AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026
EAST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL - LIBRARY
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 September 14, 2026; Special Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Meeting September 24, 2026
B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. MCEL Updates and Information
2. 2nd Reading Policies: #3231, #5322, #5323 & #5324
3. Calendar Committee Update and Report
4. Discussion of Board Committee Functions

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration Of MOU and DPA - MT Tech TRIO - Talent Search

Board Team-Building

1. The Essential School Board Book - Ch 3 Discussion
2. School Board Self Evaluation -Status and Distribution Update

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FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Regular Meeting – Monday, November 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, OCTOBER 12th, 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. Abigayle Bishop 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:

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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; September 14, 2026; Special Transportation & Infrastructure Committee Meeting September 24, 2026
B. Pay Warrants
C. Personnel Action
a. Recommended Employment of Staff

- Anna Christensen -After School Program HS Aid
- Heather Countryman -After School Program Substitute
- Stu Rogers -Student Mentor

- Candice Mile -Substitute
- Olivia Brus -Special Education Teacher
- Jon Moore -Head Coach -Speech & Debate
- Christy Pierce -Assistant Coach-Speech & Debate
- Mackenzi Lombardo -Assistant Coach-Speech & Debate
- Ty Ridgeway -Head Coach- EHHS Boys Basketball
- Sean Thatcher -Assistant Coach-EHHS Boys Basketball
- JD Ferris -Assistant Coach- EHHS Boys Basketball
- Carson Bender -Head Coach-EHHS Girls Basketball
- Troy Arntson -Assistant Coach- EHHS Girls Basketball
- Krystal Smith -Assistant Coach-EHHS Girls Basketball
- John Henneman -Head Coach- EHHS Swimming
- Jake Marr -Assistant Coach- Boys Wrestling
- Edna McPherson -Substitute
- Emma Hoover -Custodian
- Amber Kurns -Substitute Custodian
- Gertie Dartman -Substitute
- Collette Anderson -8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- McKenzie Heidinger -7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

D. East Helena School District Students Requesting Enrollment in Other School Districts for the 2026 -2027 School Year:

	Helena	Townsend
MM (PreK)	1	
K	2	
1st		
2nd	2	1
3rd		
4th		
5th	1	1
6th		
7th	1	
8th	1	
9th		
10th	1	
11th		
12th		
Total:	9	2

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. MCEL Updates and Information

   COMMENTARY: The Superintendent will share details of the upcoming MCEL Conference in Billings.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

2. 2nd Reading Policies: #3231, #5322, #5323 & #5324

   COMMENTARY: These Policies are back for 2nd Reading this month.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend approving the policies as presented or as amended after discussion.

3. Calendar Committee Update and Report

   COMMENTARY: Representatives of the District's Calendar Committee will report to the board and answer questions.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item.

4. Discussion of Board Committee Functions

   COMMENTARY: The Board Chair will update Trustees about steps being taken to strengthen the committee work of the Board.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration Of MOU and DPA - MT Tech TRIO - Talent Search

   COMMENTARY: TRIO is a Federal Grant Program administered by Montana Tech aimed at helping middle and high school students manage the transition to post secondary education. The 5 year grant cycle has been renewed and these documents are in need of approval for our participation.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend approval of the MOU and DPA.

Board Team-Building

1. The Essential School Board Book - Ch 3 Discussion

   COMMENTARY: The Board Chair will lead this discussion of chapter 3.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item.

2. School Board Self Evaluation -Status and Distribution Update

   COMMENTARY: The Board Chair will lead this discussion regarding the Board's self evaluation.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item.

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