

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 23, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Meeting was conducted by a Virtual 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: Katy Hayer, Kate Johnson, Rachel Bright, Katie Stokes, Traci Mazanec, Carly Stout, Erin Vetsch, Shana Dachs, Katie Hawkins, Timmon Hayes, Troy Arntson, Jannice Odermann, Jenny Murnane, Mary Ann Dunwell, Katie VanderZanden, Vashti Teders, Tricia Haines, Carrie Clement, Bryanna Brown, Ann Reiff, Staci Dawes, Shawna Pratt, Adrienne Simonson, Jana Nygaard, Alyssa Salerno, Lona McClanahan, Marne Bender, Emily Munn, Sarah Sanday, Lisa Mortieau, Katie Hawkins, Vicki Curtiss, Parker Meredith, Renee Little, Melissa Peek and Jessie Heide.

Pledge of Allegiance

Business

Consideration of a School Closure Order by the Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Foldsberry, seconded by Trustee Balukas to declare an unforeseen emergency within the meaning of that term as set forth in Title 20, Chapter 9, Part 8, to become immediately effective and to continue through June 30, 2020. This motion is based on COVID-19 risks; in recognition that the Governor's waiver of student instruction time will expire on May 7; and in recognition that the Governor's April 22, 2020 Directive implicating Executive Order 2-2020 and 3-2020 specifies that elected school board and their district that adopted their own declaration of emergency will continue to receive all state funding, including transportation funding. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of a School Closure Order by the Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve a school closure from April 27, 2020 through May 8, 2020 by the authority of the school board of Trustees as authorized in the Montana Constitution and Montana Code Annotated. The terms of the closure of the buildings is that we will continue to provide remote and offsite educational learning opportunities to all students using remote and virtual learning tools to accomplish this education using the proficiency model of assessments and funding from the transportation fund to provide these opportunities. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding for the EHEA

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

Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding for the EHESA

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

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

Special meetings will be held April 27, 2020 at 5:30 to address the district health insurance and 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 6:10 p.m..

Submitted by: _____
Board Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee Date