

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

Call to Order: Trustees of School District No. 9 met in zoom meeting on May 11, 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 Kevin Bokovoy, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer and Breck Scheet. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Principals: Brenda Stoltz, Joe McMahon, Jill Miller, Dan Rispens, Shaun Murgel and Technology Coordinator, D.J. Howell.

Visitors: Karen Goldsberry, Annette Satterly, Jana Nygaard, Kate Johnson, Kevin Bartsch, Shana Dachs, Adrienne Simonson, Elsie Arntzen, Mike Gomez, Shawn Bubb, Katie Hauer, Wristine Senecal, Dylan Klapmeier and Vicki Curtiss.

Review the Agenda

Superintendent Whitmoyer stated that item 16 should read Worker's Compensation Insurance update, not Unemployment Insurance update.

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Principal and Technology Director Reports

Reports were included with Board Packet

Trustee and Committee Reports

No Report

Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs

Chairman Walter stated that the district might want to consider adding school closure short term and long term plans into the district strategic plan.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

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| I. | Meghan Dolphay | -4th Grade Teacher |
| ii. | Alicia Rogers | -High School English |

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the April 13, 2020 Regular meeting, April 23rd, April 27th and May 5, 2020 special meeting.
- B. Approval of January former and new warrants (Claims #44156- _____) and Payroll # 56502- _____).
- C. Personnel Actions

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| i. | Brandy Gallups | -Special Education Teacher |
| ii. | Kevin Nettleton | -Special Education Teacher |
| iii. | Angela Huschka | -Business Education Teacher |
| iv. | Gus Somerfeld | -Freshman Boys Basketball Coach |
| v. | Troy Arntson | -Freshman Girls Basketball Coach |
| vi. | Matthew Krantz | -Pk-K Music/5th Grade Band |
| vii. | Christa Schoenfeld | -High School Science |
| viii. | Katie Gilboy | -Instructional Tutor |
| ix. | Karly Olson | -Instructional Tutor |
| x. | Tasha Padmos | -High School Math Teacher |
| xi. | Emmanuella Menage | -French High School Teacher |

Prickly Pear/Eastgate Elementary - Hiring recommendations - Certified Staff

Richard Adamson	Jannice Odermann	Tana Fetherston
Jenni Krause	Kate Johnson	Mara Fitzgerald
Ann Glueckert	Nancy Lunday	Katie Griffiths
McKenzie Heidinger	Erin Vetsch	Adrienne Simonson
Stacey Abrahamson	Kelsey Phelps	Alyssa Salerno
Jennifer Hager	Kendra Hutchinson	Sarah Sandau
Marya Warren	Kara Petersen	Robyn Arntson
Katy Hauer	Shana Dachs	Kristin Ophus

Non Tenured staff to be rehired for the 2020-2021 school year and be awarded the status to tenure:

Nicole Odegard

Non Tenured staff to be rehired for the 2020-2021 school year:

Ashlee Mikesell	Katrina Guse	Jillian Briski	Kathryn Ault
Jennifer Warner			

Classified Staff recommended for hire:

Monica Foster	Randi Haves	Krya Gallups	Kristin Fuhriman
Jill Hoogerheide	Patti Blaskovich	Laura Boltz	Kari Kalous
Caroline Schwaller	Lew Tyler	Natalie Clark	Nancy Steward
Erica Romero	Jollette Haas	Leslie Woodrow	Hillary Mergenthaler
Bethany Kalous	Shawna Pratt	Doreen Helfert	Carly Stout
Christina Broadhurst			

Radley Elementary - Hiring recommendation - Certified Staff

Julie Penner	Jennifer Scoles	Carrie Clerment	Camy Dusenberry
Rachel Bright	Tricia Haines	Vashti Teders	Scott Ireland
Traci Mazanec	Kim Metzger	KD Jones	Michael Kemper
Katherine Senecal	Michael Cloeren	Stephanie Scott	Ashley Ferro
Gus Somerfeld			

Non Tenured staff to be rehired for the 2020-2021 school year and be awarded the status to tenure:

Karla Layson	Jenny Murnane
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Non Tenured staff to be rehired for the 2020-2021 school year:

Anna Reiff	Kari Speicher	Sheryl Gunsch	Heather Countryman
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Classified Staff recommended for hire:

Debbie Dunlap	Sharyn Gunderson	Kira Borske	Emily Smith
Stephanie Higgins	Michelel Lashway	Melinda Yeary	Jason Pepos
Crista Delsigne	Melissa Peek	Megan Surginer	

East valley Middle School - Hiring recommendation - Certified Staff

Chris Dexter	Staci Dawes	Todd Samson	Tim Gilboy
Jana Nygaard	Marne Bender	Diana McMahon	Lisa Mortieau
Cole Bass	Carolyn Gates	Beth Walsh	Ashley Torgerson
Erik Pritchard	Tamika Schoppe	Kim Metzger	Kevin VanNice
Nicole Hash	Whitney McLaughlin	Bryanna Brown	Cory Horne

Non Tenured staff to be rehired for the 2020-2021 school year:

Jason Cobb	Kaitlyn Murphree	Holly Morehouse
Katie VanderZanden		

Classified Staff recommended for hire:

Brandi Dearing	Lona McClanahan	Chris Hovda	Brad O'Neil
Amanda Hamper	Melissa Haerter	Stormi Lucero	Izabella Slocum
Shadron Frank	Larry Loomis	Dana Gumbert	Linda Kuntz

East Helena High School - Hiring recommendation - Certified Staff

Ty Ridgeway	Carson Bender
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Non Tenured staff to be rehired for the 2020-2021 school year:

Emily Munn	Sarah Cobb	Corbin Knight	Whitney Mitchell
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Maintenance & Transportation Classified employees

Maintenance

David Gackle
Brian Yeary
Darwin Curry
Delane Erickson
Andrew Ritchie
Anthony Yniguez
Talia Westland
Steve Skains

Bus Drivers

Randy Vose
Hank Flatow
Wayne Jones
Mark Stevens
Wade Kurns
Kelly Allen

Bus Aide

Tom Ferris

Food Service Staff

Vonnie Strong	Aaron Strong	Dicee Harrison	Karen Chaffins
Karla Allen	Michelle Olds	Renee Slocum	Megan Bakas
Kayla Groat	Cindy Herbst		

Administrative Staff

Joe McMahon	Dan Rispons	Jill Miller	DJ Howell
Kim Aarstad	Sarah Manibusan	Jennifer Wiedbusch	Allan VanDiest
Kristen Lovaas	Jennifer Cordell	Shaun Murgel	Brenda Stoltz
Jane Vincello			

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

Unfinished Business

High School Building Project and Construction Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the high school building project, and showed pictures of the process in and around the building.

MTSBA Policy Review 2nd Reading 3000 Policy

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the 3000 Board policies for Board consideration.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the second reading of Board Policy 3000 as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

MTSBA Policy Review 2nd Reading 1900 Policies

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the 1900 Board policies for Board consideration.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Balukas to adopt the second reading of Board Policy 1900 as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

2020-2021 Budget Preview

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the 2020-2021 proposed budget.

MTSBA General Assembly and Regional Meetings update

Chairman Walter reported that the Region 11 meeting will be held by zoom meeting on June 4, 2020. The MTSBA General Assembly will be held by a zoom meeting on June 11, 2020. Chairman Walter reported also, that he will be running for Vice President of MTSBA.

Pureview - ICH Memorandum of Understanding Renewal

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the partnership between the East Helena School District, Pureview and Intermountain Children's Home who operate the Health Clinic located next to Prickly Pear Elementary. This is a yearly renewable contract.

New Business

English Language Arts (SLA) Curriculum Adoption

The English, Language & Arts committee, consisting of Wristine Senecal and Principal Rispen, presented a recommendation to adopt a new English, Language Arts curriculum for the next 5 years.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to adopt this curriculum and purchase the recommended materials necessary for the proper implementation. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Trustee Oath of Office - State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen to Officiate

State Superintendent of Schools, Elsie Arntzen, administered the Oath of Office to Mark Diehl, Breck Scheet and Martin Balukas.

Reorganization of the Board

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked for nominations for Board Chairman.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to nominate Scott Walter as Board Chairman.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to close nominations for Board Chairman. Trustee Walter was appointed as Board Chairman by acclamation.

Chairman Walter asked for nominations for Board Vice Chair.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to nominate Kevin Bokovoy as Board Vice Chair.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to close nominations for Board Vice Chairman. Trustee Bokovoy was appointed as Vice Chair by acclamation.

Notification of Board Member Vacancy

Chairman Walter reported that Trustee Goldsberry had recently sold her home and had moved out of the school district. The board is hereby noticing the public of this vacancy and are asking the community members who wish to become an East Helena School Board Trustee to apply with the Superintendent for that service.

Board Committee Appointments

Chairman Walter will do these appointments at the next Board meeting.

Appointment of the Clerk

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to appoint Kim Aarstad as the K-12 East Helena School Board Clerk for the 2020-2021 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Approval of EHESA MOA Agreement

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the East Helena School and the East Helena Education Support Association. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of Awards for Band, Music and Choral Equipment

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to award the Band, Music and Choral equipment to Eckroth Music & Piccolo Music. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of Awards for Computer and Technology Equipment

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to award the Computer & Technology equipment to Firefly Computers. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of Awards for Welding and Shop Equipment

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to award the Welding & Shop contract to General Distributing. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of MHSA Annual Dues and Approval

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the activities from the Montana High School Association (MHSA) that the school district will participate in the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the 24 activities sanctioned by the MHSA for student participation in the coming school year and pay the association dues. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Montana Job Corps MOU

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the viability of making the Montana Job Corps as another education option for students.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the Montana Job Corps MOU to allow East Helena students to access this program as needed. Unanimous vote for the motion

Montana Youth Challenge Academy MOU

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the viability of making the Montana Youth Challenge Academy as another education option for students.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the Montana Youth Challenge Academy MOU to allow East Helena students to access this program as needed. Unanimous vote for the motion

MTSBA Policy Review 1st Reading 4000 Policies

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policies 4000 to the Board.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the 1st reading of Board Policies 4000. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Administrative Salary Consideration

Superintendent Whitmoyer would like to recommend a 2% increase on the base, including a longevity increase for all administrative staff, excluding the Assistant Clerk, Sub Clerk and Administrative Secretary which will be an increase of \$2080.00 per year, Business Manager/Clerk will received a 3% increase with longevity and Technology Coordinator will have a market adjustment of \$10,000.00, which will be added to the current broadband salary, which will help to close the market discrepancy that exists with the position.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to accept the recommendation to provide a salary increase to the administrative staff as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion

Unemployment Workers Compensation Insurance Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the district's Work Comp Insurance. All information has not been received and the issue will be put on the next board meeting agenda.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on June 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by zoom meeting.
The Special Year end Budget Meeting will be held on June 30, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by zoom meeting.

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Kim Aarstad, District Clerk

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee Date