AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EAST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 October 12, 2026
B. Approval of Former & New Warrants
C. Personnel Actions
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. MCEL Thoughts and Reflections
2. Resolution # 247 - Obsolete and Unusable Equipment - Bid Opening

NEW BUSINESS

1. Out of State Travel Request for the Indoor Track Club (EHHS Track)
2. Request for New Student Activity Account - EHHS Track Club
3. MOU For EHESA Members to Work Over School Breaks
4. Resolution #248- Call For Election by Mail Ballot
5. Notice of Intent to Bargain Collectively - EHEA
6. Notice of Intent to Bargain Collectively - EHESA
7. EHPS Budgetary Update and Projections
8. Legislative Advocacy for Education - Superintendent and Board Chair
9. The Great Works of Montana's Public Schools
10. Distribution of Superintendent's Evaluation

Board Team-Building

1. School Board Self Evaluation - Review and Discussion

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FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Regular Meeting – Monday, December 14th, 2026 5:30 @ Prickly Pear Elementary

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, NOVEMBER 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. Student Rep, 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:

- Tess Prendergast -EVMS Science Teacher
- Lester White -Bus Driver

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; October 12, 2026
B. Pay Warrants
C. Personnel Action
D. Surrounding School District Student Enrollment Approval
a. Recommended Employment of Staff

- Tyler Patrick -Assistant EHHS Girls Basketball Coach
- Devin Crawford -Assitant Boys Wrestling Coach

- Gerardo Vazquez -Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach
- Jeremy Hernandez -Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach
- Zerick Richerson -Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach
- Cody Maness -EVMS 7th/8th "C" Squad Basketball Coach
- Traci Mazanec -Afterschool Tiger Program Substitute
- Cheryl Bracht -Substitute Nurse
- Melissa Kooren -Substitute Nurse
- Ayden Silvonen -Paraprofessional
- Nicole Roberts -Substitute Bus Driver

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

	Helena
MM (PreK)	2
K	1
1st	1
5th	1
7th	1
Total:	6

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. MCEL Reflections

   COMMENTARY: Trustees and Administrators will share observations and lessons learned at the annual Montana Conference for Educational Leadership.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item

2. Resolution # 247 - Obsolete and Unusable Equipment - Bid Opening

   COMMENTARY: If any bids were received for the obsolete equipment resolution, they will be opened at this time. If no bids were received, the Board should consider directing the Superintendent to dispose of the obsolete equipment in the most efficient manner possible.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item - Recommend awarding items to highest bidder or directing the Superintendent to dispose of the items.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Out of State Travel Request for the Indoor Track Club (EHHS Track)

COMMENTARY The Board will hear from Bret Charlton regarding requests to travel to Spokane, WA and Pocatello, ID for competitions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the EHHS Indoor Tack Club's travel request.

2. Request for New Student Activity Account - EHHS Track Club

COMMENTARY The EHHS Track Club is in need of a fund to keep their money separate from EHHS X Country or Track. They are requesting that the Board approve a new student activity account for the EHHS Track Club.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. I recommend that the Board make a motion to approve the student activity account.

3. MOU For EHESA Members to Work Over School Breaks

COMMENTARY: This is a renewal of an MOU that allows for classified staff to work in other jobs outside their classification over the Christmas and Spring breaks.

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

4. Resolution #248- Call For Election by Mail Ballot

COMMENTARY: Jane has prepared the resolution for approval. The Board will have the opportunity at a later date to adjust the election and levies based on future decisions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item; I recommend approval of the resolution.

5. Notice of Intent to Bargain Collectively - EHEA

COMMENTARY: We have received notice from EHEA of intent to bargain a new contract to succeed the current agreement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item: I recommend the Board pass a motion directing the Superintendent to notify the Association of the Board's intent to bargain collectively.

6. Notice of Intent to Bargain Collectively - EHESA

COMMENTARY: We have received notice from EHESA of intent to bargain a new contract to succeed the current agreement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action item: I recommend the Board pass a motion directing the Superintendent to notify the Association of the Board's intent to bargain collectively.

7. EHPS Budgetary Update and Projections

   COMMENTARY: With the October count past us, we can now begin making projections regarding the fiscal outlook for the District in FY '28.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

8. Legislative Advocacy for Education - Superintendent and Board Chair

   COMMENTARY: The Board Members will be asked to direct Dan Rispens, EHPS Superintendent and Scott Walter, EHPS Board Chair to lobby the 2027 Montana Legislature on behalf of the students of the East Helena Public Schools.

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Action Item. The Board should consider a motion to direct Superintendent Rispens and Board Chair Walter to advocate on behalf of the EHPS with the 2027 Montana Legislature regarding issues relating the financial interest of the District and educational progress of our students.

9. The Great Works of Montana's Public Schools

   COMMENTARY: The Board will have an opportunity to discuss this publication (The Great Works of Montana's Public Schools).

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item.

10. Distribution of Superintendent's Evaluation

    COMMENTARY: It's time for the annual review of the Superintendent's performance. Hard copies of the evaluation tool will be distributed at the Board meeting and emailed as well for those that would prefer an electronic version. Evaluations should be submitted to Chairman Walter.

    SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information item

Board Team-Building

1. School Board Self Evaluation - Review and Discussion

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

   SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: Information Item.

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