

## **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 regular session on February 10, 2020 at Eastgate Library. Vice Chairman Kevin Bokovoy called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

#### **Attendance and Introduction of Board Members**

Trustees Present: Vice Chairman Kevin Bokovoy, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Karen Goldsberry 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: Tim Tholt, Klint Fisher, KD Jones, Kim Metzger, Caleb Madsen, Ryan Madsen, Kristie Schleich, Kate Johnson and Tyler Manning.

#### **Review the Agenda**

#### **Hear the Public**

No one addressed the Board

#### **Reports**

#### **EVMS and EHHS student Report**

#### **Principal and Technology Director Reports**

Principal Miller reported that on February 12, 2020 Eastgate will host a Family night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Principal McMahon reported that 4th grade enrollment has increased by 10 students since December.

Principal Rispens reported that the staff has begun working on the pre registration for our 9th and 10th grade students, enrollment packets will be sent out on February 12, 2020 and a parent night has been scheduled for February 20, 2020. Students are also working to gather items for a time capsule that will be put into the new high school.

Middle School Vice Principal, Brenda Stoltz, discussed discipline issues at the middle school.

Vice Principal, Shaun Murgel discussed the discipline issues at the High School and reported that the final basketball game will be held on February 18, 2020. Six swimmers will be going to divisional this week and one wrestler has qualified for state the week of February 16, 2020.

DJ Howell, Technology Coordinator, reported on the Technology issues in the District.

### **Trustee and Committee Reports**

No Report

### **Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs**

No report

### **Notifications of Retirement and Resignations**

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

- i. Marla Ducello - Paraprofessional

### **Consent Action Items**

- A. Minutes of the January 13, 2020 Regular meeting
- B. Approval of January former and new warrants (Claims #43884- 43981) and Payroll # 56137- 56275).
- C. Personnel Actions

- i. Lawrence Loomis - Temporary Paraprofessional
- ii. Jen Wiedbusch - Special Ed/Sub Clerk
- iii. Ryan Murgel - Tennis Coach
- iv. Talia Wesland - Part-Time Custodian
- v. Sarah Sandau - Part time Summer School Lead Teacher
- vi. Gus Somerfeld - Summer School Lead Teacher
- vii. Carrie Schwaller - Summer School Pre K
- viii. Monica Foster - Summer School Paraprofessional
- ix. Brandi Dearing - Summer School Secretary
- x. Megan Surginer - Summer School Secretary
- xi. Debbie Dunlap - Summer School Secretary
- xii. Cody Ottman - Drivers Education Instructor

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

## **Unfinished Business**

### **High School Building Project and Construction Update**

Tim Thorp, Dick Anderson Construction, updated the Board on the High School Building Project. Tim expressed concern about when the Sewer lift station will be completed. The next tour of the building will be February 21, 2020.

Clint Fisher and Kristy Schleich, SMA Architect, reported that they have received furniture bids from 4 different companies. Bids came in a lot lower than expected.

### **Dartman Field Development Update**

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on the latest developments on the Dartman Field Property.

### **Long Term Infrastructure Committee Meeting Update - February 24th**

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the January 2020 Long Term Infrastructure Committee Meeting. The committee will begin the development of another futuristic infrastructure plan, complete with trigger points and benchmark, that would indicate a need for building construction action. Superintendent Whitmoyer also reported that three committees have been established, they are the Enrollment Committee, Property Committee and Grade Organization Committee. The next meeting will be held on February 24, 2020.

### **PER for Valley Drive Update**

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) regarding the existing condition and payment breakdown of Valley Drive. ~~Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the district proportional share of the PER is around \$63,000.00.~~ Minutes were corrected at the March 9, 2020 Board meeting.

### **Title I Re-Allocated Money Request for Help with Summer School Expenses**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the district had requested and received an additional \$12,500.00 for the Title I program. Additional monies will be used for the summer school program.

## **Preliminary 2020-2021 Budget Review**

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the 2020-2021 budget.

## **Letter from the City of East Helena Requesting Right of Ways**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a draft letter that will be sent to the City of East Helena for Board review. The City of East Helena is asking that the District grant a right of way to the City for a road that will be located by the High School. Superintendent Whitmoyer has written a letter stating that as per the Montana constitution the District is not allowed to donate property and at this time the District will not be able to grant the City's request.

**Motion** by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Goldsberry to approve Superintendent Whitmoyer's letter and sign it for delivery to the City of East Helena. Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **MTSBA Policy Review**

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked that this agenda item be moved to new business.

## **New Business**

### **EHPS Indian Education Program Report and Training**

Kim Metzger discussed the Indian Education for All Program and the Federal Title IX Education Grant with the Board, district has 128 students in this program.

### **Selection of Furniture Contracts**

Superintendent Whitmoyer announced that the need for a motion is not required for this item, Cost for the furniture is part of the building cost and was included with the total building cost.

### **Resolution #218 Call for a Mail Ballot Election**

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve Resolution #218, Calling for a Mail Ballot Election on May 5, 2020. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **School Calendar Recommendation and Selection**

Principal Rispens presented three 2020-2021 school calendars for Board approval.

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve Calendar A for the 2020-2021 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion. See attached calendar.

**MTSBA Policy Review**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policies 1000 to the Board for consideration

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Goldsberry to approve the 1st reading of 1000 - 2000 Board Policy, as amended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

**Clerk Evaluation Discussion**

Vice Chairman Bokovoy adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Vice Chairman Bokovoy called the meeting back into session at 7:39 p.m.

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to offer and extend Board Clerk Kim Aarstad contract effective July 1, 2020. Unanimous vote for the motion.

**Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on March 9, 2020 in the East Valley Middle School Library.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Trustee

