**AGENDA**
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
**EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9**
**Monday, March 9, 2026**
**EAST VALLEY MIDDLE 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 February 9, 2026
B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Naming of the EHHS Football Stadium - Committee Report and Board Action
2. Harmony Education Services - Contract Consideration
3. Policy Revisions-Second Reading: #2600, #3665, #4550 and #5122
4. Budget Update and Discussion - Mill Levy Consideration

## NEW BUSINESS

1. K-12 Math Curriculum Revision and Adoption
2. K-12 Math Materials Purchase Request
3. Calendar Committee - Recommendation of Academic Calendar for 2026-27
4. Non Resident Application Update
5. Superintendent Request for out of State Travel
6. Notice of Intent Regarding Permissive Levies - Resolution # 245

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## FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

**Regular Meeting – Monday, April 13th, 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, MARCH 9th, 2026 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. 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:

- Anna Reiff -Teacher
- Jack Prka -Teacher

## 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; February 9, 2026
B. Pay Warrants
C. Personnel Action
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

E. Recommended Employment of Staff:

- Kyler Halverson -Substitute Bus Driver
- Derek Bonogofsky -Substitute Bus Driver
- Holden Stagg -Substitute Bus Driver
- Gus Somerfeld -K-5 Summer Program Administrator
- Matt Krantz -K-5 Summer Program Administrator
- Amy Pollington -Summer School Lead Teacher
- Jenni Krause -Summer School Lead Teacher
- Jayden Quinn -Assistant Softball Coach
- Ethan Hoffman -Head Baseball Coach
- Layne Snarr -Assistant Baseball Coach
- Ron Henze -Assistant Baseball Coach
- Ty Walker -Assistant Baseball Coach
- Jon Moore -Head Track Coach
- Bret Charlton -Assistant Track Coach
- Nathaniel Bailey -Assistant Track Coach
- Alex Reid -Assistant Track Coach
- Tom Banks -Head Tennis Coach
- Thaddius Burrkarl -Assistant Tennis Coach
- Bonnie Jones -Substitute
- Mikaela Uhl -Substitute
- Miriam Horner -Substitute
- Troy Arntson -EVMS Head Track Coach
- Tricia Haines -EVMS Assistant Track Coach
- Nikki Odegard -EVMS Assistant Track Coach
- Alexis Cooney -EVMS Assistant Track Coach
- Tess Prendergast -EVMS Assistant Track Coach
- Kylene Ruth -Assistant Flag Football Coach

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

| | Helena | Boulder |
|---|---|---|
| 2nd | 1 | |
| 9th | | 1 |
| 11th | 1 | |
| Total: | 3 | |

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Naming of the EHHS Football Stadium - Committee Report and Board Action

   **COMMENTARY:** The naming committee has completed their work and the report is in the supporting docs. The Committee is bringing 3 finalist names forward for Board consideration. Juliet Hahn will be available to answer questions for the Committee.

   **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action item. After deliberation, the Board should select a stadium name from the list of finalists and take action to approve the naming of the stadium at EHHS.

2. Harmony Education Services - Contract Consideration

   **COMMENTARY:** This contract has been reviewed by the team at Harmony and revised to correct the concerns raised last month.

   **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action item. After review and consideration the Board should consider a motion to approve the contract.

3. Second Reading MTSBA Model Policies:#2600, #3665, #4550 and #5122

   **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

4. Budget Update and Discussion - Mill Levy Consideration

   **COMMENTARY:** The Superintendent and Business Manager will brief the Board about our FY '27 budget outlook (next year), and the possibility of a mill levy election.

   **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Information/Action item. After discussion, a motion could be made for a mill levy amount if conditions warrant it. The Board could also table the action and schedule a special meeting on March 17 to consider a final mill levy amount.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. K-12 Math Curriculum Revision and Adoption

   **COMMENTARY:** The District Curriculum Committee has been working on our math curriculum revisions and are ready to present their work to the Board.

   **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action item - I recommend a motion to adopt the new curriculum as presented.

2. K-12 Math Materials Purchase Request

   **COMMENTARY:** The District Curriculum Committee has recommended the purchase of new materials for our Littlelantes (4 year olds) and K - 12 to support the new math curriculum. We made changes to the budget last year with STARS Act funds and have a budget line item to support most of this expenditure.

   **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action item. I recommend that a motion be made to approve the purchase request.

3. Calendar Committee - Recommendation of Academic Calendar for 2026-27

   **COMMENTARY:** The Calendar Committee has completed their work and has a recommendation for the 26-27 academic calendar. The options presented and final vote are included in the supporting docs. The Committee is proposing adoption of Option #1. For reference of Trustees, the Helena Schools calendar is also included in the supporting docs.

   **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action Item. After discussion, I recommend a motion to adopt Calendar option #1.

4. Non-Resident Application Update

   **COMMENTARY:** Trustees will hear an update regarding non-resident applications for the 26-27 school year.

   **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Information Item.

5. Superintendent Request for Out of State Travel

   **COMMENTARY:** This is a request for the Superintendent to attend a health insurance meeting to represent the District with our large claim re-insurance provider. The Superintendent's contract requires Board approval for work related out of state travel.

   **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action Item. I recommend a motion to approve the travel.

6. Notice of Intent Regarding Permissive Levies. - Resolution #245

   **COMMENTARY:** This is our required notice to the public of our projected amounts for permissive levies for FY '27. These are estimates, and the final amounts are subject to change prior to August. Last year we reduced several of these areas based on STARS Funding and to draw down some funds. The resolution is in the supporting documents.

   **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** Action item. The Board should consider approving the resolution as presented.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

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