



The Helena Public Schools educate, engage, and empower each student to maximize his or her individual potential with the knowledge, skills and character essential to being a responsible citizen and life-long learner.

Board of Trustees – Special Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 2021

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Board of Trustees:

Luke Muszkiewicz, Chair
Siobhan Hathhorn, Vice Chair
Libby Goldes, Trustee
John McEwen, Trustee
Jennifer McKee, Trustee
Sarah Sullivan, Trustee
Jennifer Walsh, Trustee

Excused Absence:

Terry Beaver, Trustee

Others:

Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Janelle Mickelson, Business Services Administrator
Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum Administrator
Allison Balboni, Executive Assistant
Gary Myers, Director of Education Technology
Nick Radley, Principal
Jilyn Chandler, Assistant Principal
Jill Nyman, Principal
Bridget Butler, Educator
John Stilson, Principal
Erin Hunt, Educator
Kayla Lunnon, Educator
Brian Cummings, Principal
Kathy Kidder, Assistant Principal
Trish Klock, Principal

Lisa Cordingley, HEF Executive Director
Jane Shawn, HEA President
Sean Maharg, Special Education Administrator
Sean Morrison, Special Education Administrator
Dawn Rowling, Assistant Principal
Wynn Randall, Principal
Pamala Hemminger, Secretary
Riley Thatcher, Educator
Trisha Burkhart, School Psychologist
Cal Boyle, Principal
Sol Jones, Principal
Craig Crawford, Principal
Jonna Schwartz, Educator
Erika McMillin, Social Services Coordinator
Kayla Lunnon, Member of the Public
Nicholas Jaynes, Member of the Public
Rebecca Bracken, Member of the Public

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Luke Muszkiewicz, called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Mr. Muszkiewicz reviewed the format for the meeting, which included a closed session to review confidential candidate information. He added the board would return to an open session upon

conclusion of the confidential discussion, and a motion would be made to approve semi-finalist candidates. At that time, and pending approval of the semi-finalists by the board, the names of candidates would be made public.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. ITEM FOR INFORMATION

1. Superintendent Search – Review Application Materials – CLOSED SESSION

The board entered a closed session at 12:12pm.

The board returned to an open session at 3:47pm.

B. ITEM FOR ACTION

1. Superintendent Search – Select Semi-Finalist Candidates – OPEN SESSION

Mr. Muszkiewicz thanked the search firm, Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, for their assistance obtaining qualified candidates and thanked all candidates for applying.

Ms. Sullivan moved to approve semi-finalist candidates in alphabetical order of last name: Kevin Aten, Keith Brown, Joseph Koch, James Wagner, and Rex Weltz. Mr. McEwen seconded the motion. There were neither board comments, nor public comments. The board approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Muszkiewicz told trustees semi-finalist interviews would occur February 10-11. These interviews would be public meetings. Ms. Sullivan asked for confirmation that semi-finalists interviews would be conducted remotely. Mr. Muszkiewicz confirmed semi-finalists would be given the opportunity to interview remotely. He provided an overview of next steps: semi-finalist interviews would occur over two days, then the board would meet to determine finalists; after that, finalists would be interviewed in Helena and would be given an opportunity to meet with staff, teachers, students, and the community, followed by selection by the board of trustees.

V. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no additional board comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55pm.