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7 **Regular Board Meeting**

8 **December 10, 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. Cathy Cook led in the pledge of allegiance. Trustees present were  
14 Gary Burgett, Roger Bardsley, Kirk Thompson, Tim Schreiber, Penny Bertram and Kevin Beller.  
15 Greg Trangmoe was not present. Superintendent David Whitesell, Brian Gum, Jaclyn Mavencamp,  
16 Nate Fry and Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele were present.

17 **2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings (Regular 11//12/13):**

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

21 **3. Approval of Claims:**

22 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the  
23 claims or students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims in the amount of  
24 \$235,521.18 starting with claim #28235 and ending with claim #28245 and students' account in  
25 the amount of \$35,121.16. After comments about some of the claims, Gary Burgett made a  
26 motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Kirk Thompson seconded the  
27 motion. All voted aye.

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

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

1           **Board Comment:**

2           There was no board comment.

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4   **5. Business: Items for Action**

5           **A. Approve Recommendations for Substitute Teacher Positions**

6           Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board that Dr. Kirk Crews will be taken off the  
7 list of subs to be approved tonight. Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have  
8 any questions on the two substitutes that are up for approval. Gary Burgett made a motion to  
9 approve the substitutes as presented. Kirk Thompson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

10           **B. Approve Elementary Out of District Enrollment Requests:**

11           Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on any of the  
12 Elementary out of district students. After comments from the Board on a few of the students,  
13 Kirk Thompson made a motion to approve the Elementary out of district students as presented.  
14 Tim Schreiber seconded the motion. Kirk Thompson, Cathi Cook, Tim Schreiber and Kevin  
15 Beller vote aye. Gary Burgett and Roger Bardsley voted nay. Penny Bertram could not vote.

16           **C. Approve High School Out of District Enrollment Requests:**

17           Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the High  
18 School out of district student. After a comment about the student, Kirk Thompson made a motion  
19 to approve the out of district student as presented. Tim Schreiber seconded the motion. All  
20 voted aye.

21           **D. Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**

22           i. BP #6000 – Goals

23           ii. BP #6110 & 6110P(P) – Superintendent

24           iii. BP #6121 – District Organization

25           iv. BP #6122 – Delegation of Authority

26           v. BP #6140 – Duties and Qualifications of Administrative Staff other than Superintendent

27           vi. BP #6141 – Employment Restrictions for Administrative Personnel

28           vii. BP #6310 – Internships

1           viii. BP #6410 – Evaluation of Administrative Personnel

2           ix. BP #6420 – Professional Growth and Development

3           x. BP #1515 – Organization

4           Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on these  
5 policies that are up for second and final reading. After comments from the Board on why some of  
6 the language is highlighted in yellow, what the “R” means next to the policy number and that  
7 policy # 6210 is in their packet but not on the agenda, Gary Burgett made a motion to approve the  
8 policies as presented except for policy #6210 that was not on the agenda. Kirk Thompson  
9 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

10           **E. Leave of Absence Request: C. Middlemas**

11           Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience as Chairwoman of the  
12 Stevensville School board and according to Montana Code 2-3-203 that she determined that the  
13 demands of the individual privacy clearly exceeds the merit of public disclosure and Cathi closed  
14 the meeting. Cathi reopened the meeting and Kirk Thompson made a motion to approve the leave  
15 of absence for Christine Middlemas for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year as presented.  
16 Gary Burgett seconded the motion. Gary Burgett, Roger Bardsley, Kirk Thompson, Cathi Cook,  
17 Tim Schreiber and Kevin Beller voted aye. Penny Bertram could not vote.

18           **F. Approve Hire of HS SPED Para-professional – S. Yazvac**

19           Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board they only received two applications for this  
20 position. David told the Board the best candidate is Steve Yazvac. After comments from the  
21 Board if a background check has been done on this person and if the district knows why the  
22 district only received two applications for this position, Gary Burgett made a motion to hire Steve  
23 Yazvac as a High School para-professional as presented. Kirk Thompson seconded the motion.  
24 All voted aye.

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26           **8. Items for Information:**

27           **A. Student Council Representative’s Report**

28           Michael Bradt, the student representative, talked about the upcoming events for the

1 students at the district. Michael talked about the SWAG program at the district and how that  
2 program works. Michael updated the Board on the monthly assemblies and the food drive at the  
3 district. Michael also told the Board they have raised enough money to purchase a water bottle  
4 station at the High School.

5 **B. Transportation Report**

6 Paul Ludington, the bus supervisor, told the Board he would like to replace the 2006 travel  
7 bus with a new bus. Paul told the Board the price will be between \$170,000.00 and \$190,000.00.  
8 Paul also told the Board he would like to have seat belts on this bus. After comments from the  
9 Board on how many seats this new bus will have, are there seat belts on the old bus, will the  
10 district require the students to wear the seat belts, if the district should have a policy to enforce the  
11 wearing of seat belts, will there be cameras on this new bus, where would the money come from  
12 for this purchase and does the district need to go out for bid for the purchase of the bus, the  
13 trustees agreed to have seat belts on this bus and gave Paul permission to move forward with the  
14 purchase of the bus and to bring a cost back to the Board for approval

15 **C. Resource Committee Report:**

16 Tim Schreiber talked about the MOU that was approved at the last Board meeting and told  
17 the Board the district has received 3 letters of intent to retire at this time. Tim told the Board the  
18 committee also talked about running a building reserve levy or a general fund levy. Tim also  
19 talked about the 7-12 configurations here at the district and that the school improvement team will  
20 be meeting to discuss this concept and the possibility of having a middle school model here at the  
21 district.

22 **D. Facilities Committee Report:**

23 Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board the facility meeting that was scheduled for  
24 Monday was cancelled due to the weather. David told the Board the meeting has been  
25 rescheduled and they will be talking about the sinking of the floor in the Music Center building.

26 **E. Finance Committee Report:**

27 **F. Negotiations Committee Report:**

28 Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board the district is working on a new date with

1 the teachers union to negotiate.

2 **G. Principals Reports:**

3 Brian Gum talked about the High School dropout rate and told the Board it went from  
4 2.7% last year to .05% this year. Brian talked about the High School and Junior High School  
5 tutorial program at the school. Brian also told the Board that winter sports and wrestling is off and  
6 running.

7 Jaclyn Mavencamp talked about the events that will be happening throughout the holidays.  
8 Jaclyn talked about the curriculum, testing and the testing windows at the district. Jaclyn went  
9 over the test scores that were in the trustee's packet. After comments from the Board on if the new  
10 test will replace the old test, if the new test scores will have anything to compare to, how to take  
11 this information and use it to improve the test scores and if the district should have a special board  
12 meeting to go over all the test results in their packet, Cathi moved onto the next administrator  
13 report.

14 Nate Fry told the Board things are going well at the distinct and the district is looking at  
15 ways to make things more positive for the students by letting them wear their hats until they get to  
16 their lockers or their class room.

17 **H. Superintendent's Report**

18 Superintendent David Whitesell updated the Board on the SRO position. David told the  
19 Board the City of Stevensville interviewed 5 applicants and they have offered the position to one  
20 of those applicants and that position will start December 23, 2013. David talked about the  
21 possibility of investing the district money through a private bank instead of having the county  
22 invest the school districts money. David also told the Board there was an error with the October  
23 ANB count that caused an error in the amount of direct state aid the district will be getting. David  
24 told the Board they will need to approve the corrected budget amendment at the January board  
25 meeting.

26 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board she would like to call for a special board  
27 meeting to discuss a personnel issue with the superintendent for next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. The  
28 Board set the meeting for Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

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**Adjourn:**

Kirk Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Beller seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Board Chairman: Cathy Cook.

Date: 1/14/14.

School Board Clerk: William F. DeHiele.