

## 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 14, 2012 at East Valley Middle School Library. Chairman Ann Marie Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Attendance and Introduction of Board Members**

Trustees Present: Chairman Ann Marie Thompson, Scott Walter, Kit Johnson, Breck Scheet, Marcia Ellermeyer, and Mark Diehl. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: K.D. Jones, Wristine Senecal, Karol Gustin, Charles Lidstrom, Shana Dachs, Erin Vetsch, Tracey Rogstad and Kate Selvig.

#### **Agenda**

Chairman Thompson asked the board members if they would like to move the public comment up further into the agenda, the current location for public comment is at the bottom of the agenda.

**Motion** by Trustee Walter seconded by Trustee Scheet to accept the agenda as presented, removing the student report and allowing the public comment right after the approval of the agenda. . Unanimous vote for the motion.

Chairman Thompson opened up the floor for public comment. No one addressed the board.

#### **Report**

Student Report - no report

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

High School Trustee, Joe Cohenour reported that the Helena district is currently working on the 2012-2013 budget. The district did not ask for a High School Levy and Ellen Feaver and Terry Beaver were elected to the Helena School Board.

Mr. Cohenour also reported that he is currently serving as the Chairman of MTSBA AA Caucus and that the following issues are being discussed: Resolutions that will be brought to the legislature. School District cost for common core. Funding for title 55. TRS retirement issues. 94 bill drafts have already been put in for the 2013 legislative session, 74 of the deal with education. ESEA has not been funded by congress yet, and the K-12 vision group has been meeting and has been talking about future funding for education.

### **Principals and Technology Report**

Reports were included with the agenda packet. The principals also reported on the following issues:

Radley Principal, Joe McMahon – reported that several district employees have been invited to a State of Montana Title I conference on April 25. Staff discussed how East Helena schools were able to close the achievement gap for our Native American and disadvantage students.

Technology Coordinator, Jeanette Winslow – Is dealing with a lot of technology issues.

EVMS Vice Principal, Mike Agostinelli – more referrals at the middle school, EVMS track meet recently finished and if they were kept score girls would have finished 3 place and boys would have finished in 1 place.

EVMS Principal, Dan Rispens – reported that he was on the facilities planning committee for the Helena school district. EVMS staff spent the April 23, 2012 early out reviewing information that Beth Walsh, Ryan Hazen and Lisa Mortieau brought back from the Gifted and Talented Conference. The staff is discussing the possibility of awarding Honor's credit for course work at EVMS. The staff will be working on the details of this type of Honor's system and plans to pilot some Honor's classes in the fall of 2013.

### **Committee Reports of the Board**

No report.

### **Consent Action Items**

- A. Minutes of the Regular meeting, April 10, 2012
- B. Approval of March 2012 former and new warrants (Warrant # 353414 - 35520 and Payroll # 42981- 43303)
- C. Recommended Employment of Personnel
  - i. Marne Bender – Summer School Instructional Leader
  - ii. Kathryn Chadwick – Summer School Instructional Leader
  - iii. Beth Walsh - Summer School Instructional Assistant
  - iv. Carolyn Slagle – Summer School Instructional Assistant
  - v. Tamika Schoppe – Summer School Instructional Assistant
  - vi. Ralph Strom – Summer School Bus Driver
  - vii. Vashti Teders – Special Education Instructor – Radley

- viii. Carson Bender – Social Studies Instructor – EVMS
- ix. Amber Freeman – Adult Ed Teacher
- x. Paige Vinton – Substitute
- xi. Jennifer Listerud – Substitute
- xii. Other Annual Hires are listed by administrators below.

**Eastgate School**

**Certified Staff Recommendation for 2012-13**

Principal Miller made the following recommendation for district staff:

**Tenured Staff**

Richard Adamson	Susan Anthony	Shana Berry	Rhonda Burnett
FayeAnn Cummings	Abigail Erdahl	Ann Glueckert	Nancy Lunday
Rose Powell	Jodi Ridgeway	Katherine Senecal	Wristine Senecal
Erin Vetsch			

**Nontenured staff to be rehired for the 2012-13 school year:**

Mara Fitzgerald	Kate Selvig	Adrienne Simonson	Tana Hopewell
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**Nontenured staff to be rehired for the 2012-13 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:**

Tamika Schoppe	Luke Furshong
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**Classified Staff Recommendation for 2012-13**

Christina Chisholm	Jennifer Cordell	Monica Foster	Randi Havens
Jill Hoogerheide	Michelle LaFave Flemings	Michelle Olds	Laura Boltz
Caroline Schwaller	Kerrianne Vaughn		

**East Valley Middle School**

Principal Rispen made the following recommendation for district staff:

**Certified Staff Recommendation for 2012-13**

**Tenured staff** members to be rehired for the 2012-13 school year:

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

**Nontenured** staff to be rehired for the 2012-13 school year:

Erik Pritchard                      Tim Pipinich                      Carson Bender

**Nontenured** staff to be rehired for the 2012-13 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Ryan Hazen                      Virginia Hale                      Tamika Schoppe

**Nontenured** staff - who was hired under a temporary contract - be rehired for the 2012-13 school year:

Pat Conners

**Classified Staff Recommendation for 2012-13**

Sandy Landby	Sylvia Lamping	Jennifer Weidbush
Celeste Quist	Jean Huckert	Kaden Glinsman
Kelly Sloan	Melissa Haerter	Alysha Woods
Rhonda Hedalen		

**Radley Elementary**

Principal McMahon made the following recommendation for district staff:

**Certified Staff Recommendation for 2012-13**

**Tenured staff** members to be rehired for the 2012-13 school year:

Robyn Arntson	Shana Dachs	Connie Ford	Katy Hauer
Marya Warren	Rachel Bright	Kate Dartman	KD Jones
Kerry Logan	Jennifer Scoles	Carrie Clement	Tracey Rogstad
Scott Ireland	Marilyn Siroky	Liz Townsend	Chris Dexter
Marty Kloker	Traci Mazanec	Barb Anez	Jannice Odermann
Karol Gustin			

**Nontenured** staff to be rehired for the 2012-13 school year:

Kim Metzger                      Jennifer Hager                      Julie Penner  
Kathryn Chadwick                      Camy Bishop                      Tricia Haines

**Nontenured** staff to be rehired for the 2012-13 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Erin Manchester                      Marne Bender

**Classified Staff Recommendation for 2012-13**

Kathy Anderson	Debbie Dunlap	Sabrina Holmlund
Sharyn Gunderson	Shawna Pratt	Marie Roach

Corinna Gibson  
Ruth Torkildson

Doreen Helfert  
Bobbie Scott

Sharon Smith  
Sharon Stonehouse

Superintendent Whtimoyer made the following staffing recommendations.

### **Administrative Staff**

Joe MaMahon  
Jill Miller  
Allan VanDiest  
Edie Witham

Dan Rispens  
Jeanette Winslow  
Deb Felton  
Kim Aarstad

Mike Agostinelli  
Karen Hutchinson  
Lynn Maness

### **Maintenenace Staff**

James Casey  
Dean Kersey

Dennis Gorsich  
Richard Palmer

Terry Hickmott  
Richard McWilliam

### **School Foods Staff**

Kimberlee Amberg  
Debra Hauck  
Tammy Murphy  
Yvonne Strong

Sheila Covey  
Tammy Helfert  
Michelle Olds  
Chris Lehrkamp

Diane Harrison  
Rosemary McGinnis  
Aaron Strong  
Shirley Bird

### **Transportation Staff**

Rich Coe  
Donald Rust

Tom Ferris  
Ralph Strom

Hank Flatow

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

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **School District Bond Refinance Resolution #170**

**Motion** by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Scheet to adopt Resolution #170, Bond Refinance. Chairman Thompson called for a roll call vote.

Ellermeyer "YES"

Scheet "YES"

Walter "YES"

Thompson "YES"

Diehl "YES"

Johnson "YES"

Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **Technology Update and Growth Proposals**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the technology initiative for adding grade level mobile technology access to a portion of the EHPS classrooms. Staff is presenting a proposal that outlines a funding source as well as the designation of how the implementation will take place in the buildings. The proposal will depend on year end monies which will be available with the absence of a textbook series purchase this year and temporary salary savings. Superintendent Whitmoyer also presented board policies and highlighted work that is needed to provide sufficient direction to allow protection of the district investments.

Superintendent Whitmoyer recommended that the district makes the following purchases:

240 ipad II for 3 and 6th grade @ \$379.00 each = \$90,960.00  
6 MAC Airbook computers @ 949.00 each = 5694.00  
11 docking stations with 11 ipads @ \$6,299 = \$69,289.00  
\$50.00 worth of apps for 380 machines = \$19,000.00  
Total \$184,943.00

Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Thompson to continue with the technology project. Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **Canvas Votes**

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented the results of the Trustee Election.

**Motion** by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to accept the canvas election results. Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **New Business**

### **Oath of Office for Newly Elected Trustee**

Lewis & Clark County Superintendent Marsha Davis swore in new trustees Kevin Bokovoy and Joe Nye.

### **Reorganization of the Board of Trustee**

Chairman Thompson turned the meeting over to Superintendent Whitmoyer who opened the floor for nomination for chairman.

**Motion** by Trustee Thompson, to nominate Trustee Walter as Board Chairman. Trustee Diehl moved to close nomination, seconded by Trustee Thompson, with no further nominations Scott Walter will now serve as Board Chair.

Chairman Walter nominated Breck Scheet as Vice Chair. Trustee Diehl moved to close nomination, seconded by Trustee Thompson. With no further nomination Breck Scheet will now serve as Vice Chairman.

### **Board Committee Appointments**

Chairman Walter will discuss the committees with all members of the board before he makes his final recommendations.

### **Appointment of Clerk**

**Motion** by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Thompson to appoint Kim Aarstad as the Clerk of the East Helena School Board. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Adoption**

The English Language Arts (ELA) Committee made a recommendation to adopt a new ELA curriculum. The committee is not recommending a textbook purchase at this time since available textbook materials have not adequately improved over our current materials to show the need to make a purchase. There might be some additional costs for manuals but the district will not know the total cost until after staff goes through training which will be needed through the year.

Motion by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Scheet to accept the recommendation of the ELA curriculum committee to adopt the curriculum presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Appointment of the Prickly Pear Coop Representative**

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Diehl to appoint Superintendent Whitmoyer as the representative to Prickly Pear Coop and to affirm the interlocal agreement with Prickly Pear Co-op. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Special Needs Transportation Issues**

Superintendent Whitmoyer addressed the board on recent transportation needs that will be needed by the district. The issue revolves around transportation needs of a special needs student, where school bus transportation is not able to be used.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Ellermeyer to allow the Superintendent Whitmoyer the discretion to purchase of a new vehicle. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Resolution #169 Disposal of Obsolete Equipment and Undesirable Equipment/Property**

**Motion** by Trustee Thompson, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to adopt Resolution #169, to allow the disposal of obsolete property. Unanimous vote for the motion.

**MTSBA Training for Trustees – On Site w/Strategic Plan or Off Site**

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked if the board would like to consider scheduling some board training.

Trustee Walter also reported that on June 9, MTSBA will be doing new trustee training in Helena. Trustee Walter stated that if Trustee Bokovoy or Trustee Nye would like to attend the training to please let him know.

**Hear the Public**

No one addressed the Board

**Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

If needed a Special Discipline Hearing will be held on June 6, 2012 at 5:00 in the EVMS Library.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:17

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Trustee      Date