

Board Executive Committee Meeting
May Butler Center
Tuesday, January 23, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS
- II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: *This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order. The Board cannot enter into a discussion during General Public Comment.*
- III. Minutes
 - 2-13-2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (See Attached)
- IV. Review of the 2-27-18 Board Work Session Agenda (See Attached)
- V. Board Comments
- VI. Adjournment

**Board Executive Committee Meeting
May Butler Center
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**



MINUTES

Trustees present:

Sarah Sullivan, Chairperson
Terry Beaver, Vice Chairperson
Libby Goldes, Trustee

Others present:

Greg Upham, Assistant Superintendent
Janelle Mickelson, Business Service Administrator
Alison O'Neil, Executive Assistant
Erin Loranger, Independent Record

I. **CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS** Chairperson, Sarah Sullivan, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

III. MINUTES

- a. 1-23-2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Minutes were approved without revisions.
- b. 1-16-2018 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Edits identified. Minutes were approved as amended.

IV. REVIEW OF THE 2-13-18 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AGENDA

Recognitions:

- a. Nancy Potter, College Board, AP Honor Roll. Greg Upham, Assistant Superintendent, briefly explained that Nancy Potter works for the College Board organization, which runs the AP program. He said that she wanted to do a presentation for the Helena School District to honor the number of times they have made the AP Honor Roll. Upham noted that the Helena Schools had made the AP Honor Roll for three years in a row and for five of the last eight years, which was an impressive accomplishment. This requires the schools to both increase the number of students taking AP courses and to improve student scores on the AP tests. Sarah Sullivan, Chair, asked him to introduce Nancy Potter at that evening's board meeting.
- b. Capital High Math Modeling Team—International Competition. Greg Upham stated that this team becoming co-national champions and moving on to the international competition was a very big deal. He explained that these students are competing against the most elite schools in the country, as well as internationally acclaimed schools, noting that it is uncommon for a public school to make it this far in competition.

Items for Action

- a. Approval of Minutes. No comments.
- b. Board Policy. No Comments
- c. MTSBA Resolutions. Libby Goldes, Trustee, gave a summary of MTSBA Resolutions. She noted that they were considering expanding online learning options for AP and Honors courses, which would potentially allow schools to offer a greater selection of AP and Honors classes. She also stated that the MTSBA had several different planned measures regarding expanding Career and Technical Education (CTE) spending. Goldes noted that at \$24 per year per student, Montana lags far behind neighboring states in CTE spending, and they are planning to ask for an additional \$50-\$60 per year per student and \$19 per year per student for 7th and 8th graders. The MTSBA also visited with Senator John Tester, who is considering soliciting money from the farm bill to subsidize longer bonds for schools.
- d. Trustee Resolution Calling for the Annual Regular Election. Greg Upham stated that Jack Copps, Superintendent, recommended that all the requested voted levies go forward. He also stated that the Board should review the trustee seats up for election for the benefit of the public at the board meeting. Janelle Mickelson, Business Service Administrator, noted that she had received one filing for each of the three seats, meaning that all three current candidates were running unopposed. The trustees then

discussed the impact of a new high school in East Helena School District would have on the number of trustees on the Helena School Board.

- e. Helena Elementary School District #1 Resolution of Intent to Increase Nonvoted Levies, Helena High School District #1 Resolution of Intent to Increase Nonvoted Levies. Greg Upham stated that it was Jack Copps' recommendation that all the nonvoted levies go forward. The Program and Budget Committee also recommends that the Board approve these levies.

New Safety and Security Systems—Pat Boles. Greg Upham stated that the new Safety and Security Systems place more emphasis on individual teacher/caretaker action than before. Pat Boles, Information Technology Administrator, will be giving a presentation on the new systems.

Consent Action Items

- a. Personnel Actions. No Comments.
- b. Approval of Out-of-District Attendance Agreements. No Comments.
- c. Sabbatical Leaves for 2018-2019. No Comments

Reports. Sarah Sullivan assigned reports to trustees.

- a. Budget & Program Committee Report
- b. Policy Committee Report
- c. Facilities & Maintenance Report
- d. Health Benefits Committee Report
- e. Montana School Board Association Report
- f. Helena Education Association Report
- g. Student Representative Reports

Bond / Project Update. Greg Upham stated that they were finishing the design drawings and introducing the construction drawings for the three elementary schools. He said that bid packages are getting ready to be released and that, as the contractors hope to start in early March, the bid packets will need to go out within the next couple of weeks.

V. Board Comments

- a. Greg Upham told the Board that the school district is not planning to file an insurance claim for the fire at the 7th Avenue Gym. He said that there is no need at this point, but that Support Services is going to go through the building and make sure there are no smoke issues.
- b. The Board then discussed the estimated costs for the new East Helena High School and how a new East Helena High School would affect the district. They also discussed how this would affect the voted levies discussed earlier in the meeting if the vote for a new high school went through, as East Helena voters would now be in a separate high school district and therefore not subject to the levies if the vote for the new school succeeds. Libby Golde said that they should bring this to the Budget and Program Committee. Sarah Sullivan agreed.
- c. Sarah Sullivan then brought up the Speech and Debate Tournament national qualifiers, saying that the Board should recognize those accomplishments in some way. The trustees then discussed what other activities should be recognized by the Board for accomplishments.
- d. Trustees discussed the career and college program the district is implementing. The program will include pre-apprenticeship opportunities in trades and will work on giving college and trades equal billing. It will also emphasize two-year college programs and dual credit classes for students. Greg Upham stated that the dual credit classes allow students to complete college credits by the time they graduate, making it easier for them to go on for a full associate degree. He noted that high school students taking advantage of dual credit courses make up 30% of the overall enrollment at Helena College. The pre-apprenticeship programs also give students a clearer path into trades like construction and carpentry.

VI. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Sullivan, Chair

T. Janelle Mickelson, Clerk

Date

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Superintendent
Jack Copps
324-2001

Business Manager
Janelle Mickelson
324-2040

Board Work Session

Four Georgian's
555 W Custer Ave, Helena, MT 59601

February 27, 2018
3:30pm tour / 4:00pm meeting

AGENDA

- I. TOUR OF SCHOOL / CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. REVIEW OF AGENDA**
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- IV. FOUR GEORGIAN'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION** (See Attached)
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 1. Activity Transportation (See Attached)
 2. 2018-2019 School Calendar (See Attached)
 3. Worker's Compensation Authority to Bid
- VI. CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**
 1. 1-23-18 Work Session Minutes: The minutes were not available and will be approved at the March 13, 2018 Board Meeting.
 2. 2-8-18 Special Board Meeting Minutes (See Attached)
 3. 2-16-18 Special Board Meeting minutes (See Attached)
- VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**
- VIII. BOARD COMMENTS**
- IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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