

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 9, 2015 in the 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, Kevin Bokovoy, Mark Diehl, Joe Nye, Breck Scheet and Ann Marie Thompson. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Principals: Joe McMahon, Dan Rispens, Jill Miller and Mike Agostinelli.

Visitors: Charles Lindstrom, Richard Adamson, Michael Cloreron, John Bagner and Shelby Shively.

Agenda

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Scheet to accept the agenda as presented, deleting the High School Trustee and Technology report. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Hear the Public

No one addressed the Board.

Student Report

Connor Murgel, Student Council Vice President and Anita Fasbender, Student Council President reported that a dance was held on February 13, 2015, Ben Mikaelsen will do a presentation on March 19, 2015, EVMS talent show will be held on March 20, 2015 and students worked on blankets for St. Peter's Hospital children cancer patients.

Principal & Technology Report

Principal Rispens reported that he and Mr. Agostinelli had been busy working on assessment scheduling. 6th grade students will be going on a field trip to the Museum of the Rockies, EVMS talent show will be held on March 20, 2015 and mid-year MAPS testing will begin soon.

Vice Principal Agostinelli discussed EVMS discipline, and also reported that the students will begin Science testing on March 11, 2015, and smarter balance testing will begin after spring break.

Principal Miller reported that First Lady of Montana had re-visited Eastgate on March 6, 2015. During her October visit she joined students for the Read for the Record program. First Lady Bullock stated that if the students and staff set a reading goal for the remaining school year and if they met the reading goal she would come back to celebrate their achievement. Principal Miller reported that Eastgate set a goal to read 200,000 minutes over a four month period and was proud to report the students and staff read for a total of 212,058 minutes.

Principal McMahon reported that the current attendance data indicates that 49% of our students have less than 5 absences and 80% have less than 9 days. Paige Lewis is a student teacher in Katy Hauer's class. Radley students will be participating in the St. Baldrick fundraiser via a Penny War during the month of April. Smarter balance testing will begin on March 23, 2015 and 4th grade students will begin the science testing on March 12, 2015

Trustee and Committee Reports of the Board

Chairman Walter announced that negotiations for the Certified staff will begin on March 16, 2015 and Classified staff will be on March 23, 2015.

Notification of Resignations

No resignations accepted.

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting – February 9, 2015 and February 19, 2015 special meeting.
- B. Approval of December 2014 former and new warrants (Claims #38651 – 38729 and Payroll # 47776- 47894).
- C. Recommended Employment of Personnel
 - i. Melissa Murphy - Temporary Para/EVMS
 - ii. Dan Ripsens - Summer School Coordinator
 - iii. Jill Miller - Negotiations Assistant
 - iv. Jake Schwaller - Substitute
 - v. Jenifer Dickey - Substitute
 - vi. Dillon Maddox - Substitute
 - vii. Harrie Sherwood - Substitute
 - viii. Elena Rickman - Substitute
 - ix. Chad Steyaert - Substitute
 - x. Paige Lewis - Substitute
 - xi. Wristine Senecal - Summer School Teacher Leader
 - xii. Jana Nygaard - Summer School Teacher Leader

Motion by TrusteeThompson, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to accept the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Mark Diehl arrived at he meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Board Policy #3010, Revision for Exception Circumstances

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented Board Policy #3010, Exceptional Circumstances for the board approval.

Motion by Trustee Nye, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policy #3010, Exceptional Circumstances. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Legislative Update, Caucus Day on the Hill Reflections, SB107

Chairman Walter and Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the bills and actions at the Capital that could have a bearing on the functions of the school district.

Administrative Accrued Leave Liability Reduction

Trustee Scheet reported that the committee met on February 19, 2015 to discuss the liability of accrued leave for the administration within the district, this leave has potential ramifications to the district in excess of \$240,000.00.

The committee made the following recommendation: That at the end of the 2014-2015 budget year, for those administrative staff eligible for leave, the board wishes to reduce the administrative liability of excess leave by offering a buyout of one week of accrued leave this school year.

The Board will then assess the results of this liability reduction at the end of this budget year and project a level of liability that is manageable or risk that is tolerable for subsequent years. The District must have available funds to approve this option and the board will have final approval during the annual board budget setting process in August to determine the ability to continue the buyout.

Definition of eligibility will be that 80 hours of accrued leave will be maintained and that the District must have sufficient funds available to offer this option.

Motion by Trustee Scheet seconded by Trustee Diehl to approve the committee recommendation for the Administrative Leave payout. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Budgeting 2015-2016

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the 2015-2016 budget projections.

New Business

Tiger After School Program

Michael Cloeren, Tiger After School Program Director, presented a program outline for the Tiger after school program. This academic minded program assists students with homework and extension opportunities that they may not get as a latchkey kid or through any other means at home. The program offers a healthy snack each day and encourages kids to stretch their minds in three different instruction areas.

Student Individual and Group Picture Bid Consideration

The following bids were received for the 3 year student picture contract.

LIFETOUCH

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
A. One 5x7, two 3x5, nine exchanges	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
B. One 8x10, two 3x5, six 2x3, twelve exchanges	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
C. One 8x10, two 5x7, two 3x5, eight 2x3, 18 exchanges	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$21.00
D. One 10x13, two 8x10, two 5x7, two 3x5, (22) exchanges -	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00
E. Class picture – one 7x5	Free	Free	Free

INTERSTATE

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
A. One 5x7, two 3x5, nine exchanges	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
B. One 8x10, two 3x5, six 2x3, twelve exchanges	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00
C. One 8x10, two 5x7, two 3x5, eight 2x3, 18 exchanges	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
D. One 10x13, two 8x10, two 5x7, two 3x5, (22) exchanges -	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$26.00
E. Class picture – one 7x5	Free	Free	Free

Superintendent Whitmoyer recommended that the District continue with Lifetouch for another three years.

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to enter into a three year contract with Lifetouch. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks Hunter Education Program 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 the school property for educational purposes.

Motion by Trustee Nye, seconded by Trustee Thompson to approve the request by the Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks to continue the Hunter Education Programs on the school premises and to give them the ability to bring demonstration firearms onto the grounds for these educational purposes according to School Board Policy. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Long Term Infrastructure Committee Work Review

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the March 2, 2015 Long Term Infrastructure meeting. At this time the district has 188 tuition students, if the district does not accept any new tuition students in the coming years, it would seem that the district could bring down the tuition numbers to around 50 students.

The next infrastructure meeting will be held on April 20, 2015.

Superintendent Report AASA

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the activities he was involved in at the AASA conference.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda items

The next regular meeting will be held on April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee