

## **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 12, 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, Debbie Hunsaker and Mark Diehl. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk Kim Aarstad.

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

Visitors: Robyn Arntson, Blair Piippo, Bob Bugni, Danni McCarthy, Sierra Scheet, Tracey Rogstad, Joe Ford, John Vagner and Erik Pritchard.

#### **Agenda**

**Motion** by Trustee Diehl seconded by Trustee Thompson to accept the agenda deleting the high school trustee and student report. Unanimous vote for the motion.

#### **Reports**

##### **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 Cami Bishop and Tracey Rogstad are working on a new feeding program called Harvesting Hearts. This program will supply food to students and families in need.

EVMS Principal, Dan Rispens – reported that CRT testing was held last week. Several students were able to go the great divide on March 2, 2012. Funding for this field trip was paid by the Board of Crime control grant.

Eastgate Principal, Jill Miller – reported that Greg Sullivan will be installing the new playground equipment in May.

EVMS Vice Principal, Mike Agostinelli – went over the student discipline report.

Technology Coordinator, Jeanette Winslow – reported that a team of teachers will be attending the NCCE conference in Seattle on March 14 – 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Trustee Walter reported that he had recently attended the Independent Elementary Caucus meeting held on March 6, 2012. The board discussed several federal issues that may have an impact on school districts throughout the state.

### **Consent Action Items**

- A. Minutes of the Regular and Special Meeting of February 13, 2012.
- B. Approval of February 2012 former and new warrants (Warrant # 35240-\_\_\_\_\_ And Payroll # 42754- \_\_\_\_\_)
- C. Recommended Employment of Personnel
  - i. Kenyan Vaughn – Paraprofessional
  - ii. Lisa Ernst – Substitute/Adult Ed
  - iii. Jamie O’Malley – Substitute
  - iv. Gladys Shoup – Substitute
  - v. Amy Thorngren – Substitute

**Motion** by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Scheet to approve the consent action items as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **RESA4U Payment**

Superintendent Whitmoyer asked that the board approve a pay advance of \$5000.00 for the RESA4U program.

**Motion** by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Johnson to pay RESA4U \$5000.00 out of this years budget.

Trustee Scheet, Trustee Thompson, Trustee Diehl, Trustee Hunsaker and Trustee Johnson “Yes”  
Trustee Walter “No”

Motion carried.

## East Helena School District #9 Budget Projections

Superintendent Whitmoyer went over the 2012-2013 budget projections.

### Election Setting

**Motion** by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Johnson to adopt Resolution #167 calling for a trustee election. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### MQEC

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that the 2011 Legislature approved separate bills that provided a two-year, 3.43 percent inflationary increase in state funding for schools, but with the veto of Bill 316 schools will receive a net increase of only 2.6 percent. Because both the legislature and Governor Schweitzer intended to provide inflationary funding for schools MQEC has filed a law suit in District Court to compel the state to take specific steps to provide Montana Schools with the mandated inflationary adjustment that are required by law. They also discussed the Otter Creek Coal Tract payment, this payment should be deposited into the school trust funds but \$83,000,000.00 was deposited into the state general fund. Negotiations are still ongoing on both issues.

### New Business

#### Student Picture Agreement

The following bids were received the 3 year student picture contract.

Lifetouch		2012	2013	2014
a.	One 5X7, two 3X5, nine exchanges	\$ 12.00	12.00	12.00
b.	One 8X10,two 3X5,six 2X3, twelve exchanges	17.00	17.00	17.00
c.	One 8X10, two 5X7, two 3X5,eight 2X3, 18 exchanges	21.00	21.00	21.00
d.	One 10X13, two 8X10, two 5X7, two 3X5, (22) exchanges	28.00	28.00	28.00
e.	Class picture – one 7X5	Free	Free	Free

#### Interstate

a.	One 5X7, two 3X5, nine exchanges	\$ 7.00	7.00	7.00
b.	One 8X10,two 3X5,six 2X3, twelve exchanges	17.00	17.00	17.00
c.	One 8X10, two 5X7, two 3X5,eight 2X3, 18 exchanges	22.00	22.00	22.00
d.	One 10X13, two 8X10, two 5X7, two 3X5, (22) exchanges	26.00	26.00	26.00
e.	Class picture – one 7X5	Free	Free	Free

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Superintendent Whitmoyer recommended that the district continue with Lifetouch for another 3 years.

Trustee Walter recommends that the board give the bid to Interstate.

**Motion** by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Thompson to enter into a three year contract with Lifetouch.

Trustee Thompson, Trustee Diehl, Trustee Scheet, Trustee Hunsaker and Trustee Johnson “YES”  
Trustee Walter “No”

Motion Carried

## Transportation Agreement

Superintendent Whitmoyer submitted a proposal for bus transportation agreement for a special education preschool student to attend a special education preschool program in Montana City.

**Motion** by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Diehl to accept the transportation agreement for the special education student.

Unanimous vote for the motion.

## MTSBA Call for Resolutions

Trustee Walter explained that MTSBA is calling for Resolutions on legislative or advocacy issues that members want to bring before the delegate assembly in June, 2012, and full membership at MCEK 2012 for consideration.

## Administrative Salary Proposal

Superintendent Whitmoyer reported that Trustee Diehl, Trustee Scheet and Trustee Walter had met to discuss Administrative salaries for the 2012-2013 school year. The committee asked that the Board Consider offering a salary increase to administrator that is aligned with the salary increase for other staff. The recommendation is for a 0.5% raise with longevity.

**Motion** by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Hunsaker to accept the recommend of the committee and Superintendent with a 0.5% raise with a longevity increase. Unanimous vote for the motion.

