

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 Facilities & Maintenance Committee

Monday, May 13th, 2024,

12:00 p.m.

Lincoln Campus

and via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Trustees: Others:

Kay Satre, Committee Chair Todd Verrill, Facilities Director Jeff Hindoien, Trustee Rex Weltz, Superintendent

Terry Beaver, Trustee Candice Delvaux, Executive Assistant

Jane Shawn, HEA President

Gary Myers, Educational Technology Director

Karen Ogden, Communications Officer Keri Mizell, Human Resources Director

Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
Lona Carter, Student Health
Rob Brewer, Facilities Manager
Tim McMahon, Activities Director
Hannah Warhank, Guest of the Public
Angela DeWolf King, Guest of the Public

I. CALL TO ORDER

Facilities and Maintenance Committee Chair Kay Satre called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

II. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

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

IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from the 4.8.24 Facilities and Maintenance Committee meeting were reviewed and approved.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Facilities Monthly Update

Todd Verrill, Facilities Director for Helena Public Schools, gave an update on Facilities and Maintenance projects across the district:

Projects Last 30 Days:

- Bryant Elementary solar project advertisement....bid opening Thursday, 16 MAY
- Vigilante Day parade support
- Grounds
 - o Irrigation startup and repairs
 - Field and lawn maintenance

Current Projects

- Summer project coordination and preparations
- Capital High theater lighting design (delayed)
- Fleet reduction
 - o 4 vehicles
 - 1 street sweeper
- 2024 budget close-out

April Work Orders

• Completed: 564

Custodial Update

Custodial Projects:

- Prep for summer flooring projects
- Prep for summer training day (13 JUN at 4Gs)
- 2024 budget close-out
- 2025 budget prep
 - o 10% budget cut contingency plan
 - o Reduction in staffing will result in different cleaning standards next year

Staff:

- Two new employees hired in APR
- Sick leave averaged 8 custodians/day for APR
- Current # vacancies: 4 (maybe 5!)

Safety and Security Update

- Neal Murray's Training (Safety & Operations Manager):
 - Attended the Montana Geohazards workshop in Missoula
 - District is part of the MT Earthquake Working Group
 - Completed Multi-Hazard Planning for Schools Course
- Summer safety project preparations:
 - Fire escape repairs
 - Warren water chlorination system replacement
 - o CHS theater lighting...Neal is the project manager
- CPR/AED training-anticipate 50 district employees trained by end of MAY
- PurpleAir monitors installed at Kessler, Smith, HHS, CHS, PAL
 - This is a partnership between the district, DEQ, University of Montana, and PurpleAir to provide real-time outdoor air quality reporting

Mr. Verrill answered any questions the Facilities and Maintenance Committee had regarding the facilities monthly update.

B. Technology Monthly Update

Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology for Helena Public Schools, gave an update on technology projects across the district:

Network and Systems:

- Attended Cybersecurity tabletop exercise in Missoula April 25
- Updated Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan

- Resolution of several WiFi issues
- Current cyber threats
- 335 cyber-attacks in the past 30 days, all systems attacked are not vulnerable, as they target specific systems or they have been patched

Applications:

- Phishing campaign results
 - 5.67% of users were compromised (80/1,412)
 - o 6.16% of users reported the email (87/1,412)
 - o 70% of users completed the assigned training after being compromised
- Ticket statistics for April:
 - o Tickets Created: 534
 - o Tickets Solved: 386
 - o 98.7% satisfaction
 - Average ticket 1st response time = 3.6 hours
- New Montana Privacy Agreements Added:
 - o ClassDojo
 - Edclub (Elementary Keyboarding)

Filled empty positions:

- Tina Johnson, Department Secretary
- Shane McTaggert (May 6 start), HelpDesk Technician

Upcoming:

- Summer Projects
- Surplus
- Carts
- Fall Password Update

Mr. Myers answered any questions the Facilities and Technology Committee had regarding the technology monthly update.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no further board comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Kay Satre adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.