AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025
EVMS - LIBRARY
Meeting Starts at 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW OF AGENDA

HEAR THE PUBLIC

REPORTS

1. Trustee and Committee Reports of the K – 12 Board
2. Strategic Planning- Scan for Future Needs
3. Notifications of Retirements and Resignations

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting July 14, 2025
B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 1st Reading Policies: 3141; 3310; 8560
2. 2nd Reading Policies:3665; 5122; 2335; 5255; 3416; 2158; 2165; 3110; 3121; 3650; 5123; 2050; 5252; 8301; 2334; 2600; 2100; 2450; 2150
3. MTSBA Bylaws, Resolutions, and Officers Review and Consideration

NEW BUSINESS

1. Non-Resident Application Consideration - Newly Hired School Staff
2. Consideration of Audit Services
3. TFS Report Review and Approval
4. Final FY '26 Budget Review and Approval
5. Consideration of RBHI MOU For Suicide Screening
6. MTSBA Call for Resolutions

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FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – Monday, September 8th, 2025 5:30 @ East Helena High

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, AUGUST 11th, 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. **Trustee and Committee Reports of the K-12 Board**
    a. The Board Chair will Solicit Reports from Trustees or Committees.

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

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

- Sarah Weddle -Paraprofessional
- Taylor Hayes -Paraprofessional
- Kerstie Umsted -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; July 14, 2025
B. Pay Warrants
C. Personnel Action

a. Recommended Employment of Staff

- Alex Heigh -Paraprofessional
- Juliette Jones -Paraprofessional
- Olivia Nett -Paraprofessional
- Andrew Useche -Paraprofessional

- MaryAnn McMahon -Substitute
- Teagan Atkinson -Bus Driver
- April Prescott -Special Education Teacher
- Brandy Gallups -Special Education Teacher
- Erin Finstad -Tiger Robotics Coach
- Peter Callahan -Bus Driver
- Jessica Clanin -Paraprofessional
- Bret Charlton -EHHS Assistant XC Coach

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

	Helena	Jefferson High	Montana City	Clancy
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. 1st Reading Policies: 3141; 3310; 8560

   COMMENTARY: These policies were discussed last month, but for various reasons were tabled and are now back for first reading.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend approving the policies after discussion.

2. 2nd Reading Policies:3665; 5122; 2335; 5255; 3416; 2158; 2165; 3110; 3121; 3650; 5123; 2050; 5252; 8301; 2334; 2600; 2100; 2450; 2150

   COMMENTARY: These policies were approved last month on first reading and are back for consideration on second reading.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend approving the policies as presented.

3. MTSBA Bylaws, Resolutions, and Officers Review and Consideration

   COMMENTARY: This item had to be tabled last month due to lack of information. Scott will lead the discussion and the information from MTSBA is in the supporting documents.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Non-Resident Application Consideration - Newly Hired Staff

   COMMENTARY: The Board will have the opportunity to consider a new non-resident application for two children of a new staff member.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend approving the non-resident application for the two students.

2. Consideration of Audit Services

   COMMENTARY: We have received a 3 year proposal from Strom and Associates for audit services. The proposal and associated letters are in the supporting documents. School district auditors are becoming a rarity in Montana, and many districts are having difficulties finding an auditor to work with and are enduring sticker shock. This proposal provides a fair agreement and consistent 3 year pricing.

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

3. TFS Report Review and Approval

   COMMENTARY: The Board Members and Community will have an opportunity to review the Trustees Financial Summary for the last fiscal year as filed by the District Clerk.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. Recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the TFS report.

4. Final FY '26 Budget Review and Approval

   COMMENTARY: The Board members and Community will have an opportunity to review proposed budget amounts for the new fiscal year.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. Recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the proposed budget amounts.

5. Consideration of RBHI MOU For Suicide Screening

   COMMENTARY: This is a renewal of our ongoing agreement for suicide prevention screening and partnership with Rural Behavioral Health.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. Recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the MOU.

6. MTSBA Call for Resolutions

   COMMENTARY: The Board will have the opportunity to discuss Legislative Advocacy through MTSBA and any ideas for future legislation that should be considered. Resolutions are reviewed at the fall MCEL Conference. Scott will lead this discussion.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information/Action item.

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