

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 10, 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 Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Joe Nye, Breck Scheet and Ann Marie Thompson. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Assistant Clerk Lynn Maness.

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

Visitors: Rhonda Burnett, Faye Ann Cummings, Kara Petersen, Charles Lindstrom, Todd Kuxhaus, Allan VanDiest, Richard Adamson, Jennifer Hager, James Schell, Dean Kersey, Sarah Diehl and Matt Upham.

Agenda

Motion by Trustee Thompson to accept the agenda as presented deleting the high school report and the student report, second by Trustee Ellermeyer. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Hear the Public

No one addressed the board.

Reports

Student Report - None

High School Trustee Report - None

Principal Reports

Assistant principal Agostinelli gave the student discipline report for EVMS.

Principal Joe McMahon reported that the Radley paraprofessional's and teachers are volunteering their time and rearranging the schedules to support many community events.

Principal Jill Miller reported that Eastgate recognized their paras for paraprofessional week. Ms. Cummings and Mrs. Anthony have been awarded the class act award for reading to children in Wisconsin and having them read and dance for our kids over the internet.

Technology Coordinator Jeanette Winslow reported that the District got an increase in the schools bandwidth for half the cost. The District is waiting for bids but it looks like Charter has the best pricing.

7:12 pm Dan Rispens arrived at the meeting

Principal Dan Rispens reported that there has been some grant writing done to continue the afterschool programs. The Board of Crime Control Grant, 21st Century Grant and the Indian Education Grant have all been worked on.

Trustee and Committee Reports of the Board

i. MT PEC Meeting Recap - Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on the MT PEC meeting. Chairman Walter and Superintendent Whitmoyer were involved in a discussion about East Helena having the opportunity to have the voters decide if the community would be given the option to vote on a High School.

ii. Commendation for Maintenance Staff - Superintendent Whitmoyer offered a congratulations and thank you to the maintenance staff. Telling them that they are doing a wonderful job with the snow removal and making sure that the schools are all ready to be opened safely and ready for the children and staff. Chairman Walter also thanked the staff for a job well done.

Notifications of Retirements and Resignations

- i. Rhonda Burnett - 1st Grade Teacher
- ii. Faye Ann Cummings - Kindergarten Teacher

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting – February 3, 2014
- B. Approval of February 2014 former and new warrants (Claims #37585 - 37658 and Payroll # 46152 - 46270)
- C. Recommended Employment of Personnel
 - i. Jana Nygaard Summer School Project Administrator
 - ii. Leslie Woodrow Substitute
 - iii. Larry Bauer Substitute
 - iv. Cami Boughn Substitute
 - v. Bob Mason Substitute

1. **Motion** by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Thompson to accept the consent agenda as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Unfinished Business

Update on the Great West Engineering Project - Todd Kuxhaus updated the board on the school site selection study and the awarding of the Quality Schools Grant, the CDBG Grant and a DNRC Grant. Great West Engineering is moving forward on the project and would like to do an existing facility study and to add on one more site to the site selection study. Discussion was had by the board.

Strategic Plan 2nd Reading - Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the Board with the revisions to the EHPS Strategic Plan.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, second by Trustee Diehl to approve the second/final reading of the revised EHPS Strategic Plan. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Budgeting 2014-2015 - Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the Board with the 2014-2015 budget projections. He noted that the deficit that was projected at the last meeting has decreased. There is still a \$26,000 shortfall but that could be rectified by some cuts that will not effect the staffing or instruction of the students.

Update of the Audit report - Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the Board with a correction that was made on the Audit of East Helena Schools. There were no changes to the financial numbers it was simply a language change in the Supplementary Information section of the Audit.

New Business

1. Resolution #181 to Hold the Trustee Election

Motion by Trustee Nye, second by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve resolution #181 to hold a Trustee Election to have voters decide on 3 seats on the School Board for a 3 year term. Unanimous vote for the motion.

2. Resolution #182 to Hold a Levy Election

No motion was made to run a levy election.

3. Resolution #183 to Dispose of Obsolete Equipment

Motion by Trustee Thompson, second by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve Resolution #183 to dispose of obsolete and unusable equipment in the district. Unanimous vote for the motion.

4. RESA4U Multi-District Agreement

Motion by Trustee Scheet, second by Trustee Diehl to have Superintendent Whitmoyer sign a multi-district cooperative agreement with RESA4U for at least a minimum of 1 (one) school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

5. Board Policy Adoption and Revisions to Policies #1060 & #1085

Motion by Trustee Thompson, second by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the first reading of the board policy #1060. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, second by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the first reading of the board policy #1085. Unanimous vote for the motion.

6. Superintendent's Report from AASA Governing Board - Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the Board on the activities he was involved in at the AASA conference.

7. Lobbying Activities for 2014-2015 - Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the Board with a document outlining the MTSBA's recommended list of activities allowed when lobbying and working with the legislature.

8. Fish Wildlife and Parks Hunter Education Program Request - 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 is to allow demonstration firearms to be brought onto the school property for educational purposes.

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

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The Next regular meeting will be held April 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the East Valley Middle School library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by: _____
Assistant District Clerk, Lynn Maness

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee