

Minutes

A SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE EAST HELENA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Call to Order: The East Helena School District No.9 held a special emergency meeting on April 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting was conducted by a Zoom Meeting.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustee Present: Chairman Walter, Martin Balukas, Kevin Bokovoy, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Karen Goldsberry and Breck Scheet.

Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk, Kim Aarstad

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

Visitors: Lori Fearon, Shelly Batista, Katy Hauer, Sarah Sandau, Staci Dawes, Jannice Odermann and Kate Johnson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Business

Consideration of School Health Insurance Self -Funding

Superintendent Whitmoyer introduced Lori Fearon of Payne West Insurance. Lori went over a proposal to move East Helena School District to a self insurance plan.

The Board asked several questions about the proposal.

Board will discuss this proposal at the May 5, 2020 special board meeting.

The insurance committee, consisting of Superintendent Whitmoyer, Clerk Aarstad, Trustees Kevin Bokovoy, Marcia Ellermeyer and Breck Scheet and some employees from the Certified and Classified staff, will meet by zoom meeting on May 4, 2020.

Review Under First Reading School Board Policies 1900 COVID-19 Series

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the first reading of Board Policies 1900 COVID-19. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Hear the Public

This meeting was also live on facebook and the following comments received.

Becky Moog - It is interesting that it's on the agenda for the 5th. Parents are wondering everyday and are trying to make plans for May. Some parents are going back to work. It causes alot of anxiety with all the waiting and wondering. We just want an answer.

Tammy McCartney - I am trying to open my small business back up and I can't do this until I have an answer to school opening. My employees with school age kids can't come back to work until we have an answer. It is stalling everything. Why was that not on the agenda today? Seems this insurance discussion could have waited a week so all us parents could get back to work.

Kaila Peachey - Parents need to know if school is going to open. If not, cut the school year short. Stop stalling.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

Special meetings will be held May 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to address School Closure.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. by Virtual meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m..

Submitted by: _____
Board Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee