

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 December 9, 2019 at Prickly Pear Elementary Library. Chairman Scott Walter called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustees Present: Chairman Scott Walter, Trustees Kevin Bokovoy, Martin Balukas, Mark Diehl, and Marcia Ellermeier. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Principals: Shaun Murgel, Brenda Stoltz, Joe McMahon, Jill Miller, Dan Rispens.

Visitors: Klint Fisher, Bob Heberly, Kate Johnson, Robyn Arnston, Whitney McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Steve Fawcett, Rex Walsh, Samuel Hoyle and Jeff Buscher.

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Stockman's Bank Presentation of Scoreboard Award

John McLaughlin, Steve Fawcett and Rex Walsh, presented a check from Stockman Bank for \$57,000.00. Monies will be used to purchase a new Scoreboard for the East Helena High School Football field.

Reports

EVMS and EHHS student Report

No Report

Principal and Technology Director Reports

Principal Rispens reported that 8th grade students spent the afternoon of November 27, 2019 adding holiday cheer to windows throughout the town in preparation for the East Helena Christmas stroll. On Monday December 2nd all EVMS and EHHS students participated in Digital Citizenship Day. The first High School Basketball game will be held on December 10, 2019

Principal McMahon reported that 150 students visited the Regulation room in the month of November.

Principal Miller reported that Prickly Pear also has a Regulation room and it is being used a lot. 1st grade students built gingerbread houses on December 6, 2019, 2nd grade holiday performance will be held on December 10, 2019 and the Kindergarten Christmas program will be held on December 16, 2019.

High School Vice Principal, Shaun Murgel reported on the discipline issues for November, Winter Sports are now in full swing, 18 students signed up for swimming, with the hiring of a lifeguard this week the students will begin attending swim meets.

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

Trustee and Committee Reports

No Report

Strategic Plan Scanning Future Needs

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the issues that the district is having dealing with students who have mental health issues. Administration will continue to discuss this issue and will continue to update the board.

Notifications of Retirement and Resignations

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

- i. LeeAnn Barker -Paraprofessional

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting, November 11, 2019
- B. Approval of September former and new warrants (Claims #43657-43794) and Payroll # 55829 - 55975).

C. Personnel Actions

- i. Karly Olson -Instructional Tutor/Temporary
- ii. Dana Gumbert -Paraprofessional
- iii. Sable Erickson -Paraprofessional
- iv. Madisson Otto -Part Time Custodian

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

Unfinished Business

High School Building Project and Construction Update

Klint Fisher, SMA Architect, updated the Board on the design of the new high school, and presented a site plan for future expansion if needed.

Bob Heberly, Dick Anderson Construction, updated the Board on the High School Building Project.

Superintendent's Evaluation Collected from Board Members

Chairman Walter asked that the Board members turn in Superintendent Whitmoyer's evaluation. This evaluation will be discussed at the January Board meeting.

Dartman Field Development Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on the latest developments on the Dartman Field Property. The cleanup project is now back on track.

New Business

Infrastructure Committee Rejuvenated

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the need to develop another long term infrastructure plan, complete with trigger points and benchmarks that would indicate a need for building construction actions.

Generating Teaching Positions for New High School Staff

Superintendent Whitmoyer explained that with the addition of 132 more high school students in the 2020-2021 school year, the district will have to hire additional High School teachers. The following positions will be needed:

Math Teacher
Broad Field Science w/Biology
English
Health/PE Multiple Endorsements and Coaching Required
Business Teacher
Art
Music
Special Ed
Athletic Training w/Teaching Certificate
Driver's Ed
Secretary
Paraprofessionals

*** Preference may be given to teachers with athletic and coaching background and multiple teaching endorsements.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to direct school administration to open these positions at a time that is most advantageous to finding enthusiastic and skilled teaching staff. Unanimous vote for the motion

PER for Valley Drive Update

Superintendent Whitmouyer and Chairman Walter updated the Board on the recent released Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) regarding the existing condition and paying of Valley Drive. After some discussion it was agreed upon that the district would have up to 9% to 10% of the total cost of the cost of the project, which is estimated at over \$7,000,000.00.

MTSBA Resolution Ballot Returned by December 20th.

Chairman Walter discussed the recently released MTSBA General Assembly recommendations for adoption of resolutions.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to support Voting item #1, Dues Structure, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to support Voting item #2, incorporating an additional position from the Indian School Board Caucus, as presented.

“Yes” Trustee Ellermeyer, Trustee Balukas

“No” Trustee Bokovoy, Trustee Diehl and Trustee Walter

Motion Failed

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to support Voting item #3, the Aligning the voting power of the membership with the number of Trustees, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Balukas to support Voting item #4, provide a mechanism for the distribution of assets in the event of a Dissolution of the association, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to support Voting item #5, conducting business through electronic means, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Balukas to support voting item #6, submission of late resolutions, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to support voting item #7, providing that ballots must be signed by the chairperson of the member school Board, as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on January 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Radley Elementary Gym.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee