

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Monday, April 14, 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 March 10, 2025
- B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
- C. Personnel Actions
- D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. School Bus Purchase Update
2. Central Office Relocation Proposal

NEW BUSINESS

1. Student Eagle Scout Recognition
2. Out of State Travel Request; EHHS BPA
3. Consideration of Multi District Agreement
4. Student Activity Account; Pretty Cool Claws
5. EHPS School Board Letter to the EH PTO
6. Softball Co-Op Consideration
7. 1st Reading Board Policy 8210
8. Consideration of New Position - Advanced Opportunity Facilitator
9. ESSA Report Card Review
10. FWP Hunter's Education Program Request
11. Consideration of Miller House Lease Agreement w/ PPC
12. Prickly Pear Cooperative Representative Appointment

ADJOURN

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – Monday, May 12th, 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.

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

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| • Tess Prendergast | -EVMS Science Teacher |
| • Caitlyn Moran | -Elementary Teacher for the 25-26 School Year |
| • Tara Harrington | -Elementary Teacher for the 25-26 School Year |
| • Amber Countryman | -Elementary Teacher for the 25-26 School Year |
| • Monica Foster | -Summer Program Paraprofessional |
| • Kendra Elgen | -Summer Program Paraprofessional |
| • Abby Hogue | -Summer Program Paraprofessional |
| • Kayla Combs | -Summer Program Paraprofessional |
| • Samantha Burke | -Summer Program Teacher .5 |
| • Rachel Beveridge | -Summer Program Teacher .5 |
| • Tara Harrington | -Summer Program Teacher |
| • Laura Boltz | -Summer Program Secretary |
| • Christa Chiriaco | -Substitute |
| • Stacy York | -Substitute |
| • Kelly Allen | -Summer Program Bus Driver |
| • Sherylle Pellen | -Summer Program Bus Driver |
| • K.D. Jones | -Tiger Program Data Entry Clerk |

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. School Bus Purchase Update

COMMENTARY: The Superintendent will report to the Board about the bus purchases approved at last month's meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

2. Central Office Relocation Proposal

COMMENTARY: The Infrastructure Committee Members will report to the full Board about the meeting that was held in the clinic building. The relocation budget will be reviewed. A key question in this discussion is if the Board is prepared to abandon the idea of hosting a Health Clinic on district property in East Helena.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information/action item. After discussion a motion could be made to approve the relocation of the Central Office to the old Health Clinic building AS recommended in the SMA Facility Study.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Student Eagle Scout Recognition

COMMENTARY: Andrew Mazanec will be recognized for his Eagle Scout project creating a storage solution for the Radley music room.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item

2. Out of State Travel Request; EHHS BPA

COMMENTARY: Members of the EHHS BPA group have once again qualified for Nationals. A representative from BPA will be at the meeting to request permission for out of state travel to attend the competition.

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

3. Consideration of Multi District Agreement

COMMENTARY: This is our interlocal agreement with the Lincoln School District. It has been a beneficial financial tool for both Districts and is up for renewal. The new 3 year agreement is in the supporting documents.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend approval of the Agreement.

4. New Student Activity Account; Pretty Cool Claws

COMMENTARY: This is a student club at the high school specializing in creative (finger)nails. They are wanting to do some fundraising and need an account for their deposits and expenses.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend the Board approve the student activity account.

5. EHPS School Board Letter to the East Helena PTO

COMMENTARY: The letter was shared with Trustees a couple weeks ago and should be in its final state and ready for approval and signatures. There is a copy in the supporting documents.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. The Board should consider approving and signing the letter.

6. Softball Co-op Consideration

COMMENTARY: This is a request to extend our agreement with Jefferson High School for the Softball Co-op. The Activity Director and coach will share additional information with the Board regarding current participation. The co-op application and information is in the supporting documents.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: After discussion, I recommend approval of the cooperative agreement application.

7. 1st Reading Board Policy #8210

COMMENTARY: This is a procurement policy for food service. During our OPI review we were advised that the procurement bid limit needed to be lowered in this policy. The Superintendent will share additional details at the meeting. The revised policy is in the supporting documents.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend approving the revised policy upon first reading.

8. Consideration of New Position - Advanced Opportunity Facilitator Career Coach

COMMENTARY: This is a request for the Board to authorize a new position created to promote and develop meaningful work based experiential learning opportunities for students at EHHS. Pending legislation would allow a quality educator payment for the position and the utilization of up to 20% of our Advanced Opportunity funds for the salary. The remainder would be paid from our Innovative Tax Credit donation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend approving the position for the 25-26 school year.

9. ESSA Report Card Review

COMMENTARY: We have received our annual ESSA Report Card from OPI. The results are somewhat skewed due to our participation in the statewide MAST Pilot which yielded no usable data. Building Principals will speak about their results and their experience with the MAST.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

10. FWP Hunter's Education Program Request

COMMENTARY: This is an annual request for Volunteer FWP Hunters Education Instructors to utilize demonstration firearms on our campuses as part of their safety instruction. The request requires Board approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend the Board approve the request.

11. Consideration of Miller House Lease Agreement w/ PPC

COMMENTARY: Our lease agreement with the Prickly Pear Co-operative is up for renewal. I am recommending that we keep the terms of the lease the same in light of the fact that they provide critical Special Education services to our students, and they also share the space with transportation personnel.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend renewal of the lease.

12. Appointment of Representative for Prickly Pear Cooperative Board

COMMENTARY: Our School District belongs to the Prickly Pear Cooperative for special education services. Each year the Board must appoint a representative to serve on the PPC Board. Traditionally, that appointment has been the District Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. Recommend appointing the Superintendent to serve on the PPC Board to represent EHPS

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