



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 – Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Others</i>
Luke Muszkiewicz, Chair	Tyler Ream, Superintendent
Siobhan Hathhorn, Vice Chair	Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
	Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Terry Beaver, Trustee	Stacy Collette, Human Resources Director
	Janelle Mickelson, Business Services Administrator
	Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum Administrator
	Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology
	Brian Cummings, Jim Darcy Principal
	Erika McMillan, educator
	Jane Shawn, HEA President
	Christine Roberts, member of the public

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Luke Muszkiewicz, called the meeting to order at 11:04am.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were requested to the committee meeting agenda.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting were reviewed.

V. REVIEW OF MARCH 9, 2021, BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Mr. Muszkiewicz provided an overview of the hybrid format for the board meeting in the CHS auditorium and via Zoom. He confirmed attendance would be limited to 80 participants excluding trustees and district staff.

Mr. Muszkiewicz confirmed individuals who would introduce the students to receive recognition.

A time limit for individual public comment was discussed, and the committee confirmed three minutes per individual was appropriate.

Mr. Muszkiewicz listed the three items for action. Dr. Ream reference Policy 1902 and told the committee it would allow more support and recovery for students to pass classes. It also would allow students to participate in graduation ceremonies if they had an “incomplete” in any class(es). Dr. Ream continued that though this policy was triggered by the pandemic, the board could consider its adoption and application after June 30, 2021.

Dr. Ream provided information regarding Policy 1905, which formally recognized wearing a facemask was important from a health and safety standpoint. He clarified it aligned with the board’s declared state of emergency, so it expired June 30, 2021. Ms. Hathhorn asked if, once adopted, the policy was binding or if adjustments could be made. Dr. Ream answered adoption of the policy would not prohibit the district from making administrative or operational decisions. He added additional details were outlined in administrative procedures.

Mr. Muszkiewicz clarified that though this was a first reading of both policies, they were being presented for action since time was of the essence.

Mr. Muszkiewicz asked Ms. Collette to provide an overview of the third item for action – Ratification of the HEA Teacher Contract. Ms. Collette provided a brief overview of the changes to the CBA for the committee and agreed to provide additional details at the evening’s board meeting.

The committee had no questions regarding the items for consent.

Mr. Muszkiewicz confirmed the reports that would be given.

Dr. Ream confirmed he would have a Superintendent’s Report and said Mr. McKay would provide an update to the calendar process.

VI. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Beaver asked for clarification that, in the proposed CBA, board certification was equivalent to a master’s degree. Dr. Ream confirmed. Mr. Beaver voiced his disagreement with that change.

Mr. Beaver asked if there was a distinction between quarter and semester credits in the CBA. Ms. Collette referenced Article 2 of the CBA, which discussed combination of credits from a university and from other educational opportunities. She added the difference in credits also was included in previous CBAs.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53am.