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7 **Regular Board Meeting**

8 **April 9, 2013**

9 **7:00 p.m.**

10 **Music Center Choir Room**

11 **1. Opening of meeting – call to order – present – salute to flag:**

12 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the  
13 Music Center Choir Room. Cathi Cook led in the pledge of allegiance. Trustees present were  
14 Kirk Thompson, Gary Burgett, Sheila Schiwal, Tim Schreiber, Kevin Beller and Penny Bertram.  
15 Greg Trangmoe was not present. Tim Schreiber left at 7:40 p.m. Superintendent David Whitesell,  
16 Jaclyn Mavencamp Brian Gum, Nate Frye and Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele were present.

17 **2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings (Regular 3/12/13; Special: 3/28/13):**

18 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments  
19 on the March 12, 2013, minutes as presented. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

20 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments  
21 on the March 28, 2013, minutes as presented. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

22 **3. Approval of Claims:**

23 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the  
24 claims or students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims in the amount of  
25 \$152,335.39 starting with claim #27280 and ending with claim #27375 and students' account in  
26 the amount of \$19,053.21. After comments about some of the claims, Kirk Thompson made a  
27 motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Gary Burgett seconded the  
28 motion. All voted aye.

1 **4. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment:**

2 **Public Comment:**

3 There was no public comment.

4 **Board Comment:**

5 Kevin Beller told the Board and the audience there will be a be showing of the boy's state  
6 championship game this Friday night to anyone who would like to watch the game. Kevin told the  
7 Board they will be collecting a food donation for Pantry Partners at that time.

8 **5. Ravalli County Elections Office Request – Regina Plettenberg(Clerk Recorder):**

9 Regina Plettenberg told the Board she was here tonight to see if the county could hold the  
10 county election here at the school district. Regina told the Board she has looked at the facility and  
11 would like to use the Elementary gym to hold the election. After comments from the Board on the  
12 parking, what will happen to the PE class that day and the traffic on Philip Street, the Board told  
13 Regina the district could make this happen for her. Regina told the Board she will go back and  
14 present this to the county commissioner for their approval and then come back to school to fill out  
15 the facility use paperwork.

16 **6. Business: Items for Action**

17 **A. Items for Action:**

18 **a. Approve Coaching Resignation – Keith Chambers:**

19 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district has received a resignation  
20 letter from Keith Chambers as the High School boy's head basketball. Cathi told the Board that  
21 Keith has been the coach for the last 22 years. Gary Burgett made a motion to approve the  
22 resignation letter form Keith Chambers as presented. Kirk Thompson seconded the motion. All  
23 voted aye.

24 **b. Approve Elementary Learning through the Arts – M. Weatherly:**

25 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board that Marina Weatherly was here  
26 tonight to request money for next year for her Learning Through the Arts program. Marina gave  
27 a power point presentation to the Board about their program here at the district and requested  
28 another \$10,000.00 for next year. After comments from the Board on how it was funded in the

1 past, how much money is in the Endowment fund, that the district is only supposed to use the  
2 interest made on the principal of the endowment fund and other funding sources that could be  
3 used to fund the program, Kirk Thompson made a motion to approve the Elementary Learning  
4 Through the Arts program for the 2013-2014 year. Sheila Schiwal seconded the motion. Cathi  
5 Cook, Kirk Thompson, Gary Burgett, Sheila Schiwal and Kevin Beller voted aye. Penny Bertram  
6 could not vote.

7 **c. Approve Open Gym Contract Adjustment – C. Johnson:**

8 Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board the open gym supervisor has had the  
9 same stipend for the last 20 years. David told the Board he has talked to Mike Mickelson, the  
10 Adult Ed director, and has decided to put this under the Adult Ed program and at their pay rate of  
11 \$25.00 per hour. After comments from the Board about the open gym program, how many hours  
12 and what days does the program have for open gym and if this position will have a contract, Kirk  
13 Thompson made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 pay increase of \$25.00 per hour for 21/2 per  
14 hours for a total of 23 Sunday days per year for this year and subsequent years. Sheila Schiwal  
15 seconded the motion. Cathi Cook, Kirk Thompson, Sheila Schiwal, Kevin Beller and Penny  
16 Bertram voted aye. Gary Burgett vote nay.

17 **d. Approve Interagency Transportation Agreement – Stevensville Schools &**  
18 **Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative:**

19 Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board they need to approve this agreement every  
20 year. David told the Board this agreement allows the Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative to  
21 operate their preschool bus in our district. Kirk Thompson made a motion to approve this  
22 transportation agreement as presented. Sheila Schiwal seconded the motion. Cathi Cook, Kirk  
23 Thompson, Gary Burgett, Sheila Schiwal, and Kevin Beller voted aye. Penny Bertram could not  
24 vote.

25 **e. First Reading for Adoption of New and Revised Policies:**

- 26 i. Policy #4000 – Goals
- 27 ii. Policy #4120 – Public Relation
- 28 iii. Policy #4222 – Fund Raising by School Support Groups (Delete)

- 1 iv. Policy #4301 – Visitors to Schools
- 2 v. Policy #4310 – Public Comments and Suggestions
- 3 vi. Policy #4310P – Uniform Grievance Procedure (Delete)
- 4 vii. Policy #4313 – Disruption of School Operations
- 5 viii. Policy #4315 – Spectator Conduct and Sportsmanship of Athletic and Co-
- 6 Curricular Events
- 7 ix. Policy #4316 – Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities (New)
- 8 x. Policy #4320 – Contact with Students
- 9 xi. Policy #4321 – Distribution of Fund Drive Literature through Students
- 10 xii. Policy #4330 – Community Use of School Facilities

11 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on these  
 12 policies that are up for first reading. After a comment from the Board on policy #4330, David  
 13 told the Board he will have Joe Brott from MTSBA look at this policy. Gary Burgett made a  
 14 motion to approve the first reading of these polices as presented. Kirk Thompson seconded the  
 15 motion. All voted aye.

16 **f. Out of District Enrollment – Elementary District**

17 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on these  
 18 Elementary out of district students. Kirk Thompson made a motion to approve the Elementary  
 19 out of district students as presented. Sheila Schiwal seconded the motion. Cathi Cook, Kirk  
 20 Thompson, Gary Burgett, Sheila Schiwal and Kevin Beller voted aye. Penny Bertram could not  
 21 vote.

22 **7. Items for Information:**

23 **a. Facility Report:**

24 Supervisor Jim Chisholm updated the Board on the punch lists the district has for the new  
 25 buildings. Jim talked about the cracks and the separation of some of the tiles and cement floors in  
 26 the new buildings. Jim told the Board that SWANK Enterprises will be looking at that situation  
 27 and he will have more information for them in the near future. Jim also told the Board all the base  
 28 boards have been glued and the dry well between the 4-8 building and the Music Center is done.

1           **b. Student Representative Report:**

2           Christopher Driemeyer told the Board there is a lot of students' events and programs that  
3 are happening here at the district. Christopher talked about the Jacket fair the school will be  
4 having in the near future. Christopher told the Board the Lone Rock 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be here at  
5 the school to have a tour of the High school so they become familiar with the school as incoming  
6 freshman. Christopher told the Board the ski club trips to Lost Trails ski resort are done for the  
7 year and they average 40 skiers per trip for 14 weeks this year. Christopher also told the Board  
8 the student led conference will be here at the district in a few weeks. After comments from the  
9 Board about the success of the Junior Prom here at the district and how they will select the  
10 student representative for the board next year, Cathi moved onto the next agenda item.

11           **c. Superintendent Report:**

12           Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board the district has a grievance on article 12.4  
13 in the teachers' contract and he has rendered his decision to that grievance. David talked about  
14 the climate survey the district will be putting out to the staff and that those results will be shared  
15 with the resource committee and the Board. David also told the Board there was only one petition  
16 turned in for the two board positions and the district will not be able to cancel the election until  
17 after the deadline for write-in candidates.

18           Superintendent David Whitesell turned the floor over to Brian Gum and Jaclyn  
19 Mavencamp.

20           High School Principal Brian Gum talked about the student led conferences the High  
21 School students will be having in the next few weeks. Brian told the Board the high school has  
22 enrolled eight new students the last few weeks. Brian talked about all the testing that is being  
23 done at the Junior High and High school. Brian also talked about this year's summer school  
24 session that will start in June.

25           Elementary principal Jaclyn Mavencamp talked about all the things happening at the  
26 Elementary school. Jaclyn told the Board they have enrolled six new students in the last few  
27 weeks. Jaclyn also told the Board there will be an Elementary concert on May 1, 2013.

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**a. Enrollment**

Cathi told the Board they have updated enrollment numbers in their packet.

**b. Fingerprint Background Checks:**

There is no new fingerprint this month.

**c. Wrestling Program Startup and Operating Costs**

Superintendent David Whitesell handed out a spread sheet with startup cost and the ongoing cost of the wrestling program for the district. David talked about the cost of the program and the ongoing cost. After comments from the Board on the cost of the program, if the district will need to have more buses to transport students to all the sporting events, if the district is going to have to offer another girls sport and if the district is going to have enough facility space for the wrestling program, David told the Board this is information for them to look at and that the district will have a recommendation on the wrestling program to offer or not to offer in the near future.

**8. Adjourn:**

Kirk Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheila Schiwal seconded the motion. All voted aye

Board Chairman: Cathi Cook  
Date: 5-14-13  
School Board Clerk: William F. Schiele