

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 June 8, 2015 at East Valley Middle School Library. Chairman Scott Walter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustees Present: Chairman Scott Walter, Trustees Kevin Bokovoy, Marcia Ellermeyer, Mark Diehl, Joe Nye, Breck Scheet and Ann Marie Thompson. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Karen Goldsberry, K.D. Jones and Kerry Logan

Agenda

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Nye to accept the agenda as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Hear the Public

No one addressed the board

Reports

Principal & Technology Reports

Principal McMahon reported on the following:

1. Benchmark testing.
2. Reported that the 2014-2015 discipline log had a little over 200 referrals, last year's log had over 400.
3. Amanda Gibson is doing a East Helena Mural on the kitchen wall.
4. An all school talent contest will be held on June 9, 2015.

Vice Principal Agostinelli reported on the following:

1. Discipline issues at EVMS.
2. A complete Ipad inventory has been completed. Mr. Agositnelli thanked the student council for their help with the task.

Jeanette Winslow, Technology Coordinator reported on the following:

1. The district will be going to go to Google Apps over the summer.

Principal Rispens reported on the following:

1. The East Helena cleanup was held on June 2, 2015, EVMS partnered with J-4 Automotive for the cleanup.
2. A total of 17 EHPS teachers have signed up for MBI training in Bozeman on June 15, 2015. The district will be receiving a grant from Project Real and Prickly Pear Co-op to help pay for this training.
3. 8th Grade graduation will be held on June 9, 2015, with 128 students graduating.

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the district will be doing one section of the Kinder Cubs program for the 2015-2016 school year.

High School Trustee Report

Karen Goldsberry, High School Trustee, reported that she has only been able to attend one board meeting so far. A board retreat has been planned for August.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the Board

Chairman Walter reported that he had attended the MTSBA Delegate Assembly on June 5 & 6, 2015.

Trustee Bokovoy reported that he was able to attend the Delegate Assembly on June 6, 2015.

Notification of Resignations

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the following staff resignations have been accepted:

- i. Rachel Schwaller - Teacher
- ii. Mrs. Brooke Hoye - Instructional Tutor

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting – May 11, 2015
- B. Approval of May 2015 former and new warrants (Claims # 38870 - _____ and Payroll # 48151 - _____)
- C. Recommended Employment of Personnel
 - i. Scott Harris - Summer Custodian
 - ii. Perry Garner - Summer Custodian
 - iii. David Allen - Summer Custodian
 - iv. Troy Arntson - Substitute Paraprofessional/Teacher
 - v. Leslie Woodrow - Summer Program Para/pm
 - vi. Lew Tyler - Temporary Para/Eastgate
 - vii. Ralph Strom - Summer Bus Driver
 - viii. Tom Ferris - Summer Bus Driver
 - ix. Caroline King - Kitchen Cashier/Radley
 - x. Nicole Crowford - 8th Grant Math Teacher

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

Unfinished Business

Board Committee Appointment

Trustee Walter declared that the following appointments will be:

Infrastructure & Transportation

Joe Nye
Breck Scheet
Scott Walter

Bargaining (Certified)

Mark Diehl
Marcia Ellermeyer
Scott Walter

Bargaining (Classified)

Mark Diehl
Ann Marie Thompson
Breck Scheet

Budget, Policy & Insurance

Ann Marie Thompson
Marcia Ellermeyer
Kevin Bokovoy

K-12 Expansion Effort

Chairman Walter discussed the K-12 expansion issue. The Board discussed reflections and lessons learned and the consensus of the Board regarding future plans and opportunities to work with the Helena School District.

Board Ideas:

1. Joe Nye -Have a Separate 9-12 Board
2. Scott Walter - Continue to pursue meetings with Helena Schools
3. Kevin Bokovoy - Stay vocal in a professional way, ask for meetings and let the press know of these requests.
4. Ann Marie Thompson - We need to have our own High school, and we need to continue to pursue this option.

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the possibility that the District and taxpayers rights were violated because they were not given the right to vote on the issue.

Board was in agreement to continue to pursue the issue in the future.

METG Update and DNRC Grant Cycle

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on the status of their offer for the purchase of 50 acres of Dartman Field. The district will need to apply for grants to help with the remediation of the soil on this property, but these grants have September deadlines, so we will need to have a reply from METG very soon.

New Business

Montana School Board Association (MTSBA) Membership

Superintendent Whitmoyer present the Montana School Board Association (MTSBA) membership for one more year. These dues provide legal services, and ongoing support for school operations, and professional development and training opportunities.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve membership in MTSBA. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Retirement Fund Budget Amendment Resolution #188

Motion by Trustee Thompson , seconded by Trustee Scheet to adopt Resolution #188, Retirement Budget Amendment. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Setting of Fees for FY16

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the following fees for the 2015-2016 school year.

Copies	\$0.15 per page
Tuition Elementary	\$90
Tuition Middle School	\$135
Student Breakfast	\$1.35
Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30
Student Lunch	\$2.60*
Reduced Lunch	\$0.40
Milk-Single Carton	\$0.40*
A La Carte	\$1.00
Adult Breakfast	\$1.85
Adult Lunch	\$3.85*
Headstart Breakfast	\$1.65
Headstart Lunch	\$2.85
Headstart Snack	\$1.00
Substitute (Certified)	\$95.00
Substitute (Non-Certified)	\$85.00
Technology Usage Fee	\$10.00 for grade levels with iPad Immersion

Substitutes for:

Tutor	As per Substitute Pay above*
Kitchen Aide I	\$9.55 per hour
Bus Driver	\$12.05 per hour
Custodian	\$11.55 per hour
Kitchen Aide II	\$9.30 per hour
Paraprofessional	\$10.55 per hour
Secretary	\$12.55 per hour
Interpreter	\$12.00 per hour
Teacher Compensation	\$21.50 per hour
Rental of Gym	\$16.00 per hour
Rental of Classroom	\$10.00 per hour
Rental Athletic Fields	\$10.00 per hour

(Community youth groups will be charged half (1/2) the regular hourly rate provided that 25% or more of the involved students are enrolled in East Helena Public Schools.)

(Whenever a facility is scheduled for use and a custodian is not scheduled for regular duty at that time, the user will be responsible for paying for the custodial time and cleanup at a rate of \$25.00 per hour.)

*Indicates Changes

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Thompson to adopt the proposed 2015-2016 fee schedule. Unanimous vote for the motion.

21st Century Program and Summer School Program Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the 21st Century After School Program, which will begin operation on September 15, 2015 and will again operate every evening until 5:30

Summer School Program Coordinator, Dan Rispens, reported that 93 students have signed up for summer school, 74% of them qualify for free and reduced meals.

Title 1 Program Public Input and Plan Approval

Superintendent Whitmoyer gave a short presentation on the Title I Program and discussed the annual parent meeting.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to continue the Title I program for the 2015-2016 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Year End Budget Update and Summer Maintenance Plans

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported on the purchases being made to close out the budget and also discussed summer maintenance plans.

Smarter Balanced Testing Update and Student Outcomes Reporting

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on the smarter balanced assessment consortium (SBAC) testing status following the declaration of the State Superintendent of Schools to allow schools to opt out of the mandatory testing and reporting. The state failed No Child Left behind because not all schools were able to do the smarter balance testing.

July Board Meeting Date Adjustment Request

The July Board meeting will be July 14, 2014 at 5:30

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The following meetings are scheduled for June and July.

