AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Monday, February 9, 2026
EASTGATE ELEMENTARY 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. Notifications of Retirements and Resignations

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting January 12, 2026
B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Calendar Committee Presentation: Impacts of 4 Day Week K-8
2. Policy Second Reading MTSBA Model Policies:#1401, #2161, #2335, #3110, #3150, #3600, #5015 and #5321
3. Policy Revision First Reading Policies: #2600, #3665, #4550 and #5122
4. Charter School Contract Revision Review and Approval
5. Budget Update - FY '27 Projections
6. Update Regarding Bridged Health Alliance

NEW BUSINESS

1. Indian Education Report
2. Harmony Education Services Contract Consideration
3. 227 Academy Update
4. EVMS Chiller Replacement

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FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 9th, 2026 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.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, 2026 BOARD MEETING
TRUSTEE INFORMATION PACKET
Eastgate Elementary 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. 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:

- Nick Kallem -Bus Driver
- Tegan Atkinson -Bus Driver
- Alex Johnson -Assistant Football Coach
- Miriam Horner -Kitchen Aid

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; January 12, 2026
B. Pay Warrants

C. Personnel Action
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval
E. Recommended Employment of Staff:

- Megan Owens -Paraprofessional
- Caybree Petty -Student Mentor
- Addelyn Mix -Student Mentor
- Keira Klock -Student Mentor
- Zachary Harris -Substitute
- Sage Strong -Substitute
- Nancy Nickerson -Substitute
- Crystal Curry -Substitute
- Hayleigh Johnson -Substitute
- Darrin Holloway -Substitute
- Teresa Johnson -Substitute Bus Driver
- Timothy Fuhriman -Bus Driver
- Byron Staten -Substitute Bus Driver
- Matthew Heinze -Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach
- Kadi Finicum -Assistant Softball Coach

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

	Helena	Missoula
5th	1	
11th	4	1
12th	1	
Total:	7	

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Calendar Committee Presentation: Impacts of 4 Day Week K-8

   COMMENTARY: As part of their work on the 4 day week study, the Calendar Committee split off a subcommittee to examine the effects of a 4 day week specifically on K-8. That group will report tonight.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

2. Policy Second Reading MTSBA Model Policies:#1401, #2161, #2335, #3110, #3150, #3600, #5015 and #5321

   COMMENTARY: These Policies were approved last month on first reading and are back on second reading.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. After discussion, I recommend approval of the policies.

3. Policy Revision First Reading Policies: #2600, #3665, #4550 and #5122

   COMMENTARY: These Policies were tabled last month due to concerns about certain language. They are back on first reading.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. After discussion, I recommend approval of the policies with any edits or revisions.

4. Charter School Contract Revision Review and Approval

   COMMENTARY: The Board of Public Education has made revisions to the Charter School Contracts intended to clean up language, clarify and ease reporting requirements, and enshrine the variance to standards for the duration of the contract. The email from McCall Flynn and the revised contract are in the supporting documents.

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

5. Budget Update - FY '27 Projections

   COMMENTARY: With our Fall and Spring Student Counts complete, we can take a clear eyed look forward to 2026-27. The Superintendent will share some projections with the Board regarding the funding outlook for next year.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

6. Update Regarding Bridged Health Alliance

   COMMENTARY: We have received word that Bridged Health Alliance has reached the threshold to validate the trust. We can discuss this in the meeting. The District has committed to Joining Bridged Health, but that hinges on their negotiation of satisfactory network agreement contracts with local healthcare providers.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

NEW BUSINESS

1. Indian Education Report

COMMENTARY: Kim Metzger, Indian Impact Teacher will provide education to the Board regarding IEFA efforts and our Indian Education Program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item.

2. Harmony Education Services Contract Consideration

   COMMENTARY: This is a service contract to provide remote learning classes to students. We primarily use this service with our 227 Academy students, and the BPE requires Board review and approval of these agreements. The contract is in the supporting documents.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item.

3. 227 Academy Update

   COMMENTARY: Lynsi Morris has been taking a lead role in managing the 227 Academy and related reporting. She will report to the Board.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

4. EVMS Chiller Replacement

   COMMENTARY: The chiller is a piece of HVAC Equipment essential to the EVMS cooling system. It has outlived its service life and has been running up excessive maintenance bills. The Superintendent will present a plan to replace the chiller leveraging our MREA membership. Funds from the Building Reserve Fund can be used for this cost with Board approval.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend the Board approve the purchase of the Carrier Chiller and the installation contract with CORE. The pricing documents are in the supporting documents.

FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – Monday, March 10th, 2025 5:30 @ East Valley Middle School