AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Monday, June 8, 2026
EAST HELENA HIGH SCHOOL
5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW OF AGENDA

HEAR THE PUBLIC

PERSONNEL ACTION

1. Personnel Action - EHHS Wrestling Coach - Nepotism Rules Apply (MCA requires a vote of the entire Board for this action)

REPORTS

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

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of
- Regular Meeting May 11, 2026;
- Special Meetings;
  - May 20,
  - May 27 &
  - May 28 2026.

B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Baseball/Booster Fundraiser - Timeline and Maintenance Cost Review
2. Denial of Nonresident Applications
3. Transportation Lease Agreement and Facility Update

NEW BUSINESS

1. 21st Century After School Program Report
2. Out of State Travel for Boys Basketball
3. Summer School Program Updates
4. 26-27 School Year Bus Route Approval
5. Setting of Fees for 26-27
6. Consideration of Debit Card Agreement - Independence Bank
7. Consideration of Natural Gas Supply Contract - Commercial Energy
8. Consideration of Mental Health (HSS, CSCT, and SBOT) Service Contracts with ICH

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FUTURE MEETING DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS

Special Meeting EOY Claims - June 29 at 7:30 AM at (NEW) Central Office
Regular Meeting - Monday, July 13th, 2026 at 5:30 PM - East Helena High 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, JUNE 8th, 2026 BOARD MEETING
TRUSTEE INFORMATION PACKET
East Helena High 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.

PERSONNEL ACTION

1. Personnel Action - EHHS Wrestling Coach - Nepotism Rules Apply (MCA requires a vote of the entire Board for this action)

   COMMENTARY: This is a recommendation to hire Tim Baird, husband of Trustee, Stacy Baird as our Girls Head Wrestling Coach. Tim has led the program for several successful seasons and will take the girls program starting next year.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - recommend that the Board make a motion to approve hiring Tim as our Head Girls Wrestling Coach.

REPORTS

1. **Administrator Reports**
   a. The Building Administrator Reports are in the Supporting Documents.

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

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

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

- Savannah Baker -Paraprofessional/Radley
- Rachel Mullen -Paraprofessional/EVMS
- Rachel Cavalli -Paraprofessional/Radley
- Vashti Teders -Teacher/Radley Elementary
- Joe Geurin -Kitchen Aid
- Kathleen Cook -Kitchen Aid
- Sophia Lance -Math Teacher/EVMS

- Alex Johnson -Math Teacher/EHHS
- Isabella Hansen -Paraprofessional/ Radley

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. Minutes of Regular Meeting May 11, 2026; Special Meetings; May 20, May 27 & May 28 2026.
B. Pay Warrants
C. Personnel Action
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval
E. Recommended Employment of Staff:

- Trinity Nelson -Summer School Instructor
- Destry Arntson -Instructional Tutor/Radley
- Samantha Jones -Instructional Tutor/PPE
- Jonathan Cohlhepp -Special Education/ EVMS
- Jessica Clanin -Paraprofessional/Radley
- Jennifer McVay -Paraprofessional/Radley
- Ryan Fetherston -EHHS Boys Wrestling Coach

Commonly no debate is allowed when using a consent agenda on any item on the agenda and the motion to approve the consent agenda items is passed with a single motion. If any Trustee wishes to discuss an item on the consent agenda, it should be removed from the Consent Agenda Motion and debated separately.

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

	Helena
6th	2
8th	1
12th	1
Total:	4

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Baseball/Booster Fundraiser - Timeline and Maintenance Costs

COMMENTARY: The Boosters have submitted a fundraising timeline (See supporting docs), and Superintendent Rispens will bring estimates for additional maintenance costs associated with a grass field to the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. The Board should consider action to support the fundraising efforts and agree to building the field on district property if the fundraising is successful.

2. Denial of Non-resident Applications

COMMENTARY: Several applications for non-resident students who were recommended for denial have been withdrawn. The remaining ones who did not request hearings with the Board need this final action to deny non-resident status

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend a motion to deny the applications for non-resident status. Applications #49, #66, #76, #77, #103B, #176B, #200, #206

3. Transportation Lease Agreement Update.

COMMENTARY: The Superintendent will provide an update to the Board about the status of our lease and transportation shop facility on Wylie Drive.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 21st Century After School Program Report.

COMMENTARY: Karly Olsen, TIGER Program Director will share information about the program's successes and challenges this past year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

2. Out of State Travel Request for EHHS Boys Basketball

COMMENTARY: The EHHS Vigilantes Boys Basketball Program is requesting Board approval for an out of state trip to Gonzaga for a summer camp. The team will be using district vehicles for transportation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the out of state travel for the team.

3. Summer School Program Update

COMMENTARY: The Board will hear from Gus Somerfeld and Lynsi Morris about plans for our summer programming. For students in grades K-11.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

4. 26-27 School Year Bus Route Approval

   COMMENTARY: The Transportation Supervisor has submitted proposed routes for 26-27. These will be brought to the County Transportation Committee with Board approval.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - I recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the routes.

5. Setting of Fees for 26-27

   COMMENTARY: The Board will be asked to consider the adjustments to various fees charged for the upcoming school year. The fee schedule with recommended changes is in the supporting documents.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - I recommend that the Board approve the fee adjustments as presented.

6. Consideration of Debit Card Agreement - Independence Bank

   COMMENTARY: Representatives from Independence Bank have requested our participation in their school Debit Card Program. The agreement provides an annual payment to the district of a per swipe fee as a fundraising program.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - I recommend that the Board approve the debit card agreement

7. Consideration of Natural Gas Supply Contract Agreement - Commercial Energy

   COMMENTARY: We are due for our renewal with Commercial Energy. The gas market continues to deal with volatility, and a contract price helps with annual budgeting. Superintendent Rispens will bring current, 24 hour pricing to the Board meeting for review and consideration. These pricing contracts expire 48 hours after being issued.

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

8. Consideration of Mental Health (HSS, CSCT, and SBOT) Service Contracts with ICH

   COMMENTARY: These are annual renewals of service agreements with Intermountain Children's Home to provide mental health services to students at Radley and EVMS. HSS means "Home Support Services", CSCT means Comprehensive School and Community Treatment, and SBOT Means "School Based Outpatient Therapist." These programs are already in place serving students for 25-26.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item. I recommend approving the service agreements.

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