

Minutes

A Special Board Meeting and Work Session of the Board of Trustees.

Call to Order: The East Helena School District No. 9 held a special Board meeting and work session meeting on February 24, 2021.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

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

Principals: Dan Rispens, Brenda Stoltz, Shaun Murgel, Technology Coordinator, DJ Howell

Visitors: Tim Tholt, Camy Dusenberry, Gus Somerfeld, Mark Young, Kevin VanNice, Kate Johnson, Adrienne Simonson and Karla Layson.

Attendance Zoom: Ashley Ferro, Staci Dawes, Aric Curtiss, Brandon Crusat, Becky Corbett, Emily Munn, Erin Finstad, Jana Nygaard, Katherine Senecal, KD Jones, Laurie Walter, Shana Dachs, Traci Mazanec, Tyler Manning, Jean Dunn, Katy Hauer, Vicki Curtiss, Jenny Murnane, Tricia Haines, Bobbie Scott, Cole Bass, Vadine Rispens, Kim Metzger, Heather Countryman, Marya Warren, Rachel Bright, Beth Walsh, Chris Dexter, Keri Speicher, Nicholas Olson, Angela Young, Christa Schoenfeld, Shawna Pratt, Whitney Mitchell, Marne Bender, Stephanie Scott, Dani Norling, Diana McMahon, Julie Penner, Valerie Balukas, Robyn Arntson, Erik Pritchard, Jonathan Ambarian & Joe McMahon.

EHESA MOU for 1 Year Extension

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a memorandum of understanding with the East Helena Education Support Association (EHESA) that would extend the current negotiated agreement for 1 additional year.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the MOU with the East Helena Education Support Association. Unanimous vote for the motion.

GCCM Change Order Final Budget Discussion and Approval

Tim Tholt, Dick Anderson Construction, presented the final GCCM change order for work that will be done at the new high school.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy approved the change Order Budget that was received by Dick Anderson Construction. Unanimous vote for the motion.

EHHS Vending Company Contract Agreement

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a 5 year vending contract from Harrington Pepsi to provide vending to the East Helena High School.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the Harrington Pepsi Contract as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Superintendent Interview and Discussion

The Board interviewed Dan Rispens for the open Superintendent position.

Each Board member asked several questions of Mr. Rispens.

Chairman Walter opened the meeting for discussion with the public and zoom attendees.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to offer Dan Rispens the position of Superintendent, giving Chairman Walter the latitude to negotiate a contract with Mr Rispens. Unanimous vote for the motion.

A subcommittee consisting of Chairman Walter, Trustee Ellermeyer and Trustee Scheet will work on the contract negotiations with Mr. Rispens.

Report

Notification of Discontinuation of Probation

The following staff member has had their probationary employment discontinued effective February 8, 2021.

- i. Amy Wark -Custodian

Hear the Public

Mark Young addressed the Board on Superintendent's Contract and would like to remind the Board to be sure to continue on the focus on the extracurricular programs, Band, music ect.... For future need.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee

Date