

## **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 March 13, 2017 at the 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 Kevin Bokovoy, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Joe Nye, Breck Scheet and Ann Marie Thompson. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk, Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Isaac Mazanec, Kaleb Curtiss, Andre Mazanec, Traci Mazanec, Julie Penner, Aric Curtiss, Mike Mazanec, Tim Tharp, Rachel Bright, Becky McAnally, Emily McAnally, Quinn Bright, Riley Ophus, Elliot Ophus, Kristin Ophus, Jodi Ridgeway, Beth Walsh, Jess Hegstrom, Kate Johnson and Rachel Ostberg.

#### **Review the Agenda**

#### **Hear the Public**

Jess Hegstrom announced that she has scheduled a training with the City Council and City employees on April 26, 2017, and invited the Board to attend.

Karen Goldsberry discussed the East Helena School Bond election that will be held on May 2, 2017. Mrs. Goldsberry announced that several meetings will be held before the election.

#### **Principal's and Technology Coordinator Reports**

Principal Rispens reported that EVMS has entered the busy season. Administration and staff has started to plan for the 2017 – 2018 school year. EVMS Talent show will be held on March 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Vice Principal Agostinelli updated the board on the discipline report and reported that 75% of the student body had not received a discipline referral for the 2016-2017 school year. Intramural Boys basketball is being coached by Gus Sommerfield.

Principal McMahon reported that 82% of the Radley student body has not received a discipline referral for the 2016-2017.

Principal Miller reported that on March 17, 2017 she will be testifying on State funded Pre-K. She also reported that schools are sending out bond education notices to parents through Facebook.

Jeanette Winslow reported that students will be using Chrome Books for testing this year.

### **High School Trustee Report**

Karen Goldsberry, High School Trustee, reported that the next meeting will be held on March 14, 2017 and that the Board will be discussing the elementary bond. Bengals girls basketball won state this year and three Helena boys won the Western AA Divisional wrestling championship.

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

Chairman Walter reported on the Independent Elementary Caucus Committee meeting that was held on March 6, 2017.

Superintendent Whitmoyer introduced Tim Tharp, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Superintendent Whitmoyer introduced Julie Penner and the students of the Robotics Team.

Superintendent Whitmoyer introduced Beth Walsh and the students of the MathCounts Team.

### **Notification of Retirements and Resignations**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that he had accepted the following resignations

- i. Karen Chaffins – Kitchen Aide

### **Consent Action Items**

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting – February 13, 2017
- B. Approval of March 2017 former and new warrants (Claims #40707 - \_\_\_\_\_) and Payroll 51086- \_\_\_\_\_)
- C. Personnel Actions
  - i. Erin Jan - Temporary Paraprofessional/Radley
  - ii. MacKenzie Potter - Tiger Program Site Worker
  - iii. Alayna Rassile - Tiger Program Art Instruction

Trustee Scheet asked that the minutes be removed from the consent agenda because the minutes reflected that the meeting was held at East Valley Middle School, when it was actually held at

Eastgate. Trustee Walter also asked the Clerk to change Executive Caucus Committee report to Independent Caucus Committee.

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

**Motion** by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the February 13, 2017 minutes. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Unfinished Business**

### **Day of Advocacy Reflections**

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the upcoming Day of Advocacy events, which is being held on March 13, 2017. Assistant Superintendent, Tim Thorpe discussed State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen's address to the attendees.

### **Update on the Legislative Session**

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the current bills that made the deadline before transmittal this season.

### **First Reading of Board Policy 5037**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policy 5037 for the Board's consideration. First reading of this policy was on February 13, 2017, but the policy is being amended to illustrate that teachers and classified staff can use social media on their own time which includes their contract guaranteed duty free lunch time, but not during class time, prep periods or other school business times.

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the first reading of Board Policy 5037. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Second Reading of Board Policy 5055**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policy 5055, Leave of Absence, for second reading.

**Motion** by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Sheet to approve the second reading of Board policy 5055. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Approval of Bids from Resolution #194 for the Sale of Obsolete Equipment**

No bids were received for items.

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Thompson to have Superintendent Whitmoyer dispose of or recycle this obsolete equipment. Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **Property Disposition Discussion**

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the current building construction. There are some concerns regarding connecting to the intersection at the corner of Prickly Pear Avenue and Valley Drive as an egress from the new school construction site. The Montana Environmental Trust Group has turned down the district request for additional acreage. Because of this the City of East Helena will request on easement on this property to help us get the egress.

## **Projected Budget 17-18 School Year**

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget

## **Building Project and Bond Update**

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the upcoming bond election which will be held on May 2, 2017. He also updated the Board on the additional space needs at East Valley Middle School, and the timing of the awarding of HB14 funds, if it passes.

## **New Business**

### **Approval of Resolution #195 Authorizing Levies to Support the Budget**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported on the District requirements should SB307 pass. SB307 requires that the District publish a Resolution in the paper and on the district's website, stating the tax ramifications for all permissive levies. Even though SB307 has not passed through the legislature, it is required that the district publish this notice in the paper by April 15, 2017. SB307 also allows the District to establish a Building Reserve fund with a permissive levy of up to 10 mills.

**Motion** by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to adopt Resolution #195 and approve the language and set limit amounts recommended by the Board.  
Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **Superintendent Report including AASA Leadership Conference**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported on AASA National Conference on Leadership he had recently attended. Superintendent Whitmoyer also reported that he was running for the AASA Executive Committee.

**Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Hunter's Education Approval**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a request from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to continue the Hunter Education Classes in the East Valley Middle School. The request will also allow demonstration firearms to be brought onto school property for educational purposes.

**Motion** by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Nye to approve the Hunters Education Program at EVMS and to allow the use of demonstration firearms on school property. Unanimous vote for the motion.

**Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on April 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:38

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

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