

## **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 October 12, 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, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Tyrel Murfitt and Breck Scheet. 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: Marya Warren, Kate Johnson, Adrienne Simmonson

#### **Review the Agenda**

No Changes

#### **Hear the Public**

No one addressed the Board

#### **Reports**

##### **Principal Reports**

Principal Cursat reported that the Benchmark data has all been entered, and that he will be completing the teaching goal meetings this week.

Principal McMahon reported on the September ISIP reading and math results.

Principal Rispens reported that the Red Ribbon parade has been cancelled this year. Homecoming activities were held last week.

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

DJ Howell, Technology Coordinator, reported that the district's new filter system is helping him keep track of what students are looking at on the internet.

Trustee Diehl arrived at the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

### **Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board**

No Report

### **Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the district will need to continue to work on proficiency based learning for the district.

### **Notifications of Retirement and Resignations**

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

- I. David Gackle - Custodian

### **Consent Action Items**

- A. Minutes of the September 14, 2020 Regular meeting
- B. Approval of the September former and new warrants (Claims #- 44684-44791) and Payroll # 57300- 57453.

### **C. Personnel Actions - Hiring Recommendations**

- i. Rick Krause - Paraprofessional
- ii. Edna Barrett - Paraprofessional/Translator
- iii. Miriam Horner - Paraprofessional/Translator
- iv. Kathleen Ryan - Bus Driver
- v. Talia Wesland - Custodian Substitute
- vi. Boyd Wengert - Custodian Substitute

Pending background checks, passage of CPR/First Aid classes and one of these employees has to have written approval from a doctor before he/she will be able to continue to work with the district.

### **D. Tuition Agreement Approvals**

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee bokovoy to approve the consent agenda as presented.

### **Unfinished Business**

## **Building Construction Update**

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the finished work at the High School.

## **EHPS COVID-19 - Update**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the district received notification that we had 3 new cases in the district. District Principals reflected on the first 7 weeks of school and how the plan is working to educate and protect our students.

## **EHPS Board Policy Review**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the 7000 policies for 2nd reading.

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer , seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policy 7000. Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **EHPS Board Policy Review, 2nd Reading 8310 Policy**

**Motion** by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policy 8310. Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **MCEL Update for October 15th & 16th**

Clerk Aarstad explained that an email was sent out last week with information on how to sign in for the MCEL Conference, Trustees will need to check or establish passwords in order to check into the conference.

## **New Business**

### **Established New EHHS Activity Accounts**

**Motion** by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to establish the EHHS School Newspaper Account and the EHHS Industrial Technology Account. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Prickly Pear Cooperative Lease Agreement**

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the Prickly Pear Special Education Cooperative building lease of the Miller House property.

**Motion** by Trustee Balukas , seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to have Superintendent Whitmoyer discuss with Prickly Pear Co-op their future needs, raise the lease from \$400.00 to \$600.00 starting with the month of November, 2020 and to have Superintendent Whitmoyer renegotiate the lease for the 2020-2021 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **EHPS Board Policy Review 1st Reading of 8000 Policies**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policies 8000 for the Board consideration

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the 1st Reading of Board Policies 8000 as presented and corrected. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **EHEA MOU Approval**

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked that the Board approve two memorandums of understanding to approve “Distance Learning” and “Special Education caseload” issues that lay outside the Collective Bargaining Agreement and Board Policies.

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

### **Vocational Rehabilitation Contract**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a proposed contract to give students job skills by using the State of Montana.

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the vocational Rehabilitation Contract as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Vendor Contract Discussion**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a vending contract for vending machines and concession stand vendors.

Board was in agreement to have Superintendent Whitmoyer and Principal Rispens look over the two proposals and make a final decision on who the district will offer a vendor contract.

### **EHHS Water Main Bill for Sale to the City of East Helena**

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked that the Board consider a bill of sale (buy-sell agreement) for the waterline that the district constructed for the new High School. The agreement will effectively turn over control, billing and repairs of the new waterline to the City.

**Motion** by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the buy-sell agreement with the City of East Helena. Unanimous vote for the motion.

**Approval of Resolution #233, Offer Obsolete and Unusable Equipment for Bid**

**Motion** by Trustee Bokovoy , seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve Resolution #233. Unanimous vote for the motion.

**Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on November 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Date