

## 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 February 3, 2014 at Eastgate Gym. 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, 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: James Schell, Melanie Reynolds, Karen Lane, Katie Wagner, Denise Juneau, Karin Billings, Dicee Harrison, Tammy Murphy, Al Murphy, Michelle Olds, Bill and Debbie Felton, Joe and Jill Cohenour, Joe Dooling, Kris Minard, Marie Schell, Kim Amberg, Vonnie Strong, Aaron Strong, Kerry Logan, Rachel Bright, Kate Johnson, Christina Emmerson, Christina Lehrkamp, Kevin VanNice, Tammy Helfert, Karla Allen and Debbie Hauck.

#### **Agenda**

**Motions** by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to accept the agenda as presented deleting the student report. Unanimous vote for the motion.

#### **Hear the Public**

Senate Candidate, Jill Cohenour addressed the board.

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#### **Reports**

##### **High School Trustee Report**

Joe Cohenour, High School Trustee, reported that the Helena District had a five hour retreat where they discussed student learning in the district and decided that the district would establish collaborated learning environments.

### **Office of Public Instruction Tobacco Free Schools Recognition**

Superintendent Whitmoyer introduced Denise Juneau to the board and members of the audience. Superintendent Juneau presented a certificate and banner to the East Helena School district. The District is one of 266 school districts in the state that has a Tobacco Policy with in the district.

### **Office of Public Instruction Silver Award Recognition**

Superintendent Juneau announced that East Helena Foods programs had received the Silver Award Recognition. To qualify for this award the district submitted a detailed application documenting adherence to the Healthier US School Challenge criteria for their lunch menus, nutrition education and opportunities for physical activity and a local school wellness policy. Debbie Felton, Food Service Supervisor, introduced her staff to the board and members of the audience.

### **Principal & Technology Reports**

Jeanette Winslow, Tehnology Coordinator, discussed the technology issues within the district.

Principal Rispens reported that district is funding 4 nights of Friday nights skiing, funding will come from the Board of Crime Control grant. Students have just finished up the MAPS testing.

Principal McMahon reported that the District received a \$500.00 Exxon grant from Town Pump. With the need of additional paraprofessionals in Radley School, a study was completed to see how the paraprofessionals are being scheduled and used within the building. The week of February 3 - 8 is paraprofessional week. Principal McMahon also went over the discipline report.

Principal Miller reported that there is a bigger need for more paraprofessionals in the district. The district purchased a new online course called No-nonsense. This course will help new teachers apply stratigies to their teaching within the district.

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

Chairman Walter reported that there was a Education and Local government meeting on Febraury 3, 2014, the meeting was to discuss Senate bill 175. Chairman Walter also announced that representatives from MTSBA, MREA, MEA/MFT, MASBO, SAM, Helena Superintendent Kultgen and Board Chairman Libby Goldes and Superintendent Whitmoyer and Board Chairman Scott Walter will be holding a informal meeting on February 21, 2014 to discuss the high school issues within the state.

### **Consent Action Items**

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting – January 13, 2014
- B. Approval of January 2014 former and new warrants (Claims #37509 - 37584 and Payroll # 46031- 46151)
- C. Recommended Employment of Personnel

Aaron Gilman – Substitute

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

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Update of the Great West Engineering Project**

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that he had met with Great West Engineering to discuss the status of the school site location analysis and the next steps the district will need to complete in the process.

#### **Facilities Priorities**

Superintendent Whitmoyer explained that with the help of the 2008 state wide inventory, self reporting and meeting with the district maintenance supervisor, an infrastructure priority list has been completed. The final priority ranking includes consideration of the offer by the PTO to donate a significant amount of money towards replacing the Radley School gym bleachers.

#### **Budgeting 2014-2015**

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the 2014-2015 budget.

#### **Strategic Plan Review & Adoption**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the Strategic Plan for the Board review and public comment.

**Motion** by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to accept the first reading of the District Strategic Plan. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **New Business**

#### **Calendar Committee Recommendation for 2014-2015**

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, second by Trustee Bokovoy to adopt the calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

#### **Clerk Evaluation**

Chairman Walter adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 9:32 p.m.

**Motion** by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the evaluation of Kim Aarstad, District Clerk. Unanimous vote for the motion.

**Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Submitted by: Kim Aarstad  
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: Scott A. Helte  
Chairman, Board of Trustee

MARCH 10, 2014  
Date