

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

Call to Order: Trustees of School District No. 9 held a meeting on May 19, 2025. Chairman Scott Walter called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Attendance and Introduction of Board Members

Trustees Present: Chairman Scott Walter, Vice Chair Tyrel Murfitt, Martin Balukas, Stacy Baird, Mark Diehl at (5:36); Tiffany Richardson (@ 5:46 after Oath of Office)

Superintendent Dan Rispens, Clerk Jill Hoogerheide, and Technology Coordinator Eric Power

Building Admin: Gus Somerfeld, Paul Condon

Visitors: Nikki Odegard, Kara Petersen, Amy Pollington, Susie Hedalen,

Review the Agenda

No comments

Hear the Public

No comments

New Business

Certification of Election

The final election results from Lewis and Clark county were presented to the Board for approval.

Motion by Vice Chair Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Baird to certify the election count as presented by Lewis and Clark County.

Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Trustees

The Oath of Office for Scott Walter and Tiffany Richardson was administered by Susie Hedalen, Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Reorganization of the Board

The Board elected the Board Chair and the Vice Chair to serve a one-year term. The Trustees voted by roll call to affirm their selection for first Board Chair and then Vice Chair.

Motion by Vice Chair Murfitt, second by Trustee Balukas to nominate Scott Walter for Board Chair.

Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Trustee Richardson to nominate Tyrel Murfitt for Vice Chair.
Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Board Committee Appointments

The Board Chair discussed committee assignments for the 2025-26 school year.

Personnel Actions

- Joshua Jones Special Education 2025-2026 school year
- Mekenzie Arnold Title I Teacher 2025-2026 school year
- Pamela Hacker Substitute Custodian- Starting May 2025
- Bobbi Jo Nall Substitute Custodian – Starting May 2025

Motion by Trustee Balukas, seconded by Vice Chair Murfitt to approve the personnel actions as presented.

Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Approval of the former and new warrants (Claims #50956 - #50969)

Motion by Trustee Diehl, seconded by Vice Chair Murfitt to approve new claims as presented.

Unanimous vote for the motion. The motion carries.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

Special Meeting, Non-resident consideration under Policy 3141, dated May 20, 2025 @EVMS

The next regular meeting will be held on June 9th, 2025 @ 5:30 EVMS

Submitted by: _____
Board Clerk, Jill Hoogerheide Date

Approved by: _____
Chairman, Board of Trustees Date