

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 May 12, 2014 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, Jill Miller and Mike Agostinelli and Technology Coordinator, Jeanette Winslow.

Visitors: Ty Ridgeway, Allan VanDiest, Karen Hutchinson, Gary Hutchinson, Kendra Hutchinson, Rhonda Burnett, Faye Ann Cummings, Jason Cummings, Sharon Smith, Virginia Hale, Del Bock, Richard Adamson, Kerry Logan, Kate Johnson, Mark Runkle and Charles Linsdtrom.

Agenda

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

Hear the Public

No one addressed the board.

Reports

Principal & Technology Reports

Principal McMahon reported that the academicfest was held on April 10, 2014 with 108 students attending.

Vice Principal Agostinelli reported on discipline issues that the staff had been dealing with at East Valley Middle School.

Principal Rispens reported that the students celebrated Loyalty Days on May 1, 2014.

Principal Miller reported that on May 20, 2014, Superintendent Whitmoyer, Principal Miller and Carrie Schwaller will be traveling to Hamilton to look at their Pre-K school year program.

Jeanette Winslow, Technology Coordinator reported on the technology issues within the district.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the Board

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the school site location analysis, and the new high school issues that was discussed at the May 5, 2014 Special Board Meeting

Notification of Resignations

Superintendent Whitmoyer thanked all the retiring staff for all their hard work and dedication to the East Helena School District.

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

- i. Mrs. Sharon Smith – Paraprofessional
- ii. Mrs. Tracey Rogstad – 4th Grade Teacher

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting – April 14, 2014, Special Meeting, May 5, 2014.
- B. Approval of March 2014 former and new warrants (Claims # 37734 - 37817 and Payroll # 46387 - 46518)
- C. Recommended Employment of Personnel
 - i. Amanda Hamper – Site Coordinator/Tiger Program
 - ii. Cami Boughn – Site Coordinator/Tiger Program
 - iii. Kelsey Voeller – Substitute
 - iv. Matt Upham – Substitute
 - v. Terra Lamping – Substitute
 - vi. Kendra Hutchinson – Temporary 1 year Teacher
 - vii. Sarah Sandau – 1st Grade Teacher
 - viii. Fran Reale – Kindergarten Teacher
 - ix. Meghan Dolphay – 4th Grade Teacher
 - x. Cami Boughn – 5th Grade Teacher
 - xi. Michael Cloeren – Elementary School Counselor
 - xii. Daniel Maddox – Substitute
 - xiii. Stephani Bauch – District Nurse

To: Ron Whitmoyer, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
Fr: Dan Rispens, EVMS Principal
Re: 2014-15 Hiring Recommendations

Certified Staff Recommendation for 2014-15

I recommend the following **tenured staff** members be rehired for the 2014-15 school year:

Stacey Abrahamson	Barb Anez	Staci Dawes	Kathy Dummer
Judi Grimes	John Mark Jenkins	Jana Nygaard	
Diana McMahon	Lisa Mortieau	Ty Ridgeway	Judy Salisbury
Todd Samson	Carolyn Slagle	Brenda Stoltz	Kevin VanNice
Beth Walsh	Ashley Miller	Tim Pipinich	Tamika Schoppe
Jodi Ridgeway			

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2014-15 school year:

Meagan Nakagawa Emily Fauhl Carson Bender

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2014-15 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Erik Pritchard

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2013-14

I recommend the following **classified staff** be rehired for the 2013-14 school year:

Sandy Landby	Jennifer Weidbush	Mary Rose Heller
Celeste Quist	Jean Huckert	Trina Ereth
Melissa Haerter	Sara Stoll	Amanda Hamper
Rhonda Hedalen		

To: Ron Whitmoyer, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
From: Jill Miller, Eastgate Elementary Principal
Re: 2014-15 Classified Hiring Recommendations

Certified Staff Recommendation for 2014-15

I recommend the following **tenured staff** members be rehired for the 2014-2015 school year:

Richard Adamson	Susan Anthony	Shana Berry-Brown	Rose Powell
Kate Johnson	Mara Fitzgerald	Ann Glueckert	Nancy Lunday
Katherine Senecal	Wristine Senecal	ErinVetsch	

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2014-2015 school year:

Alyssa Biskupiak Francesca Reale Kelsey Anthony Rachael Schwaller
Katie O'Hara

I recommend the follow **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2014-2015 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Adrienne Simonson Tana Hopewell

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2014-15

I recommend the following **classified staff** be rehired for the 2014-15 school year:

Monica Foster Randi Havens Andrea Eckerson Bridget Guerin
Jill Hoogerheide Amy Thorngren Laura Boltz
Caroline Schwaller Kristin Fuhriman

To: Ron Whitmoyer, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
Fr: Joe McMahon, Radley Elementary Principal
Re: 2014-15 Hiring Recommendations

Certified Staff Recommendation for 2014-15

I recommend the following **tenured staff** members be rehired for the 2014-15 school year:

Robyn Arntson Shana Dachs Jennifer Hager Katy Hauer
KD Jones Marya Warren Kate Dartman Kerry Logan
Julie Penner Jennifer Scoles Marne Bender Carrie Clement
Camy Dusenberry Rachel Bright Tricia Haines Liz Townsend
Barb Anez Scott Ireland Traci Mazanec Chris Dexter
Jannice Odermann Kim Metzger

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2014-15 school year:

Kara Petersen Stephanie Aakre Michael Kemper Matthew Hankins
Juliann Solomon Kari Ann Peterson Vashti Teders

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2014-15

I recommend the following **classified staff** be rehired for the 2014-15 school year:

Kelly Clavin	Debbie Dunlap	Corinna Gibson	Sharyn Gunderson
Doreen Helfert	Brooke Hoye	Lauryn Lynch	Renee Perry
Shawna Pratt	Lauren Thomas	Sharon Smith	Sharon Stonehouse
Ruth Torkildson	Bobbie Scott	Lisa Crum	Karyn Campbell-Olsen

To: Ron Whitmoyer, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
From: Deb Felton, Food Service Supervisor
Re: 2014-15 Food Service Classified Hiring recommendations

Diane Harrison	Tammy Helfert	Michelle Olds
Debi Hauck	Karla Allen	Marie Schell
Tammy Murphy	Vonnie Strong	Kim Amberg
Chris Lehrkamp	Aaron Strong	

To: Ron Whitmoyer, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
From: Allan VanDiest, Maintenance & Transportation Supervisor
Re: 2014-15 Maintenance & Transportation Classified Hiring recommendations

MAINTENANCE STAFF

David Gackle
Al Lehrkamp
Dennis Gorsich
Richard Palmer
Paul Blumenthal
Dean Kersey

BUS DRIVERS

Tom Ferris
Don Rust
Ralph Strom
Hank Flatow
Rich Coe

To: East Helena Board of Trustees
Re: 2014-2015 Hiring Recommendations

Administration Staff recommended for contact renewals:

Joe McMahon	Dan Rispens	Mike Agostinelli
Jill Miller	Jeanette Winslow	Stephanie Bauch
Allan VanDiest	Deb Felton	Lynn Maness
Jennifer Cordell	Kim Aarstad	

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

Unfinished Business

Resolution #184, Retirement Budget Amendment

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to adopt Resolution #184, Retirement Budget Amendment. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Resolution #185, Transportation Budget Amendment

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Thompson to adopt Resolution #185, Transportation Budget Amendment. Unanimous vote for the motion.

New Business

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Trustees

Marsha Davis, Lewis & Clark County Superintendent, administered the oath of office to Mark Diehl, Breck Scheet and Ann Marie Thompson.

Reorganization of the Board of Trustees

Chairman Walter relinquished the gavel and Superintendent Whitmoyer took control of the meeting and called for nominations for Board Chair.

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Scheet to nominate Trustee Walter for Board Chairman. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Superintendent Whitmoyer returned the gavel to Chairman Walter.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Nye to nominate Trustee Scheet for Vice Chair. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Board Committee Appointments

Chairman Walter stated that he would like to hold off on committee appointments until the June Board meeting.

Bus Route Appeal

Chairman Walter opened the public hearing to discuss a bus route appeal being made by Mark Runkle.

Mountain View Meadows Developer, Mark Runkle presented an appeal to Montana State Code MCA 20-10-101, section 2.a.i, which states “eligible transportee means a public school pupil who resides at least 3 miles, over the shortest practical route, from the nearest operating public Elementary school or public High school, whichever the case may be”. Mr. Runkle stated that

Mountain View Meadows is a subdivision located off Highway 12 East, with currently over 100 houses in this development, at this time East Helena is not offering bus service because the shortest practical route, Runkle Park Way to Hwy 282 to 1st Street to Main Street to Thurman Avenue to the Corner of Radley Elementary is within the 3 mile radius of the East Helena School District. Mr. Runkle stated he felt that the most commonly used entrance and exit to the subdivision would be off of Hwy 12 to 1st Street to Main Street to Thurman Street to the Corner of Radley Elementary. This route would be 3.4 miles, which would require the District to supply bus service. (Full letter will be included with the minutes)

Superintendent Whitmoyer explained that because the law states the shortest practical route, from the nearest operating public Elementary school or public High school the district would use Runkle Parkway to Hwy 282 to 1st Street to Main Street to Thurman Avenue to the Corner of Radley Elementary, which is 2.3 miles, and that the district would not be required to supply bus service.

The Board discussed the proposed bus route.

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to use the shortest practical route, which is Runkle Parkway to Hwy 282 to 1st Street to Main Street to Thurman Street to the corner of Radley School Property, which is 226 E. Clinton Street.

Trustee Ellemeyer, Trustee Diehl, Trustee Bokovoy, Trustee Walter, Trustee Scheet and Trustee Thompson "Yes"

Trustee Nye "No"

Motion carried.

Social Studies Curriculum Adoption

Mike Agostinelli, Ty Ridgeway, Kerry Logan and Kate Johnson presented the Social Studies Curriculum. Total cost of this four year adoption would be \$70,329.68.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Thompson to adopt the Social Studies curriculum. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Appointment of the Clerk

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to appoint Kim Aarstad as the Clerk of the East Helena School Board for the 2014-2015 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Appointment of the Prickly Pear Coop Representative

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Bokovoy to appoint Mr. Whitmoyer as the representative to the Prickly Pear Coop. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Leadership Symposium & Delegate Assembly

Chairman Walter gave the dates and times for the leadership symposium, new trustee training and delegate assembly.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

If needed a special discipline hearing will be held on June 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:47.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee Date