

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 February 8, 2021. Chairman Scott Walter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

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

Principals: Brenda Stoltz, Dan Rispens, and Brandon Crusat and Technology Coordinator, DJ Howell. Principal McMahon attended the meeting through zoom.

Visitors: Kate Johnson, Klint Fisher, Tim Tholt

Zoom Meeting attendance: Holly Morehouse, Staci Dawes, Alyssa Salerno, Vicki Curtiss, Adrienne Simonson, Alyssa Salerno, Camy Dusenberry, Julie Penner, Katy Hauer, KD Jones, Kim Metzger, Marne Bender, Rachel Bright, Robyn Mohs, Cathay Carlson, Shana Dachs, Tyler Murray, Carrie Clement.

Review the Agenda

No Changes

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board.

Reports

Trustee Diehl arrived at the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Principal Reports

Principal Rispens reported that there was some damage to the district buildings and vehicles during the last wind storm. Winter sports are now in full swing, Girls basketball is playing at Dillion tonight, and the Wrestling team is hosting at EHHS. Principal Rispens also reported that the Vigilantes have a first state win in Speech & Debate with Dru Lindsey taking 1st place in Original Oratory competition, Sarah Foster placed 8th in informative speaking and Riley Ophus took 6th place in the Lincoln Debate.

Principal Crusat reported that the staff will be celebrating Para Educator week. Staff have been working on the 2021-2022 school year. 1st grade and 2nd grade team level will be working on all the testing data that has been received this year.

Vice Principal Brenda Stoltz reported on the discipline issues at EVMS

D.J. Howell, Technology Coordinator, reported that he has been working on the e-rate application. Within the application he has been working on getting bids for computer equipment and software.

Student report

No Report

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

Budget & Negotiations Committee met and will be discussed on other agenda items.

MTSBA is in full swing dealing with bills that are in front of the legislature.

Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that he had nothing new to report or add.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| i. | Ann Glueckert | -Kindergarten Teacher |
| ii. | Tom Ferris | -Bus Aide |
| iii. | Wayne Jones | -Bus Driver |
| iv. | Kim Kurth | -Paraprofessional |
| v. | Jordan Yeary | -Custodian |
| vi. | Ron Whitmoyer | -Superintendent |

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the January 11, 2021 Regular meeting
- B. Approval of the February former and new warrants (Claims #45053-45129) and Payroll # 57906- 58058.
- C. Personnel Actions - Hiring Recommendations
 - i. Ashley Torgerson -7th Grade Basketball Coach
 - ii. Mckenzie Heidinger -8th Grade Basketball Coach
 - iii. Tonya Hauk -Paraprofessional
 - iv. James Ranger -Paraprofessional
 - v. Nathaniel Holton -Custodian
 - vi. Abbi Northrup -Substitute
 - vii. Caitlin Rivers -Paraprofessional
 - viii. McKenzie Miller -Substitute
 - ix. Jacy Yoder -Substitute
 - x. Tyler Murray -High School Teacher
 - xi. Tyler Murray -Head Football Coach
 - xii. Shannon Wilson -Substitute
 - xiii. Kate Johnson -Summer School Lead Teacher
 - xiv. Amy Pollington -Summer School Lead Teacher

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

D. Recommended Tuition Student Agreement

- i. Extending Current Enrollment - 7 Students
- ii. New Enrollment in available space - 2 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 bids that were received for the new addition at the high school. Cost for this addition will be around \$2,100,000.00.

EHPS COVID - Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer also updated the Board on the efforts the teachers and administration staff are using to educate and protect the kids. Superintendent Whitmoyer also

reported that the county has lowered the kids quarantine to 10 days, down from 14 in the previous months.

Joe McMahon reported on the mid year reading and math data which is showing an outstanding growth for the students this year.

Ongoing Budget Updates and Consideration

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on budget projections for the 2021-2022 school year.

New Business

Consideration of Resolution #224, calling for a Mail Ballot Election

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve Resolution #224, Calling for a Mail Ballot Election. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of an MOU for EHEA

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented an MOU for Jessie Jaramillo, this MOU will allow Jessie Jaramillo to teach 1 assigned extra period as her prep to compensate for the Mega Block Schedule, Jessie will be compensated for prep because there are students in attendance or online according to her position description during the days that would otherwise be considered her prep period.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the MOU as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked that the Board consider a second Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the East Helena Education Association that will extend the current negotiated agreement into the spring of 2024

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

Consideration of an MOU for EHESA

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that he was not able to reach an agreement with EHESA. Matter will be tabled at this time.

School Board Policy Review of Policies 3310, 4315, 4332, 5223 & 5226

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policies 3310 - Student Discipline, 4315 - Visitor & Spector Conduct, 4332 - Conduct on School Property, 5223 - Personal Conduct & 5226 - Drug free Workplace for Board approval.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the first meeting of Board Policies 3310, 4315, 4332, 5223 & 5226. Unanimous vote for the motion.

School Administration Openings Discussion

The Board held a discussion on the openings created by the retirement of Joe McMahon, Radley building principal & Ron Whitmoyer, Superintendent. With the increasing enrollment and the addition of one more grade level at the High School, Superintendent Whitmoyer would like to have Dan Rispens be the full time high school principal, which would require the need for a full time Middle school principal position.

Trustee Ellermeyer and Trustee Balukas will serve as the representative to the principal advisory committee.

The Board was in agreement that the superintendent position will be open internally first. Chairman Walter will write up the internal solicitation and get it posted with the staff.

Kevin Bokovoy reported that he will not be able to run for trustee this year.

School Board Evaluation of the Clerk/Business Manager

Chairman Walter adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m..

Chairman Walter called the meeting back into session at 7:54 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to extend Clerk Aarstad's contract for one more year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

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 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees