

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024**  
**EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL - LIBRARY**  
**Meeting Starts at 5:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

**HEAR THE PUBLIC**

**REPORTS**

1. Student Report
2. Administrator Reports
3. Trustee and Committee Reports of the K – 12 Board
4. Strategic Planning- Scan for Future Needs
5. Notifications of Retirements and Resignations

**CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of Regular Meeting October 14, 2024
- B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
- C. Personnel Actions
- D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Vandalism and Insurance Follow Up
2. MCEL Reflections
3. Resolution # 238 - Obsolete and Unuseable Equipment - Bid Opening
4. Policy Review Second Reading Policy #2309, #2314 and #3630
5. METG Annual Meeting Reflections and Discussion
6. EPA Electric Bus Rebates and Lion Electric

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Eagle Scout Recognition
2. Student Travel Request - Washington DC, 2026 - Cami Dusenberry
3. EHHS Choir Travel Request Revision
4. Out of State Travel Request - Superintendent Rispens
5. 227 Academy Charter School Financial Report
6. EHPS Budgetary Update and Projections
7. Consideration of MOU with EHEA Regarding Sick Leave Donations
8. Legislative Advocacy for Education
9. Distribution of Superintendent's Evaluation

**ADJOURN**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS**

**Regular Meeting – Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 5:30 @ Prickly Pear Elementary**

## **Citizen Participation**

All citizens are welcome and are encouraged to attend all meetings of the Board. In accordance with Montana Open Meeting Law (2-3-203, MCA) it is required that citizens have an opportunity to address the Board. All Board of Trustees meetings in which a quorum is present shall include an agenda item called 'Hear the Public.' The Board shall adopt the following guidelines for this agenda item.

Hear the Public:

Persons wanting to address the Board of Trustees on items not on the agenda can do so at this time.

- a. Each person may address the Board at the time designated in the agenda by stepping to the front of the room or the podium, giving their name and address in an audible tone of voice for the record. Each individual shall limit his/her comments to the Board to three (3) minutes.
- b. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board only and NOT to any member of the Board, staff or audience.
- c. No person, other than the Board and the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion either directly or through a member of the Board, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.
- d. No questions shall be directed towards any individuals except through the Presiding Officer.
- e. Under Rules of Order, questions cannot be answered by the Board, only heard. The Board is not under any obligation to respond. It is illegal for the Board to take any action on the comments.
- f. Speakers will not mention specific names of individuals in a public forum due to rights of privacy. Individual attacks will NOT be tolerated.
- g. Comments made by the person addressing the Board do not represent the opinions of the Board, or staff and are only the expressed opinion of the speaker.

**MONDAY, November 11th, 2024 BOARD MEETING  
TRUSTEE INFORMATION PACKET**

**East Valley Middle School**

**5:30 P.M.**

**HEAR THE PUBLIC**

**COMMENTARY:** We will Adhere to the Board Guidelines as Noted on the Back of the Agenda.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Strictly an Information Item.

**REPORTS**

**1. Student Report**

- a. Brooke Harris will Report To The Board.

**2. Administrator Reports**

- a. The Building Administrator Reports are in the Supporting Documents.

**3. Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board**

- a. The Board Chair will Solicit Reports from Trustees or Committees.

**4. Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs**

- a. The Board Chair will Solicit Comments or Observations Regarding our Current Strategic Plan and Planning Needs.

**5. Notifications of Retirements and Resignations**

- a. The Following Staff Resignations Have Previously Been Accepted:

- Karen Chaffins   -School Foods
- Evan Lampman   -EVMS Science

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**COMMENTARY:** There are Board Documents Presented that Reflect the Minutes of the Last Board Meeting(s), the Warrants to be Paid, and Personnel Actions which Include Recommendations of Personnel to Employ.

- A. Board Minutes; October 14, 2024
- B. Pay Warrants
- C. Personnel Action
- D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

a. Recommended Employment of Staff

- Barb Peters -Kitchen Substitute
- Heather Reynolds -Substitute
- Connor Werdel -Substitute
- McKenzie Heidinger -8th Grade Boys Bball Coach
- Austin Gerry -7th Grade Boys Bball Coach
- Sophia Lance -8th Grade Girls Bball Coach
- Dakota Smith -Head Softball Coach
- Christa Schoenfeld -EHHS Student Council Advisor
- Bret Charlton -EHHS Student Council/ Yearbook Advisor
- Sarah Cobb -National Honor Society Advisor
- Casey Harris -Skills USA Advisor
- Anna Spoja -Business Professionals Advisor
- Ashley Torgerson -Science Olympiad Advisor
- Marne Bender -Vigilante ESports Coach
- Mason Skains -Vigilante ESports Assistant Coach
- Cole Bass -Vigilante ESports Assistant Coach
- Leighla Schultz -Vigilante ESports Assistant Coach
- Keana Darrah -JV Cheer Coach
- Tabitha Smail -Vigilante Robotics Advisor/Vigilante ESports Assistant Coach

D. East Helena School District Students Requesting Enrollment in Other School Districts for the 2024 -2025 School Year:

|           | <u>Helena</u> | <u>Jefferson High</u> | <u>Montana City</u> | <u>Clancy</u> |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| MM (PreK) | 2             |                       |                     |               |
| K         |               |                       |                     |               |
| 1st       |               |                       |                     |               |
| 2nd       | 1             |                       |                     |               |
| 3rd       |               |                       |                     |               |
| 4th       |               |                       |                     |               |
| 5th       | 1             |                       |                     |               |
| 6th       |               |                       |                     |               |
| 7th       |               |                       |                     |               |
| 8th       |               |                       |                     |               |
| 9th       |               |                       |                     |               |
| 10th      |               |                       |                     |               |
| 11th      |               |                       |                     |               |
| 12th      | 1             |                       |                     |               |

Total: 5

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action Item. A motion should be made to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Vandalism and Insurance Follow Up

**COMMENTARY:** The Superintendent will update the Board regarding last spring's vandalism incident at EVMS and Radley schools and the insurance settlement.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Information Item

2. MCEL Reflections

**COMMENTARY:** Trustees and Administrators will share observations and lessons learned at the annual Montana Conference for Educational Leadership.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Information Item

3. Resolution # 238 - Obsolete and Unuseable Equipment - Bid Opening

**COMMENTARY:** If any bids were received for the obsolete equipment resolution, they will be opened at this time. If no bids were received, the Board should consider directing

the Superintendent to dispose of the obsolete equipment in the most efficient manner possible.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action Item - Recommend awarding items to highest bidder or directing the Superintendent to dispose of the items.

4. Policy Review Second Reading Policy #2309, #2314 and #3630

**COMMENTARY:** These policies are back for consideration under second reading

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action Item - recommend approving the policies as presented under second reading.

5. METG Annual Meeting Reflections and Discussion

**COMMENTARY:** Trustees who attended the METG meeting will be asked to share reflections and lessons learned.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Information Item

6. EPA Electric Bus Rebates and Lion Electric

**COMMENTARY:** The Superintendent will update the Board with information regarding our EPA rebates for electric buses with Lion Energy.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Information/Action Item

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Eagle Scout Recognition

**COMMENTARY:** Andrew Turpin, an EHHS junior has successfully completed an Eagle Scout project that involved replacing trees and damaged memorial signage at EVMS. Andrew has completed his Board of Review and will be appearing before the School Board to be recognized for his efforts to improve District property.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action Item. Trustees will have the opportunity to congratulate and thank Andrew for this successful project.

2. Student Travel Request - Washington DC, 2026 - Camy Dusenberry

**COMMENTARY:** The Board will hear from Mrs. Dusenbury regarding a student trip request to Washington DC in 2026

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action Item. I recommend the Board approve this out of state student travel request.

3. EHHS Choir Travel Request Revision

**COMMENTARY:** The EHHS Choir will return to request a change in their travel request approval from last month's meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action Item. Recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the adjustment to the travel request.

4. Out of State Travel Request - Superintendent Rispens

**COMMENTARY:** The Superintendent will discuss the potential for out of state travel to attend the National Superintendent's Conference in New Orleans in early March.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action item. I recommended that a motion be made to approve the travel request.

5. 227 Academy Charter School Financial Report

**COMMENTARY:** This is a quarterly report regarding the 227 Academy required by the Board of Public Education. The report is in the supporting documents.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action item. I recommended that a motion be made to approve the financial report.

6. EHPS Budgetary Update and Projections

**COMMENTARY:** The Superintendent will present early estimates for the FY '26 district general fund budget based on the fall enrollment count.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Information item.

7. Consideration of MOU with EHEA Regarding Sick Leave Donations.

**COMMENTARY:** The EHS leadership has asked that we consider adjusting the limits on sick leave donations given the number of maternity leaves we have this year among teachers. The MOU is in the Supporting Docs.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action item. Recommend approval of the MOU as presented.

8. Legislative Advocacy for Education

**COMMENTARY:** The Board Members will be asked to direct Dan Rispens, EHPS Superintendent and Scott Walter, EHPS Board Chair to lobby the 2025 Montana Legislature on behalf of the students of the East Helena Public Schools.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action Item. The Board should consider a motion to direct Superintendent Rispens and Chair Walter to advocate on behalf of the EHPS with the 2025 Montana Legislature regarding issues relating the financial interest of the District and educational progress of our students.

9. Distribution of Superintendent's Evaluation

**COMMENTARY:** It's time for the annual review of the Superintendent's performance. Hard copies of the evaluation tool will be distributed at the Board meeting and emailed as well for those that would prefer an electronic version. Evaluations should be submitted to Chairman Walter.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Information item

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