

Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

Call to Order: Trustees of School District No 9 held a meeting on May 20, 2026. Chairman Walter called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

In Attendance

Trustees Present: Chairman Scott Walter, Vice Chair Tyrel Murfitt, Stacy Baird, Tiffany Richardson and Tristan Ulmer. Absent: Martin Balukas and Brandon Hansen

Superintendent Dan Rispens, Clerk Jane Knudsen, District Secretary Jen Cordell.

Principals: Lynsi Morris, Brandon Crusat and Paul Condon. Vice Principals: Trish Klock

Visitors: Kate Johnson and members of the public.

Review the Agenda

No comments from the Board.

Hear the Public

None.

New Business

Certification of the Election

Motion by Vice Chair Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ulmer to certify the results of the May 5, 2026 School Election. Motion passed 5-0.

Personnel Actions

Below is a list of new hiring recommendations.

Recommendation for Hire

Josiah Romo	-EHHS English
Shelby Holmes	-EHHS Volleyball Head Coach
Janie Taylor	-EHHS Assistant Volleyball Coach
Sydney Samson	-EHHS Assistant Volleyball Coach
Sam Holman	-EHHS Assistant Volleyball Coach
Alicia Menius	-Teacher

Motion by Vice Chair Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Richardson to approve the Personnel Actions as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Claims

Claims #52041-52049

Motion by Vice Chair Murfitt, seconded by Trustee Ulmer to approve the claims as presented then corrected. Motion passed 5-0.

(6:00 PM) Consideration of Age Waiver Request - LittleLantes

The Board left open session and went to executive session at 5:41 PM

The Board left executive session and went to open session at 6:18 PM

On the request for consideration of an age waiver for admission to LittleLantes: Motion by Trustee Richardson to waive the age requirement for admission for the child, J.C. to the LittleLantes Program. Second from Vice Chair Murfitt.

Role call vote:	Trustee Richardson-	Yes
	Trustee Baird-	No
	Trustee Ulmer-	No
	Trustee Murfitt-	No
	Chair Walter-	No

The motion fails - admission denied.

(6:30 PM) Consideration of 2nd grade non resident application #138

This hearing was cancelled due to a change in administrative recommendation.

(6:30 PM) Consideration of 9th grade current non resident application #68

The Board left open session and went to executive session at 6:33 PM

The Board left executive session and went to open session at 6:57 PM

On the request for consideration of approval of non-resident application for student #68:

Motion by Trustee Richardson to approve the enrollment of student application #68. Second from Vice Chair Murfitt.

Role call vote:	Trustee Richardson-	Yes
	Trustee Baird-	No
	Trustee Ulmer-	Yes
	Trustee Murfitt-	No
	Chair Walter-	No

The motion fails - admission denied.

(7:00 PM) Consideration of 2nd grade non resident application #168

The Board left open session and went to executive session at 7:02 PM

The Board left executive session and went to open session at 7:17 PM

On the request for consideration of approval of non-resident application for student #168:

Motion by Trustee Richardson to approve the enrollment of student application #168. Second from Vice Chair Murfitt.

Role call vote:	Trustee Richardson-	Yes
	Trustee Baird-	No
	Trustee Ulmer-	Yes
	Trustee Murfitt-	No
	Chair Walter-	No

The motion fails - admission denied.

(7:30 PM) Consideration of 9th grade non resident application #169

The Board left open session and went to executive session at 7:20 PM

The Board left executive session and went to open session at 7:27 PM

On the request for consideration of approval of non-resident application for student #169:

Motion by Trustee Richardson to deny the enrollment of student application #169. Second from Vice Chair Murfitt.

Role call vote:	Trustee Richardson-	Yes
	Trustee Baird-	Yes
	Trustee Ulmer-	Yes
	Trustee Murfitt-	Yes
	Chair Walter-	No

The motion passes - admission denied.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 8, 2026 at the EVMS Library.

Submitted by:  Date: 6/8/2026
District Clerk, Jane Knudsen

Approved by:  Date: JUNE 16, 2026
Chairman, EHPS Board of Trustees

