

Minutes

A Special Meeting Of The East Helena Board Of Trustees

Call to Order: The East Helena School District no. 9 held a special meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:39 pm in the East Valley Middle School Library.

In Attendance: Scott Walter, Board Chair; Kevin Bokovoy, Vice-Chair; Breck Scheet, Trustee; Marcia Ellermeyer, Trustee; Mark Diehl, Trustee; Ron Whitmoyer; Dan Rispens; Kevin VanNice; Jill Miller; Joe McMahon, Debra Silk, Tyler Manning and Jen Cordell.

Hear the Public: No one addressed the Board.

Business Item: Work Session on the District Strategic Plan-Facilitated by MTSBA-Debra Silk.

Ms. Silk commended the Board and Administrators for accomplishing what they set out to do 10-15 years prior. Reminded them that the core purpose for the District is timeless. Ms. Silk read her notes from the last Strategic Planning meeting she had attended with the East Helena School District. She reiterated that the plan should be a clear path and direction for our successors.

Ms. Silk recommended to the committee that at the next work session, more staff and community members be involved. A broader audience will get more feedback for planning for the needs of the District and Community for the future. She suggested a survey be sent out to the community to assess the wants and needs of the community as a whole. This would help with focusing on the short and long term District plan. Where do we want to be in 10-15 years? What holes/ needs can we fill in the community? The new high school will be able to help facilitate some of that. More adult and continuing education.

The Board discussed how mental health should be a priority. We should have available resources in our own community. We should be able to meet the needs of some of our most extreme kids instead of hiring that help out.

Our future health clinic will be a great start for our families and community. Especially those who may not be able to get to town easily.

Mr. McMahon mentioned that we do not have an agricultural tie for our students and that is something we should consider as we move forward.

The committee discussed how communication has changed significantly in the last decade and that we need to keep up yet make sure we are teaching fundamental communication skills as to ensure our students are successful in their future.

A tentative meeting for the committee is planned for Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

