

## 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 10, 2010 at the 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, Trustees Mark Diehl, Marcia Ellermeyer, Breck Scheet, Scott Walter, Kit Johnson and Debbie Hunsaker.

Principals: Joe McMahon, Keith Obert & Dan Rispens and Vice Principal, Mike Agostinelli, Technology Coordinator, Jeanette Winslow, Superintendent, Ron Whitmoyer, Clerk, Kim Aarstad and Administrative Assistant, Edie Witham.

Visitors: Alana Listoe, Jill Miller, Erin Vetsch, Mike Vetsch, Traci Mazanec, Tamika Schoppe, Carolyn Slagle, Ashley Gillespie, Todd Samson, Richard Adamson, Peggy Chappuis, Staci Dawes, Marty Kloker, Lynn Deming, Lizabeth Townsend, Dawson Hildenstab, Justin Dauenhauer, and Benjamin Halverson.

#### **Agenda**

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

#### **Reports**

##### **Student Report**

Benjamin Halverson, Dawson Hildenstab and Justin Dauenhauer represented PAWS and reported on the projects that the PAWS team has participated in. The mission of PAWS is to improve school behavior in school by working with teachers towards that goal. Projects include:

Helena Food Share  
Build a Book at Eastgate  
Gingerbread Houses at Eastgate  
Fall Harvest Fest  
Youth Days in Bozeman

EH Christmas Stroll  
Clean East Helena Business windows  
Art Show  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sign Wall  
Spring Cleanup and barbeque

## **High School Trustee Report**

Joe Cohenour, High School Trustee, reported on the recent mill levies in the Helena district. The High School levy passed by 56% - 44% of the vote, the total High School budget for the FY 2010-2011 school year will be \$20,874,714.00 and the Elementary budget for the FY 2010-2011 school year will be \$31,095,701.00. Cohenour also reported that the Helena district would submit a Race to the Top application, which would mean an additional \$300,000 to District #1 if they received the grant.

## **Principals', Vice Principal, & Technology Reports Question**

Reports were submitted with the agenda package.

## **Committee Reports of the Board**

Committee reports will be discussed under new business

Chairman Thompson brought up the subject of electronic board packets for consideration at a later date.

## **Consent Action Items**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting April 12, 2010
- B. Approval of April 2010 Former and New Warrants (Warrant #32952 – 33034 and payroll #39894 – 40012)
- C. Personnel Actions
  - Personnel Resignations Accepted
    - i. Tasha Smith – Teacher
    - ii. Amy Murdick – Teacher
    - iii. Renee Slocum – Eastgate Paraprofessional
    - iv. Paula Bridger – Instructional Tutor
  - Recommended Employment of Personnel
    - i. Jana Nygaard – EVMS School Instructional Coach
    - ii. Wristine Senecal – Eastgate School Instructional Coach
    - iii. Marne Davenport - Summer School Instructional Assistant
    - iv. Beth Walsh - Summer School Instructional Assistant
    - v. Luke Furshong – Part Time Summer School Assistant
    - vi. Tasha Smith – Part Time Summer School Assistant
    - vii. Nicole Monohan – Substitute
    - viii. Shirley Miller – Substitute
    - ix. Rosita Barilea – Substitute
    - x. Mara Burrowes – Teacher
    - xi. Kim Metzger – Teacher
    - xii. Camille (Camy) Bishop – Teacher
    - xiii. Jennifer Hager - Teacher
    - xiv. Megan Larson -Teacher

D. Appointment of Personnel  
Kim Aarstad – Clerk of the Board

Recommend the Following Staff Recommendations

**EASTGATE ELEMENTARY- Tenured Certified Staff**

Richard Adamson	Connie Ford
Susan Anthony	Ann Glueckert
Robyn Arntson	Katy Hauer
Debbie Bugni	Kerry Logan
Rhonda Burnett	Nancy Lunday
FayeAnn Cummings	Jannice Odermann
Shana Dachs	Rose Powell
Peggy Chappuis	Marya Warren

**Non-Tenured Certified Staff**

Shana Berry	Jodi Ridgeway
Luke Furshong	Tamika Schoppe
Jamie Kuntz	

**Certified Staff – Attained Tenure**

Abigail Erdahl	Katherine Senecal
Jana Nygaard	Erin Vetsch

**Paraprofessional Staff**

Juliet Balsam	Carrie Schwaller
Jennifer Cordell	Ruth Torkildson
Monica Foster	Kerriann Vaughn
Randi Havens	
Jill Hoogerheide	

**RADLEY ELEMENTARY-Tenured Staff**

Stacey Abrahamson	Karol Gustin
Barb Anez	Scott Ireland
Rachel Bright	Marty Kloker
Stephanie Carey	Traci Mazanec
Shana Dachs	KD Jones
Kate Dartman	Jannice Odermann
Chris Dexter	Jennifer Scoles
Judi Grimes	Tracey Rogstad
Marilyn Siroky	Liz Townsend

### **Non Tenured Certified Staff**

Marne Davenport  
Erin Manchester  
Heather Shippen

### **Certified Staff Attaining Tenure**

Carrie Clement

### **Paraprofessional Staff**

Kathy Anderson	Sharon Smith
Debbie Dunlap	Bobbi Scott
Michelle Flemings	Sharon Stonehouse
Corinna Gibson	Ruth Torkildson
Debbie Gibson	Jennifer Nye
Sharyn Gunderson	Shawna Pratt
Shirley Hegreberg	Marie Roach

### **EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL CERTIFIED STAFF**

Staci Dawes	Lisa Mortieau
Lynn Deming	Diana McMahon
Kathy Dummer	Ty Ridgeway
Erin Ford	Judy Salisbury
Kathy Gilboy	Todd Samson
Susan Hagler	Carolyn Slagle
John Mark Jenkins	Brenda Stoltz
Kevin VanNice	Beth Walsh

### **Certified Staff Attaining Tenure**

Ashley Gillespie

### **Non-Tenured Certified Staff**

Ryan Hazen	Michelle Young
Virginia Hale	Amy Murdick

### **Paraprofessional Staff**

Trudy Erickson	Jennifer Wiedbush
Sandy Landby	Celeste Quist
Sylvia Lamping	Jean Huckert
Gordon Bruce	

**Administrative Staff**

Joe McMahon  
Dan Rispens  
Mike Agostinelli  
Jill Miller  
Jeanette Winslow

Karen Hutchinson  
Allan Van Diest  
Deb Felton  
Lynn Maness  
Edie Witham

**Maintenance Staff**

James Casey  
Dennis Gorsich  
Terry Hickmott

Dean Kersey  
Mike Miller  
Richard McWilliams

**School Foods Staff**

Kimberlee Amberg  
Sheila Covey  
Diane Harrison  
Debra Hauck  
Tammy Helfert  
LeeAnn Hurford

Rosemary McGinnis  
Tammy Murphy  
Faith St. Germaine  
Aaron Strong  
Yvonne Strong

**Transportation Staff**

Rich Coe  
Tom Ferris  
Hank Flatow

Donald Rust  
Ralph Strom

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

**Unfinished Business**

No Unfinished business

**New Business****Swearing in of New Trustees**

Chairman Thompson conducted the swearing in of returning board members Scott Walter and Marcia Ellermeyer, who ran uncontested for their seats on the Board.

## **Reorganization of the Board**

The meeting was turned over to Superintendent Whitmoyer who opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson of the Board.

Trustee Diehl nominated Ann Marie Thompson and Trustee Scheet seconded the motion.

With no further nominations from the floor, Superintendent Whitmoyer called for a vote.

Unanimous vote for the motion.

Chairman Thompson opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chair.

Chairman Thompson nominated Trustee Walter and Trustee Hunsaker seconded the motion.

Trustee Diehl nominated Trustee Ellermeyer and the motion was seconded by Trustee Johnson.

With no further nominations from the floor, Chairperson Thompson called for a vote for Vice-Chair.

Trustee Walter received votes from Trustee Scheet, Chairman Thompson, and Trustee Walter.

Trustee Ellermeyer received votes from Trustee Diehl, Trustee Hunsaker, Trustee Ellermeyer, and Trustee Johnson.

Trustee Ellermeyer will serve as Board Vice-Chair.

## **Science Curriculum Adoption Recommendation**

Principal, Dan Rispens outlined the new Science curriculum that the Science Committee would like to purchase. This recommendation from the Science Committee and Dan Rispens constitutes an upgrade to the core written curriculum and a recommendation for the purchase of books and materials to facilitate the teaching of that curriculum. Superintendent Whitmoyer recommended that the Board adopt the new Science curriculum as presented and tentatively approve the purchase of the necessary materials to facilitate its implementation and classroom instruction depending on available funds. The cost of the new Science curriculum will be approximately \$40,000 for EVMS.

**Motion** by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to adopt the new Science Curriculum as presented and to give Superintendent Whitmoyer the latitude to purchase supplies if the budget permits. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Health Enhancement Curriculum Adoption Recommendation**

This recommendation from the Health Enhancement Committee and Principal Keith Obert constitutes an upgrade to the core written curriculum and a recommendation for the purchase of materials to facilitate the teaching of that curriculum.

Superintendent Whitmoyer recommended adoption of the new Health Enhancement curriculum as presented and approve the purchase of the necessary materials to facilitate its implementation and classroom instruction depending on available funds.

Cost of the Health Enhancement Curriculum is approximately \$6,000.

**Motion** by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Scheet to adopt the new Health Enhancement Curriculum as presented. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Music Curriculum Adoption Recommendation**

This recommendation from the Music Committee and Principal Joe McMahon constitutes an upgrade to the core written curriculum and a recommendation for the purchase of books and materials to facilitate the teaching of that curriculum. Recommendation by Superintendent Whitmoyer that the Board adopt the new Music curriculum as presented and approves the purchase of the necessary materials to facilitate its implementation and classroom instruction depending on available funds.

Approximate cost of the Music Curriculum is \$28,000

**Motion** by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Thompson to approve the music curriculum contingent on having the necessary funds available to purchase the materials. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Ratify the EHEA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

**Motion** by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Thompson to ratify the EHEA Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented for the 2010-2011 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion.

### **Ratify the EHESA Collective Bargaining Agreement**

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to ratify the EHESA Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented for the 2010-2011 school year. Unanimous vote for the motion

## **Administrative Staff Salary Proposal**

Superintendent Whitmoyer recommended approving a 2% or \$1,000 increase in salary for the administrative staff for the 2010 – 2011 School Year in accordance with the other approved salary increases in the district.

Chairman Thompson commented on the fact that there are 8 employees in the District not currently included on a salary matrix. She would like to see a committee formed to discuss a matrix for these 8 employees.

**Motion** by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Thompson to approve a 2% or \$1,000 increase in salary for administrative staff for the 2010 – 2011 school year, in accordance with the other approved salary increases. Unanimous vote for the motion

## **Special Board Discipline Hearing**

Superintendent Whitmoyer recommended scheduling a discipline hearing on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in case it is needed to deal with discipline problems that could arise just prior to 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. The meeting announcement will need to be posted and can be canceled if not needed.

## **State of Montana Memorandum of Understanding to Participate in RTTT**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is a document that indicates that the East Helena School District would consider participating in the RTTT grant should the State of Montana be lucky enough to be awarded funding. Currently only two states, Delaware and Tennessee, have qualified for RTTT funding from the US Department of Education (DOE) out of 16 first round applicants. At the urging of the Montana Congressional Delegation the OPI decided to apply for second round funding. Chances are very slim that Montana will qualify for funding, but if it should, EHPS would possibly be eligible for \$35,000 in funding for professional training and other services.

Superintendent Whitmoyer recommended that the Board agree to the terms of the MOU with the State of Montana to support application to the US DOE for RTTT funds.

**Motion** by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to agree to the terms of the MOU with the State of Montana. Unanimous vote for the motion.



## **EHPS Retirement Fund Budget Amendment**

Clerk, Kim Aarstad presented a Retirement Fund Budget Amendment Resolution to the board to consider keeping the district in the black. As was discussed during the call for early retirements the Board is in need of additional support from the Retirement Fund to meet its obligations to the large number of retirees. Clerk Aarstad stated that because the district had planned for 2 or 3 retirees and we ended up 6 retirees, we need to pass this resolution to have enough monies to pay final retirement costs.

**Motion** by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to adopt Resolution #151. Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **School Improvement Team Volunteers**

Superintendent Whitmoyer stated that the District Level School Improvement Team is in need of one volunteer to represent the Board and another parent volunteer for service in a committee role. Principal Joe McMahon will serve on this committee along with two teaching staff members, the Superintendent, one Board member, and one member of the community. Trustees Debbie Hunsaker and Marcia Ellermeyer both volunteered their help.

## **Establish a Student Activity Fund for Community Garden**

Lizabeth Townsend, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Radley Elementary, requested that the board approve the establishment of a community garden student activity account. Donation monies will be used to fence the area following its construction.

**Motion** by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Scheet to establish a student activity account for the community garden. Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **Prickly Pear Special Ed Coop Appointment of Representative**

**Motion** by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to appoint Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena Public Schools Superintendent as the East Helena School representative to Prickly Pear Co-op. Unanimous vote for the motion.

## **Hear the Public**

No one addressed the board.

**Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be held on June 14, 2010 at the East Valley Middle School Library.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Assistant, Edie Witham

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