

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 10, 2018, at East Valley Middle School Library. Chairman Scott Walter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustees Present: Chairman Scott Walter, Trustees Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Breck Scheet. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Principals: Joe McMahon, Dan Rispens, Kevin VanNice and Technology Coordinator, DJ Howell.

Visitors: Kelly Harris, Katy Hauer, Reagan Fasbender, Anita Fasbender, Kelly Harris, Gus Somerfeld, Mike Kemper & Tyler Manning

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board.

Reports

Student Report

Regan Fasbender, 8th grade representative reported that there had been two school dances with over 200 students in attendance at each dance. Students have donated over 800 items to the food drive.

Principal's & Technology Reports

Principal McMahon reported that Radley students have collected almost 2000 items for the food drive. On December 20, 2018 Katherine Senecal was awarded a \$2500.00 grant from Farmers Insurance. Several students have been using the sidewalk between Radley Elementary and Prickly Pear Elementary this year. 45 Christmas gifts will be given out to families in need. PTO will be handing out fundraiser gifts on December 11, 2018, and the Robotics team is now meeting twice a week after school.

Vice Principal Van Nice discussed the EVMS discipline report that was included in the Boards packet. The Tiger fund has helped several students this year, and several Thanksgiving baskets were given out. 7th Grade girls basketball tryouts will begin next week, Mackenzie Heidinger will be the coach this year.

Principal Rispen announced that on December 19, 2018, SMA will be coming into Ashley Miller class to do a technology presentation on what the district new high school will look like.

DJ Howell, Technology Coordinator reported that everything is going great.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board

No report.

Notification of Retirements and Resignations

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

Mayuko Strong - Kitchen Aide

Consent Action Items

A. Minutes of the Regular meeting November 12, 2018 and Special Strategic Board meeting on November 27, 2018.

B. Approval of December, 2018 former and new warrants (Claims # 42476-42 and Payroll # 54037-_____)

C. Personnel Actions

- i. Mary Nordahl -Substitute
- ii. Tiffany Kolar -Substitute
- iii. Holly Morehouse -Substitute
- iv. Cathy Beck-Jenkins -Substitute

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

Trustee Scheet arrived at the meeting at 5:41.

Unfinished Business

Health Clinic Project Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the foundation for the new Health Clinic will be installed on the first week of January. Footings will be completed after.

High School Building Project and Bond Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board and the Community about the progress of the new East Helena High School.

Strategic Planning - Date of the Meeting

Superintendent Whitmoyer announced that the next Strategic Planning meeting will be held on December 20, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. at East Valley Middle School.

Superintendent Annual Evaluation Return

Chairman Walter reminded Board members to return their completed evaluation tool to the Board Chair to continue the annual evaluation process for the school Superintendent.

New Business

High School Culture Committee Recommendations for School Colors

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the tally results from the student, staff and community regarding school colors.

Board members voted as follows:

1st Vote

Trustee Diehl - Navy Blue/Silver

Trustee Scheet - Black/Silver

Trustee Balukas - Navy Blue/Silver

Trustee Ellermeyer - Navy Blue/Silver

Trustee Walter - Navy Blue/Silver

2nd Vote

Trustee Diehl - Navy Blue/Silver
Trustee Scheet - Navy Blue/Silver
Trustee Balukas - Navy Blue/Silver
Trustee Ellermeyer - Navy Blue/Silver
Trustee Walter - Navy Blue/Silver

Motion by Trustee Diehl, Trustee Ellermeyer to select Navy Blue/Silver as the new school colors. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Driveway Naming for City Addressing Purpose

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that because we are putting in the new Health Clinic next to Prickly Pear Elementary the road in front of the school will need to be named.

Matter was tabled and will be voted on at the January meeting.

School Board Policy Review

Superintendent Whitmoyer went over the 2000 series of the Board Policy.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to adopt the first reading of the 2000 series of the Board Policy. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Montana Clean Diesel School Bus Replacement Application

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) once again has a grant available from the Montana Clean Diesel School Bus Replacement Program to help fund adding clean diesel buses to school fleets. EHPS will be in need of adding additional routes to the current system to increase capacity for high school students.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to have Superintendent Whitmoyer apply for 2 buses through the Montana Clean Diesel School Bus Replacement Program. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Support for the Formation of the Booster Club

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the formation of the East Helena high School Booster Club as a service organization to the school district. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Posting of Freshman High School Teacher and Coach Positions

Superintendent Whitmoyer explained that in order to keep the high school program moving forward the administration is asking that the board establish new positions for the following positions:

Teachers	Coaching	
	Boys	Girls
Counselor	Basketball	Basketball
Social Studies	Varsity Cross Country	Varsity Cross Country
Science	Football	Varsity Golf
Math	Varsity Golf	Soccer
Special Ed	Soccer	Softball
PE Teacher	Varsity Tennis	Varsity Tennis
English	Varsity Track	Varsity Track
Music	Varsity Wrestling	Volleyball
	Swimming	Swimming

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the staffing needs as recommended by the Superintendent and Administration. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

Strategic Planning Meeting will be held December 20, 2018 at 5:00 pm in the East Valley Middle School Library.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. om the Radley Gym

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____
Chairman Board of Trustees

Date

