

## **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 11, 2017 at East Valley Middle School Library. Chairman Scott Walter called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Attendance and Introduction of Board Members**

Trustees Present: Chairman Scott Walter, Trustees 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: Brandy Lamping, Kaleb Curtiss, Vicki Curtiss, Nicole Hanni, Chris Lamping, RG Dickey Jodi Ridgeway, Tony Perpignano, Katy Hauer, Erin Lorange and Martin Balukas.

#### **Review the Agenda**

#### **Hear the Public**

Brandi Lamping, 3219 Holmberg Drive, discussed the Harassment, Intimidation, Hazing and Bullying of Students Prohibited policy.

#### **Reports**

##### **Student Report**

Kaleb Curtiss, 6th Grade Rep, reported that EMVS Christmas dance was held on December 8, 2017. Students are participating in 12 Days of Christmas, wearing a different clothing item each day through December 22, 2017.

## **Principal's Report**

Vice Principal Agostinelli discussed the Discipline report, and reported that basketball season was now over. 6th grade boys finished with a 6/6 record and 7th grade boys finished with a 9/3 record.

Principal McMahon reported that the my voice survey will be completed on December 18, 2017. 4th and 5th grade staff will be discussing classroom assignment for the 2017-2018 school year. Miss Montana visited with students on December 6, 2017. PTO will be holding a movie night and 10 students will be doing a robotics competition in January.

Principal Rispens reported that EVMS held the Digital Citizenship Day on December 4, 2017. A parent education night will be held on January 18, 2018.

Jeanette Winslow, Technology Coordinator, reported that she had recently ran a bogus email spam message to test the staff on how they handle emails.

Trustee Diehl arrived at the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

## **Trustee and Committee Reports of the Board**

Chairman Walter reported that the Infrastructure committee met on December 6, 2017 and the Independent Elementary Caucus met on December 4, 2017. Their next meeting will be held on January 9, 2018.

## **Notification of Retirement and Resignations**

Superintendent Whitmoyer announced that he had received the following resignations.

- i. Liz Townsend - 5th Grade Teacher Radley
- ii. Kira Borske - Paraprofessional

## **Consent Action Items**

A. Minutes of the Regular meeting, November 13, 2017 and Special meetings - November 20, 2017 and November 27, 2017.

B. Approval of December, 2017 former and new warrants (Claims #41487 - 41554) and Payroll # 52404- 53526)

C. Personnel Actions

- i. Randy Vose - Substitute Bus Para
- ii, Rena Wengerd - Substitute Bus Para
- iii. Levi Rennison - Bus Driver
- iv. Carl Nelson - Bus Driver

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| v.    | Melissa Murphy       | - Bus Driver                |
| vi.   | Jon Leslie           | - Paraprofessional/Radley   |
| vii.  | Christina Broadhurst | - After School Program Para |
| viii. | Shantel Niederstadt  | - Substitute                |
| ix.   | Rachael McIntosh     | - Substitute                |
| x.    | Amy Youngblood       | - Substitute                |

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

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Building Project Update**

Tony Perpignano updated the Board on the construction schedule and progress on the construction at East Valley Middle School.

#### **High School Plannings Discussion - Review of RFQ for Architects**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the Property Acquisition Committee will hold a meeting on December 12, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. The committee will be discussing 9 different properties that could be used for the High School. The Cost Benefit Committee will be meeting on December 13, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.

Trustee Scheet also reported that the Infrastructure and Transportation Committee met on December 6th to look over 9 RFQ's that were submitted for the new high school. Committee narrowed down the applications to 5 and asked that the Board consider interviewing these applicants on December 14, 2017 at 5:30.

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Thompson to schedule interviews with the 5 applications on December 14, 2017. Unanimous vote for the motion.

**Motion** by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Scheet to give Superintendent Whitmoyer the authority and flexibility to negotiate scope and price of the work, and to prepare a contract for the Board consideration on December 18, 2017 special High School board meeting.

**Motion** by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to amend the original motion to give Superintendent Whitmoyer a sideboard to negotiate the scope to not exceed \$20,000.00.

Unanimous vote for the amended motion.

Unanimous vote for the original motion.

## **DNRC Reclamation Grant for Dartman Field Update**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported the District had received \$500,000.00 to remediate the Dartman Field Site. The grant award and contract for services has been delayed from being awarded until the funding is appropriated. East Helena's grant is one of the 10 awards that will be contracted once the State has amassed enough funding this biennium. The last report is that the first 2 projects are underway but that the next 8 projects will have to wait to get under contract until the funds are in the bank, which means that our cleanup project will be beyond the school footprint and will most likely be on hold until next calendar year.

## **Superintendent Evaluation**

Chairman Walter reminded the board to turn in their written evaluation forms to either Clerk Aarstad or directly to Scott Walter.

## **New Business**

### **2017 East Helena Schools Audit Report**

Superintendent Whitmoyer and Clerk Aarstad presented the 2016-2017 audit.

## **Board Policy Review**

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

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the first reading of Board policy 3022, striking the reference to homeless and in foster care, and adding the sentence, the child of military family are entitled to immediate enrollment regardless of presentation of the required documentation. Unanimous vote for the Board.

**Motion** by Trustee Thompson , seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the first reading of Board Policy 7150, Dedication of Facilities and Policy 7150P, Dedication procedures. Unanimous vote for the Board.

## **MTSBA Call for Resolutions**

Superintendent Whitmoyer announced that the Montana School Board Association will call for Resolutions in December. Chairman Walter also went over the recent MTSBA elections.

**Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on January 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Radley gym.

Architect Interview Meeting - December 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in East Valley Middle School Library.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Trustee      Date



