AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Monday, February 10, 2025
EASTGATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Meeting Starts at 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW OF AGENDA

HEAR THE PUBLIC

REPORTS

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

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting January 13, 2025
B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Day Treatment Services Contract with ICH
2. EHPS Portrait of a Graduate Review
3. Budget Update - FY '26 Projections
4. Health Insurance Fund Status Update
5. Re-Consideration of the 25-26 Academic Calendar - Spring Break

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel Action - Bus Driver
2. Request for Check Writing Authority - Educational Savings Account Program
3. Indian Education Report
4. 227 Academy Update
5. Traffic Study Proposal - Stahly Engineering
6. TA Grant Application Consideration
7. MOU - Para Coverage
8. Resolution #240; Call For Election by Mail Ballot
9. Evaluation of the Clerk

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FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 10th, 2025 5:30 @ East Valley Middle School

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, FEBRUARY 10th, 2025 BOARD MEETING
TRUSTEE INFORMATION PACKET
Radley Elementary 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. **Teacher Recognition**
    a. Mrs. Jennifer Warner has been selected as a winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching!

3. **Administrator Reports**
    a. The Building Administrator Reports are in the Supporting Documents.

4. **Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board**
    a. The Board Chair will Solicit Reports from Trustees or Committees.

5. **Strategic Planning - Scan for Future Needs**
    a. The Board Chair will Solicit Comments or Observations Regarding our Current Strategic Plan and Planning Needs.

6. **Legislative Status Report**
    a. The Board Chair, Superintendent and other Trustees, Administrators, and Members of the Public will have the Opportunity to Report and Discuss Pending Legislation.

7. **Notifications of Retirements and Resignations**
    a. The Following Staff Resignations Have Previously Been Accepted:

- Patrick Moore -Custodian
- Mariah Sprunger -Paraprofessional
- Jess Peterson -Paraprofessional
- Marques Davis -Paraprofessional
- Jewel Sullivan -Teacher

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; January 13, 2025
B. Pay Warrants
C. Personnel Action
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval
E. Recommended Employment of Staff:

- Rachel Bright -After School Program Instructor
- CJ Hansen -Summer Program Lead Teacher
- Amy Pollington -Summer Program Lead Teacher
- Lauren Betz -Student Aide
- Hailey Crawford -Student Aide
- Ethan Davis -Student Aide
- Emily Dearing -Student Aide
- Ryder Figler -Student Aide
- Eli Fox -Student Aide
- Brianna Hoff -Student Aide
- Christian Jensen -Student Aide
- Cole Jones -Student Aide
- Rainier Murgel -Student Aide
- Jaci Nickovich -Student Aide
- Slade Olson -Student Aide
- Rori Schoenfeld -Student Aide
- Matthew Shields -Student Aide
- Kylie Shults -Student Aide
- Killian Snarr -Student Aide
- Emma Stapley -Student Aide
- Rilie Stephenson -Student Aide
- Zachary Steward -Student Aide
- Jack Taylor -Student Aide
- Janelle Taylor -Student Aide
- Parker Taylor -Student Aide
- Maya Westerhold -Student Aide
- Talea Wigen -Student Aide
- Joe Senecal -Student Aide
- Kaden Cohn -Student Aide
- Natalie Patterson -Student Aide
- Connor Carpenter -Student Aide

- Roxy White -Student Aide
- Andrew Mazanec -Student Aide
- Taysom Mitchell -Student Aide
- Ashley Carpenter -Student Aide
- Jaci Nickovich -Student Aide
- Parker Taylor -Student Aide
- Kaiden Belgarde -Student Aide
- Casey Crawford -School Bus Driver
- Sarah Sandau -Jumpstart/Summer Program Teacher
- Rachel Bright -Jumpstart/Summer Program Teacher
- Camryn Beck -Jumpstart/Summer Program Teacher
- Kristin Ophus -Jumpstart/Summer Program Teacher
- Patti McLean -Jumpstart/Summer Program Teacher
- Jenni Krause -Jumpstart/Summer Program Teacher
- Melinda Yeary -Jumpstart/Summer Program Teacher

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

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

Total: 9

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Day Treatment Services Contract with Intermountain Children's Home.

   COMMENTARY: Exhibit B of the contract has been revised to more closely reflect our discussion from last month. The contract will be posited as a separate link, but Exhibit B is also in the supporting documents.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommended that a motion be made to approve the service contract with an end term date of June 30, 2026.

2. EHPS Portrait of a Graduate Review

   COMMENTARY: The Policy Committee revised the document to maintain the original intent while cleaning up language issues. The new version is in the supporting documents.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. After discussion, the Board can approve the document as it is or recommend final changes for consideration.

3. Budget Update - FY '26 Projections

   COMMENTARY: The Superintendent will update the Board with a forecast of next year's budgetary situation based on current legislation and enrollment.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

4. Health Insurance Fund Status Update

   COMMENTARY: The District operates a self insurance fund as an employee benefit. Mrs. Hoogerheide will report statistics and health of the fund and our self insured status..

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

5. Reconsideration of the 25-26 Academic Calendar - Spring Break

   COMMENTARY: As discussed last month, we reviewed our plans for Spring Break with HSD #1. They are planning their break a week later. The calendar committee……

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item **-** recommend the Board adopt the calendar with the adjusted Spring Break, March 30- April 3.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Personnel Action - Bus Driver

   COMMENTARY: Garrett Ulmer has been recommended for hire as an EHPS bus driver. He is the son of Trustee Tristan Ulmer. This hire requires that the Board follow Nepotism Protocols including proper posting (done), and a unanimous vote of the full Board with Trustee Ulmer abstaining.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item - I recommend a motion to hire Garrett Ulmer as an EHPS bus driver.

2. Request for Check Writing Authority - Educational Savings Account

   COMMENTARY: We have been notified by the OPI that we have our first resident student to apply and qualify for the Educational Savings Account Program. This requires monthly payments to the OPI for the account. These payments do not always fall in line with regular Board meetings. We are requesting check writing authority to meet this obligation in a timely fashion. The letter is in the supporting documents.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend that a motion be made to approve business office check writing authority for the ESA program.

3. Indian Education Report

   COMMENTARY: Kim Metzger, Indian Impact Teacher will provide education to the Board regarding IEFA efforts and our Indian Education Program.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item.

4. 227 Academy Update

   COMMENTARY: Principals Condon and Morris will provide an update of the progress and development of the 227 Academy Charter School.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information/action item

5. Traffic Study Proposal

   COMMENTARY: Staff from Stahly Engineering will present a proposal to do a traffic study of the PPE property and the upcoming Valley Drive work.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. The Board should consider the proposal and approving the study to prepare for upcoming improvements.

6. TA Grant Application Consideration

   COMMENTARY: Last month there was a discussion for the pedestrian crossing at Main/Kalispell and safety concerns. This is a request to explore the possibilities of a TA Grant through the newly formed Helena Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to improve access for students. Staff from Stahly Engineering will be on hand to propose a partnership in the TA grant process.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. The Board should consider a motion to approve the application to move forward.

7. Consideration of EHEA MOU - Teacher Prep - Para Coverage

   COMMENTARY: The Board is being asked to consider a temporary MOU with the EHEA allowing teachers to be paid to prep outside typical working hours enabling them to sub for para coverage during the school day. We are currently experiencing an acute staffing shortage.

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

8. Resolution #240; Call for Election by Mail Ballot

   COMMENTARY: The Board will consider the resolution. The resolution is in the supporting documents.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item - the Board should pass a motion to approve the resolution.

9. Evaluation of the Clerk

   COMMENTARY: The Board will conduct the annual required evaluation of the Clerk's performance. The Trustees will review the Clerk's evaluation and provide feedback to the Clerk.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information/action item

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