AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Monday, March 10, 2025
EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
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. Legislative Status Report
6. Notifications of Retirements and Resignations

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting February 10, 2025
B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Budget Update and Discussion - Mill Levy Consideration
2. Non Resident Application Update

NEW BUSINESS

1. ELA Curriculum Revision and Adoption
2. ELA Materials Purchase Request
3. Student Travel Request - EHHS FCS and Ag Programs
4. School Bus Purchase Consideration
5. Notice of Intent Regarding Permissive Levies - Resolution # 241

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FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 14th, 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, MARCH 10th, 2025 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. **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.

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

- Scott Ireland -Radley PE/Health Teacher
- Karla Layson -Radley Teacher
- Patricia Jorge -Bus Driver

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; February 10, 2025
B. Pay Warrants
C. Personnel Action
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval
E. Recommended Employment of Staff:

- Jenni Krause -After School Program Instructor
- Kerstie Umsted -Paraprofessional
- Leilani Lute -After School Program Student Aide
- Luke Jackson -After School Program Student Aide
- Lacey Brewer -Student Aide/Trainer
- Paige Clayton -Substitute
- Chelsa Smith -Substitute
- Cassandra Ralph -Substitute
- Tara Harrington -Substitute
- Kimberly Dodd -Substitute
- Joey Taylor -Substitute
- Troy Arntson - 5-8 Head Track Coach
- Tricia Haines - 5-8 Asst Head Track Coach
- Nikki Odegard - 5-8 Assistant Track Coach
- Tess Prendergast - 5-8 Assistant Track Coach
- Alexis Cooney - 5-8 Assistant Track Coach

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	1			
1st	1			
2nd	1			
3rd	1			
4th				
5th				
6th				
7th				
8th				
9th				
10th				
11th	1			
12th				

Total: 5

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Budget Update and Discussion - Mill Levy Consideration

   COMMENTARY: The Superintendent and Business Manager will brief the Board about our FY '26 budget outlook (next year) and lead a discussion about pending legislation, its impact on our budget, and the need for a mill levy election.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information/Action item. After discussion, a motion could be made for a mill levy amount if conditions warrant it.

2. Non-Resident Application Update

   COMMENTARY: Trustees will hear an update regarding non-resident applications for the 25-26 school year.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ELA Curriculum Revision and Adoption

   COMMENTARY: The District Curriculum Committee has been working on our English Language Arts Curriculum revisions and are ready to present their work to the Board.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item - I recommend a motion to adopt the new curriculum as presented.

2. ELA Materials Purchase Request

   COMMENTARY: The District Curriculum Committee has recommended the purchase of new materials for our Littlelantes (4 year olds) and grades 6 - 12 to support the new ELA curriculum. We adopted K-5 materials a couple years ago with ESSER funding. We have a budget line item to support most of this expenditure.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend that a motion be made to approve the purchase request.

3. Student Travel Request - EHHS FCS and Ag Programs

   COMMENTARY: Trinity Nelson and Sam Wigen, EHHS FCS and Ag teachers will present a student travel request for Board consideration.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. After discussion, I recommend approval of the travel request.

4. School Bus Purchase Request Consideration

   COMMENTARY: The Superintendent will present a bus purchase request to update our fleet and prepare us for future needs.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend the Board approve the purchase of at least 1 and possibly 2 new buses. Funds will come from the bus depreciation fund.

5. Notice of Intent Regarding Permissive Levies. - Resolution #241

   COMMENTARY: This is our required notice to the public of our projected amounts for permissive levies for FY '26. The final amounts are subject to change prior to August.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. The Board should consider approving the resolution as presented.

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – Monday, April 14th, 2025 5:30 @ Eastgate Elementary