

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 December 12, 2011 at East Valley Middle School Library. Chairman Ann Marie Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustees Present: Chairman Ann Marie Thompson, Scott Walter, Marcia Ellermeyer, Kit Johnson, Breck Scheet, Debbie Hunsaker and Mark Diehl. Superintendent Ron Whitmoyer and Assistant Clerk Lynn Maness.

Principals present: Joe McMahon and Mike Agostinelli.

Visitors: Charles Lindstrom, Kim Metzger, Bryon Felter, Marya Warren, K.D. Jones, Judi Grimes and Ryan Hazen.

Agenda

Motion by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to accept the agenda deleting the Student report and the High School Trustee report. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Reports

Principals and Technology Report (Expanded)

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

Radley Principal Joe McMahon – The food drive is complete and discipline referrals have gone down. The bullying program is up and running smoothly.

East Valley Assistant Principal Mike Agostinelli – Introduced Bryon Felter an eighth grader at EVMS. He is a Boy Scout working on his Citizenship and Community badge. Both the 7th and 8th grade Boys Basketball teams ended their seasons undefeated.

Committee Reports of the Board

These will be handled in the Unfinished Business part of the meeting.

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular and Special Meeting – November 8, 2011 and November 14, 2011.
- B. Approval of December 12, 2011 former and new warrants (Warrant # 34947-35038 And Payroll # 42414 - 42523)
- C. Recommended Employment of Personnel
 - i. Lance Hould - Substitute
 - ii. Daniel Troupe – Substitute

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to approve the consent action items as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Unfinished Business

Board Policy Revisions

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to adopt the 2nd reading of board policy 3050. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Johnson to accept board policy 4015 1st reading. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Independent Elementary Caucus

Superintendent Whitmoyer notified the Board that Trustee Walter was elected Vice Chairman and Trustee Diehl was elected as a member of the Board and appointed to the Interdisciplinary Committee. Trustee Walter updated the board on the initial meeting of the caucus. Trustee Diehl updated the board on the second meeting of the caucus.

Energy Retrofit Contracting Discussion

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on the Ameresco proposal. Trustees Walter, Johnson and Scheet met with Ameresco and after some consideration all three have voiced some reluctance to commit to a 15 year agreement and what the benefit the District would actually see if we entered into a contract with Ameresco. After further discussion with the rest of the board it was agreed that the District could do some of the projects/retrofits for itself and as a courtesy Superintendent Whitmoyer will let Ameresco know that the District is not going to pursue further actions by contracting with Ameresco.

Principal Dan Rispens arrived at 7:24 pm and Principal Jill Miller arrived at 7:32 pm.

Superintendent's Evaluation Return

Chairman AnnMarie Thompson reminded the Board to turn in Superintendent Whitmoyers' evaluation to Clerk Kim Aarstad, Assistant Clerk Lynn Maness or Administrative Assistant Edie Witham.

New Business

EHPS Common Core Standards Assimilation

Mr. Ryan Hazen and Ms. Judi Grimes updated the board on the Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments for both Language Arts and Mathematics.

Senate Bill 329 and Membership in RESA4U

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on RESA4U, multi district co-ops. He presented the board with a letter inviting board members to a meeting on January 5th and asked for anyone willing to attend to let him know.

MQEC Lawsuit Update

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on the MQEC lawsuit.

Hear the Public

No one addressed the board

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be held on January 9, 2011 at the Eastgate School Library.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Assistant Clerk, Lynn Maness

Approved by: _____ _____
Chairman, Board of Trustee Date

