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7 **Special Board Meeting**

8 **May 5, 2015**

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 special board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in
13 the Music Center Choir Room. Cathi Cook led in the pledge of allegiance. Trustees present were
14 Dawn Shinn, Roger Bardsley, Chris Berthoud, Greg Trangmoe, Tim Schreiber, Penny Bertram and
15 Kevin Beller. Superintendent David Whitesell, Brian Gum, Nate Fry and Business Manager/Clerk
16 Bill Schiele were present.

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18 **2. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment:**

19 **Public Comment:**

20 There was no public comment.

21 **Board Comment:**

22 Tim Schreiber told the Board he has received a card and Tim read the card. The card was
23 from Brenda SerVoss, an Elementary teacher, thanking the Board for the flowers.

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

25 **A. Discuss/Decision: Administration Letter of Resignation**

26 **i. Nate Fry – Assistant Principal/Athletic Director**

27 **ii. David Whitesell – Superintendent**

28 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district received a resignation letter
from Nate Fry as the High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director on April 16, 2015. Cathi
told the Board that Nate has since submitted another letter asking to rescind his resignation letter.
Cathi asked Nate if he still wanted to rescind his resignation letter of April 16, 2015. Nate told
the Board he would like to rescind that resignation letter. Cathi asked if one of her fellow board

1 members would please make a motion to not accept the resignation of Nate Fry as Vice Principal
2 and Activities Director for Stevensville High School and have him remain as Vice Principal and
3 Activities Director for Stevensville High School for the 2015-2016 school year. Greg Trangmoe
4 made a motion to not accept the resignation of Nate Fry as Vice Principal and Activities Director
5 for Stevensville High School and have him remain as Vice Principal and Activities Director for
6 Stevensville High School for the 2015-2016 school year. Dawn Shinn seconded the motion.
7 After comments from the Board on the two motions and why Nate has decided to withdraw his
8 resignation letter, the board voted on the motion. All voted aye.

9 Cathi told the Board that in light of Mr. Fry's request that his resignation be considered
10 withdrawn and that he remain employed by the district and in light of the motion to not accept the
11 resignation passing by a vote of 8-0, Cathi told the Board that she wanted to be clear that Mr. Fry
12 will remain an employee of the District. Cathi told the Board this is Mr. Fry's third year of
13 employment and in accordance with Montana law, unless any non-tenured teacher, including
14 principals, receives written notice of re-election or termination by June 1st, the employee is
15 deemed to be automatically re-elected for the ensuing year and that a teacher or principal is
16 considered tenured in Montana upon the offer and acceptance of a contract of the fourth
17 consecutive year of employment. Cathi told the Board that she just wanted to make sure that
18 everyone is clear on this. Cathi asked the Board if they have any questions at this time. There
19 were no questions.

20 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district received a resignation letter
21 from David Whitesell as the district superintendent. Cathi told the Board that Dave has accepted
22 a job with the Arlee school district. Greg Trangmoe made a motion to approve the resignation
23 letter from David Whitesell as presented. Dawn Shinn seconded the motion. All voted aye.

24 **B. Discuss/Decision: Administrator Rehires**

25 **i. Jackie Mavencamp – Primary School Principal/District Curriculum &**
26 **Assessment Coordinator**

27 **ii. Tracey Rogstad – Middle School Principal**

28 **iii. Brian Gum – High School Principal**

1 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the hiring
2 of Jackie Mavencamp for the 2015-16 school year. After a comment from the Board on if
3 negotiations have been completed for Jackie, Greg Trangmoe made a motion to hire Jackie
4 Mavencamp for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Tim Schreiber seconded the motion.
5 Dawn Shinn, Roger Bardsley, Greg Trangmoe, Chris Berthoud, Cathi Cook, Tim Schreiber and
6 Kevin Beller voted aye. Penny Bertram could not vote.

7 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the hiring
8 of Tracey Rogstad for the 2015-16 school year. Greg Trangmoe made a motion to hire Tracey
9 Rogstad for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Tim Schreiber seconded the motion. Dawn
10 Shinn, Roger Bardsley, Greg Trangmoe, Chris Berthoud, Cathi Cook, Tim Schreiber and Kevin
11 Beller voted aye. Penny Bertram could not vote.

12 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the hiring
13 of Brian Gum for the 2015-16 school year. Greg Trangmoe made a motion to hire Brian Gum for
14 the 2015-16 school year as presented. Kevin Beller seconded the motion. All voted aye.

15 Roger Bardsley congratulated Brian on the award he received. Brian told the Board he
16 received an award as the administrator of the year from the Montana State Student council.

17 **C. Discuss/Decision: Supervisor Rehires**

18 **i. Paul Ludington – Transportation Supervisor**

19 **ii. Jim Chisholm – Maintenance/Custodian Supervisor**

20 **iii. Paula Johnson – Hot Lunch Supervisor**

21 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the hiring
22 of Paul Ludington for the 2015-16 school year. Greg Trangmoe made a motion to hire Paul
23 Ludington for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Dawn Shinn seconded the motion. All
24 voted aye.

25 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the hiring
26 of Jim Chisholm for the 2015-16 school year. Greg Trangmoe made a motion to hire Jim
27 Chisholm for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Dawn Shinn seconded the motion. All voted
28 aye.

1 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the hiring
2 of Paula Johnson for the 2015-16 school year. Greg Trangmoe made a motion to hire Paula
3 Johnson for the 2015-16 school year as presented. Dawn Shinn seconded the motion. All voted
4 aye.

5 **D. Discuss/Decision: Superintendent Search**

6 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board this will be her third superintendent
7 search she has gone through and the district has used MTSBA once and Kaleva Law office once.
8 Cathi told the Board she feels that MTSBA has more experience with superintendent searches and
9 her recommendation is for MTSABA even if they are more expensive. Dawn Shinn also told the
10 Board she feels that MTSBA has more experience in the superintendent search and her
11 recommendations is also to go with MTSAB. After comments from the Board and the audience
12 on the two proposals, the difference in the proposal and the cost of the two proposals, Tim
13 Schreiber made a motion to accept the proposal from Kaleva Law office as presented.
14 Kevin Beller seconded the motion. Roger Bardsley, Greg Trangmoe, Tim Schreiber, Penny
15 Bertram and Kevin Beller voted aye. Dawn Shinn, Chris Berthoud and
16 Cathi Cook voted nay.

17 Cathi told the Board they will discuss the superintendent search in more detail at the May
18 12, 2015 board meeting.

19 Cathi told the Board they have received a level four grievance which is at the board level.
20 Cathi told the Board that she will be appointing an appeal committee to hear the grievance and
21 they will report back to the board. Cathi told the Board she will be contacting the board members
22 who she has selected to the committee by phone.

23 **5. Adjourn:**

24 Dawn Shinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Trangmoe seconded the motion.
25 All voted aye.

26 Board Chairman: Cathi Cook.

27 Date: 5/12/15.

28 School Board Clerk: William F. Schiele.