



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 – Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 12th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Committee *Others*

Luke Muszkiewicz, Chair	Rex Weltz, Superintendent
Siobhan Hathhorn, Vice Chair	Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology
Jennifer McKee, Committee Member	Brian Cummings, Assistant Superintendent
	Stacy Collette, Human Resources Administrator
	Janelle Mickelson, Business Office Administrator
	Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff
	Karen Ogden, Communications Officer
	Joslyn Davidson, HEA President
	Jane Shawn-HEA President

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Luke Muszkiewicz, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

No changes were requested to the executive committee meeting agenda.

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

IV. REVIEW OF MINUTES

Minutes from the 09.14.21 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed and approved.

V. REVIEW OF 10.12.21 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The committee reviewed the agenda for the 10.12.21 board meeting and discussed that the board meeting would take place in the gym at Central Elementary beginning at 5:30 p.m. There is also an option to join the meeting via TEAMS. The link to the TEAMS meeting is embedded within the agenda, and accessible on our Helena Public Schools website.

The committee discussed that the agenda would be light tonight, which is a reflection of needing to focus on all the work it takes to start the year and run our schools as we are surviving a very difficult time in this pandemic. Our county case numbers are very high, test positivity is very high, hospitalizations are high, we are struggling through the worst of this delta wave, and that has had an impact on our schools. That takes a lot of extra time for everyone to deal with. The committee discussed looking forward to some substantial board meetings in November, December, and January. The committee discussed that although the agenda may be light, there is a lot of operational movement just to keep the district going and the goal is to keep students in school five days a week.

The committee reviewed the new business section of the agenda, and the consent action items. Vice Chair Siobhan Hathorn commented regarding the approval of out of district attendance agreement. How does the out of district attendance numbers compare to last year or years past?

Janelle Mickelson, Business Office Administrator replied. It's in line with what we normally do. Most of them come from Clancy, Montana City, and that area.

The committee then reviewed the different reports on the agenda that would be presented at the board meeting.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

Board Chair Luke Muszkiewicz commented. Barb, the work that you and our nurses are doing around testing and providing rapid tests to our students and staff, is such a big deal and I am so thankful. You are keeping kids, our staff, and their families safe; and you are also keeping kids in school. I can't imagine how much work it involves. Thank you very much.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.