

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 January 13, 2020 at Radley Elementary Room #4. 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, Martin Balukas, Mark Diehl, Karen Goldsberry and Breck Scheet. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Tim Tholt, Beth Walsh, Riley Walsh, Jeff Walsh, Katy Hauer, Emily McAnally, Becky McAnally.

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Chairman Walter reported that a Student Art Exhibit will be held from Jan 8th through 30th at the Lewis & Clark East Helena Library. An Artist reception will be held on January 17, 2020 from 4:00 to 6:00, with the High School Culinary Arts class providing the hors d'oeuvres.

Special Recognition of PAEMST Teacher of the Year

Superintendent Whitmoyer introduced Beth Walsh who has been awarded the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching. Principal Rispens discussed the process that Mrs. Walsh had to go through to get this award and presented a plaque in appreciation of this honor.

Reports

EVMS and EHHS student Report

Emily McAnally, Student Council representative, reported that over 180 students had attended the last dance, the next dance will be in February. In the next month students will be celebrating teacher and paraprofessional appreciation week. EVMS students will start doing community service in the next month. The tiger toy shed was broken into over the Christmas break. Students and administration are working on replacing the stolen items.

Principal and Technology Director Reports

Principal Rispens reported that EVMS staff has been working on getting class schedules ready for the 2020-2021 High school year.

Principal McMahon reported that from December 1, 2019 through January 6, 2020 Radley had registered 9 new students.

Principal Miller reported that Eastgate will have a new student teacher, and kindergarten registration is now open.

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

DJ Howell, Technology Coordinator, reported on the new Montana Pupil Online Personal Information Protection Act that was created by House Bill 745. The purpose of this act is to protect pupils from marketing aided by disclosure of their personnel information gathered in relation to certain online educational opportunities, providing contractual requirements for school districts related to online management of pupil records.

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. Madison Otto - Part Time Custodian
- ii. Sabile Erickson - Paraprofessional

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting, December 9, 2019 and Special meeting, December 16, 2019. The December 9, 2019 minutes were pulled for discussion after motion.
- B. Approval of January former and new warrants (Claims #43795- 43883) and Payroll # 55976- 56136).
- C. Personnel Actions

- i. Meaghan Bakas - Food Service Cashier

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

Chairman Walter asked that the meeting minutes, **PER for Valley Drive Update**, be changed as follows:

After some discussion it was agreed upon that the district would have up to 9% to 10% of the total cost of the project.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the December 9, 2019. 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.

Dartman Field Development Update

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

Infrastructure Committee Rejuvenated

Superintendent Whitmoyer announced that with all the new growth that is going on within the school district boundaries, it is now time to rejuvenate the infrastructure committee. A meeting has been set for January 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

PER for Valley Drive Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that there was not any new updates on the PER.

New Business

EHPS Audit Report Approval

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the 2018-2019 audit was completed with three findings.

Kim Aarstad, Business Manager/Clerk discussed the three findings that the district received.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the 2018-2019 audit.
Unanimous vote for the motion.

Sewer Easement Agreement Ratification

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the sewer easement agreement for the new sewer lift station that will need to be installed for the new high school. In order to install the equipment, which is then maintained by the City of East Helena (COEH) the Board should consider allowing access to the COEH. This agreement has been approved by COEH.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy seconded by Trustee Goldsberry to approve the Sewer Easement agreement with the City of East Helena. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Preliminary 2020-2021 Budget Review

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the 2020-2021 budget with the Board.

MTSBA Policy Review

Superintendent Whitmoyer submitted Board Policies 1000 - 4000 for the Board approval

Motion by Trustee Balukas seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the first reading of 1000-4000 Board Policy. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Letter for the City of East Helena Requesting Right of Ways

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a letter that the district has received from the City of East Helena regarding their desire to have the school district grant a right of way to the City of East Helena for a road to cross the property where the new high school is located.

Motion by Trustee Goldsberry, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to have the Superintendent draft some preliminary ideas based upon the legalities of the request, final draft letter will go to the Infrastructure committee and the final will be sent to the Board for approval. Unanimous vote for the motion.

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

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the District would like to ask for additional Reallocated Title I funds to help with the cost of the summer school program.

Motion by Trustee Scheet , seconded by Trustee Goldsberry to authorize the administration to requested an additional reallocated Title I funds. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Superintendent's Evaluation

Chairman Walter adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman Walter called the meeting back into session at 8:32 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Goldsberry to offer Superintendent Whitmoyer a 1 year extension on his three year contract. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on February 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Eastgate Library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee Date