

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

Marsha Davis, Lewis & Clark County Superintendent, presented a Certificate of Excellence to Business Manager/ Clerk Kim Aarstad.

Call to Order: Trustees of School District No. 9 met in regular session on February 8, 2010 at Eastgate Elementary 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, Debbie Hunsaker, Kit Johnson, Breck Scheet and Scott Walter.

Principals: Joe McMahon, Keith Obert, Dan Rispens and Vice Principal, Mike Agostinelli, Superintendent, Ron Whitmoyer and Clerk, Kim Aarstad.

Visitors: Jill Miller, Jim Lyons, Richard Adamson and Alana Listoe

Agenda

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

Reports

Student Report

No Report

High School Trustee Report

No Report

Principals', Vice Principal, & Technology Reports Question

Reports were submitted with the agenda package.

Principal McMahon and Principal Obert went over the Radley and Eastgate DIBELS assessments.

Committee Reports of the Board

Trustee Walter reported that the sub-committee will be meeting on the superintendent's evaluation at 5:30 p.m. on February 10, 2010.

Consent Action Items

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 11, 2010.
- B. Approval of February 2010 Former and New Warrants (Warrant #32719 - 32781 and payroll #39558 - 39671)
- C. Personnel Actions
 - Personnel Resignations Accepted
 - i. None at this time.
 - Personnel Probationary Employment Termination
 - i. Jim Lyons – Bus Driver – Effective February 17, 2010
 - Recommended Employment of Personnel
 - i. Danielle Boyle – Substitute
 - ii. Floyd Franklin – Substitute
 - iii. Gary Hutchinson – Substitute
 - iv. Karen McLean – Substitute
 - v. Christina Martinez – Substitute
 - vi. Tatiana Melior – Substitute
 - vii. Cassidy Nordahl – Substitute

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

New Business

MTSBA Call for Resolutions

Superintendent Whitmoyer announced that the trustees should be receiving a notice from MTSBA calling for resolutions for action in the coming legislative session. The call for resolutions is an opportunity for the board to consider changes that can positively impact the district or their governance.

Notice of Contract Negotiations Intent EHEA

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a Letter of Intent to negotiate a successor to the expiring EHEA Negotiated Agreement. First meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Scheet, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to send a letter to EHEA leadership acknowledging receipt of their letter and to hold the first meeting on February 23, 2010. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Notice of Contract Negotiations Intent EHESA

Superintendent Whitmoyer presented a Letter of Intent to negotiate a successor to the expiring EHESA Negotiated Agreement. First meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Superintendent Whitmoyer also announced that a letter had been sent to Tonya McCormack, Montana Department of Labor & Industry, requesting that Paul Melvin attend this first meeting to assist in the negotiation process.

Motion by Trustee Ellermeyer, seconded by Trustee Scheet to send a letter to EHESA leadership acknowledging receipt of their letter and to hold the first meeting on February 25, 2010. Unanimous vote for the motion.

General Fund Tax Collections & OPI Budget Cuts

Kim Aarstad, Business Manager, went over the property tax collections for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school year.

Superintendent Whitmoyer updated the board on the OPI proposed budget reductions.

Resolution #155 to Make Application for a Planning Grant

Superintendent Whitmoyer announced that he was considering applying for a planning grant from the Department of Commerce. This grant will help with costs and feasibility of refurbishing our current heating, ventilations and air conditions systems to deal most effectively with the poor air quality that East Helena experiences not only during the winter but also during the fall when forest fires add particulates to the air. This grant will require matching funds from the district.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to adopt Resolution #155, application for a Department of Commerce for a planning grant, and to give Superintendent Whitmoyer the authority to apply for this grant as he so chooses. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Resolution #155 to Make Application for a Quality Schools Grant

Superintendent Whitmoyer announced that he was considering applying for a quality schools grant to refurbish Radley, Eastgate and East Valley Middle School heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

Motion by Trustee Walter, seconded by Trustee Scheet to make application to the Department of Commerce for a quality schools grant, this grant will only be applied for if Superintendent Whitmoyer deems it an appropriate grant. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Notice of Mail Ballot Election

Clerk Aarstad explained that the election laws require that the board received written notice that the administration would like to hold a mail ballot election on May 4, 2010. Written notice was included in the board packet.

March Board Meeting Date Adjustment

The March board meeting will be held on March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Hear the Public

No one addressed the board.

Old Business

School Board Evaluation Discussion

Board members went over the Board Evaluations.

District Clerk Evaluation Discussion – Closed Session

Chairman Thompson adjourned that meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Chairman Thompson called the meeting back to order at 8:47 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Trustee Ellermeyer to extend the clerks contact by one year, to raise the clerk's base pay by \$2000.00 and to increase her pay by the percentage all other employees will be getting in July, 2010. Unanimous vote for the motion.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Valley Middle School Library.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
District Clerk, Kim Aarstad

Approved by: _____ _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees Date