School. He also recommend that the Board consider raising the Teacher Substitute daily pay by \$20.00 to be more competitive with the neighboring districts.

Copies	\$0.15 per page
Tuition Elementary	\$100
Tuition Middle School	\$150
Tuition High School	\$200
Student Breakfast	\$1.50
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30
Student Lunch	\$3.00
Reduced Lunch	\$0.40
Milk – Single Carton	\$0.40
A La Carte	\$1.00
Adult Breakfast	\$2.00
Adult Lunch	\$4.30
Headstart Breakfast	\$1.90
Headstart Lunch	\$3.30
Headstart Snack	\$1.00
After School Snack	\$1.00
Substitute (Certified)	\$110 to start \$120 with a minimum service cut off
Substitute (Non-Certified)	\$100 to start \$110 with a minimum service cut off
Technology Usage Fee	\$10.00 for all grade levels - iPad & Chromebook
<u>Substitutes for:</u>	
Tutor	As per Substitute Pay above*
Kitchen Aide 1	\$11.55/hour*
Bus Driver	\$15.05/hour*
Custodian	\$13.55/hour*
Kitchen Aide II	\$11.30/hour*
Paraprofessional	\$12.55/hour*
Secretary	\$14.30/hour*
Interpreter	As per Substitute Pay above*
Teacher Compensation	\$21.50/hour
Rental of Gym	\$20.00 per hour.
Rental of Classrooms	\$12.00 per hour.
Rental of Cafeteria	\$12.00 per hour.
Rental Athletic Fields	\$12.00 per hour.
Rental Turf Athletic Fields	\$400.00 per hour.*
Rental of EHHS Gym	\$50.00 per hour. *

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the 2021-2022 Fees as recommended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Intermountain Children's Home Day Treatment Contract Renewal

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the Intermountain Children's Home Day Treatment Contract and program.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Baird to renew the Contract with Intermountain Children's Home. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Establishing a Student Activity Account for Skills USA Program Fund

Principal Rispens updated the Board about a Skills USA Program Student Activity Program. The program supports students in welding, woods, and other classes with interscholastic competition in the trades.

Motion by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Scheet establish a student activity account for a Skills USA Program fund. Unanimous vote for the motion.

City of East Helena Subdivision Agreement Completion

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board about the proposed settlement agreement with the City of East Helena to complete the last aspect of the subdivision agreement and bring closure to the bond issue prior to the July 27th deadline.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to adopt the settlement with the City of East Helena to complete the high school subdivision agreement terms.

Unanimous vote for the motion.

Tuition Agreement Approval

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board will have the opportunity to review the requests for enrollment in the district of tuition students for the 2021 - 2022 school year for the remaining grades.

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

Summer School and After School Program Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer and Principal Rispens updated the Board on the EHPS After School and Summer School Programs. Principal Rispens informed the Board of the COVID-19 precautions they were taking and that they had been informed of an outbreak of RSV in which they were being extra cautious.

Montana Board of Public Education Accreditation Submission

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the Montana Board of Public Education Accreditation Submission application. The main purpose of this application is to gain the approval of OPI to be accredited for our National Honor Society Chapter and other key operations requiring certification.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
EHPS District Secretary, Jennifer Cordell

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees