

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Monday, May 12, 2025

EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Reception for the District Retirees at 5:00
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 April 14, 2025
- B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
- C. Personnel Actions
- D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2nd Reading Board Policy 8210

NEW BUSINESS

1. Out of State Travel Request; EHHS E-Sports
2. Health Insurance Renewal Update
3. Setting Administrative Staff Salaries
4. Appointment of District Clerk
5. MTSBA Trainings and Opportunities
6. Non-resident Student Application Consideration

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FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Special Meeting – Board Reorganization - Monday, May 19th, 2025 5:30 @ East Valley Middle School
Special Meeting - Non Resident consideration under policy 3141 - TBD Day, May TBD., 2025 @ East Valley Middle School Library
Regular Meeting - Monday, June 9th, 2025 at 5:30 PM - East Valley Middle School Library

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, MAY 12th, 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:

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| ● Jaciee Senecal | -EVMS Science Teacher |
| ● Anna Spoja | -EHHS Business Teacher |
| ● Sharyn Gunderson | -Paraprofessional |
| ● Brandy Gallups | -Special Education Teacher |
| ● Randy Vose | -Bus Driver |
| ● Cassandra Lynn | -Paraprofessional |

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; April 14, 2025
- B. Pay Warrants
- C. Personnel Action
- D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval
- E. Recommended Employment of Staff:

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|---------------------|---|
| • Angie Cejka | -Paraprofessional |
| • Kylie Layton | -Paraprofessional |
| • Daniel Farnam | -EHHS SPED Teacher-Pending MT Certification |
| • Shelby Holmes | -Head VBall Coach |
| • Hanna Carey | -EHHS English Teacher |
| • Kirk Hendrick | -Bus Driver |
| • Thomas Holdforth | -Substitute Bus Driver |
| • Patricia Gillett | -EHHS Social Studies Teacher |
| • Dessirae Anderson | -EHHS Head Cheer Coach |
| • Nicole Burgess | -Paraprofessional 25-26 School Year |
| • Alyssa Terry | -Paraprofessional 25-26 School Year |
| • Jack Pkra | -EVMS Science |
| • Tara Kelleher | -Kitchen Aide 25-26 School Year |
| • Lauren Dotson | -Kitchen Aide 25-26 School year |
| • Janie Taylor | -EHHS Assistant Volleyball Coach |
| • Sydnee Claimont | -EHHS Assistant Volleyball Coach |
| • Sam Holman | -EHHS Assistant Volleyball Coach |
| • Alex Reid | -Assistant Football Coach |
| • Miriam Horner | -Kitchen Aide |

To: Dan Rispens, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
Fr: Brandon Crusat, Eastgate and Prickly Pear Elementary Principal
Re: 2025-26 Hiring Recommendations

Certified Staff Recommendation for 2025-26

I recommend the following **tenured** staff members be rehired for the 2025-26 school year:

Beck, Camryn			
Bender, Marne	Briski, Jillian	Dachs, Shana	Fetherston, Tana
Gallups, Brandy	Griffiths, Katie	Haas, Jolette	Hansen, Catherine
Hager, Jen	Heidinger, McKenzie	Johnson, Kate	Krantz, Matthew
Krause, Jenni	Lunday, Nancy	Mikesell, Ashlee	Odegard, Nikki
Odermann, Jannice	Ophus, Kristin	Petersen, Kara	Phelps, Kelsey

Pollington, Amy
Vetsch, Erin

Salerno, Alyssa
Warner, Jenn

Sandau, Sarah

Simonson, Adrienne

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2025-26 school year:

Beveridge, Rachel Burke, Samantha Power, Christina Eric Lehman

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2025-26 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Graham, Kayla Shaul, Alyssa

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2025-26

I recommend the following **classified** staff be rehired for the 2025-26 school year.

Boltz, Laura	Clark, Natalie	Combs, Kayla	Elgen, Kendra
Foster, Monica	Kalous, Bethany	Kalous, Kari	Kuhl, Joseph
Madsen, Erika	Cole -McLaughlin, Connie		
Mergenthaler, Hillary	Menius, Alicia	Merriman, Phileshea	Rivers, Caitlin
Tyler, Lew	Umsted, Kerstie		

To: Dan Rispens, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees

Fr: Gus Somerfeld, Radley Elementary Principal

Re: 2025-26 Hiring Recommendations

Certified Staff Recommendation for 2025-26

I recommend the following **tenured** staff members be rehired for the 2025-26 school year:

Bright, Rachel	Clement, Carrie	Cloeren, Michael
Countryman, Heather	Dusenberry, Camilla	Ferro, Ashley
Finstad, Erin	Haines, Tricia	Jones, KD
Mazanec, Traci	McLean, Patti	Metzger, Kim
Olson, Karly	Penner, Julie	Reiff, Anna
Scoles, Jennifer	Senecal, Katherine	Speicher, Kari
Teders, Vashti		

I recommend the following **non-tenured** staff be rehired for the 2025-26 school year:

Cathcart, Bethany

I recommend the following **non-tenured** staff be rehired for the 2025-26 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Rubio-Pratt, Veronica

Snarr, Karley

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2025-26

I recommend the following **classified** staff be rehired for the 2025-26 school year:

Case, Rachel
Dunlap, Debbie
Hogue, Abby
Smith, Emily
Yeary, Melinda

Cejka, Angie
Ereth, Trina
Lashway, Michelle
Super, Mary

Cranmore, Sarah
Hayes, Taylor
Meeker, Jacquelyn
Terry, MaryAnn

To: Dan Rispens, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
Fr: Lynsi Morris, EVMS Principal
Re: 2025-26 Hiring Recommendations

Certified Staff Recommendation for 2025-26

I recommend the following **tenured** staff members be rehired for the 2025-26 school year:

Arntson, Troy
Gates,Carolynn
Metzger, Kimberly
Schoppe, Tamika
Walsh, Beth

Brown, Bryanna
Horne, Cory
Murphree, Kaitlyn
Somerfeld, Holly
Wigen, Jodi

Cobb, Jason
McLaughlin, Whitney
Pritchard, Erik
VanNice, Kevin

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2025-26 school year:

Davis, Lucy
Cooney, Alexis
Yackley, Jaden
Wallis, Caleb

Sebestyen, Ray
Kraft, Duncan
Brus, Olivia
Pendergast, Tess

Purcell, Brooklyn
Ramirez, Rosie
Wigen, Samantha
Solan, Kara

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2025-26 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Lance, Sophia
Cantrell, Jonathan

Elliott, Andrew
Berg, Christina

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2025-26

I recommend the following **classified** staff be rehired for the 2025-26 school year.

Hines, Jennifer
Broadhurst, Christina

Palmer, Summer

To: Dan Rispens, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
Fr: Paul Condon, EHHS Principal; Trish Klock, EHHS Vice Principal
Re: 2025-26 Hiring Recommendations

Certified Staff Recommendation for 2025-2026

I recommend the following **tenured staff** members be rehired for the 2025-2026 school year:

Ty Ridgeway	Carson Bender	Jana Nygaard
Cole Bass	Tamika Schoppe	Ashley Torgerson
Sarah Cobb	Victoria Curtiss	Whitney Mitchell
Casey Harris	Jon Moore	Christa Schoenfeld
Marne Bender	Nicole Hash	Bret Charlton
JD Ferris	Shelby Holmes	Ty Murray
Brad Paskey	Riley Sampson	Kelli Kerpa
Katie VanderZanden		

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2025-2026 school year:

Cody Tofflemire	Breanna Humphrey-Gilbert	Trinity Nelson
Samantha Wigen	Alex Reid	

I recommend the following **nontenured** staff be rehired for the 2025-2026 school year and be awarded the status of tenure:

Tabitha Smail	Alex Johnson	Amanda Countryman
Andrew Boedecker	Ethan Hoffman	Rebecca Bergman
Andrew Elliott		

Classified Staff Recommendation for 2025-2026

I recommend the following **classified** staff be rehired for the 2025-2026 school year.

Tammi Daum	Tonya Hauck	Alex Reid
Janie Taylor	Stormi Lucero	Bridget Guerin

To: Dan Rispens, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
From: Michelle Olds, Food Service Supervisor
Re: 2025-26 Food Service Classified Staff Hiring Recommendations

I recommend that following FOOD SERVICE STAFF be rehired for the 2025-26 school year

Aaron Strong	Dicee Harrison	Izabella TwoTeeth	Arlee Hutchinson
Joe Guerin	Blanca Saur	Renee Slocum	
Kayla Groat	Kathy Cook	Misty Lockey	

To: Dan Rispens, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
From: Steve Skains, Maintenance/Custodian Supervisor
Re: 2025-26 Classified Staff Hiring Recommendations

Maintenance/Custodial Staff

Liam Gallups	Michael Sloan	Cason Greg	
Rick Krause	Mason Skains	Ken Leistiko	Dennis Briggs
Laurie Leistiko	Mathew Shields		

Thank you for your consideration.

To: Dan Rispens, District #9 Superintendent and Board of Trustees
From: Nick Turner Transportation Supervisor
Re: 2025-26 Classified Staff Hiring Recommendations

Bus Drivers

Hank Flatow	Lester White	Tom Stevison	Steve Allen
Kelly Allen	Stuart Beagles	Ralph White	Doug Hollingshead
Carl Moore	Joseph Krall	Randy Siemers	Ralph White
Sherylle Pellen	Casey Crawford		

Thank you for your consideration.

To: East Helena Board of Trustees
Re: 2025-26 Hiring Recommendations

Administrative Staff recommended for contract renewals:

Gus Somerfeld	Brandon Crusat	Eric Power	Jill Hoogerheide
Jennifer Wiedbusch	Steve Skains	Michelle Olds	Jennifer Cordell
Shaun Murgel	Michael Kemper	Kaylee May	Lynsi Morris
Janice Osborne	Paul Condon	Nick Turner	
Denise Linton	Kaylee May	Oliver Atkinson	Trish Klock

Submitted by Dan Rispens, Superintendent

Commonly no debate is allowed when using a consent agenda on any item on the agenda and the motion to approve the consent agenda items is passed with a single motion. If any Trustee wishes to discuss an item on the consent agenda, it should be removed from the Consent Agenda Motion and debated separately.

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	2			
2nd				
3rd	1			
4th	2			
Total:	5			

D. East Helena School District Students Requesting Enrollment in Other School Districts for the **2025**
-2026 School Year:

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2nd Reading Board Policy #8210

COMMENTARY: This policy was reviewed last month for 1st reading and is back with no changes for 2nd reading.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Out of State Travel Request; EHHS E-Sports

COMMENTARY: Members of the EHHS E Sports Team have qualified for Nationals. A representative from E-Sports 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.

2. Health Insurance Renewal Update

COMMENTARY: Jill Hoogerheide will update the Board regarding our insurance rates for 2025-26.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item

3. Setting Administrative Staff Salaries

COMMENTARY: The Superintendent will submit a proposal to adjust salaries for staff not covered by collective bargaining.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the recommendation.

4. Appointment of the Clerk

COMMENTARY: The Board must officially declare their appointment for a District Clerk for the 25-26 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - recommend that the Board make a motion to appoint Jill Hoogerheide, District Clerk for the 25-26 school year.

5. MTSBA Trainings and Opportunities

COMMENTARY: Scott will share information for Trustees to consider training upcoming opportunities through Montana School Boards Association.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

6. Non-resident Student Application Consideration

COMMENTARY: The Board will be asked to consider the applications for returning non-resident students for the 2025-26 school year. This action does not include new to the district non resident students or current non resident students who will be recommended for denial at a later date.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - I recommend that the Board approve the non-resident applications currently presented.

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