



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 Board Meeting
Saturday, February 24th, 2024
Microsoft TEAMS
12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Trustees Others

Siobhan Hathhorn, Chair	Rex Wetz, Superintendent
Jennifer McKee, Vice Chair	Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Jeff Hindoiem, Trustee	Sean Maharg, Special Education Director
Terry Beaver, Trustee	Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Walsh, Trustee	Kaitlyn Hess, Assessment and Federal Programs
Kay Satre, Trustee	Janelle Mickelson, Business Manager
Janet Armstrong, Trustee	Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology
	Candice Delvaux, Executive Assistant
	Lona Carter, Student Health
	Hannah Warhank, Guest of the Public

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The trustees reviewed the agenda, and no changes were requested.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Item For Action

1. Approval of Charter School Contracts

The Board of Trustees reviewed and discussed the contracts for the Helena Public Schools Charter Schools which include Helena Montessori Charter School, Helena Project for Alternative Learning Charter, and Mount Ascension Learning Academy. The district's legal counsel, Kaleva Law, has reviewed the original contracts from the Board of Public Education and made their recommended changes to the contracts, and the board will be voting on those amended contracts today.

- a. Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. "At this point I would entertain a motion to approve the contract for the Helena Montessori Charter School as presented and amended by Kaleva Law and the Board of Public Education."

Please note that Trustee Jennifer Walsh did not vote on this contract because she is a trustee strictly for the high school district, and the Helena Montessori Charter School is only for the elementary district.

Motion: Trustee Kay Satre moved to approve the contract for the Helena Montessori Charter School as presented and amended by Kaleva Law and the Board of Public Education. Trustee Jennifer McKee seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 6-0 motion carries unanimously.

- b. Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. "At this point I would entertain a motion to approve the contract for the Helena Project for Alternative Learning Charter as presented and amended by Kaleva Law and the Board of Public Education."

Motion: Trustee Jennifer McKee moved to approve the contract for the Helena Project for Alternative Learning Charter as presented and amended by Kaleva Law and the Board of Public Education. Trustee Janet Armstrong seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 7-0 motion carries unanimously.

- c. Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn commented. “At this point I would entertain a motion to approve the contract for the Mount Ascension Learning Academy and amended by Kaleva Law and the Board of Public Education.”

Motion: Trustee Jennifer McKee moved to approve the contract for the Mount Ascension Learning Academy as presented and amended by Kaleva Law and the Board of Public Education. Trustee Kay Satre seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 7-0 motion carries unanimously.

V. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no further board comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Candice Delvaux, Recording Secretary Date