

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 September 10, 2012 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, Kevin Bokovoy, Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Joe Nye, Breck Scheet and Ann Marie Thompson. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Joe Cohenour, Tricia Haines, Camy Bishop, Stacey Mosher, Charles Lindstrom, Juliann Solomon, James Schell, Trina Ereth, Richard Adamson, Mary Rose Heller and Sara Stoll.

Agenda

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

Hear the Public

James Schell expressed concern on the ipads being put into the school district. He will discuss this issue when the board gets to New Business, Item #2, The Cloud and iPad Computing.

Reports

Student Report

Chris Bokovoy, Student Council Historian, reported on the following issues:

Student body decided to do Candy for Buckets this year.

\$500.00 will be donated to the leukemia foundation.

A blood draw will be held on September 12, 2012; Shaun Harris and Emily Walter will oversee this activity.

New 6th grade rep is Sealey Raymond.

School dances have been scheduled and are listed on the school calendar.

Spirit week will be held the week of September 24, 2012

Students will earn coins when they work in the student store, coins can be used to purchase several different items.

NCES State Student Council will be held in Helena on October 22 & 23, 2012

High School Trustee Report

Joe Cohenour reported that the district recently hired a district level administrator for Tech Support. The board adopted the High School budget at the last board meeting. The Building Reserve, which is a 10 year voter commitment, will be finished in two years, so the board will need to consider having another election. The steering committee has been holding meetings. The district is currently working on the elementary demographs and the district is currently working on putting out bids to get cameras in all school buildings.

AA Caucus - Madelon Quinlain attended the last meeting. She presented OPI tentative draft for the upcoming legislative session.

Principals and Technology Report

The principals reported on the following issues:

Jill Miller – Kindergarten students started school a day later than other district students, both parents and teachers were very happy with the new start date.

Joe McMahon – 516 students enrolled. Free and reduced applications are coming in and the district is only 5 applications away from being over 50%. Mr. McMahon also wanted to thank Robyn Arntson for doing the name plates for all the staff.

Mike Agostinelli - 15 students have turned out for cross country, they will be coached by Carolyn Slagle, 65 students have turned out for volleyball, they will be coached by Ashley Gillispie, Jana Nygaard and Tana Hopewell. Scott Ireland will be coaching soccer.

Dan Rispens- EVMS enrollment is up from last year.

Jeanette Winslow – Busy fall, grade books are now on the ipad. Power school grade notification has been fixed.

Committee Reports of the Board

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that a facilities committee will be meeting on October 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Walter reminded the board about the MTSBA back to school legal primer. Kevin Bokovoy will be attending.

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked if the board would like to do a staff Social. Dates will be finalized for sometime this month.

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting – August 13, 2012
- B. Approval of July 2012 former and new warrants (Claims #35884 – 35993 and Payroll # 43712- 43820)
- C. Recommended Employment of Personnel
 - i. Andrea Eckerson – Paraprofessional
 - ii. Amy Thorngren – Paraprofessional
 - iii. Karyn Campbell-Olsen – Paraprofessional
 - iv. Cassidy Nordahl – Paraprofessional
 - v. Brooke Hoyer – Paraprofessional
 - vi. Sara Stoll - Paraprofessional
 - vii. Mary Rose Heller – Paraprofessional
 - viii. Trina Ereth – Paraprofessional
 - ix. Tona Iwen – Substitute
 - x. Lauryn Lynch – Substitute
 - xi. Andrea Staley – Substitute
 - xii. Sarah Pagan – Substitute
 - xiii. Colter Wilcock – Substitute
 - xiv. Deborah Karon – Substitute Bus Driver
 - xv. Renee Perry – Substitute
 - xvi. Darlene Jatkowski – Substitute
 - xvii. Jannice Ward – Substitute

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

Unfinished Business

Strategic Planning Date

A Board Strategic Planning session will be held on September 17, 2012 at East Valley Middle School.

Budget Update

Ron explained that the district had received a call from OPI stating that the district had overstated the bond paying agent fees by \$750.00. OPI asked that Clerk Aarstad fix the paying agent fees and resubmitted the budget. Clerk Aarstad resubmitted the budget with their suggest changes.

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the amended budget.

Trustee Thompson "No"

Trustee Ellermeyer, Scheet, Walter, Nye, Bokovoy and Diehl "YES"

Motion carried.

CSCT Program Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported on the changes in the CSCT program. Center for Mental Health and Intermountain Children Home are the current providers. Center for Mental Health runs the Radley and Eastgate program. But two of their employees quit in the last month, so their program is not staffed at Eastgate. Ron notified the Center for Mental Health that their services would no longer be needed at Eastgate School and that he was looking for a new provider.

New Business

Introduction of new staff

Building Principals introduced their new staff to the Board and public.

The Cloud and iPad Computing

Tricia Haines & Ryan Hazen made a short presentation on iPad use in the district and discussed the training they received at the International Society of Technology Education (ITSE) training in San Deigo, CA.

James Schell, expressed concern about the iPad being given to 3rd and 6th grade students and the cost the district will have for this implementation.

We Are East Helena

Dan Rispens discussed the ongoing actions of the "We Are East Helena" team.

RESA4U Gas Contract

Superintendent Whitmoyer discussed the upcoming RESA4U Gas Contract renewal. RESA4U will now hold this contract for the district.

Obsolete and Unusable Equipment

Motion by Trustee Bokovoy, seconded by Trustee Thompson to adopt Resolution #172, disposal of undesirable equipment. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Montana Conference of Educational Leadership, October 18 & 19

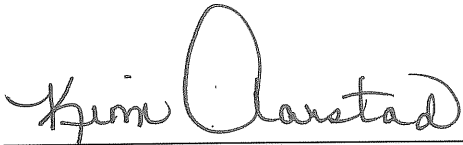
Superintendent Whitmoyer reminded the board on the Montana Conference on Educational Leadership on October 18 & 19th in Billings Montana.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on October 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22

Submitted by: 
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ Date _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee