

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 August 10, 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: Tim Tholt, Angela & Mark Young, Mark Ophus, Kate Johnson, Klint Fisher, Bob Herberly, Rebecca Halford and Adrienne Simonson.

Visitors on Zoom: Sarah Sandau, Traci Mazanec, Mike Mazanec, Erin Finstad, Camy Dusenberry, Kathryn Ault, Chris Dexter, Marya Warren, Jen Hager, Erin Finstad, Vicki Curtiss, Adam Laman, Mrs. Speicher, Kim Metzger, Christin Laman, Katy Hauer, Carolyn Gates, KD Jones, Staci Dawes, Rachel Bright, Ashley Ferro, Becca Helford, Cole Bass and Emma Menage.

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

Angela Young asked if a staff/parent panel has been established, If there has been any discussion on what will happen if there is a student or staff member that tests positive. She would be willing to help if needed.

Adam Laman, zoom attendee, requested more clarity on distance learning and requested that meeting recordings be posted on the web site.

Reports

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

No Report

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

- i. Talia Westland - Custodian
- ii. Dana Gumbert - Paraprofessional

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular meeting
- B. Approval of the July former and new warrants (Claims #- 44471-_____) and Payroll # 56994-_____
- C. Personnel Actions - Hiring Recommendations

- i. Lisa Mortieau -Instruction Coach
- ii. Derik Chaney -School Counselor
- iii. Sarah Gutekunst -Substitute
- iv. Jon Jackson -Substitute
- v. Lucy Davis -Substitute
- vi. Jodi Wigen -EHHS Tutor
- vii. Brooklyn Bennett -Art Teacher
- viii. Kaylee Baeth -District Nurse
- ix. Natalie Tocas -Assistant District Nurse Temporary
- x. Amy Wark -Custodian

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

Mark Diehl arrived at the meeting at 5:42.

Unfinished Business

High School Building Project and Construction Update

Tim Tholt & Bob Heberly of Dick Anderson Construction, updated the Board on the Construction progress for the new high school.

Mark Ophus updated the Board on the furniture being installed at the High School. Furniture will continue to be installed through the week.

Klint Fisher, SMA Architects, discussed the completion of the project and spoke about how great it has been to work with the school district. Mr. Fisher also mentioned that the additional paperwork for the new building project has been submitted for the board approval.

Facilities Upgrades and Summer Construction Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the facilities improvements and summer construction projects.

MTSBA Recommendation of EHPS Policy Review 2nd Reading 6000 Policies

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policies 6000. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Update on School Planning for August 26, 2020

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the planning for the upcoming school year. Superintendent Whitmoyer also presented a draft letter and a start up plan for the upcoming school year. **Copy of letter has been included with meeting minutes.**

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to adopt the distribution of the letter and allow the administration to continue to work on the framework for the upcoming school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Approval of a Change Order with SMA Architects

Superintendent Whitmoyer submitted a change order from SMA to build an addition to the high school. Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that after reviewing the monies that are still available in the bond funds, and the need to build an alternative high school, the administration would like to propose the construction of an addition to EHHS. The new addition would include an alternative high school and an additional 3 classrooms. Estimated cost to the District would be around \$1,890,000.00.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Murfitt to approve the change order with SMA. Unanimous vote for the motion.

New Business

TFS Report Approval

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 2019-2020 TFS report. Unanimous vote for the motion

Final Business Approval

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Balukas to approve the 2020-2021 final budget. Unanimous vote for the motion.

School Coronavirus Relief Fund Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer and Clerk Aarstad reported that the district received \$657,141.00 from the Governors Coronavirus Relief fund. Monies will be used to hire additional janitors, an additional nurse, distance learning teachers, additional paraprofessional and teachers and supplies as needed. This money must be spent by December 30, 2020.

MTSBA Recommendation of EHPS Policy Review 2nd Reading 8000 Policies

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the 8000 policies for the Board consideration.

Board was in agreement to pull policy 8310, Memorials, to be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Motion by Trustee Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 1st reading of Board Policy 8000, as modified by the Board. Unanimous vote for the motion.

EHPS Board Policy 4411 Edits

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policy #4411, this policy is being revised to align with the SRO agreement we signed with the Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the recommended edits to Board Policy 4411. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future meeting Dates and Agenda Items

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date