

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 September 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, 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: Klint Fisher, Katy Hauer, Kate Johnson, Mark Young, Robyn Arntson, Adrienne Simonson, Emmanuelle Menage, Mathew Krantz, Jodi Wigen, Tasha Dearborn, Casey Harris, Brooklyn Bennett, Kimberly Kurth, Jon Moore, Catherine Hansen, Jessica Jaramillo, Patti McLean, Denise Bramer, Sally McHugh, Kevin Nettleton, Dawes Elwood, Katie Jenö, Angela Huschka, Amy Pollington, Christa Schoenfeld, Jodi Wigen and Erik Pritchard.

Trustee Diehl arrived at the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Review the Agenda

Chairman Walter reported that Item 4, under new business, will need to be removed.

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Introduction of New Staff

Superintendent Whitmoyer introduced Principal Crusat's new staff. Principal McMahon and Principal Rispens introduced their new staff.

Principal Reports

Principal McMahon reported that it has been a great start to the new year, students are adjusting to the new schedule very well.

Principal Rispens reported that school is going great, teachers and students have had to work to adjust and adapt to the new schedule this year. The spectators plan has been approved, maximum capacity for spectators has been approved 250 people.

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the district had recently qualified for free meals for all students.

Vice Principal Brenda Stoltz reported on the discipline issues.

DJ Howell, Technology Coordinator reported that work is still ongoing.

Superintendent Whitmoyer thanked DJ, all district principals for all their hard work to get the school up and running for the new 2020-2021 school year.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

No Report

Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that with the concerns of the COVID has consumed staff time, the strategic plan will be discussed this year.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| i. | Melissa Haerter | - Paraprofessional |
| ii. | Stephanie Scott | - Special Education Teacher |
| iii. | Kira Borske | - Paraprofessional |

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the August 10, 2020 Regular meeting
- B. Approval of the September former and new warrants (Claims #- 44463-44683) and Payroll # 57149- 57299
- C. Personnel Actions - Hiring Recommendations

i.	Connie McLaughlin	-PPE Secretary
ii.	Robin Bowlby	-Paraprofessional
iii.	Kim Kurth	-Paraprofessional
iv.	Matt Campbell	-Teacher on Special Assignment
v.	Jessica Jaramillo	-Teacher on Special Assignment
vi.	Jon Moore	-Teacher on Special Assignment
vii.	Catherine Hansen	-Teacher on Special Assignment
viii.	Amy Pollington	-Teacher on Special Assignment
ix.	Jon Moore	-Speech and Debate Coach
x.	Marla Ducello	-School Foods
xi.	Harleigh Broadhurst	-School Foods
xii.	Kristen Sargent	-School Foods
xiii.	Meaghan Bakas	-Food Service
xiv.	Patti McLean	-Special Education

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

Unfinished Business

High School Change Order Approval & Bond Update

Klint Fisher, SMA Architecture, reported that the furniture package is still being worked on, that he and Mark Ophus had recently met with the design team to discuss the new addition to the High School.

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the second change order for Dick Anderson Construction, this change order will allow the district to finish the construction work for a new addition to the high school. With this new change order the bond will be fully committed for the remainder of the bond life.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Scheet to have Superintendent Whitmoyer continue to work with Dick Anderson Construction on a new change order. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Prickly Pear Land Trust Donation Consideration

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the proposed Prickly Pear Land Trust donation to the school district of approximately 340 acres of Trust Land south of Highway 12. The land represents a potential valuable outdoor classroom for students and other options for networking with other government agencies as a study on habitat adaptation following 100 years of

smelting activity. Funding will be provided to support the caretaker needs of the wetland habitat.

Trustee Walter asked if there will be any liability issue with the donated property, and Trustee Murfitt discussed the proposed donation and asked for clarification on what appears to be a covenant in the deed that does not mentioned that the property can not be used for educational purposes, such as the school district's FFA program. See Page #5, section E, or the Quit Claim Deed, Superintendent Whitmoyer will contact the Prickly Pear Land Trust to ask for this change.

Motion by Trustee Balukas , seconded by Trustee Murfitt to have Superintendent Whitmoyer work with the Prickly Pear Land Trust on Liability concerns, and address Section E, page 5 that the property can be used for educational purposes. Unanimous vote for the motion.

COVID-19 plan Reflections

Superintendent Whitmoyer, Principal McMahon and Principal Rispens discussed the first 2 ½ weeks of school and how the plan is working to protect kids.

Mark Young addressed the Board on some issues his children were having with the new schedule in the schools, and was wondering what would happen with the schedule should the number of COVID cases drop below 5 cases. Mr. Young also asked if he was able to still see everything that was on the agenda on the district's web site. The only thing he could find was the agenda and the policies.

EHPS Board Policy Review 2nd Reading 8000 Policies

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the Board had adopted the wrong board policies at the August meeting. New policies will be placed on the October Board meeting.

EHPS Board Policy Review 1st Reading 8310 Policy

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the Board was given the wrong board policy at the August Board meeting. New policies will be placed on the October Board meeting along with the other 8000 policies.

New Business

Summer School Outcome Update

Principal Rispens updated the Board on the number of student participation and activities for the summer school program.

Enrollment Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on the current enrollment in the district and the trends that can be used to predict growth in the district.

EHPS Board Policy Review 1st Reading 7000 Policies

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policies 7000, Finance, for Board approval.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the first reading of Board Policies 7000 as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Review of Special Board Policies 1900 Series

Superintendent Whitmoyer gave a brief review of Board policies 1900, COVID-19. These policies were adopted by the Board in March and will stay in place until June 2021.

EHEA MOU Approval

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the EHEA Union offering the teaching staff a leave of absence during the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the MOU with the EHEA union. Unanimous vote for the motion.

21 Century After School Program

Superintendent Whitmoyer reviewed the proposed after school program and asked that the Board approve the operation of this program according to OPI guidelines.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the after school program when all staff can be hired. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Intermountain Children's Home Agreement Approval

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a contract for day treatment mental health services with Intermountain Children's Home for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the Intermountain Children's Home. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Commercial Energy Natural Gas Contract Consideration

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the current Gas Contract the district has with Commercial Energy and asked the Board to consider terminating the old contract in lieu of the new proposed agreement. Following the offer by the State of Montana to join the state contract for natural gas with Shell Oil for \$2.99 per Dkt the Commercial Energy Contract is offering us all 7 buildings be provided natural gas for \$2.75 per Dkt, a substantial saving from the current market rate of \$2.99

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to allow Superintendent Whitmoyer to negotiate the commercial energy contract and not to go over the price of \$2.75 Dkt. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on October 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date