



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 Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, September 27th, 2022 | 11:15 a.m. | Jim Darcy Elementary and via TEAMS

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

<i>Trustees</i>	<i>Others</i>
Siobhan Hathhorn, Board Chair	Rex Wertz, Superintendent
Jennifer McKee, Vice Chair	Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent 6-12
Luke Muszkiewicz, Trustee	Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Terry Beaver, Trustee	Janelle Mickelson, Business Services Administrator
Jennifer Walsh, Trustee	Todd Verrill, Facilities Director
Janet Armstrong, Trustee	Brian Cummings, Assistant Superintendent K-6
Lois Fitzpatrick, Trustee	Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology
	Jane Shawn, HEA President
	Karen Ogden, Communications Officer
	Jill Nyman, Principal of Jim Darcy Elementary
	Steve Thennis, Principal of Helena High School

I. TOUR OF JIM DARCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

II. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn reviewed the agenda with the Board of Trustees and there were no changes to the agenda.

The Board of Trustees and Superintendent Weltz reviewed a short presentation given by Principal Jill Nyman. Principal Nyman discussed that the vision statement at Jim Darcy is: *Education lays the foundation for a child's success.* Jim Darcy's mission statement is: *We, the staff, and families of Jim Darcy School, believe each student belongs and has a right to be safe, respected, and successful. We create a caring place where students maximize their unique talents and capabilities on a life-long learning journey.* The theme this year for Jim Darcy is: *Thrive and shine with intention, connection, and balance.*

Principal Nyman discussed the classrooms and staff at Jim Darcy:

- 21 general education classrooms
 - 4 Kindergarten
 - 4 First
 - 4 Second
 - 3 Third
 - 3 Fourth
 - 3 Fifth

- 21 classroom teachers
- 2 SPED teachers
- 1 Counselor
- 1 Librarian
- 1 Music
- 1 PE
- 1 SLP
- .5 Nurse
- .5 School Psych
- 9 Paraeducators: 4 SPED, 4 General Education, .5 overage
- 1 Day and 1.5 Evening Custodian
- 1.5 Food Service Staff
- 2 SACC employees
- 1 Administrator
- 2 Administrative Assistants
- 1 Instructional Coach

Principal Nyman moved on to review student statistics:

- Enrollment 467
 - K 69
 - 1 82
 - 2 78
 - 3 80
 - 4 75
 - 5 83

- Attendance Percentage 92.07%
- Free and Reduced 17%
- 2021-2022 Parent Teacher Conference Attendance
 - 99% in November
 - 98% in March

Principal Nyman concluded her presentation by discussing facilities at Jim Darcy.

- Continuous Improvement
 - Solar panels added in 2021
 - Playground equipment
 - Fencing added
 - Pavilion built summer 2022
 - Parking lot lighting
 - Parking revamped summer 2022
- Community Building Use
 - High school sports
 - Voting site
 - Public meetings
 - Memorial services
 - Summer camp

The Board of Trustees moved on to General Public Comment.

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Action Items

1. 05.24.22 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Resolution to Dispose of Personal Property-Reading Resources

Siobhan Hathorn, Board Chair, commented. “I would entertain a motion for the Consent Action Items.”

Motion: Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz moved to approve the Consent Action Items as presented. Trustee Jennifer McKee seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 7-0 motion carries unanimously.

B. Item for Action

1. Request To Use Historical Weapons For MFPE Educator Conference Presentation

Charlie Brown, a longtime educator from Fairfield, will be presenting a sectional for teachers at the Montana Federation of Public Employees Educator Conference on October 20th, 2022. His session topic is "Lewis and Clark in Montana". Per Board Policy 3050 he is requesting permission from the Board to bring historical knives and guns into Helena High for his presentation.

Siobhan Hathhorn, Board Chair, commented. "I would entertain a motion regarding this action item."

Motion: Trustee Jennifer McKee moved to approve the Request To Use Historical Weapons For MFPE Educator Conference Presentation as presented. Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 7-0 motion carries unanimously.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Siobhan Hathhorn, Board Chair, discussed upcoming meetings in October. The Facilities and Maintenance Committee meeting will take place on October 3rd at 12:00 p.m. The Policy Committee meeting will take place on October 4th at 12:00 p.m. The Teaching and Learning Committee meeting will take place on October 5th at 12:00 p.m. The Executive Committee Meeting will take place on October 11th at 11:00 a.m., the Budget and Finance Committee will take place on October 11th at 12:00 p.m., and the full Board Meeting will take place on October 11th at 5:30 p.m. All of the meetings will take place at the Lincoln Center in the Board of Trustees conference room. The Board Work Session will be October 24th at Helena High School starting at 11:45 a.m.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Luke Muszkiewicz expressed his appreciation for the new Board Work Session style, and how neat it was to be able to spend time with kids. Superintendent Wertz and the other Trustees shared the wonderful experiences they had interacting with the students during the work session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Candice Delvaux, Recording Secretary