



Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 24th, 2025
Lincoln Center
1325 Poplar St., Helena, MT 59601
& Via TEAMS
5:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

III. SABBATICAL PRESENTATION-Mr. James Irby

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

V. 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.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Action Items

1. Personnel Actions
2. Approval of FY 2025-26 Out-Of-District Attendance Agreements (Non-Resident Students Attending HPS)
3. 8.26.25 Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting Minutes

B. Items For Action

1. Canvass of Election Results for Elementary Bond Levy
2. Canvass of Election Results for High School Bond Levy
3. Issue Certificates of Election for Elementary Bond Levy
4. Issue Certificates of Election for High School Bond Levy
5. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Issuance of the Elementary Bonds
6. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Issuance of the High School Bonds
7. Letter of Determination Alternative Project Delivery Helena High School
8. Letter of Determination Alternative Project Delivery Capital High School
9. Letter of Determination Alternative Project Delivery Kessler Elementary School

C. Item For Information

1. Overview of Bond Issuance Timeline and Procedures: Bridget Ekstrom, Managing Director, Public Finance Banker, D.A. Davidson & Co.

VII. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Item I.

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

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Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Agenda

Sabbatical Presentation

Superintendent's Report

General Public Comment

Consent Action Items

Items For Action

Item For Information

Board/Superintendent Comments

Adjournment

Item Title: **Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Item II.

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

☐ Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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☐ General Public Comment

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☐ Adjournment

Item Title: Review of Agenda

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Item III.

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

☐ Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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Item Title: **Sabbatical Presentation**
Mr. James Irby

Helena Public Schools

2024-2025 Sabbatical Presentation

BACKGROUND:

In 2024-2025 the Board of Trustees approved one sabbatical for Mr. James Irby. Beginning this year all sabbatical recipients will make a brief presentation to the Board at the conclusion of their sabbatical.

Below is a summary of Mr. Irby's sabbatical proposal.

James proposed a semester sabbatical to conduct the research necessary to complete his doctoral dissertation in Literature and Criticism at Indiana University in Pennsylvania.

His dissertation focuses on how the contributions of 1980s anthropomorphic comics from independent publishers benefit society. This is a fairly new field of study and James believes there is literary merit within comics, and he planned to show the value of this genre.

Comics for the most part have been viewed as disposable literature unworthy of any literary merit. However, over the last 30 years, scholars have been turning to these works with renewed energy and view them as an untapped resource brimming with content waiting to be analyzed. His research focuses on a comic subgenre that has received little attention – funny animal comics. His dissertation will specifically focus on the second wave of anthropomorphic comics to include Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles which established the movement and others like Usagi Yojimbo, Dalgoda, Omaha the Cat Dancer, Space Beaver, Boris the Bear and Fish Police.



HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Item IV.

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☐ General Public Comment

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☐ Board/Superintendent Comments

☐ Adjournment

Item Title: Superintendent's Report

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

TO: Board Chair Jennifer McKee and Board of Trustees
FROM: Mr. Weltz, Superintendent
RE: Superintendent Report
DATE: September 24th, 2025

- Recognitions
 - Bond Update
- Other

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Item V.

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☐ Adjournment

Item Title: General Public Comment

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

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Item VI.A.1-A.3

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Item Title: Consent Action Items

- 1. Personnel Actions
- 2. Approval of FY 2025-26 Out-Of-District Attendance Agreements (Non-Resident Students Attending HPS)
- 3. 8.26.25 Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting Minutes

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

September 10, 2025 – September 24, 2025

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Appointments

<u>Location/Assignment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Offered Salary</u>	<u>Accepted Salary</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
TBD/Part-time (.33 FTE) Music	Dollar, Joslyn	\$88.16/day	\$88.16/day	08/27/2025
District-wide/Adaptive Physical Educ.	Holland, Leslie	\$57,142.46/yr.*	\$57,142.46/yr.*	08/25/2025
Central/Special Education-Resource	Loveridge, Brooke	\$163.70/day	\$163.70/day	08/25/2025
CHS/English	Plona, Amanda	\$163.70/day	\$163.70/day	09/02/2025

*Revised contract

Terminations/Retirements

<u>Location/Assignment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
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Leaves

<u>Location/Assignment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Type of Leave</u>
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CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

Appointments

<u>Location/Assignment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Offered Salary</u>	<u>Accepted Salary</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
HHS/Para Educator	Bogard, Samuel	\$15.50/hr.	\$15.50/hr.	09/17/2025
Jefferson/Elementary Secretary	Clairmont, Sydnee	\$19.46/hr.	\$19.46/hr.	10/01/2025
CRA/Evening Float Custodian	Dolson, Cydney	\$17.40/hr.	\$17.40/hr.	09/16/2025

Four Georgians/Para Educator	Dougherty, Jillian	\$19.03/hr.	\$19.03/hr.	09/10/2025
Rossiter/(Part-time) Para Educator	Grissom, Marie	\$17.73/hr.	\$17.73/hr.	09/10/2025
Kessler/Day Custodian	Hand, Ryan	\$17.39/hr.	\$17.39/hr.	09/16/2025
Smith/Para Educator	Hansen, Hanne	\$19.03/hr.	\$19.03/hr.	09/17/2025
CHS/General Secretary	Hanson, Amy	\$19.72/hr.	\$19.72/hr.	10/06/2025
Central/Para Educator	Howard, Rachael	\$17.47/hr.	\$17.47/hr.	09/16/2025
Kessler/Para Educator	Johnson, Courtney	\$18.38/hr.	\$18.38/hr.	09/10/2025*
Four Georgians/Evening Custodian	Kirtley, Vickie	\$17.86/hr.	\$17.86/hr.	09/17/2025
HHS/Evening Custodian	Lwamba, Wakubura	\$17.40/hr.	\$17.40/hr.	09/29/2025
Facilities/Centralized Maintenance	Poppe, Lowell	\$22.39/hr.	\$22.39/hr.	09/19/2025
Bryant/Para Educator	Reed, Stephanie	\$16.16/hr.	\$16.16/hr.	09/23/2025
Rossiter/Para Educator	Uthman, Amy	\$19.03/hr.	\$19.03/hr.	09/10/2025
Bryant/Para Educator	Smith, Hannah	\$15.50/hr.	\$15.50/hr.	08/25/2025
CRA/Day Float Custodian	Tabb, David	\$17.39/hr.	\$17.39/hr.	09/05/2025

*Start Date Correction

Terminations/Retirements

<u>Location/Assignment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Facilities/Plumber	Backeberg, Bruce	Resignation	10/03/2025
Kessler/Para Educator	Hoxie, Kimberly	Resignation	08/25/2025
Business Office/District Clerk	Mickelson, Janelle	Retirement	12/31/2025
Facilities/Centralized Maintenance	Tangen, Christopher	Separation	09/16/2025

Leaves

<u>Location/Assignment</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Type of Leave</u>
HHS/Para Educator	Murray, Kenja	09/16/2025 to 01/26/2026	LOAWOP

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT ASSIGNMENT

Name	Assignment	Salary	Start Date	End Date	Location
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APPROVAL OF **FY 2025-26** OUT-OF-DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS
(NONRESIDENT STUDENTS ATTENDING HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT)

Fiscal Year 2025-26

Discretionary Attendance:

Grade	District of Residence	Address	School of Attendance
K	East Helena K-12	East Helena, MT 59635	Central Elementary
K	East Helena K-12	Helena, MT 59601	Smith Elementary
1	Trinity Elementary	Marysville, MT 59640	Central Montessori
1	East Helena K-12	Helena, MT 59602	Central Elementary
1	East Helena K-12	Helena, MT 59601	Central Elementary
2	Trinity Elementary	Helena, MT 59602	Central Elementary
2	East Helena K-12	East Helena, MT 59635	Smith Elementary
2	East Helena K-12	Helena, MT 59601	Central Elementary
2	East Helena K-12	East Helena, MT 59635	Central Elementary
3	East Helena K-12	Helena, MT 59601	Central Elementary
3	Clancy Elementary	Clancy, MT 59634	Central Elementary
3	East Helena K-12	East Helena, MT 59635	Central Montessori
4	East Helena K-12	Helena, MT 59602	Central Elementary
4	East Helena K-12	East Helena, MT 59635	Central Montessori
5	Clancy Elementary	Clancy, MT 59634	Central Elementary
5	East Helena K-12	East Helena, MT 59635	Central Elementary
6	Trinity Elementary	Helena, MT 59602	Helena Middle School
7	East Helena K-12	Helena, MT 59602	Helena Middle School
7	East Helena K-12	Helena, MT 59601	Helena Middle School
8	Trinity Elementary	Helena, MT 59602	Helena Middle School
8	East Helena K-12	East Helena, MT 59635	Helena Middle School
8	Montana City Elementary	Clancy, MT 59634	Helena Middle School
9	Jefferson High School	Clancy, MT 59634	MT Ascension Learning Academy
9	Jefferson High School	Clancy, MT 59634	Helena High School
11	Jefferson High School	Clancy, MT 59634	Helena High School

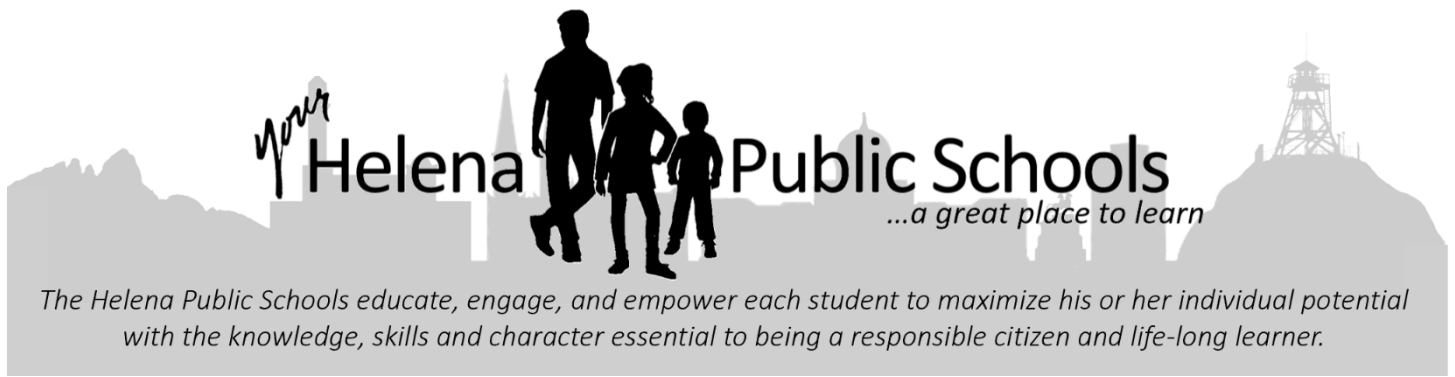
Mandatory Attendance:

Grade	District of Residence	Address	School of Attendance
10	Beaverhead High School	Dillon, MT 59725	Helena High School

**APPROVAL OF FY 2025-26 OUT-OF-DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS
(NONRESIDENT STUDENTS ATTENDING HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT)**

Running Total of FY 2025-26 Out-of-District Attendance Agreements

Address																	
Grade	East Helena	Clancy	Montana City	Jefferson City	Basin	Wolf Creek	Boulder	Elliston	Trinity	Wolf Point	Dillon	Billings	Chester-Joplin-Inverness	Missoula	Great Falls	Townsend	Total
Ksprouts	5	1	1						8								15
K	8		1						12								21
1	6					1			1								8
2	6								3								9
3	6	1						1									8
4	3		1						2								6
5	4	1								1		1		1			8
6	5		2						2		1						10
7	3		1							1					1		6
8	2		1		1				1							2	7
9	8	21	2	3									1			1	36
10	1	11									1						13
11	6	16	1				1									2	26
12	8	23	1	5			1										38
	71	74	11	8	1	1	2	1	29	2	2	1	1	1	1	5	211



Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 26th, 2025
Lincoln Center
1325 Poplar St., Helena, MT, 59601
1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Siobhan Hathorn, Trustee	Rex Wertz, Superintendent
Jennifer McKee, Chair	Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent
Janet Armstrong, Trustee	Todd Verrill, Facilities Director
Kay Satre, Trustee	Candice Delvaux, Board Reporter
Linda Cleatus, Trustee	Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology
Jenny Murnane Butcher, Trustee	Justine Alberts, Assistant Superintendent PreK-5
	Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
	Rob Brewer, Facilities Manager
	Kaitlyn Hess, Data & Federal Programs Director
	Taylor Lassiter, Communications Specialist
	Janelle Mickelson, Business Director
	Jane Shawn, HEA President
	Keri Mizell, Human Resources Director
	Shane Swandal, President of Hulteng CCM, Inc.
	Several Guests of the Public

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Jennifer McKee called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The Board of Trustees reviewed the agenda, and no changes were made.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no general public comment.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Action Items

1. Personnel Actions
2. Confirmation of MTSBA's Principles & Guidelines
3. Confirmation of the Foundational Elements of MTSBA's DNA
4. FY27 Dues Revenue Estimate
5. Nomination of Rick Cummings (MTSBA Region 5 Director and Cascade Trustee) as MTSBA President-Elect
6. Nomination of Jennifer Hoffman (MTSBA Municipal Director from Billings Public Schools) as MTSBA Vice-President

Board Chair Jennifer McKee commented. "I would entertain a motion for the approval of the *Consent Action Items*."

The trustees held a discussion regarding the principles and role of the Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA). Reviewing the organization's guiding principles helped provide greater clarity on its functions, particularly its advocacy for adequate school funding and upholding constitutional guarantees. Trustees emphasized the value of staying actively engaged and informed, noting opportunities for involvement such as Think Tank Thursdays and action alerts.

Motion: Trustee Kay Satre moved to approve the *Consent Action Items* as presented. Trustee Jenny Murnane Butcher seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 6-0 motion carries unanimously.

B. Items For Action

1. Approval of the Recommended Owner's Construction Representative

Mr. Todd Verrill, Facilities Director for Helena Public Schools, presented the action item *Approval of the Recommended Owner's Construction Representative* to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Verrill is respectfully requesting the board of trustees approve Hulteng CCM, Inc. as the district's Owner's Construction Representative (OCR) in preparation for the elementary and high school bond elections on 9 September 2025. Helena Public Schools submitted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on 19 July 2025, seeking firms to serve as OCR in the event that one or more of the bond measures pass. Seven qualified firms submitted statements of qualification by the deadline of 15 August 2025. A committee of administrators reviewed the seven applicants on 18-19 August 2025 and selected the top three qualified candidates. On 20-21 August 2025, the

committee interviewed the top three candidates and recommend Hulteng CCM, Inc. to serve the district as the OCR.

Mr. Swandal from Hulteng addressed the board to outline what his role would be if approved as the Owner's Construction Representative (OCR) for the district. He explained that his primary function would be to represent the district's best interests throughout the construction process. Responsibilities would include managing the RFQ/RFP selection processes for designers and contractors, ensuring transparent and compliant procedures, and assisting in drafting contracts that protect the district. During construction, he would be involved in plan reviews, systems analysis, change order evaluations, and ensuring the project stays on budget and meets performance expectations. He also described his involvement during the project closeout phase, ensuring all operational documents, warranties, and as-built plans are properly delivered to the district. Mr. Swandal emphasized ongoing day-to-day support for district staff and maintaining a strong focus on the district's long-term needs. He concluded by noting Hulteng's prior experience with similar large-scale bond projects, including work completed for this district in 2017 and for other major school districts in Montana.

Mr. Verrill addressed all questions from the Board of Trustees regarding the action item presented.

Board Chair Jennifer McKee commented. "I would entertain a motion for the *Approval of the Recommended Owner's Construction Representative.*"

Motion: Trustee Linda Cleatus moved to approve Hulteng CCM, Inc. as the district's Owner's Construction Representative (OCR) as presented. Trustee Kay Satree seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 6-0 motion carries unanimously.

2. Approval of the Mount Ascension Elementary and Middle School: Student Performance Standards Action Plan for 2025-2026

Mr. Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent 6-12, presented the action item *Approval of the Mount Ascension Elementary and Middle School: Student Performance Standards Action Plan for 2025-2026* to the Board of Trustees. Mr. McKay explained that, following the first year of operation for the district's charter schools, the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) identified areas for improvement—specifically related to student performance data submissions for accreditation purposes. Mount Ascension Elementary and Middle School received downgraded ratings due to the absence of standardized assessment data. Many students enrolled part-time, which exempts them from mandatory state assessments. While alternative performance evidence (e.g.,

personalized learning plans, project-based learning, and internal assessments) was submitted, it did not meet OPI's expectations for standardized reporting. Mr. McKay clarified that this action plan is a corrective response that outlines how the district intends to provide acceptable evidence of student performance moving forward, including the use of I-Ready assessments and other growth metrics. The district is also working with OPI to align expectations and develop feasible solutions for evaluating student performance in innovative charter environments. The plan must be approved by the board as a required element for submission to OPI. Mr. McKay emphasized that the plan reflects a broader statewide challenge and represents an effort to balance innovation in education with compliance requirements.

Mr. McKay addressed all questions from the Board of Trustees regarding the action item presented.

Board Chair Jennifer McKee commented. "I would entertain a motion for the *Approval of the Mount Ascension Elementary and Middle School: Student Performance Standards Action Plan for 2025-2026*.

Motion: Trustee Kay Satre moved to approve the *Mount Ascension Elementary and Middle School: Student Performance Standards Action Plan for 2025-2026* as presented. Trustee Jenny Murnane Butcher seconded the motion.

Public Comment: None.

Vote: 6-0 motion carries unanimously.

V. **BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent Rex Weltz expressed appreciation to Trustee Cleatus for attending the Capital tour earlier that day with Principal Zanto. Gratitude was also extended to all trustees—both in person and online—for adjusting their schedules to attend the special meeting today.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Chair Jennifer McKee adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Canvass Election Results and Issue Certificates of Election



VI. NEW BUSINESS

B. Items for Action

1. Canvass of Election Results for Elementary Bond Levy
 2. Canvass of Election Results for High School Bond Levy
 3. Issue Certificates of Election for Elementary Bond Levy
 4. Issue Certificates of Election for High School Bond Levy
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Background:

Bond elections for both the Helena Elementary School and the Helena High School were held on Tuesday September 9, 2025. Pursuant to 20-20-415, MCA, at the first regular or special meeting after receiving the certified tally sheets and no later than 25 days after the election, trustees must canvass the election results. After the canvass of the total votes cast, trustees must issue a certificate of election. In the case of an election on a proposition, the trustees must issue a certificate specifying the outcome of the election.

Considerations:

- The County Election Office provided the attached canvass reports on September 19, 2025.
 - Highlights:
 - Total registered voters in the elementary school were 40,257. Total ballots issued were 34,778. Total ballots tabulated were 20,985 with a total voter turnout of 52.13%.
 - Total registered voters in the high school were 42,483. Total ballots issued were 36,763. Total ballots tabulated were 22,089 with a total voter turnout of 51.99%.
- The election results were also provided by the county elections office on September 19, 2025.
 - Highlights:
 - The elementary bond levy proposition passed with 50.90% of the votes cast (10,631 FOR, 10,256 AGAINST).
 - The high school bond levy proposition passed with 50.82% of the votes cast (11,151 FOR, 10,793 AGAINST).

Superintendent recommendation:

Canvass the election results and issue the certificates of election.

OFFICIAL CANVASS

Of the September 9, 2025 City of Helena Primary Election

STATE OF MONTANA)
) ss
Lewis & Clark County)

The undersigned hereby certify that the following is a full, true and complete canvass of the votes cast, and
declaration of results in each district of Lewis and Clark County for the offices and issues enumerated and we hereby
declare nominated the individuals listed receiving the highest number of votes.

Attest our hands this 19th day of September, 2025.




Lewis & Clark County Board of Canvassers



Attest my hand and seal this 19th day of
September, 2025.



Election Administrator

2025 Helena Municipal Primary Election & Helena School District Bond Election Canvass Report

Reporting by Ballot Styles in Election										Reporting by Districts in Election									
ELO1 HS01										Total City of Helena		Total Helena							
HLN										Elementary School District		High School District							
Total										23374		40257		42483					
Registered Voters (including inactive voters)										43336		17736		22521		2226		853	
Elect MT Counts																			
Total Ballots Issued										37535		15466		19312		1985		772	
Sent and not returned										13164		5649		6279		820		416	
Difference										24371		9817		13033		1165		356	
Received																			
Processed/Rejected										260		133		106		18		3	
Rejected - No Signature										5		2		3		0		0	
Rejected - Signature Did Not Match										78		41		33		4		0	
Rejected - Late for Election										177		90		70		14		3	
Rejected - Other										0		0		0		0		0	
Cancelled/Void										519		119		385		11		4	
Undeliverable										1163		319		799		32		13	
Processed/Accepted**										22429		9246		11743		1104		336	
Election Staff and Election Judge Counts																			
Total Affirmation Envelopes**										22429		9247		11742		1104		336	
Total Secrecies Removed from Affirmation Envelopes**										22429		9247		11742		1104		336	
Total Secrecy Envelopes Received for Opening**										22429		9247		11742		1104		336	
Rejected Ballots**										4		1		3		0		0	
Accepted Ballots**										22425		9246		11739		1104		336	
Total Accepted for Counting by Tabulators										22425		9246		11739		1104		336	
Ballots Counted on DS850																			
Ballots Cast										22425		9245		11740		1104		336	
Blank Ballots Cast										3		2		1		0		0	
Difference*										0		1		-1		0		0	
Voter Turnout										51.75%		52.13%		52.13%		49.60%		39.39%	
										51.66%		52.13%				51.99%			

2025 Helena Municipal Primary Election & Helena School District Bond Election Canvass Report

***Explanation of Difference:**

*** An elector received an EL01 HS01 HLN ballot instead of a EL01 HS01 ballot by mistake. This error is a result of human-error and failure to accurately follow procedures.**

****Explanation of Differences through process:**

**** The election judges who opened and removed ballots from the secrecy envelopes found a total of three secrecy envelopes only contained instructions and did not contain a ballot. Tray number 23 for ballot style EL01 HS01 documented 160 secrecy envelopes, but only 159 ballots. Tray number 22 for ballot style EL01 HS01 HLN documented 158 secrecy envelopes, but only 157 ballots. Tray number 66 for ballot style EL01 HS01 HLN documented 193 secrecy envelopes, but only 192 ballots. For a total of 3 ballots considered to be rejected, because they were not included in the returned secrecy envelope.**

**** The election judges from our resolution board found one UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) ballot was returned for the wrong election. The judges could not accept this one ballot included in tray number 568 for ballot style EL01 HS01 HLN. For a total of 1 ballot to be considered rejected.**

**** A total of 4 ballots for this election were considered rejected, 3 for only including the instructions in their secrecy and 1 for not including a ballot that was for this election.**

County: LEWIS AND
CLARK

Ballot Statistics By Ballot Style

Date: 9/16/2025

User Name: CONNOR FITZPATRICK

Election: 25 05 - Municipal Primary/School District Bond School Sep 9 2025

LEGEND

Ballot Style	I	NR	P	RE	A	R	V	U
EL01 HS01	15466	5649	0	0	9246	133	119	319
EL01 HS01 HLN	19312	6279	0	0	11743	106	385	799
HLN	772	416	0	0	336	3	4	13
HS01	1985	820	0	0	1104	18	11	32
Total	37535	13164	0	0	22429	260	519	1163

Summary Results Report
Muni. Primary Nonpartisan & Sch Bond Elec.
September 9, 2025

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Lewis and Clark County

Statistics TOTAL

Election Day Precincts Reporting	4 of 4
Precincts Complete	0 of 4
Precincts Partially Reported	4 of 4
Registered Voters - Total	43,336
Ballots Cast - Total	22,425
Ballots Cast - Blank	3
Voter Turnout - Total	51.75%

CITY OF HELENA MAYOR

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %
EMILY K. DEAN	4,134	36.53%
SONDA GAUB	969	8.56%
BRAXTON HUDSON	328	2.90%
CHRIS RICCARDO	347	3.07%
ANDY SHIRTLIFF	5,470	48.34%
Write-In Totals	68	0.60%
Total Votes Cast	11,316	100.00%
Overvotes	86	
Undervotes	674	

CITY OF HELENA COMMISSIONER

Vote For 2

	TOTAL	VOTE %
BRENTON CRAGGS	1,185	7.10%
HALEY MCKNIGHT	3,702	22.18%
MELINDA REED	5,940	35.58%
BEN RIGBY	3,900	23.36%
SHAWN WHITE WOLF	1,827	10.94%
Write-In Totals	140	0.84%
Total Votes Cast	16,694	100.00%
Overvotes	10	
Undervotes	7,448	

HELENA HIGH SD 1 BOND ELECTION

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %
BONDS - YES	11,151	50.82%
BONDS - NO	10,793	49.18%
Total Votes Cast	21,944	100.00%
Overvotes	1	
Undervotes	144	

Summary Results Report
Muni. Primary Nonpartisan & Sch Bond Elec.
September 9, 2025

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS
Lewis and Clark County

HELENA ELEMENTARY SD 1 BOND ELECTION

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %
BONDS - YES	10,631	50.90%
BONDS - NO	10,256	49.10%
Total Votes Cast	20,887	100.00%
Overvotes	6	
Undervotes	92	

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September 9, 2025

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS
Lewis and Clark County

EL01 HS01

Statistics	TOTAL
Registered Voters - Total	17,736
Ballots Cast - Total	9,245
Ballots Cast - Blank	2
Voter Turnout - Total	52.13%

HELENA HIGH SD 1 BOND ELECTION

Vote For 1	TOTAL
BONDS - YES	3,412
BONDS - NO	5,783
Total Votes Cast	9,195
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	50

HELENA ELEMENTARY SD 1 BOND ELECTION

Vote For 1	TOTAL
BONDS - YES	3,323
BONDS - NO	5,889
Total Votes Cast	9,212
Overvotes	2
Undervotes	31

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Muni. Primary Nonpartisan & Sch Bond Elec.
September 9, 2025

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Lewis and Clark County

EL01 HS01 HLN

Statistics TOTAL

Registered Voters - Total	22,521
Ballots Cast - Total	11,740
Ballots Cast - Blank	1
Voter Turnout - Total	52.13%

CITY OF HELENA MAYOR

Vote For 1

TOTAL

EMILY K. DEAN	4,025
SONDA GAUB	927
BRAXTON HUDSON	320
CHRIS RICCARDO	340
ANDY SHIRTLIFF	5,304
Write-In Totals	68
Total Votes Cast	10,984
Overvotes	85
Undervotes	671

CITY OF HELENA COMMISSIONER

Vote For 2

TOTAL

BRENTON CRAGGS	1,134
HALEY MCKNIGHT	3,591
MELINDA REED	5,796
BEN RIGBY	3,750
SHAWN WHITE WOLF	1,770
Write-In Totals	140
Total Votes Cast	16,181
Overvotes	10
Undervotes	7,289

HELENA HIGH SD 1 BOND ELECTION

Vote For 1

TOTAL

BONDS - YES	7,467
BONDS - NO	4,178
Total Votes Cast	11,645
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	94

EL01 HS01 HLN

HELENA ELEMENTARY SD 1 BOND ELECTION

Vote For 1

TOTAL

BONDS - YES	7,308
BONDS - NO	4,367
Total Votes Cast	11,675
Overvotes	4
Undervotes	61

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September 9, 2025

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Lewis and Clark County

HLN

Statistics

	TOTAL
Registered Voters - Total	853
Ballots Cast - Total	336
Ballots Cast - Blank	0
Voter Turnout - Total	39.39%

CITY OF HELENA MAYOR

Vote For 1

	TOTAL
EMILY K. DEAN	109
SONDA GAUB	42
BRAXTON HUDSON	8
CHRIS RICCARDO	7
ANDY SHIRTLIFF	166
Write-In Totals	0
Total Votes Cast	332
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	3

CITY OF HELENA COMMISSIONER

Vote For 2

	TOTAL
BRENTON CRAGGS	51
HALEY MCKNIGHT	111
MELINDA REED	144
BEN RIGBY	150
SHAWN WHITE WOLF	57
Write-In Totals	0
Total Votes Cast	513
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	159

Summary Results Report
Muni. Primary Nonpartisan & Sch Bond Elec.
September 9, 2025

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS
Lewis and Clark County

HS01

Statistics	TOTAL
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Registered Voters - Total	2,226
Ballots Cast - Total	1,104
Ballots Cast - Blank	0
Voter Turnout - Total	49.60%

HELENA HIGH SD 1 BOND ELECTION

Vote For 1

	TOTAL
BONDS - YES	272
BONDS - NO	832
Total Votes Cast	1,104
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	0

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

Item VI.B.1

<input type="checkbox"/>	Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review of Agenda
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sabbatical Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Superintendent's Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Public Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Action Items
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Items For Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Item For Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board/Superintendent Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjournment

Item Title: **Item For Action**
1. Canvass of Election Results for Elementary Bond Levy

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

Canvass of Votes and Declaration of Results

CANVASS OF VOTES CAST AT THE HELENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOND ELECTION, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, ON THE 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

Issue: Elementary Bond Levy

POSITION	NUMBER OF VOTES
FOR the Bond Levy	10,631
AGAINST the Bond Levy	10,256

Total Votes Cast: 20,887

We hereby certify that this constitutes a full, true and complete canvass of the number of votes cast, and declaration of results of Helena Elementary School District, No. 1, Lewis and Clark County for the issues enumerated and we hereby declare passage of the \$43,000,000.00 Elementary Bond Levy.

Attest my hand this 24th day of September, 20 25.

Trustee: _____ Trustee: _____

Trustee: _____ Trustee: _____

Trustee: _____ Trustee: _____

District Clerk: _____

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

Item VI.B.2

<input type="checkbox"/>	Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review of Agenda
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sabbatical Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Superintendent's Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Public Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Action Items
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Items For Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Item For Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board/Superintendent Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjournment

Item Title: **Item For Action**
2. Canvass of Election Results for High School Bond Levy

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

Canvass of Votes and Declaration of Results

CANVASS OF VOTES CAST AT THE HELENA HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOND ELECTION, LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, ON THE 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025.

Issue: High School Bond Levy

POSITION	NUMBER OF VOTES
FOR the Bond Levy	11,151
AGAINST the Bond Levy	10,793

Total Votes Cast: 21,944

We hereby certify that this constitutes a full, true and complete canvass of the number of votes cast, and declaration of results of Helena High School District, No. 1, Lewis and Clark County for the issues enumerated and we hereby declare passage of the \$240,000,000.00 High School Bond Levy.

Attest my hand this 24th day of September, 20 25.

Trustee: _____ Trustee: _____

Trustee: _____ Trustee: _____

Trustee: _____ Trustee: _____

Trustee: _____

District Clerk: _____

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

Item VI.B.3

<input type="checkbox"/>	Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review of Agenda
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sabbatical Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Superintendent's Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Public Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Action Items
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Items For Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Item For Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board/Superintendent Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjournment

Item Title: **Item For Action**
3. Issue Certificates of Election for Elementary Bond Levy

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (HELENA)
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, MONTANA

CERTIFICATE

Elementary School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana, caused the Lewis and Clark County Election Administrator to conduct a bond election in conjunction with a municipal election by mail ballot on September 9, 2025, at which the following proposition was considered:

Shall the Board of Trustees of Elementary School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana (the “Elementary School District”) be authorized to sell and issue general obligation school building bonds of the Elementary School District in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount of up to Forty-Three Million and No/100 Dollars (\$43,000,000.00), bearing interest at rates to be determined at the time of sale, payable semiannually, over a term not exceeding twenty (20) years as to each series of bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of demolishing the existing Kessler School building and designing, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new Kessler School building in replacement thereof sized to accommodate student enrollment and making associated site and other improvements; related improvements and costs, including, but not limited to, transition costs; and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds?

If the bond election passes, based on information available to the Elementary School District prior to certification of taxable values, the Elementary School District estimates property taxes on a home with an assessed market value for tax purposes of \$100,000 would increase by approximately \$13.15 in the first year, of \$300,000 would increase by approximately \$39.46 in the first year, and of \$600,000 would increase by approximately \$90.68 in the first year. An increase in property taxes may lead to an increase in rental costs.

The total number of registered electors who were eligible to vote in the above bond elections was 40,257.

The canvass of the votes establishes that 10,631 electors voted “BONDS - YES”, and that 10,256 electors voted “BONDS - NO”.

THEREFORE, BE IT CERTIFIED that the above bond proposition has been approved in accordance with the provisions of section 20-9-428, MCA, and that the Board of Trustees of Elementary School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana is hereby authorized to issue general obligation bonds for the purpose and in the aggregate principal amount specified in the bond proposition set forth above.

DATED: September 24, 2025.

Chair, Elementary School District No. 1
(Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana

Attest:

Clerk, Elementary School District No. 1 (Helena),
Lewis and Clark County, Montana

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

Item VI.B.4.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review of Agenda
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sabbatical Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Superintendent's Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Public Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Action Items
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Items For Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Item For Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board/Superintendent Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjournment

Item Title: **Item For Action**
4. Issue Certificates of Election for High School Bond Levy

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (HELENA)
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY, MONTANA

CERTIFICATE

High School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana, caused the Lewis and Clark County Election Administrator to conduct a bond election in conjunction with a municipal election by mail ballot on September 9, 2025, at which the following proposition was considered:

Shall the Board of Trustees of High School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana (the “High School District”) be authorized to sell and issue general obligation school building bonds of the High School District in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount of up to Two Hundred Forty Million and No/100 Dollars (\$240,000,000.00), bearing interest at rates to be determined at the time of sale, payable semiannually, over a term not exceeding thirty (30) years as to each series of bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of addressing student safety, deficient facilities, and developing contemporary, appropriate, and safe high school learning and athletic environments, to include (i) demolishing the existing Helena High School building and designing, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new Helena High School building in replacement thereof, along with associated improvements, including constructing new student job training Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructional spaces configured to enhance student/staff safety and security by being attached to the main building; incorporating various features into the new Helena High School building, including a secure and visible main entrance for students and the community, an auxiliary gymnasium, performing arts space, a central kitchen, and instructional space for the Project for Alternative Learning (PAL); making site improvements, including an instructional and playing field complex (football/track and field) and parking and traffic flow enhancements; and related improvements and costs, including, but not limited to, transition costs; and (ii) demolishing portions of the existing Capital High School building and designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing improvements to portions of the Capital High School building and campus, including constructing new student job training Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructional spaces configured to enhance student/staff safety and security by being attached to the main building; constructing improvements to the Capital High School building, including secure main student entrances, an auxiliary gymnasium, expanded student commons and cafeteria spaces, improvements to general academic areas, and updated performing arts space; making site improvements, including reconfiguring parking spaces and points of access and reconfiguring and updating athletic and instructional playing fields (football/track and field); and related improvements and costs; and paying the costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds?

If the bond election passes, based on information available to the High School District prior to the certification of taxable values, the High School District estimates property taxes on a home with an assessed market value for tax purposes of \$100,000 would increase by approximately \$73.45 in the first year, of \$300,000 would increase by approximately \$220.35 in the first year, and of \$600,000 would increase by approximately \$506.43 in the first year. An increase in property taxes may lead to an increase in rental costs.

The total number of registered electors who were eligible to vote in the above bond elections was 42,483.

The canvass of the votes establishes that 11,151 electors voted “BONDS - YES”, and that 10,793 electors voted “BONDS - NO”.

THEREFORE, BE IT CERTIFIED that the above bond proposition has been approved in accordance with the provisions of section 20-9-428, MCA, and that the Board of Trustees of High School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana is hereby authorized to issue general obligations bonds for the purpose and in the aggregate principal amount specified in the bond proposition set forth above.

DATED: September 24, 2025.

Chair, High School District No. 1 (Helena),
Lewis and Clark County, Montana

Attest:

Clerk, High School District No. 1 (Helena),
Lewis and Clark County, Montana

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

Item VI.B.5.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review of Agenda
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sabbatical Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Superintendent's Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Public Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Action Items
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Items For Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Item For Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board/Superintendent Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjournment

Item Title: **Item For Action**
5. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Issuance of the Elementary Bonds

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of Elementary School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana (the "District"), hereby certify that attached hereto is a true copy of a Resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION RELATING TO UP TO \$43,000,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND PRIVATE NEGOTIATED SALE THEREOF" (the "Resolution"), on file in the original records of the District in my legal custody; that the Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District at a meeting on September 24, 2025, which meeting was duly held and was attended throughout by a quorum, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law; and that the Resolution has not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken on the Resolution at said meeting, the following Trustees voted in favor thereof: _____
_____; voted against the same: _____
_____; abstained from voting thereon: _____; or
were absent: _____.

WITNESS my hand officially this _____ day of September, 2025.

School District Clerk

RESOLUTION RELATING TO UP TO \$43,000,000 IN
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL
BUILDING BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND
PRIVATE NEGOTIATED SALE THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Elementary School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana (the “Elementary School District”), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The electors of the Elementary School District at a mail ballot election duly called, noticed and held on September 9, 2025, authorized this Board to sell and issue general obligation school building bonds of the Elementary School District in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$43,000,000.00, for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of demolishing the existing Kessler School building and designing, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new Kessler School building in replacement thereof sized to accommodate student enrollment and making associated site and other improvements; related improvements and costs, including, but not limited to, transition costs (collectively, the “Project”); and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds.

The Elementary School District has determined at this time to issue and sell general obligation school building bonds of the Elementary School District (the “Bonds”) to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Project and pay costs of issuing the Bonds.

The indebtedness to be evidenced by the Bonds and all other indebtedness of the Elementary School District does not exceed the limitation set forth in Section 20-9-406, M.C.A.

Section 2. Sale of Bonds; Bond Purchase Agreement. Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, Sections 20-9-430 and 17-5-107, this Board hereby determines that it is in the best interests of the Elementary School District to sell the Bonds through a negotiated sale (i.e., a private sale). D.A. Davidson & Co., headquartered in Great Falls, Montana (the “Purchaser”), will serve as underwriter of the Bonds.

The Bonds shall be sold on terms and at a purchase price within the following limitations:

- (1) underwriter’s discount shall not exceed 0.375% of the principal amount of the Bonds, exclusive of original issue premium or discount;
- (2) the principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$43,000,000;
- (3) the true interest cost (TIC) of the Bonds shall not exceed 5.25%;
- (4) the Bonds shall first be subject to optional redemption on a date that is not later than one-half their term; and
- (5) the term of the Bonds shall not exceed 20 years.

All costs of issuing the Bonds (including, without limitation, underwriter’s discount, the fees and expenses of bond counsel, rating agency fees, bond insurance fees (if any), the fees of the paying

agent and registrar, and dissemination agent, the Preliminary and final Official Statement costs, Depository Trust Company fees, CUSIP costs, continuing disclosure report costs, printing costs, and other miscellaneous expenses) shall be paid by the Elementary School District.

The Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, and one member of the Board designated by the Board are hereby authorized and directed to approve the principal amounts, purchase price, maturity dates, basic and additional interest rates, original issue discount and premium, redemption provisions, and conditions pertaining to the purchase and sale of the Bonds, subject to the limitations contained above in this Section 2. Upon approving such terms, the Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, and the designated Board member are hereby authorized and directed to approve, execute and deliver a bond purchase agreement (the “Bond Purchase Agreement”), containing the agreement of the Elementary School District to sell, and the agreement of the Purchaser to purchase, the Bonds on the terms so approved, and containing such other provisions as such officers shall deem necessary and appropriate. In the event of the absence or disability of any of the Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, or the designated Board member, another member of this Board shall make such approvals and execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement. The execution and delivery by not less than two appropriate officers of the Elementary School District of the Bond Purchase Agreement shall be conclusive as to the approval of such officers of the terms of the Bonds and the agreement of the Elementary School District to sell the Bonds on such terms in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Section 3. Form. The form of the Bonds and the security therefor shall be prescribed by a subsequent resolution to be adopted by this Board.

Section 4. Preliminary Official Statement. The Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, and the designated Board member and other officers of the Elementary School District, in cooperation with D.A. Davidson & Co., as underwriter, and Dorsey & Whitney LLP, as Bond Counsel, are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a Preliminary Official Statement to be distributed by the Purchaser to potential purchasers of the Bonds. Each of the Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, and the designated Board member (or in the event of the absence or disability of any of them, another member of this Board) is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Elementary School District to approve the Preliminary Official Statement, and to deem it a “final” official statement as of its date in accordance with Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and following such approval, to authorize the Purchaser to distribute the Preliminary Official Statement.

Section 5. Continuing Disclosure. To permit the Purchaser and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds to comply with paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12, the Elementary School District will covenant and agree, for the benefit of the registered holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the outstanding Bonds, to provide annual reports of specified information and notice of the occurrence of certain events.

Adopted: September 24, 2025.

Chair of the Board of Trustees

School District Clerk

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

Item VI.B.6.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review of Agenda
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sabbatical Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Superintendent's Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Public Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Action Items
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Items For Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	Item For Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	Board/Superintendent Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Adjournment

Item Title: **Item For Action**
6. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Issuance of the High School Bonds

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of High School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana (the "District"), hereby certify that attached hereto is a true copy of a Resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION RELATING TO UP TO \$130,000,000 IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND PRIVATE NEGOTIATED SALE THEREOF" (the "Resolution"), on file in the original records of the District in my legal custody; that the Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District at a meeting on September 24, 2025, which meeting was duly held and was attended throughout by a quorum, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law; and that the Resolution has not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken on the Resolution at said meeting, the following Trustees voted in favor thereof: _____
_____; voted against the same: _____
_____; abstained from voting thereon: _____; or
were absent: _____.

WITNESS my hand officially this _____ day of September, 2025.

School District Clerk

RESOLUTION RELATING TO UP TO \$130,000,000 IN
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL
BUILDING BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND
PRIVATE NEGOTIATED SALE THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of High School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana (the “High School District”), as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The electors of the High School District at a mail ballot election duly called, noticed and held on September 9, 2025, authorized this Board to sell and issue general obligation school building bonds of the High School District in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$240,000,000.00, for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of addressing student safety, deficient facilities, and developing contemporary, appropriate, and safe high school learning and athletic environments, to include (i) demolishing the existing Helena High School building and designing, constructing, furnishing, and equipping a new Helena High School building in replacement thereof, along with associated improvements, including constructing new student job training Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructional spaces configured to enhance student/staff safety and security by being attached to the main building; incorporating various features into the new Helena High School building, including a secure and visible main entrance for students and the community, an auxiliary gymnasium, performing arts space, a central kitchen, and instructional space for the Project for Alternative Learning (PAL); making site improvements, including an instructional and playing field complex (football/track and field) and parking and traffic flow enhancements; and related improvements and costs, including, but not limited to, transition costs; and (ii) demolishing portions of the existing Capital High School building and designing, constructing, equipping, and furnishing improvements to portions of the Capital High School building and campus, including constructing new student job training Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructional spaces configured to enhance student/staff safety and security by being attached to the main building; constructing improvements to the Capital High School building, including secure main student entrances, an auxiliary gymnasium, expanded student commons and cafeteria spaces, improvements to general academic areas, and updated performing arts space; making site improvements, including reconfiguring parking spaces and points of access and reconfiguring and updating athletic and instructional playing fields (football/track and field); and related improvements and costs (collectively, the “Project”); and paying costs associated with the sale and issuance of the bonds.

The District has determined at this time to proceed with the process to sell and issue an initial series of general obligation school building bonds of the District (the “Bonds”) to finance a portion of the costs of the Project and pay costs of issuing the Bonds. The District intends to proceed at a later date with the issuance of one or more series of additional bonds under the bond election authority.

The indebtedness to be evidenced by the Bonds and all other indebtedness of the High School District does not exceed the limitation set forth in Section 20-9-406, M.C.A.

Section 2. Sale of Bonds; Bond Purchase Agreement. Pursuant to Montana Code Annotated, Sections 20-9-430 and 17-5-107, this Board hereby determines that it is in the best

interests of the High School District to sell the Bonds through a negotiated sale (i.e., a private sale). D.A. Davidson & Co., headquartered in Great Falls, Montana (the “Purchaser”), will serve as underwriter of the Bonds.

The Bonds shall be sold on terms and at a purchase price within the following limitations:

- (1) underwriter’s discount shall not exceed 0.375% of the principal amount of the Bonds, exclusive of original issue premium or discount;
- (2) the principal amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$130,000,000¹;
- (3) the true interest cost (TIC) of the Bonds shall not exceed 5.50%;
- (4) the Bonds shall first be subject to optional redemption on a date that is not later than one-half their term, with such date currently expected to be the tenth (10th) anniversary of July 1, 2026; and
- (5) the term of the Bonds shall not exceed 30 years.

All costs of issuing the Bonds (including, without limitation, underwriter’s discount, the fees and expenses of bond counsel, rating agency fees, bond insurance fees (if any), the fees of the paying agent and registrar, and dissemination agent, the Preliminary and final Official Statement costs, Depository Trust Company fees, CUSIP costs, continuing disclosure report costs, printing costs, and other miscellaneous expenses) shall be paid by the High School District.

The Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, and one member of the Board designated by the Board are hereby authorized and directed to approve the principal amounts, purchase price, maturity dates, basic and additional interest rates, original issue discount and premium, redemption provisions, and conditions pertaining to the purchase and sale of the Bonds, subject to the limitations contained above in this Section 2. Upon approving such terms, the Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, and the designated Board member are hereby authorized and directed to approve, execute and deliver a bond purchase agreement (the “Bond Purchase Agreement”), containing the agreement of the High School District to sell, and the agreement of the Purchaser to purchase, the Bonds on the terms so approved, and containing such other provisions as such officers shall deem necessary and appropriate. In the event of the absence or disability of any of the Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, or the designated Board member, another member of this Board shall make such approvals and execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement. The execution and delivery by not less than two appropriate officers of the High School District of the Bond Purchase Agreement shall be conclusive as to the approval of such officers of the terms of the Bonds and the agreement of the High School District to sell the Bonds on such terms in accordance with the provisions thereof.

¹ This resolution applies only to the Bonds issued pursuant to this resolution. It does not apply to any subsequent series of authorized but unissued bonds to be issued by the District. Thus, if a series of bonds in addition to the Bonds is issued under the bond election authority, as is expected, such subsequent series of bonds will not be governed by this resolution.

Section 3. Form. The form of the Bonds and the security therefor shall be prescribed by a subsequent resolution to be adopted by this Board.

Section 4. Preliminary Official Statement. The Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, and the designated Board member and other officers of the High School District, in cooperation with D.A. Davidson & Co., as underwriter, and Dorsey & Whitney LLP, as Bond Counsel, are hereby authorized and directed to prepare a Preliminary Official Statement to be distributed by the Purchaser to potential purchasers of the Bonds. Each of the Board Chair, the Superintendent, the Business Services Administrator, and the designated Board member (or in the event of the absence or disability of any of them, another member of this Board) is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the High School District to approve the Preliminary Official Statement, and to deem it a “final” official statement as of its date in accordance with Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, and following such approval, to authorize the Purchaser to distribute the Preliminary Official Statement.

Section 5. Continuing Disclosure. To permit the Purchaser and other participating underwriters in the primary offering of the Bonds to comply with paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12, the High School District will covenant and agree, for the benefit of the registered holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the outstanding Bonds, to provide annual reports of specified information and notice of the occurrence of certain events.

Adopted: September 24, 2025.

Chair of the Board of Trustees

School District Clerk

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

Item VI.B.7.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review of Agenda
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Item Title: **Item For Action**
7. Letter of Determination Alternative Project Delivery Helena High School

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

Demolition and New Construction: Helena High School

Helena Public Schools, Montana

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18-2-502. Alternative project delivery contract -- authority -- criteria. (1) Subject to the provisions of this part, a state agency or a governing body may use an alternative project delivery contract. A state agency or governing body that uses an alternative project delivery contract shall:

(a) demonstrate that the state agency or the governing body has or will have knowledgeable staff or consultants who have the capacity to manage an alternative project delivery contract;

(b) clearly describe the manner in which:

(i) the alternative project delivery contract award process will be conducted; and

(ii) subcontractors and suppliers will be selected.

(2) Prior to awarding an alternative project delivery contract, the state agency or the governing body shall determine that the proposal meets at least two of the sets of criteria described in subsections (2)(a) through (2)(c) and the provisions of subsection (3). To make the determination, the state agency or the governing body shall make a detailed written finding that:

(a) the project has significant schedule ramifications and using the alternative project delivery contract is necessary to meet critical deadlines by shortening the duration of construction. Factors that the state agency or the governing body may consider in making its findings include, but are not limited to:

(i) operational and financial data that show significant savings or increased opportunities for generating revenue as a result of early project completion;

(ii) demonstrable public benefits that result from less time for construction; or

(iii) less or a shorter duration of disruption to the public facility.

(b) by using an alternative project delivery contract, the design process will contribute to significant cost savings. Significant cost savings that may justify an alternative project delivery contract may derive from but are not limited to value engineering, building systems analysis, life cycle analysis, and construction planning.

(c) the project presents significant technical complexities that necessitate the use of an alternative delivery project contract.

(3) The state agency or the governing body shall make a detailed written finding that using an alternative project delivery contract will not:

(a) encourage favoritism or bias in awarding the contract; or

(b) substantially diminish competition for the contract.

PER THE MCA 18-2-502

Code Provision (1) (a)—*A state agency or governing body that uses an alternative project delivery contract shall: demonstrate...that (it) has or will have knowledgeable staff or consultants...to manage an alternative delivery contract;*

Response: Helena Public Schools has engaged a professional project management consulting firm with extensive alternative project delivery experience to manage the projects in collaboration with School District Administration.

Code Provision (1) (b)—*A state agency or governing body that uses an alternative project delivery contract shall: clearly describe the manner in which: the alternative project delivery contract award process will be conducted; and subcontractors and suppliers will be selected.*

Response: Procurement of all services shall be done following open public procurement processes available to all qualified contractors following Montana statute. Following the required two-stage approach, a Request for Qualifications will be used to short-list qualified competitors using a scoring system to rate: 1) Relevant Experience, 2) Proposed Staff, 3) Safety and 4) Bonding Capacity. The Owner-selected Selection Committee will score and rank Statements of Qualifications against scoring criteria stated in the RFQ.

Short-listed competitors will then prepare a response to a subsequent detailed Request for Proposal. The RFP's will then be judged and ranked by the Selection Committee against scoring criteria which will be stated in the RFP. Formal presentations by the competitors may be held to further clarify capabilities and address Selection Committee questions. The most highly ranked respondent will be awarded the contract.

Competitors will be strongly encouraged to seek the most competitive, qualified subcontractors and local providers in order to provide the best overall value to the Owner following Montana Procurement Provisions under Title 18.

Code Provision (2) *Prior to awarding an alternative delivery contract, the state agency or governing body shall determine that the proposal meets at least two of the sets of criteria described in subsections (2)(a) through (2)(c) and ...subsection (3)...the governing body shall make a detailed written finding that:*
(a) the project has significant schedule ramifications and the alternative project contract is necessary..
(c) the project presents significant technical complexities that necessitate the use of an alternative project contract.

Response:

Schedule Ramifications/:

The Alternative Project Delivery offers the fastest delivery schedule by allowing design, materials procurement and permitting to occur in a fast-track manner speeding overall delivery to meet obligations. This project has significant schedule ramifications for a public facility. The project is to have substantial completion and occupancy by Fall 2028. This delivery option will ensure that the project schedule is adhered to.

Less or a shorter duration of disruption of a public facility:

By engaging a GC/CM firm(s) early, with ability to work with the A/E firm, it is anticipated that the GC/CM will provide positive impact to maintaining a stringent project schedule. This delivery offers cost certainty and schedule adherence over Design-Bid-Build by combining the talents of the designers and GC/CM firms, and focusing them on the best design and constructability solutions, and within available funds and time frame. Within weeks of being selected the GC/CM will validate the Owner's schedule as adequate, or recommend budget/schedule adjustments if needed. Further, value engineering will be implemented during the design phases, wherein the GC/CM will work with the design team to propose alternate solutions with favorable cost and schedule results. This relationship will promote and foster a strong working relationship between the design firm, GC/CM and Owner team.

The project presents significant technical complexities considering demolitions and procurement that necessitate the use of an alternative delivery project contract. The project is significant to the community as an academic and athletic facility.

Code Provision (3) *The state agency or governing body shall make a detailed written finding that use of an alternative delivery project contract will not: Encourage favoritism or bias...or diminish competition...*

Response: The procurement methodology employed by the Owner is specifically designed to encourage the broadest competition possible, and encourage aggressive pricing competition and scheduling throughout this process. The Selection Committee will be further instructed to carefully evaluate all submittals against stated selection criteria and award the contracts based on the best overall value to the Owner.

Helena Public Schools

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

Item VI.B.8.

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Item Title: **Item For Action**
8. Letter of Determination Alternative Project Delivery Capital High School

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

Demolition and New Construction: Capital High School Addition and Renovation

Helena Public Schools, Montana

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(2) Prior to awarding an alternative project delivery contract, the state agency or the governing body shall determine that the proposal meets at least two of the sets of criteria described in subsections (2)(a) through (2)(c) and the provisions of subsection (3). To make the determination, the state agency or the governing body shall make a detailed written finding that:

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PER THE MCA 18-2-502

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Response: Helena Public Schools has engaged a professional project management consulting firm with extensive alternative project delivery experience to manage the projects in collaboration with School District Administration.

Code Provision (1) (b)—*A state agency or governing body that uses an alternative project delivery contract shall: clearly describe the manner in which: the alternative project delivery contract award process will be conducted; and subcontractors and suppliers will be selected.*

Response: Procurement of all services shall be done following open public procurement processes available to all qualified contractors following Montana statute. Following the required two-stage approach, a Request for Qualifications will be used to short-list qualified competitors using a scoring system to rate: 1) Relevant Experience, 2) Proposed Staff, 3) Safety and 4) Bonding Capacity. The Owner-selected Selection Committee will score and rank Statements of Qualifications against scoring criteria stated in the RFQ.

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Helena Public Schools

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

Item VI.B.9.

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Item Title: **Item For Action**
9. Letter of Determination Alternative Project Delivery Kessler Elementary School

Board Action	1st Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Other
Hathhorn					
McKee					
Satre					
Murnane Butcher					
Cleatus					
Walsh					
Armstrong					

Demolition and New Construction: Kessler Elementary School

Helena Public Schools, Montana

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Code Provision (3) *The state agency or governing body shall make a detailed written finding that use of an alternative delivery project contract will not: Encourage favoritism or bias...or diminish competition...*

Response: The procurement methodology employed by the Owner is specifically designed to encourage the broadest competition possible, and encourage aggressive pricing competition and scheduling throughout this process. The Selection Committee will be further instructed to carefully evaluate all submittals against stated selection criteria and award the contracts based on the best overall value to the Owner.

Helena Public Schools

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Item VI.C.1.

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

☐ Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

☐ Review of Agenda

☐ Sabbatical Presentation

☐ Superintendent's Report

☐ General Public Comment

☐ Consent Action Items

☐ Items For Action

☒ Item For Information

☐ Board/Superintendent Comments

☐ Adjournment

Item Title: Item For Informtion
1. Overview of Bond Issuance Timeline and Procedures: Bridget Ekstrom, Managing Director, Public Finance Banker, D.A. Davidson & Co.

Helena Elementary and High School Districts

General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2025

➤ PRELIMINARY FINANCING TIME SCHEDULE ◀

SEPTEMBER 2025						
SU	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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DECEMBER 2025						
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28	29	30	31			

DATE	ACTION	PARTY
September 9	• Bond Elections Pass! The 60-day window before we lock rates will end on November 8	Districts
September 24	• BOARD MEETING – The Board adopts Resolutions Authorizing Issuance of the Bonds as prepared by Dorsey & Whitney as Bond Counsel (DW) that names the Bond Finance Committee	All
October 1	• Send first Draft Preliminary Official Statement (POS) to the Districts and Dorsey for Review (Comments back by October 8)	DAD
October 9	• Send second Draft POS for Review • Review Moody’s Rating/Insurance Power Point Presentation, POS, Bond Resolution and Due Diligence Checklist (Bond Finance Committee) (1:00-2:30)	DAD DAD/District
October 10	• Distribute Insurance and Rating Information (Draft POS, Audit Reports and Budget) to Moody’s and Insurers to commence insurance and rating process	DAD
October 14	• BOARD MEETING – Bond Update	All
October 27	• Hold Moody’s Rating Meeting from (1:00-2:30) (Bond Finance Committee) and analysts from the Moody’s)	Districts/DAD
November 3	• Receive Moody’s Bond Ratings and Insurance Quotes	Districts/DAD
November 4	• Bond Finance Committee – Bond Issue Update and Review of Municipal Bond Insurance quotes (if applicable) (7:30-8:00 am)	Districts/DAD
November 5	• Print and Distribute POS/Marketing Materials to prospective investors • Send Tombstone Bond Advertisement announcing the Bond purchase opportunity to <i>The Independent Record</i> and other publications	DAD/Districts DAD/Districts
November 10	• Bond Issue Preliminary Pricing Meeting to discuss Bond Market and Bond information with Bond Finance Committee (1:00-2:30)	DAD/Districts
November 11	• BOARD MEETING – Bond Update	All
November 19	• Update Meeting of Bond Issue Pricing to discuss Bond Market and Bond information with Bond Finance Committee (1:00-2:00)	DAD/Districts
November 20	• OFFER Bonds to Individual Investors, Banks, and Other Purchasers • Bond Finance Committee Finalizes Bond Rates/Terms with DAD (1:00) • Execute Bond Purchase Agreement (BPA) (1:00) • Distribute Final Financing Schedules to all Parties	DAD DAD/Districts DAD/Districts DAD
December 2	• Distribute Closing Documents • Distribute Closing Instructions • Coordinate Investment of Proceeds	DW DAD Districts
December 9	• BOARD MEETING - Board adopts final Bond Resolutions	All
December 18	• Closing/Delivery of Bond Proceeds	All

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Item VII.

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

☐ Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

☐ Review of Agenda

☐ Sabbatical Presentation

☐ Superintendent's Report

☐ General Public Comment

☐ Consent Action Items

☐ Items For Action

☐ Item For Information

☒ Board/Superintendent Comments

☐ Adjournment

Item Title: Board/Superintendent Comments

HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting

Item VIII.

Meeting Date: 9/24/2025

☐ Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

☐ Review of Agenda

☐ Sabbatical Presentation

☐ Superintendent's Report

☐ General Public Comment

☐ Consent Action Items

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☐ Board/Superintendent Comments

☒ Adjournment

Item Title: Adjournment