



**Superintendent**

Rex Wertz  
324-2001

**Business Manager**

Sam Holman  
324-2040

## **Board of Trustees Special Board Meeting**

Lincoln Center  
1325 Poplar St., Helena, MT 59601  
and on Teams

**Friday, January 16, 2026**  
12:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE – Present unless otherwise noted.**

Jenny Murnane Butcher,  
Trustee  
Kay Satre, Trustee  
Siobhan Hathhorn, Trustee  
Linda Cleatus, Trustee  
Janet Armstrong, Trustee  
Keith Meyer, Trustee  
Jennifer Walsh, Trustee  
Rex Wertz, Superintendent  
Todd Verrill, Facilities Director  
Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent  
Gary Myers, Director of Educational  
Technology  
Keri Mizell, Human Resources Director  
Jane Shawn, HEA President  
Shane Swandal, Hulteng CCM, Inc.  
Kaitlyn Hess, Assessment and Federal Programs Director  
Taylor Lassiter, Communications Specialist  
Many HSD staff members  
Guests of the Public  
Representatives from Slate, RTA, and Langlas

**I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Vice Chair Jennifer Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m., and the Board participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

The Board of Trustees reviewed the agenda and there were no suggested changes.

The Board of Trustees moved on to hear general public comment.

**III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no general public comment, and the Board of Trustees moved on to New Business.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Item For Action**

**1. Approve Committee Recommendation of Langlas as Capital High School GC/CM**

Mr. Todd Verrill, Facilities Director, presented the action item requesting Board approval of the committee’s recommendation to award the Capital High School addition and renovation General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM) contract to Langlas and Associates. He reported that six firms responded to the RFQ/RFP process, with a seven-member committee selecting three finalists for interviews held on January 13. Following the interviews, Langlas and Associates was recommended for the project. Mr. Verrill noted Langlas’ strong reputation and extensive experience with Helena Public Schools and districts across the state. Representatives from Langlas were present to answer questions from the Board.

Board Vice Chair Jennifer Walsh commented, “At this point, I would entertain a motion for the following action item: *Approve Committee Recommendation of Langlas as Capital High School GC/CM.*”

**Motion:** Trustee Keith Meyer moved to approve the action item, *Approve Committee Recommendation of Langlas as Capital High School GC/CM*. Trustee Kay Satre seconded the motion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Vote:** 7-0; motion carries unanimously.

That concluded the Item for Action, and the Board of Trustees moved on to hear final Board and Superintendent comments.

**V. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

During final comments, Superintendent Weltz thanked the design teams, GC/CMs, and owners' representatives for their efforts over the past few months and highlighted the upcoming special work session to review design progress.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Vice Chair Jennifer Walsh adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

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Candice Delvaux, Recording Secretary

Date