AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025
EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL - LIBRARY
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. Notifications of Retirements and Resignations

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting October 13, 2025
B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. MCEL Reflections
2. Resolution # 242 - Obsolete and Unusable Equipment - Bid Opening
3. Activity Bus Update

NEW BUSINESS

1. Student Travel Request - University of Idaho, 2026
2. Student Travel Club Request-England & Scotland 2027
3. Student Activity Account Request -Huschka Haberdashery (EHHS Student Store)
4. MVM Street Easement - City of Helena
5. Resolution # 243 - Obsolete and Unusable Equipment - MCI Bus
6. Initiative to Name the EHHS Football Stadium
7. EHPS Budgetary Update and Projections
8. Review of Changes to MT Election Laws and Timelines
9. Distribution of Superintendent's Evaluation

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FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – Monday, December 8th, 2025 5:30 @ Prickly Pear Elementary

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, NOVEMBER 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. Student Rep, Xavier Nunn 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. **Notifications of Retirements and Resignations**
   a. The Following Staff Resignations Have Previously Been Accepted:

- Rachel Case -Paraprofessional
- Trina Ereth -Instructional Tutor

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; October 13, 2025
B. Pay Warrants
C. Personnel Action
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

a. Recommended Employment of Staff

- Rachel Case -Substitute
- Darlene Jatkowski -Paraprofessional
- Deb Ryan -Paraprofessional
- Krystl Smith -Head Softball Coach
- Marianne Baumeister -Substitute
- Savannah Baker -Substitute
- Amy Eickert -Substitute
- Denise Johnson -Substitute
- Jack Prka -EVMS Boys Basketball Coach
- Duncan Kraft -EVMS Boys Basketball Coach
- Kenzie Lombardi -EHHS Assistant Speech & Debate Coach
- Pailey Lampers -Student Mentor

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. MCEL Reflections

COMMENTARY: Trustees and Administrators will share observations and lessons learned at the annual Montana Conference for Educational Leadership.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

2. Resolution # 242 - Obsolete and Unusable Equipment - Bid Opening

   COMMENTARY: If any bids were received for the obsolete equipment resolution, they will be opened at this time. If no bids were received, the Board should consider directing the Superintendent to dispose of the obsolete equipment in the most efficient manner possible.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - Recommend awarding items to highest bidder or directing the Superintendent to dispose of the items.

3. Activity Bus Update

   COMMENTARY: The Superintendent will update the Board regarding the status of our activity bus purchases.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

NEW BUSINESS

1. Student Travel Request - University of Idaho, 2026

   COMMENTARY: The Board will hear from Mr. Cole Bass regarding a Jazz Band request to travel to the University of Idaho in April of 2026, for the Lynel Hampton Jazz Festival.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the EHHS Jazz Band travel request.

2. Student Travel Club Request-England & Scotland 2027

   COMMENTARY: The EHHS Travel Club is requesting approval for a trip to London, England and Scotland in June of 2027. Rebecca Bergman, Breanna Humphrey-Gilbert and Bret Charlton will address the Board.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the EHHS Travel Club request.

3. Student Activity Account Request - Huschka Haberdashery (EHHS Student Store)

   COMMENTARY: This is a request for the creation of a student activity account for the EHHS student store, the Huschka Haberdashery.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend the Board pass a motion to create the student activity account.

4. MVM Street Easement - City of Helena

   COMMENTARY: The District has been asked to grant a street easement to the City of Helena for our property in Mountain View Meadows.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend granting the easement which enhances our property value future use by installing access to utilities and accessibility.

5. Resolution # 243 - Obsolete and Unusable Equipment - MCI Bus

   COMMENTARY: This is a resolution to declare the 1989 MCI Activity bus obsolete and unusable due to repairs needed that exceed the value of the bus.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend the Board approve the resolution as presented.

6. Initiative to name the EHHS Football Stadium

   COMMENTARY: The Board Chair and Superintendent have been approached by a community member about naming the EHHS Athletic Stadium to build community pride and reduce confusion. The Board has an adopted policy for this process.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend the Board pass a motion directing the Superintendent to begin the process to name the stadium.

7. EHPS Budgetary Update and Projections

   COMMENTARY: The Superintendent will present early estimates for the FY '27 district general fund budget based on the fall enrollment count.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

8. Review of Changes to MT Election Laws and Timelines

   COMMENTARY: The Clerk of the Board, Jill Hoogerheide, will present information to the Board regarding changes to election laws and timelines for Trustee filing.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

9. Distribution of Superintendent's Evaluation

   COMMENTARY: It's time for the annual review of the Superintendent's performance. Hard copies of the evaluation tool will be distributed at the Board meeting and emailed as well for those that would prefer an electronic version. Evaluations should be submitted to Chairman Walter.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item

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