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Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.

Lincoln Conference Room and Microsoft Teams

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AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER /INTRODUCTIONS
 - II. REVIEW OF AGENDA
 - III. **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.*
 - IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Review of 02.13.24 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - V. REVIEW OF 03.12.24 BOARD MEETING AGENDA
 - VI. BOARD COMMENTS
 - VII. ADJOURNMENT
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Board of Trustees
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 13th, 2024
Lincoln Campus and via Microsoft Teams
11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Committee *Others*

Siobhan Hathhorn, Board Chair
Janet Armstrong, Trustee

Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Janelle Mickelson, Business Manager
Rex Weltz, Superintendent
Candice Delvaux, Executive Assistant
Keri Mizell, Human Resources Director
Jane Shawn, HEA President
Lona Carter, Student Health
Tim McMahon, Activities Director
Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum Director
Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Kaitlyn Hess, Assessment & Federal Programs
Karen Ogden, Communications Officer
Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology
Several Guests of the Public Online

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the Executive Committee Agenda.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from the 01.09.24 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed and approved.

V. REVIEW OF THE 02.13.24 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The committee reviewed the agenda for the 02.13.24 full board meeting. The trustees will begin the board meeting with recognition and will be recognizing students from Capital High School and Helena High School who are candidates for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. The Executive Committee discussed that we would reserve some seating tonight for families of students being recognized. After recognition Superintendent Rex Weltz will give his superintendent report to the Board of Trustees. After the superintendent's report the trustees will move on to general public comment. After general public comment the board will review six items for information. The first item for information will be the *Presentation of Recommendations from the Budget Consensus Committee* that will be presented by Dr. Rob Watson, Executive Director of School Administrators of Montana. The second item for information will be the *Presentation of the Draft Facilities Master Plan-Guiding Document* presented by Mr. Tim Meldrum and Ms. Ali Martin with SMA Architecture and Design. The next four items for information are related to policy and will be presented by Chief of Staff, Ms. Barb Ridgway. The Executive Committee discussed that we would give the public the opportunity to comment on the informational items tonight as we anticipate that we will have some public comment regarding items one and two. Board Chair Siobhan Hathhorn stated that public comment is limited to around three minutes for each person. After items for information, there will be six consent action items. Following the consent action items there will be six items for action. The first items for action will be the 1. *Call for Annual Election a. Elementary Trustee Resolution Calling for the Annual Regular Election and b. High School Trustee Resolution Calling for the Annual Regular Election* that will be presented by Ms. Janelle Mickelson, Business Manager and District Clerk. The next five items for action are related to policy and will be presented by Ms. Ridgway. The trustees will conclude the board meeting by hearing reports and any final board comments followed by adjournment.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Hathhorn adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.



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Board of Trustees Meeting

Lincoln Center | 1325 Poplar St. | Helena, MT 59601

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Lincoln Board of Trustees Conference Room and
via TEAMS

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER /PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

III. RECOGNITIONS

A. State Wrestling Champion-Capital High School

Congratulations to Capital High School student Cole Graham who is the State Wrestling Champion in the 182-pound weight class. Special thanks to Shawn Graham, Head Wrestling Coach at Capital High School, for all that he does to support students.

B. State Swimming Champion-Helena High School

Congratulations to Helena High's Garrett Krattiger who is the State Swimming Champion in the 100 Yard Backstroke Boys and the 500 Yard Freestyle Boys and set a new state record time!!! Special thanks to swimming coaches Julia Shannon and Lisa Sommers for all that they do to support students.

C. DECA National Qualifiers-Capital High School

Congratulations to the following students with great performances at the recent state DECA competition who have now qualified for DECA's National Conference in Anaheim, California April 27-30, 2024. Thank you to DECA advisors, Levi Dawes, and Jessica Freeman for all that they do for students.

- Taylor Ferretti - Accounting Applications Series and Financial Consulting Event
- Byron Lloyd - Accounting Applications Series

- Ryan Ashley - Personal Financial Literacy
- Kynzie Belcher - Quick Serve Restaurant Management
- Kate Berg, Brielle Heller, Sarah Logan - Sales Project
- Addy Perschon, Vienna Teders - Sales Project
- Taylor Ferretti, Addy Perschon, Vienna Teders - Start-Up Business Plan
- Hailey Sorenson - School Based Enterprise Academy (School Based Enterprise Gold Certification)
- Idil Birgul - School Based Enterprise Academy (School Based Enterprise Gold Certification)
- Nolan Frazier - Ignite Leadership Academy
- Daniel Kockler - Ignite Leadership Academy
- Mercy Dulaney - Elevate Leadership Academy
- Brielle Heller, Kate Berg, and Kynzie Belcher - Gold Status for the Bear Necessities in the School Based Enterprise Competition

D. **DECA National Qualifiers-Helena High School**

Congratulations to the following students with great performances at the recent state DECA competition who have now qualified for DECA's National Conference in Anaheim, California April 27-30, 2024. Thank you to Helena High School DECA advisor, Kacey Askin, for all that he does for students.

- Layla Riggs - Principles of Hospitality and Tourism
- Taya Munden - Retail Management Services
- Aysia Phattavong - Entrepreneurship
- Cate Hardan and Makenzie Groom - Ignite Leadership Conference
- Claire Eaton - Elevate Leadership Conference
- Matt Velasquez, Inara Guliyeva, and Michael Leyva - Gold Status for the Catty Shack in the School Based Enterprise Competition

E. **National Merit Finalists-Capital High School**

Congratulations to the following students who have advanced from the round of more than 15,000 semifinalists to now being honored as National Merit Finalists. Representing less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors, National Merit Finalists are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

- Anna Gates
- Carter Hoffman
- Liam McAdams

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- Kai Moser
- Annika Nehring

G. **State Theater Recognition-Capital High School**

Congratulations to the Capital High Thespian Troupe for winning Best Costumes in the state competition, as well as the Tech Olympics team placing first at the state competition. Congratulations to June Forsythe who was appointed Communications Officer for the State Thespian Board, which includes all the social media for the festival. Special thanks to educator Laura Brayko for everything she does to support her students.

H. **State Theater Recognition-Helena High School**

Congratulations to the Helena High Thespian Troupe for winning Outstanding Comedy in the state competition, and congratulations to Gibson Grigg for winning Outstanding Performer. Special thanks to educator Roger Scruggs for everything he does to support his students.

IV. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

V. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Consent Action Items**

1. Personnel Actions
2. Warrants
3. Out-Of-District Attendance Agreements (Non-Resident Students Attending HPS)

4. Out-Of-District Attendance Agreements (Helena Students Attending Other Districts)
5. 02.13.24 Full Board Meeting Minutes
6. 02.20.24 Special Board Meeting Minutes-Open Session
7. 02.20.24 Special Board Meeting Minutes-Closed Session
8. 02.24.24 Special Board Meeting Minutes
9. Consideration For Approval of Resolutions of Intent to Increase (Decrease) Non-voted Levies
 - a) Approval of Resolution of Intent to Increase (Decrease) Non-voted Levies – Elementary District
 - b) Approval of Resolution of Intent to Increase (Decrease) Non-voted Levies – High School District

B. Items For Action

1. Approval of K-5 Eureka2 Math Curriculum Purchase
2. Calendar Committee Proposal for the 2024-2025 School Calendar
3. Approval of HPS-HEA Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement
4. Approval of Helena High School Re-roof Bid
5. Approval of Capital High School Re-roof Bid
6. Approval of Smith Elementary School Re-roof Bid
7. Policy 3050 Student Discipline
8. Policy 3080 Maintenance of Student Records
9. Policy 4040 School, Student, Parent, Family and Community Engagement in Education
10. Policy 8225 Tobacco and Marijuana Free Schools

C. Reports

1. Student Representatives Report
2. Helena Education Association Report
3. Facilities & Maintenance Committee Report
4. Budget & Finance Committee Report
5. Policy Committee Report
6. Teaching & Learning Committee Report
7. Health Benefits Committee Report
8. Wellness Committee Report
9. Montana School Boards Association Report
10. Parent Council Visit Reports

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT