

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 March 12, 2021. Chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

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

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

Visitors: Gus Somerfeld, Tricia Haines, Beth Walsh, Shauna Rode, Adrienne Simonson, Jana Nygaard, Kate Johnson, Tim Tholt and Joseph Krall.

Zoom Meeting attendance: Janene Felter, KD Jones, Vicki Curtiss, Aric Curtiss, Tyler Manning, Adam Laman, Nancy Lunday, Brian Kessle and James Greaney.

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 and hiring for the 2021-2022 school year.

Principal McMahon reported the Smarter Balance testing has begun for the 5th grade students. Staff is still working on getting the standard based grading ready for the 2021-2022 school year and Radley enrollment is still fluctuating

Principal Crusat reported on the Black Box process that is being used at Eastgate and Prickly Pear Elementary.

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

Vice Principal, Shaun Murgel, reported on the EHHS Discipline report,

Student Report and Special Recognition - State Swimming Update

Vice Principal Murgel introduced Swim Coach, Shauna Rode and EHHS Student, Grant Laman, who placed 6th at the state swimming tournament, which makes him an all state selection as well.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Trustee Walter discussed some bills at the legislature, discussed the MTSBA board meeting that was held on March 14 & 15th, and discussed the National School Board Association meeting which was held virtually.

Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs

Superintendent Whitmoyer stated that staff will continue to work on ideas for discussion this summer. Board will contract MTSBA to request that Debra Silk attend the next Strategic Planning meeting.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| I. | Kathryn Ault | - Teacher |
| ii. | Izabella Slocum | - Paraprofessional |
| iii. | Melissa Peek | - Paraprofessional |
| iv. | Christine Broadhurst | - Tutor |
| v. | James Ranger | - Paraprofessional |

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular meeting.
- B. Approval of the February former and new warrants (Claims #45216-45293) and Payroll # 58256- 58410.

C. Personnel Actions - Hiring Recommendations

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| i. | Brenda Stoltz | - Principal/EVMS |
| ii. | Melinda Yeary | - Summer Program instructor |
| iii. | Matt Campbell | - Summer Program Instructor |
| iv. | Megan Surginer | - Summer Program Instructor |
| v. | Jon Moore | - Summer Program Instructor |
| vi. | KD Jones | - Summer Program Instructor |
| vii. | Jenny Murnane | - Summer Program Instructor |
| viii. | Samantha Burke | - Summer Program Instructor |
| ix. | Carlie Olivas | - Substitute |
| x. | Mason Skains | - Substitute |
| xi. | Ella Emmons | - Substitute |
| xii. | Gus Somerfeld | - Principal/Radley |
| xiii. | James Asbury | - Bus Driver |
| xiv. | Shayla Murphy | - Temporary Paraprofessional |
| xv. | Brian Kessler | - EHHS Principal |
| xvi. | Krista Swindell | - EVMS Vice-Principal |
| xvii. | Monica Foster | - Summer Program Paraprofessional |
| xviii. | Robin Bowbly | - Summer Program Paraprofessional |
| xix. | Kyra Gallups | - Summer Program Paraprofessional |
| xx. | Teri Valvoda | - Summer Program Paraprofessional |
| xxi. | Lois Starnes | - Kitchen Substitute |
| xxii. | Troy Arntson | - EVMS Track Coach |
| xxiii. | Nikki Odegard | - EVMS Track Coach |
| xxiv. | Tricia Haines | - EVMS Track Coach |
| xxv. | Gage Vermilion | - EVMS Track Coach |
| xxvi. | Austin Waldbilling | - EHHS English Teacher |

Pending background checks and passage of CPR/First Aid classes.

D. Recommended Tuition Student Agreement

- i. Extending Current Enrollment - 1 Students

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

Unfinished Business

Building Construction Change Order Update

Tim Tholt, Dick Anderson Construction, updated the Board on the Building Construction at EHHS.

EHPS Covid - Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the Covid 19 issues within the district. Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the district put out a staff survey asking how many staff had received a COVID vaccination. 98 staff members answered the survey and 84% had received a vaccination.

Second Reading of EHPS Board Policy 1905

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve Board Policy 1905, Covid 19 - Emergency Measures, on 2nd reading. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Awarding of Resolution #226, Notice of Obsolete and Unusable Equipment

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that one bid had been received.

Kalispell School District \$1,000.00

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to accept the one bid for the Wenger Folio Cabinet from Kalispell School District. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Superintendent & Principal Contract Status Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the hiring committees recommendation for the new Principals and Superintendent contracts.

The District has offered contracts to:

Brian Kessler - EHHS
Krista Swindell - EVMS Vice Principal -
Dan Rispens - Superintendent

New Business

EHPS Math Curriculum Adoption

Principal McMahon introduced Tricia Haines, Beth Walsh, Nicole Hash and Jana Nygaard who discussed the Math curriculum and the final recommendation from the math committee.

Motion by Trustee Scheet , seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer, to adopt the mathematics curriculum as recommended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

First Reading of Board Policies 1700, 3310, 3130, 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 Heandline 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.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to adopt Board Policy 1700, 3325, 3310, 5012, 5120, 5228, 5232, 5328 and 7220 on first reading. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Resolution #227, Notice of Obsolete and Unusable Equipment

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve Resolution #227, Notice of Obsolete & Unusable Equipment. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Bus Purchase Approval

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a bid that the district had received for a new 78 passenger Bluebird bus. The district will be adding a 7th bus route in the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to purchase the Bluebird bus.

Trustee Murfitt asked if the district had only asked for a quote for the Bluebird bus.

Superintendent Whitmoyer stated that the only quote the district asked for was for the Bluebird bus.

Trustee Bokovoy, Trustee Diehl, Trustee Ellermeyer, Trustee Scheet and Trustee Walter “yes”
Trustee Murfitt “No”
Motion carried.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on May 10, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees