

## **Minutes**

### **A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EAST HELENA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Call to Order:** The East Helena School District No.9 held a special meeting on May 17, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Attendance and Introduction of Board Members**

Trustee Present: Chairman Walter, Stacy Baird, Martin Balukas, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Tyrel Murfitt and Breck Scheet.

Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad attended the meeting by zoom.

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

Visitors: Kate Johnson, Teri Valvoda, Cathy Carlson, Tonya Bender, Cindy Roscoe, Cole Bass. Neil Bender, Robyn Mohs, Tammy Stefanik and Elena Hagen.

Visitors attending by zoom: Adrienne Simonson, KD Jones, Katy Hauer, Traci Mazanec, Tyler Manning, Rachel Bright, Marne Bender, Jonathan Ambarian, Nataline Clash, Aric Curtis, Vicki Curtis, Alyssa Salerno, Colette Ozburn, Carrie Clement

Chairman Walter asked the visitors in attendance to put on their facemasks, a few of the visitors refused to put them on so Chairman Walter adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Chairman Walter called the meeting back into session at 5:45 p.m.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **New Business**

##### **Montana Data Privacy Agreement for IXL Learning, Inc.**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the district will retain IXL Learning, Inc. to provide student record management services and online applications utilized to deliver services to students.

**Motion** by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the agreement with IXL Learning Inc. Unanimous vote for the motion

#### **Personnel Issues - Consideration of Recommendation to Hire**

Superintendent Whitmoyer made the following recommendation of employment

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| i.    | Kathryn Brandt     | -Paraprofessional             |
| ii.   | Steven Allen       | - Substitute Bus Driver       |
| iii.  | Joseph Krall       | - Substitute Bus Driver       |
| iv.   | Jim Lyons          | - Substitute Bus Driver       |
| v.    | Cynthia Roscoe     | - Substitute Bus Driver       |
| vi.   | Kathleen Ryan      | - Substitute Bus Driver       |
| vii.  | Elizabeth Clarkson | - EHHS Teacher                |
| viii. | Kimber Mook        | - Temporary TOSA/DL Teacher   |
| ix.   | Bob Schalk         | - Driver Education instructor |
| x.    | Jeremy Shields     | - Special Education Teacher   |

**Motion** by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the recommendation of employment. Unanimous vote for the motion.

#### **Mask Order Discussion - Policy 1905**

**Motion** by Trustee Baird, seconded by Trustee Diehl to chose option # 2 - Optional Face Coverings. The Language is as follows:

**Staff, students, and visitors may wear a face covering, mask or face shield while present in any school building. The School District does not require the use of masks and will not provide masks except in cases required by this policy or at the discretion of the administration.**

**Allegations of harassment of any person wearing or not wearing a face covering, mask or face shield shall be promptly investigated in accordance with District policy. A student, staff member or visitor who, after an investigation, is found to have engaged in behavior that violates District policy is subject to redirection or discipline.**

A discussion followed

Chairman Walter called for the vote.

Trustee Murfitt, Trustee Scheet, Trustee Baird, Trustee Diehl and Trustee Walter "Yes"  
Trustee Ellermeyer and Trustee Balukas "No"  
Motion carried.

#### **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported on the following items.

1. Ashlee Mikesell is now tenured.
2. A June 7, 2021 Strategic Planning meeting has been scheduled. Deborah Silk will be participating in this meeting by zoom.
3. The District will be purchasing another charter bus from Las Vegas Bus sales, and a 15 Passenger transport bus from American Bus Sales.
4. A June 8, 2021 disciplinary meeting has been scheduled if needed.
5. The Army ROTC program will begin this fall.
6. Still working on hiring new staff for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Here the Public**

No one addressed the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m..

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Trustee