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7 **Regular Board Meeting**

8 **January 14, 2014**

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 Gary Burgett, Roger Bardsley, Kirk Thompson, Penny Bertram and Kevin Beller. Greg  
15 Trangmoe and Tim Schreiber were not present. Superintendent David Whitesell, Brian Gum,  
16 Jaclyn Mavencamp and Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele were present.

17 **2. Approval of minutes of previous meetings (Regular 12//10/13: Specials: 12/17/2013,**  
18 **01/06/2014):**

19 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments  
20 on the December 10, 2013, minutes as presented. After questions about why the subs names that  
21 are up for approval are not listed in the minutes and on page 4, line 25 it should read “sinking and  
22 cracking of the floor and floor tiles, the minutes were passed by unanimous consent with the  
23 changes. Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or  
24 comments on the December 17, 2013, minutes as presented. After a comment about adding the  
25 sentence that the board is dysfunctional at this time and that board members should not meet with  
26 the superintendent to discuss certain issues without the whole Board being present, the minutes  
27 were passed by unanimous consent with the change. Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the  
28 trustees if they had any questions or comments on the January 6, 2014, minutes as presented. The  
minutes were passed by unanimous consent with the changes.

1 **3. Approval of Claims:**

2 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the

1 claims or students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims in the amount of  
2 \$123,991.94 starting with claim #28246 and ending with claim #28336 and students' account in  
3 the amount of \$32,029.86. After comments about some of the claims, Roger Bardsley made a  
4 motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Penny Bertram seconded the  
5 motion. All voted aye.

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

7 **Public Comment:**

8 Stacey Sager told the Board she was here tonight to talk about the comment in the paper  
9 about having a fundraiser at the Blacksmith Brewery for Key Club. Stacy read a letter stating the  
10 facts about the fundraiser and that no money was raised from the selling of any alcohol. Gary  
11 Brooks, the teacher union president, also voiced the union concerns about the letter the Board  
12 received on the Superintendent and how the Board handled the letter.

13 **Board Comment:**

14 There was no board comment. Superintendent David Whitesell introduced the new SRO  
15 officer Kelly Manson. After comments from the Board on the duties of the SRO, what is her  
16 schedule here at the school and if she will be at the all games, Cathi moved onto the next agenda  
17 item.

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19 **5. Staff Recognition: Presidential Academic Award for Excellence in Math Teaching – T.**

20 **Johnson**

21 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook thanked Tammy Johnson for all the work she has done  
22 here at the district. Cathi presented Tammy with a plaque.

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

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

26 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on Nevie  
27 Stevens, Michelle Dietrich or Ronika Kendall that are up for approval. Gary Burgett made a  
28 motion to approve the teacher substitutes as presented. Kevin Beller seconded the motion. All

1 voted aye.

2 **B. Approve JH Coaches**

3 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district needs to hire Junior High  
4 coaches for girls' basketball and track. Cathi told the Board the coaches are as followed. Terry  
5 Rosin for 7th grade girls basketball, Lyn Gallik for 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl's basbetball, Cory Johnson for  
6 head boys track, Terry Rosin for head girls track and Lyn Gallik for assistant track coach. Gary  
7 Burgett made a motion to approve the Junior High coaches as presented. Roger Bardsley  
8 seconded the motion. Gary Burgett, Roger Bardsley, Kirk Thompson, Cathi Cook and Kevin  
9 Beller vote aye. Penny Bertram could not vote.

10 **C. Approve H.S. Drama Coach – B. Green**

11 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the hiring  
12 of Bonnie Green as a High School drama coach. Gary Burgett made a motion to hire Bonnie  
13 Green as a High School drama coach as presented. Penny Bertram Beller seconded the motion.  
14 All voted aye.

15 **D. Accept Letters of Resignation**

- 16 i. Custodian – J. Roberson
- 17 ii. TOSA &A.D. – K. Chambers

18 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district has received a  
19 resignation letter from Jim Roberson as a custodian. Roger Bardsley made a motion to approve  
20 the resignation letter from Jim Roberson as presented. Gary Burgett seconded the motion. All  
21 voted aye.

22 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district has received a resignation  
23 letter from Keith Chambers as a teacher and athletic director. Kirk Thompson thanked Keith for  
24 an outstanding job here at the district. Brian Gum told the Board that Keith has been selected to  
25 be the AD of the year within the districts conference. Kirk Thompson made a motion to approve  
26 the resignation letter from Keith Chambers as presented. Gary Burgett seconded the motion. All  
27 voted aye.

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1           **E. Approve Recommendation to Hire Elementary Sped. Paraprofessional – S. Boaz**

2           Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district needs to hire an Elementary  
3 paraprofessional to replace Judith Kelly who resigned in the fall. Gary Burgett made a motion to  
4 hire Sunny Boaz as presented. Roger Bardsley seconded the motion. Gary Burgett, Roger  
5 Bardsley, Kirk Thompson, Cathi Cook and Kevin Beller vote aye. Penny Bertram could not vote.

6           **F. Approve Elementary Out of District Enrollment Requests**

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

12           **G. Approve High School Out of District Enrollment Requests**

13           Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the High  
14 School out of district students. After a comment about a student, Penny Bertram made a motion  
15 to approve the out of district student as presented. Kirk Thompson seconded the motion. All  
16 voted aye.

17           **H. Approve Ski Club Out-of-State Trip M. Hurd**

18           Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the ski club would like to go to Silver  
19 Mountain ski resort again this year but they need Board approval since the ski area is in Idaho.  
20 Cathi turned the floor over to Mark Hurd, the ski club advisor. Mark talked about the ski club and  
21 everything they do as a club. Mark told the Board the club would like to go to Silver Mountain  
22 ski resort again this year but it will be two days instead of one day. Mark told the Board the kids  
23 have raised all the money for the trip. After comments from the Board on how many students will  
24 be going this year, how many chaperones will be going, why are they leaving on Thursday instead  
25 of Friday and who will be providing transportation for the trip, Penny Bertram made a motion to  
26 approve the trip to Silver Mountain ski resort. Kirk Thompson seconded the motion. All voted  
27 aye.

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1           **I. Petition of Permission to Adopt a Resolution for a Budget Amendment - \$31,301.62**  
2           **(High School District)**

3           Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board because of the error in the October ANB  
4 count the district is only eligible to do a budget amendment for direct state aid in the amount of  
5 \$31,301.62 instead of the original amount of \$34,145.89. David told the Board in order for the  
6 district to receive the additional direct state aid they need to do a budget amendment for that  
7 dollar amount. Gary Burgett made a motion to approve the High School budget amendment as  
8 presented. Kirk Thompson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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10          **8. Items for Information:**

11           **A. Facility Committee Report – Music Flooring**

12           Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board the facility committee has met and looked  
13 at the sinking and cracking of the floor and floor tiles in the hallway of the music center. David  
14 also told the Board there is a place in the choir room where the floor is doing the same thing.  
15 David told the Board that Paul Bishop will get in contact with SWANK about this issue. After  
16 comments from the Board on why SWANK did not fix the problem in the hallway when it was  
17 first noticed, when will the repair get done and what is covered under warranty, Cathi moved onto  
18 the next agenda item.

19           **B. Resource Committee Report – Dec. Meeting**

20           Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board the resource committee met in December.  
21 David told the Board the committee discussed several issues like the configuration of the 7-12 and  
22 the letters of intent to retire for this school year. David also told the Board the resource  
23 committee talked about combining the resource committee and the finance committee. After  
24 comments about combining the two committees into one, Cathi moved onto the next agenda item.

25           **C. Student Council Representative's Report**

26           Michael Bradt, the student representative, talked about the upcoming events for the  
27 students at the district. Michael talked about the January assembly here at the district, the goals  
28 for this new year, the SWAG program at the district and that the students are working on getting

1 another grant for another water bottle station.

2 **D. 7-12 Principal Report**

3 **i. Graduation Matters Update**

4 **ii. School-wide Student Incentive Program (SIP)**

5 **iii. Scheduling Process**

6 **iv. New Para-educator & SPED Teacher Interview Process**

7 **v. FAFSA Night – Jan. 13, 2014**

8 **vi. MHSA Proposals**

9 Brian Gum updated the Board on the Graduation Matters Program here at the district.  
10 Brian told the Board the district is looking at going to a six period day instead of a seven period  
11 day next year. Brian talked about the interview process they did for the High School  
12 paraprofessional that was hired tonight. Brian also told the Board the FAFSA night was a great  
13 success for the district. Brian and David talked about the MHSA proposals and the things that  
14 could change for next year. After comments from the Board on the proposed proposals for  
15 MHSA and who makes that vote for the district, Cathi moved onto the next agenda item.

16 **E. K-6 Principal & Curriculum Assessment Reports**

17 **i. Enrollment Update**

18 **ii. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Hire update**

19 **iii. Benchmark Assessment**

20 **iv. Spring Testing a& Curriculum update**

21 **v. Montana Core Standards**

22 **vi. Ravalli County Curriculum Consortium (RCCC) Update**

23 Jaclyn Mavencamp updated the Board on the K-6 enrollment and told the Board the  
24 enrollment is holding steady at this time. Jackie updated the Board on the hiring of a 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
25 teacher that will replace a teacher that is out on medical leave for the rest of the year. Jaclyn  
26 updated the Board on the Benchmark assessment, the spring testing here at the district, the  
27 Montana Core Standards and the district curriculum program.

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1           **F. Clerk’s Report**

2                   **i. Major Funds Status**

3                   **ii. County Commissioner Meeting re: County Treasurer**

4           Business Manager Bill Schiele updated the Board on the fund status of all the funds. Bill  
5 also updated the Board on the county commissioner meeting about the county treasurer and what  
6 they are doing to resolve the situation at the county.

7           **G. Superintendent’s Report**

8                   **i. Update on Recording Policy**

9                   **ii. School Resource Office Update**

10                  **iii. School Improvement Team**

11                  **iv. Dept. of Commerce Grant Status**

12                  **v. District Goals**

13                  **vi. Quarterly Workers’ Comp Claims**

14                  **vii. Enrollment**

15           Superintendent David Whitesell told the Board he has given them the minutes that talks  
16 about recording board meetings along with policy#1420 that talks about the recording of board  
17 meetings. David talked about the SRO program here at the district and told the Board this  
18 program is off to a good start. David told the Board the school improvement team has met and  
19 they are coming up with some recommendations for the board to consider about the 7-12  
20 configuration here at the district along with a middle school concept for the district. David  
21 updated the Board on the status of the department of commerce grant and told the Board they are  
22 moving forward with that process. David told the Board he has given them a report on the  
23 districts workers claims for the last quarter. David also talked about the district enrollment and  
24 told the Board it is holding steady at this time. David told the Board a trustee asked to have a  
25 discussion about district goals for the district. After comments from the Board on how to go  
26 about getting some goals for the district, to have each trustee make a short list of goals they would  
27 like to talk about and to make this an agenda item so the Board can take some kind of action on  
28 the proposed goals, Cathi moved onto the next agenda item.

1 Cathi asked the Board if they had any more questions or comments at this time. Kirk  
2 Thompson told the Board the county is replacing a bridge on Willoughby Lane and asked if the  
3 district will need to change the bus route. David told the Board he has not heard anything about  
4 the replacement of that bridge but will ask Paul tomorrow about the bridge and if the district  
5 needs to change the bus route.

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7 **Adjourn:**

8 Kirk Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Penny Bertram seconded the  
9 motion. All voted aye.

10 Board Chairman: Cathi Cook.

11 Date: 2/11/14.

12 School Board Clerk: William F. Schiele.

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