

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 8, 2018 at Radley Elementary Gym. 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 Kevin Bokovoy, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Joe Nye, Breck Scheet and Ann Marie Thompson. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Principals: Dan Rispens, Mike Agostinelli, Jill Miller and Joe McMahon and Technology Coordinator Jeanette Winslow

Visitors: Jodi Ridgeway, Jana Nygaard, R.G Dickey, Klint Fisher and Stephanie Aakre.

Review the Agenda

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board

Reports

Student Report

No report

High School Trustee Report

No report

Principal's Report

Principal Rispens reported that EVMS Parent Education Night will be held on January 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The basic format will be for families to arrive at EVMS around 5:30 for a free pizza meal (sponsored by EHPS PTO). Then the children will have a movie night, while the parents receive training in topics such as S.O.S. (Signs of Suicide) and teen depression and Smartphone/social media issues of the day.

Vice Principal Agostinelli discussed the Discipline report, and reported that girls basketball was in full swing. Ty Ridgeway will be coaching the 8th grade, Carson Bender will be coaching the 7th grade, and Tana Fetherston will be coaching the 5th-6th grade intramural.

Principal Miller reported that a family night will be held on January 9, 2018.

Principal McMahon reported that staff will be looking over the parent/student voice surveys. Board was able to view the robotic team in action prior to the board meeting. Radley Elementary had a spike in enrollment after the spring break.

Jeanette Winslow, Technology Coordinator discussed the latest security issues within the district.

High School Trustee Report

No Report

Trustee and Committee Reports of the Board

Committees will be discussed later in the agenda.

Notification of Retirement and Resignations

Superintendent Whitmoyer announced that he had received the following resignations.

- i. Barb Anez - Native American Education Teacher

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting, December 11 2017 and Special Board meeting December 14, 2017 and December 18, 2017.
- B. Approval of January, 2018 former and new warrants (Claims #41555 - 41617) and Payroll # 52526- 52648)

C. Personnel Actions

- i. LeeAnn Barker - Temporary Paraprofessional/Eastgate
- ii. Rena Wengerd - Bus Driver
- iii. Randy Vose - Bus Driver

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Thompson to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the December 14, 2017 meeting minutes be pulled for further discussion. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Chairman Walter asked that the sentence stating that Trustee Walter left the board meeting at 8:40 p.m. be changed to Trustee Diehl left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.. And that the conditional award of offer motion be changed to: **Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to have Superintendent Whitmoyer negotiate with SMA Architects.

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to accepted the December 14, 2018 Special meeting minutes as amended. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Unfinished Business

Building Project Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the construction schedule and progress on the construction at East Valley Middle School. A open house at Prickly Pear Elementary will be held on January 26, 2018 from 3:30 to 5:30.

High School Plannings Discussion

Superintendent Whitmoyer introduced Klint Flisher of SMA Architect. Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the Property Acquisition Committee has completed ranking the properties that will be available for the future high school. Superintendent Whitmoyer also stated that would get a meeting scheduled with the Cost Benefit Committee.

Superintendent Whitmoyer also presented a letter that is being sent to potential investors soliciting monies for the future high school.

Board Policy Review - 2nd Reading

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policy 3022 Children of Military Families and 3110 Entrance Placement and Transfer, and Board Policy 7150, Dedication of Facilities for Board Consideration.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the 2nd reading of the enclosed revisions to Policy 3022 to align the language with the newly revised policy 3110. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve 2nd reading of Board policy 7150. Unanimous vote for the motion.

MTSBA Call for Resolution

Chairman Walter asked for Board consideration on MTSBA Resolution. Chairman Walter also reported that the Individual Elementary Caucus will be holding a meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss proposed Resolutions. Superintendent Whitmoyer asked if Chairman Walter could check to see if there is going to be a Resolution on the State of Montana Bond subsidy Payments being reestablished.

New Business

OPI Request for a school Opening - Resolution 199

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the OPI requires that the District pass a Resolution to register the new Prickly Pear Elementary.

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve Resolution #199, Opening of Prickly Pear Elementary. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Consideration of Marketing Assistance

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked that the Board consider hiring a marketing firm for the upcoming election. The marketing firm will not be able to advocate for or against the bond issue, they would simply assist the Superintendent with the materials and channels necessary to provide complete and accurate information to all community members.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Nye to have Superintendent Whitmoyer use his discretion in retaining a marketing firm for assistance and to spend up to \$10,000.00 in services. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Title I Monitoring Report

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the findings of the Title I monitoring by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) for compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) that replaced the NCLB regulation over the last couple of years.

Budget Status Update for FY19

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the proposed 2018-2019 budget.

Board Review of Superintendent Annual Evaluation

Chairman Walter adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the minutes of the Executive session. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Chairman Walter called the meeting back into session at 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer 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 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Eastgate Library.

A special board meeting will be held on January 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

A special board meeting will be held on January 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Kim Aarstad, Board Clerk

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Date

