

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 December 14, 2020. 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, Marcia Ellermeyer, Tyrel Murfitt, Breck Scheet in attendance through a zoom meeting. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Kate Johnson, Shana Dachs & Adrienne Simonson

Zoom Meeting attendance: Vicky Curtiss, Ashlee Mikesell, Beth Walsh, Carrie Clement, Ashley Ferro, Cole Bass, Chris Dexter, Dani Norling, Diana McMahon, Karla Layson, Lisa Mortieau, Staci Dawes, Katy Hauer, KD Jones, Marne Bender, Sarah Sandau, Camy Dusenberry, Kevin VanNice, Tricia Haines, Tamika Schoppe, Erin Finstad and Traci Mazanec

Review the Agenda

No Changes

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board.

Reports

Principal Reports

Principal Rispens addressed the Board on the process of getting College classes established for our high school students. Principal Rispens also reported that he is starting to work on getting an ROTC program in the High School.

Principal McMahon reported that the Radley staff had received over \$3000.00 in grants from the PTO, that Radley is still involved with the Coats for kids program. On December 5th several students were able to participate in the Hero's & Helpers Program, These students were able to shop for Christmas presents for their family and when the shopping was completed each student was able to get a pair of new shoes at Famous Footwear. Mr. McMahon also updated the Board on the COVID 19 in Radley Elementary.

Principal Crusat reported the staff will have a Conscious Discipline Trainer coming in for a 1 day class, and at the last Early Out the staff held a PDSA training with Brenda Nardo.

Vice Principal Brenda Stoltz reported on the discipline issues at EVMS.

Vice Principal Shaun Murgel reported on the discipline issues at EHHS, reported that he has been working on getting a Jr. apprenticeship program (CTE) established at EHHS, and reported on the winter sports program.

DJ Howell, Technology Coordinator, reported that his board report was included in the board packet.

Student report

A video with Jenna Smith & Makayla Moldenhauer was played for the Board, the students discussed the new block schedule that is being used in EVMS & EHHS.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

No Report

Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs

Ron discussed the need to continue discussion on the Strategic Plan.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| I. | Linda Kuntz | -Paraprofessional |
| ii | Brandi Dearing | -EMVS Secretary |

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the November 9, 2020 Regular meeting
- B. Approval of the December former and new warrants (Claims #- 44497-44983) and Payroll # 57605- 57757.
- C. Personnel Actions - Hiring Recommendations

- i. Kali Anderson -Substitute
- ii. Madison Otto -Substitute
- iii. Shayla Murphy -Substitute
- iv. Kimber Mook -Substitute
- v. Rob Hoffman -Substitute
- vi. Christian Berg -Substitute
- vii. Samantha Burke -Substitute
- viii. Savanna Bignell -Substitute
- ix. Shanua Rode -Swim Coach/Substitute
- x. Kim Powell -Kitchen Aid
- xi. Bonnie Jones -Life Guard for swim team

Pending background checks, passage of CPR/First Aid classes

D. Recommended Termination of Probationary Employment

- i. Kristen Sargent -Without Cause from Kitchen Aide

E. Tuition Agreement Approvals

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

Unfinished Business

Building Construction Change Order Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the development of the plans for the change order work at the high school. Mr. Whitmoyer also reported that there have been a couple of warranty issues at the new High School. Final cost of the addition is still being looked at and hopefully we will be talking numbers next month.

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 he was recently contacted by the High School Key Club and they mentioned that they were having issues finding individuals they could help because of the COVID. Superintendent Whitmoyer will get together with his administration and staff to see if they could find something the Key Club could do in the district.

Consideration of DEQ Application for a Grant for a School Bus

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the DEQ Clean School Bus Replacement Program and the need for the school district to expand the bus fleet in order to meet the needs of the new 7 bus routes.

Trustee Balukas reported that the Infrastructure committee met on November 24, 2020 to discuss the purchase of an additional bus. District was very interested in purchasing an electric bus but was concerned about the unknownness of the electric bus. The committee recommended that district should apply for a DEQ Grant for a diesel grant.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas, that as per the recommendation of the Infrastructure committee, the District should apply for a DEQ Clean School bus grant. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Collection of the Superintendent's Evaluation

Chairman Walter reminded the board to turn in the Superintendent's evaluation. Evaluation will be discussed at the January Board meeting.

New Business

Activities Fundraiser Proposal

Superintendent Whitmoyer and Vice Principal Shaun Murgel asked that the Board consider allowing the East Helena High School Staff and Coaches to conduct a "Gold Card" fundraiser to assist with funding activities for the high school students. This would be the only fundraiser for the year from the school to avoid bombarding out local businesses at a time when they are stressed by COVID complications.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the Activities Gold Card Fundraiser. Unanimous vote for the motion.

EHESA MOU Approval

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to approve the exemption for an employee from the bargaining unit in a different classification to be allowed to work outside the job description during the 2 week Christmas break without penalty or meeting contract requirements. The classified staff would assist with sanitizing, deep clean, moving furniture and cleaning carpets that are showing the wear and tear of eating in the classrooms. The MOU will allow them to be paid their regular wages instead of alternate wages as a remedy to bargaining unit issues not otherwise covered in the current CBA or other MOUs.

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

MTSBA Ballot Return

Chairman Walter discussed the merits of the dues proposition from MTSBA. District will have to vote on a ballot on this issue.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the Montana School Board Association assessments of the district dues. Unanimous vote for the motion.

EHPS Audit Report Review

Clerk Aarstad discussed the findings on the 2019-2020 audit.

Vollmer - Schools Cannot Do it Alone

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed Jamie Vollmer's work to message the community about how schools need the community to make them strong. Upcoming emails and videos will expand on how much work the schools do today that goes unnoticed to the general public.

Advocacy for the School District

Chairman Walter discussed the upcoming Legislative Session and some of the bills that may impact the school district.

Motion by Trustee Balukus, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to appoint Superintendent Whitmoyer to act as a representative for the East Helena School District. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on January 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Radley Elementary Gym.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees Date

