

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

Call to Order: Trustees of School District No. 9 met on May 10, 2021. Chairman Scott Walter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Walter addressed the mask mandate within the district.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustees Present: Chairman Scott Walter, Trustees Kevin Bokovoy, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer and Breck Scheet. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Emily Munn, Cole Bass, Klint Fisher, Tim Tholt, Patricia McLean, Natalie Boey, Steve Boey, Robyn Mohs, Adrienne Simonson and Gus Somerfeld.

Visitors on Zoom: Erin Finstad, Jana Nygaard, Traci Mazanec, Katy Hauer, Kathryn Ault, KD Jones, Karly Olson, Kim Metzger, Rachel Bright, Robyn Arntson, Shana Dachs, Vicki Curtiss, Sarah Sandau, Kevin VanNice, Tamika Schoppe, Marne Bender, Ashley Mikesell, Carson Bender, Erick Pritchard, Stephanie Scott, Janene Felter, Staci Dawes and Cathy Carlson.

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

Robyn Mohs arrived at the meeting without a face mask, Chairman Walter asked that she put on a facemask because it is still required in school district buildings.

Robyn refused to put on her face mask so Chairman Walter adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Chairman Walter called the meeting back into order at 5:47 p.m.

Reports

Principal and Technology Director Reports

Principal Rispens reported that at EHHS/EVMS is working to modify the Block schedule for the 2021-2022 school year.

Principal McMahon reported that three 5th grade students had started a fundraiser for St. Jude's Hospital. Several students have joined track this year, All 5th grade classes were able to attend Starbase this year, and at the last PTA meeting KC Johnson stepped down as President and Shandy Hayes was elected.

Principal Crusat reported that on April 9th, a literacy consultant visited with Prickly Pear and gave a targeted professional development around the Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA). The Next leadership meeting will be held on May 12, 2021, and Kindergarten Parent night will be held on May 20th. This meeting will be held by zoom meeting.

Vice Principal, Brenda Stoltz, reported on the EVMS Discipline report.

Vice Principal, Shaun Murgel, reported on the EHHS Discipline report, and updated the Board on Spring Sports.

DJ Howell, Technology Coordinator, reported on the technology improvements in the district.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Chairman Walter updated the Board on the bills that had been approved through the legislature.

Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that he was able to reach Debra Silk and she indicated that she would be very happy to help, but a meeting date was not set.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

- i. Kendra Hutchinson - Teacher

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular meeting,
- B. Approval of January former and new warrants (Claims #45294-45385) and Payroll # 58411- 58577).
- C. Personnel Actions

- i. Kathryn Brandt - Paraprofessional
- ii. MaKenzie Holst - Temporary Paraprofessional
- iii. Stacey Abrahamson - TOSA
- iv. CJ Hansen - TOSA
- v. Tyler Anfinson - EHHS Culinary Arts

vi.	Jason Cobb	- EHHS Golf Coach
vii.	Lisa Mortieau	- EHHS Cross Country
viii.	Karla Layson	- EHHS Volleyball
ix.	Amy Pollington	- Teacher
x.	Jon Moore	- Teacher
xi.	Karly Olson	- Teacher
xii.	Riley Sampson	- Teacher
xiii.	Casey Gergen	- Teacher
xiv.	Jodi Wigen	- Teacher
xv.	Kari Kalous	- Instructional Tutor
xvi.	Katrina Guse	- Instructional Tutor
xvii.	Mason Skains	- Summer Custodian
xviii.	David Allen	- Summer Custodian
xix.	Perry Garner	- Summer Custodian

D. Staff recommendation by School

East Helena High School

Certified Staff Recommendation for 2021-2022

The following tenured staff members be rehired for the 2021-2022 school year:

Ty Ridgeway	Carson Bender	Jana Nygaard
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The following nontenured staff be rehired for the 2021-2022 school year:

Sarah Cobb	Corbin Knight	Taylor Canright	Whitney Mitchell
Tasha Dearborn	Dawes Elwood	Katie Jenö	Christa Schoenfeld
Emma Menage	Angela Huschka	Victoria Curtiss	Casey Harris

The following nontenured staff not be rehired for the 2021-22 school year:

Emily Munn

The following nontenured staff be rehired for the 2021-2022 school year and be awarded the status

of tenure:I recommend the following classified staff be rehired for the 2021-22 school year.

Randi Havens	Larry Loomis	Amanda Hamper	Jodi Wigen
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East Valley Middle School

Certified Staff Recommendation for 2021-22

The following **tenured** staff members be rehired for the 2021-22 school year:

Staci Dawes	Todd Samson	Cole Bass	Marne Bender
Diana McMahon	Lisa Mortieau	Carolyn Gates	Beth Walsh
Ashley Torgerson	Erik Pritchard	Tamika Schoppe	Kim Metzger
Kevin VanNice	Nicole Hash	Whitney McLaughlin	
Bryanna Brown	Cory Horne		

The following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2021-22 school year:

Jason Cobb	Kaitlyn Murphree	Brooklyn Bennett
Katie VanderZanden	Troy Arntson	

The following **nontenured** staff not be rehired for the 2021-22 school year:

Jessie Jaramillo	Kevin Nettleton
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The following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2021-22 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Holly Somerfeld

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2021-22

The following **classified** staff be rehired for the 2021-22 school year.

Chris Hovda	Brad O'Neil	Jessica Holton	Stormi Lucero
Shadron Frank	Tonya Hauck	Shayla Murphy	Teri Valvoda
Kimber Mook			

Radley Elementary Certified Staff Recommendation for 2021-22

The following **tenured** staff members be rehired for the 2021-22 school year:

Carrie Clement	Michael Kemper	Julie Penner	Jennifer Scoles
Vashti Teders	Camy Dusenberry	Ashley Ferro	Karla Layson
Rachel Bright	Tricia Haines	Jenny Murnane	Gus Somerfeld
Katherine Senecal	Kim Metzger	Scott Ireland	Traci Mazanec
KD Jones	Michael Cloeren		

The following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2021-22 school year:

Dani Norling	Heather Countryman	Erin Finstad	Kari Speicher
Emily Franke	Makala McDonough	Patti McLean	Anna Reiff
Sheryl Gunsch			

The following **nontenured** staff not be rehired for the 2021-22 school year:

Matt Campbell

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2021-22

The following **classified** staff be rehired for the 2021-22 school year.

Megan Surginer	Debbie Dunlap	Sharyn Gunderson	Stephanie Higgins
Emily Smith	Jessica Hoffman	Robin Bowlby	Kathryn Brandt
Katie Gilboy	Melinda Yeary	Michelle Lashway	

Eastgate Elementary/Prickly Pear Elementary

The following **tenured** staff members be rehired for the 2021-22 school year:

Adamson, Richard	Arntson, Robyn	Dachs, Shana	Fetherston, Tana
Fitzgerald, Mara	Griffiths, Katie	Hager, Jen	Hauer, Katy
Heidinger, McKenzie	Hutchinson, Kendra	Johnson, Kate	Krause, Jenni
Lunday, Nancy	Odermann, Jannice	Ophus, Kristin	Petersen, Kara
Phelps, Kelsey	Salerno, Alyssa	Sandau, Sarah	Simonson, Adrienne
Vetsch, Erin	Warren, Marya		

The following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2021-22 school year:

Briski, Jillian	Chaney, Derik	Gallups, Brandy	Haas, Jolette
Krantz, Matthew	Mikesell, Ashlee	Warner, Jennifer	

The following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2021-22 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Odegard, Nikki

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2020-21

The following **classified** staff be rehired for the 2021-22 school year

Boltz, Laura	Burke, Samantha	Clark, Natalie	Foster, Monica
Fuhrman, Kristin	Gallups, Kyra	Helfert, Doreen	Hoogerheide, Jill
Kalous, Bethany	Kalous, Kari	Krause, Rick	McLaughlin, Connie
Mergenthaler, Hillary	Pratt, Shawna	Rivers, Caitlin	Schwaller, Carrie
Steward, Nancy	Tyler, Lew	Woodrow, Lesli	Patti Blaskovich

Maintenance & Transportation Classified employees

Maintenance

Brian Yeary
Darwin Curry
Delane Erickson
Andrew Ritchie
Anthony Yniguez
Steve Skains

Bus Drivers

Randy Vose
Hank Flatow

Mark Stevens
Wade Kurns
Kelly Allen

Food Service Staff

Vonnie Strong	Aaron Strong	Dicee Harrison	Karen Chaffins
Karla Allen	Michelle Olds	Renee Slocum	Megan Bakas
Kayla Groat	Cindy Herbst		

Administrative Staff

Gustave Somerfeld	Dan Rispons	Brandon Crusat	DJ Howell
Kim Aarstad	Sarah Manibusan	Jennifer Wiedbusch	Allan VanDiest
Kristen Lovaas	Jennifer Cordell	Shaun Murgel	Brenda Stoltz
Kaylee Baeth	Krista Swindell	Brian Kessler	

E. Recommended Termination of Probationary Employment

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| i. | Emily Munn | - Counselor |
| ii. | Kevin Nettleton | - SPED Teacher |
| iii. | Matt Campbell | - TOSA |
| iv. | Jessica Jaramillo | - TOSA |
| v. | Katrina Guse | - Teacher |

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the consent agenda.
Unanimous vote for the motion.

Unfinished Business

Building Construction Change Order Update

Klint Fisher, SMA Architect, discussed the design of the new addition, and stated that the furniture packet will be sent out this week.

Tim Tholt, Dick Anderson Construction updated the Board on the new high school building project.

EHPS COVID - Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the COVID 19 and mask requirements. Governor Gianforte recently signed a bill that face masks will not be required in the State of Montana.

A special meeting will be held on May 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Board Policy 1905.

Awarding of Resolution #227, Notice of Obsolete and Unusable Equipment

The following bids were received for Obsolete equipment.

KD Jones - 2 projectors \$10.00 a piece. 1 replacement bulb at \$2.00 a piece.

Camy Dusenberry - 3 projectors \$10.00 a piece - 5 replacement bulb at \$2.00 a piece

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the bids are presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to allow Superintendent Whitmoyer to dispose of all other equipment as needed. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Second Reading of Board Policies 1700, 3130, 3310, 3325, 5012, 5120 ,5232, 5228, 5328 & 7220.

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policies 1700, Uniform Compliant Procedure, 3325, Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure - Students, 3310, Student Discipline, 5012, Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure - Employees, 5120, Federal Background Check Fingerprint and Information Headline Procedure, 5228, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers, 5232, Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sex Trafficking Reporting, 5328, Family Medical Leave & 7220, Use of Federal Title I Funds for the Board consideration.

EHEA President Kate Johnson expressed concern on Board Policy 5328 and asked that the Board consider removing the policy until the Administration and teaching staff can look over the policy.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to adopt Board Policy 1700, 3325, 3310, 5012, 5120, 5228, 5232 and 7220 on first reading. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Policy 5328 will be removed until the Board has a chance to discuss this policy further.

FY22 Budget Update including ESSER II & III projections

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the budget projections for the coming year including a two year look at the expenditure of ESSER II and ESSER III funds.

New Business

Certification of Election

Clerk Aarstad reported on the election results for the May 4, 2021 trustee election. Results are attached to the minutes.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the Certification of Election by approving Stacy Baird and Tyrell Murfitt as new Board members. Unanimous vote for the motion

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Trustees

Lewis & Clark Superintendent of Schools, Katrina Chaney administered the oath of office to Stacy Barid and Tyrell Murfitt.

Reorganization of the Board

Chairman Walter turned the meeting to Superintendent Whitmoyer to get nominations for Board Chair.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to nominate Scott Walter as Board Chairman. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Trustee Walter was appointed as Board Chairman.

Superintendent Whitmoyer turned the meeting over to Chairman Walter.

Motion by Trustee Balukas , seconded by Trustee Scheet to nominate Tyrel Murfitt as Board Vice Chairman Unanimous vote for the motion.

Board Committee Appointments

Chairman Walter established the following Board committees.

Infrastructure & Transportation

Tyrel Murfitt
Breck Scheet
Scott Walter

Bargaining (Certified)

Mark Diehl
Marcia Ellermeyer
Scott Walter

Bargaining (Classified)

Mark Diehl
Tyrel Murfitt
Breck Scheet

Budget, Policy & Insurance

Martin Balukas
Marcia Ellermeyer
Breck Scheet

High School Transition & Curriculum Development

Stacy Baird
Martin Balukas
Tyrel Murfitt

Appointment of Clerk

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer seconded by Trustee Diehl to appoint Kim Aarstad as the K-12 East Helena School Board Clerk for the 2021-2022 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Establish an AIG Valic 457 Plan

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to add a 457 Retirement Account to the option available to staff for planning for the future. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Establishing a Student Activity Account for EHHS Pop Fund

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to establish an EHHS Pop Fund to the Student Activity Account. Unanimous vote for the motion.

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

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policy 1310, District Policy & Procedures, 2050, Student Instruction, 2100, School Year Calendar, 2221 School Emergencies & Closures, 2410P, High School Graduation Requirements, 3110. Entrance, Placement and Transfer for Board approval.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the first reading of Board Policy 1310, 2050, 2100, 2221, 2410 & 3110. Unanimous vote for the motion.

State Accreditation Notification

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the current Accreditations status for each school. All East Helena Schools, except the High School, which can not receive full accreditation until the district has full time seniors, received a regular accreditation status, with no deviations.

Administrative Salary Consideration

Superintendent Whitmoyer would like to recommend a 2% increase for the Maintenance Supervisor & Food Service Supervisor, An increase of 2% would be applied to the calculation formula for the principal. A \$1040.00 per hour wage for the Assistant Clerk, Sub Clerk and Administrative Secretary positions. A 3% increase for the Business Manager/Clerk and the Technology Coordinator will have a market adjustment of \$4,000.00 added to the current broadband salary rate.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to accept the recommendation to provide a salary increase to the administrative staff as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Prickly Pear Special Ed Cooperative Interlocal Agreement

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Baird to appoint incoming Superintendent Dan Rispens as the representative to Prickly Pear Special Education Cooperative. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on June 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. by zoom meeting, A special Disciplinary Hearing will be scheduled for June 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Kim Aarstad, District Clerk

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee

Date