

Board Executive Committee Meeting
May Butler Center
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS
- II. 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.*
- III. Minutes
 - 2-13-2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (See Attached)
- IV. Review of the 3-13-18 Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda (See Attached)
- V. Board Comments
- VI. Adjournment

Board Executive Committee Meeting
May Butler Center
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



Minutes

Attendance

Sarah Sullivan, Board Chair
Terry Beaver, Vice Chair

Others Present

Tyler Emmert, Trustee
Jack Copps, Superintendent
Greg Upham, Assistant Superintendent
Alison O'Neil, Executive Assistant

- I. **CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS** Sarah Sullivan called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.
- II. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tyler Emmert, Trustee, commented that given that Activities Transportation was on the agenda for that evening's Board Work Session, he had been looking into School Transportation costs for the district. He said that what the district pays is very high compared to Great Falls, which is similar in size and has two high schools, like Helena. He said that the Great Falls district's bus costs are significantly lower. Sarah Sullivan, Chair, noted that the Board would need more information about Great Falls' transportation contract to come to any conclusions.

Tyler Emmert stated that he just wanted the Board to be careful about overstating the district's savings with the new transportation issue on the Board Work Session agenda. Greg Upham, Assistant Superintendent, noted that Activity Transportation comes out of a different fund than regular School Transportation. Emmert responded that he had not realized that, but according to the Office of Public Instruction website, Helena pays \$1.5 million for transportation while Great Falls pays \$950,000. Sarah Sullivan said that to really understand the reasons for the discrepancy in costs, someone would need to call Great Falls and get a rundown of how their transportation differs from Helena's transportation.

Jack Copps, Superintendent, said that transportation costs depend a great deal on how the town is laid out and how many routes there are, and that may account for the differences, especially with the valley and East Helena. Greg Upham noted that it also depends on the population density of the outer sections of a district and that the density of students in the far north valley require extended routes, which adds cost. Copps stated that he would guess that Helena has more routes than Great Falls, but that he would look into it.

Tyler Emmert said that if Helena could get its transportation costs more in line with Great Falls, the subsequent decrease in taxes could help to offset the increase in taxes from the new nonvoted levies. Terry Beaver, Vice Chair, noted that Helena transports students within the city as well and that he did not know if Great Falls did that. The law only requires the district to transport students who live three miles or more away from the school, but Helena transports students within that distance when there is space. Greg Upham said that it costs about \$48,000 per route and that they need to look into the number of routes, the number of students, the length of the routes, and the additional routes for Special Education students that the district is required to transport to get an idea of how the transportation costs come out.

Jack Copps noted that the district is saving money by using cheaper activities buses rather than coaches. Tyler Emmert said that they should compare activities transportation costs between Helena and Great Falls and see if they are similar. The Board continued to discuss possible reasons for the discrepancy in transportation costs between Helena and Great Falls.

Sarah Sullivan said that they would need to do further research into school transportation in Great Falls to come to any conclusions and asked if that was something the Budget and Program Committee would be interested in discussing. Tyler Emmert said that it would. Sullivan said she would bring the issue to Janelle Mickelson, the Business Services Administrator, and have her research it. Jack Copps said that Jim Opitz, the Activities Director, would be speaking at the Board Work Session that evening and would be giving a run-down of some of the activities transportation costs as well.

Tyler Emmert said that the Budget and Program Committee was also looking into the potential ramifications of a new high school in East Helena at their next meeting. Sarah Sullivan commented they should think about discussing that at a regular board meeting, as that would be a good way of getting information about the potential ramifications into the newspapers and out to the public. The Board briefly discussed potential consequences of a new East Helena high school.

III. Minutes

- 2-13-2018 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes: No changes were made, and the minutes were approved.

- IV. Review of the 2-27-18 Board Work Session Agenda. The Board reviewed the agenda. Greg Upham stated that at the Board Work Session he would go over the rationale for the dates on the draft of the 2018-2019 Calendar. He noted that East Helena generally adopts the Helena district calendar. Upham also stated that he did not believe students would have to make up the ice day that caused schools to close at the end of the school year. He said that the state gives the district one emergency day to use a year, and the district will use that rather than making up the day.

- V. Board Comments. None.

- VI. Adjournment With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.



Superintendent
Jack Copps
324-2001

Business Manager
Janelle Mickelson
324-2040

Board of Trustees Meeting

Ray Bjork Learning Center
1600 8th Avenue

Tuesday March 13, 2018
5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

III. RECOGNITIONS

1. Isaac Romero: Two-Time State Wrestling Champion
2. Speech and Debate State Champions and National Competitors
 - a. Capital High School: Lea Hohenlohe (Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking), Grace Bender (Worlds School Debate)
 - b. Helena High School: Daniel Ruether-Affor (Congressional Debate), James Blanchard (World Schools Debate), Christopher Bokovoy (World Schools Debate), Gunter Roylance (World Schools Debate)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Items for Action** (*The Board of Trustees will accept Public Comment on the Following Items*):
 - a. Approval of Minutes (See Attached)
 1. Board Meeting 1-9-2018
 2. Board Meeting 2-13-2018
 3. Special Board Meeting 2-21-2018
 - b. 2018-2019 Calendar Approval
 - c. Rossiter Safety & Security Upgrades
 - i. Recommended contractor, Beason Enterprises, Base Bid, \$427,582
 - d. CRA Re-roof
 - i. Recommended contractor, Summit Roofing, Base Bid Area 3 & Alt #1 Areas 8 & 11, \$307,697
 - e. HHS Re-roof
 - i. Recommended contractor, Summit Roofing, Base Bid Areas 3 & 5, \$415,420
 - f. Helena School District No. 1, Lewis and Clark County Resolution to Dispose of Personal Property (See Attached)

2. Consent Action Items

- a. Personnel Actions (See Attached)
- b. Approval of Out-of-District Attendance Agreements (See Attached)

3. Reports

- a. Budget & Program Committee Report
- b. Policy Committee Report
- c. Facilities & Maintenance Report
- d. Health Benefits Committee Report
- e. Montana School Boards Association Report
- f. Helena Education Association Report
- g. Student Representative Reports

4. Bond / Project Update

5. Board Comments

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Next regular board meeting April 10, 2018