

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 November 9, 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. Breck Scheet and Mark Diehl were 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: Ken Sargent, Kelly Harris, Klint Fisher.

Zoom Meeting attendance: Erik Pritchard, Cole Bass, KD Jones, Traci Mazanec, Chris Dexter, Diana McMahon, Beth Walsh, Camy Dusenberry, Kate Johnson, Vicki Curtiss and Carolyn Gates.

Review the Agenda

No Changes

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board.

Reports

Principal Reports

Principal Crusat reported that the teachers will continue to go over benchmark data. The winter music program will continue, Mr. Krantz will be recording students and then posting a video on youtube for their family to view. Four Prickly Pear classrooms were sent home because of the COVID 19 virus.

Principal McMahon reported that 41 children were absent from school today, 31 are from the COVID 19 virus. Costco recently donated 15 pairs of boots, and 20 coats to the Radley Students.

Principal Rispens updated the Board on the mega block schedule. Mr. Rispens also reported that there were some leaks discovered in the new building, contractors are in the building and working on the problem.

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

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

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

No Report

Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs

Superintendent Whitmoyer mentioned that the Board will be discussing some issues further in the agenda.

Chairman Walter discussed the future of technology in the district.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| I. | Sally McHugh | - High School Teacher |
| ii. | Crista Delsigne | - Paraprofessional |

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the October 12, 2020 Regular meeting
- B. Approval of the September former and new warrants (Claims #- 44792-44896) and Payroll # 57454- 57604.
- C. Personnel Actions - Hiring Recommendations
 - i. Carson Bender - JV Girls Basketball
 - ii. Troy Arntson - C Squad Girls Basketball Coach
 - iii. Ty Ridgeway - JV Boys Basketball Coach
 - iv. Gus Somerfeld - C Squad Boys Basketball Coach
 - v. Jeremy Shields - Wrestling Head Coach
 - vi. Tim Baird - Wrestling Assistant Coach
 - vii. Kim Powell - Temporary Kitchen Aid
 - viii. Kristal Parker - Paraprofessional
 - ix. Liam Gallups - Custodian

Pending background checks, passage of CPR/First Aid classes
D. Tuition Agreement Approvals

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

Unfinished Business

SMA Building Construction Change Order Update

Klint Fisher, SMA Architects, updated the Board on the development plans for the new High School addition. Designs are finished and they are working with Dick Anderson to get contractors on board.

EHPS COVID-19 - Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the efforts of the teachers and administration to educate and protect the kids in the district.

EHPS Board Policy Review - 2nd reading 8000 Policies

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the 8000 policies for 2nd reading.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer , seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policy 8000. Unanimous vote for the motion

MCEL Reflections from October 15th & 16th

Trustees discussed the 2020 MCEL virtual conference. Chairman Walter also discussed the delegate assembly which was held on November 6, 2020.

Prickly Pear Cooperative Leave Agreement

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the Prickly Pear Cooperative building Lease. An agreement was reached that Prickly Pears rent will be raised to \$600.00 per month, effective November, 2020.

Resolution #233 Obsolete and Unusable Equipment to Bidders

Clerk Aarstad reported that the District had not received any bids for these items.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to have Superintendent Whitmoyer dispose of the obsolete equipment as needed. Unanimous vote for the motion.

EHHS Water Main Bill of Sale to the City of East Helena Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the Water main bill of sale with the City of East Helena. Superintendent Whitmoyer mentioned that Mayor Schell had looked at the contract and would like to discuss the hydrants and where they fit into the agreement. Mayor Schell was going to discuss this agreement with the City attorney.

New Business

EHHS Booster Club Logo Approval According to Policy #4210

Ken Sargent, Booster Club President & Kelly Harris, Vice President Booster, discussed the Boosters Club desire to use the District approved logos to fit with some new changes for active wear.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to allow the Booster club to use the school district logos in their designs. Unanimous vote of the motion.

Consideration of DEQ Application for a Grant for a School Bus

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the opportunity the District has to apply for a DEQ Montana Clean School Bus Replace Program, to expand the EHPS Bus fleet in order to meet the needs of all our now 7 bus routes. Superintendent Whitmoyer also asked if the Board might consider purchasing an electric bus. The incentives of \$148,500.00 are being offered for an electric bus. Applications need to be turned in by January 11, 2022.

Chairman Walter would like to have the infrastructure look into the proposals and report back at the December Board meeting.

EHPS Personalized Learning Application w/Strategic Plan and Proficiency

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented an EHPS application for Developing Transformational Learning in the District. Principal McMahon presented a video and discussed how the transformational learning will begin in the District.

Superintendent went over the Strategic Plan and discussed recommended changes.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the first reading of the Strategic Plan. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer , seconded by Trustee Scheet to have Superintendent Whitmoyer submit East Helena's application for developing Transformational Learning in the District. Unanimous vote for the motion.

EHEA MOU Approval

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented two Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). The first one is an exemption of an employee from the contract penalty for withdrawing from the contract early due to medical reasons. The second one would allow a special leave of absence without penalty. Both MOU's are suggested because those issues lay outside the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Board Policies.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the exemption of an employee from the contract penalty for withdrawing from the contract early due to medical reasons. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to allow a special leave of absence without penalty. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Distribution of the Superintendent's Evaluation

Chairman Walter reminded the Board that the evaluation tool for Superintendent Whitmoyer's evaluation was included in their packet. The completed evaluation will need to be returned to Chairman Walter on or before the December Board meeting and the formal evaluation will be reviewed in a closed session at the January Board meeting. Board comments will not be included with his final evaluation.

ESEA Title IV-A Engagement and public Input - Needs Assessment

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the ESEA Grant, which includes Title 1-A, Title II-A. Title IV-A and Title V-B.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the administration staff to continue to seek out public input about the needs of the school community, to provide the students with these required opportunities. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on December 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee