AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Monday, April 13, 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 March 9, 2026, Special Meetings; February 24; April 1, and April 7, 2026
B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Levy Update and Discussion
2. Non-resident Application Update

NEW BUSINESS

1. Booster Club Presentation Regarding a Baseball Facility Fundraiser
2. Advanced Opportunity Update and Presentation
3. Extension of Advanced Opportunity Coordinator Position
4. Consideration of Transportation Shop Space Lease
5. Hunter's Education Program Request
6. Closing Inactive Student Activity Accounts
7. Prickly Pear Cooperative Representative Appointment
8. Board Discussion About Self Evaluation or 360 Degree Evaluation

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FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Regular Meeting – Monday, May 11th, 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, APRIL 13th, 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:
        - Thomas Julian -Kitchen Aid
        - Andrew Boedecker -SS Teacher/Assistant Football Coach
        - Tristin Fuller -Paraprofessional/Radley
        - Brad Paskey -EHHS Industrial Education 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; Regular Meeting March 9, 2026; Strategic Planning Work Session February 24, Special Meeting April 1 and Strategic Planning Work Session April 7, 2026
B. Pay Warrants
C. Personnel Action
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval
E. Recommended Employment of Staff:

- Karly Olson -Summer Program Teacher
- Veronica Rubio-Pratt -Summer Program Teacher

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

Helena School District-8th Grade -1

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Levy Update and Discussion

   COMMENTARY: The Board will have the opportunity to hear about progress with the Levy Election.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

2. Non-resident Application Update

   COMMENTARY: The Board will be updated regarding the status of non-resident applications for student attendance agreements.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Booster Club Presentation Regarding a Baseball Facility Fundraiser

   COMMENTARY: The Booster Club will present information to the Board regarding their interest in supporting a fundraising initiative to construct a baseball facility on District property.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information/action item. The Board may be asked to support or approve the plan presented.

2. Advanced Opportunity Update and Presentation

   COMMENTARY: Our Advanced Opportunity Facilitator, Jill Hayter will present information about progress that has been made this year in developing relationships and creating opportunities for students to advance their learning through work based learning, internships, dual credit and dual enrollment.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

3. Extension of Advanced Opportunity Coordinator Position

   COMMENTARY: The concept of the Advanced Opportunity Facilitator Position was established by the Montana Legislature in 2025 as an effort to support their vision for student learning in the 21st Century. EHPS Adopted this role as a pilot for the 2025-26 school year, and we have seen tremendous growth and success.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend the Board approve a motion to establish the position of Advanced Opportunity Facilitator as an ongoing position in the District.

4. Consideration of Transportation Shop Space Lease

   COMMENTARY: This is a request to approve a shop space lease for shop space on Wylie Drive for the purpose of bus repairs. There are still details to be ironed out in the lease (see supporting documents).

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend the Board approve the Lease pending successful negotiation of key issues identified.

5. Hunter's Education Program Request

   COMMENTARY: This is an annual request for Volunteer FWP Hunters Education Instructors to utilize demonstration firearms on our campuses as part of their safety instruction. The request requires Board approval.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend the Board approve the request.

6. Closing Inactive Student Activity Accounts

   COMMENTARY: This is a request to close inactive Student Activity Accounts. Per the MASBO Student Activity Accounting Manual, Board Approval is required to open or close any Student Activity accounts. Accounts no longer being used:
   - EVMS Book Order,
   - EVMS Home Economics,
   - EVMS MiniCamp,
   - EVMS Photo,
   - Radley Enrichment,
   - Radley Pop,
   - Community Garden and
   - EHHS JROTC.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend closing the inactive Student Activity Accounts and directing the Superintendent to disperse any monies left in the closed accounts, to similar Student Activity Accounts to be utilized for student benefit.

7. Prickly Pear Cooperative Representative Appointment

   COMMENTARY: Our School District belongs to the Prickly Pear Cooperative for special education services. Each year the Board must appoint a representative to serve on the PPC Board. Traditionally, that appointment has been the District Superintendent.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. Recommend appointing the Superintendent to serve on the PPC Board to represent EHPS

8. Board Discussion About Self Evaluation or 360 Degree Evaluation

   COMMENTARY: This is a discussion about a process for the Board to do a self evaluation as a learning tool for growth.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information/Action item. The Board could consider a motion directing the Superintendent and Board Chair to research evaluation tools and protocols and lead the Board in the self evaluation process.

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