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7 **Special Board Meeting**

8 **October 14, 2014**

9 **6:00 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 6:00 p.m. in
13 the Music Center Choir Room. Cathi Cook led in the pledge of allegiance. Trustees present were
14 Dawn Shinn, Greg Trangmoe, Penny Bertram and Kevin Beller. Roger Bardsley, Chris Berthoud
15 and Tim Schreiber were not present. Superintendent David Whitesell, Brian Gum, Nate Fry and
16 Business Manager/Clerk 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 There was no board comment.

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

24 **A. Expulsion Hearing for Students “A”**

25 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience as Chairwoman of the
26 Stevensville School board and according to Montana Code 2-3-203 that she determined the
27 demands of the individual privacy clearly exceed the merit of public disclosure and closed the
28 meeting.

Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook reopened the meeting and told the audience the parent
and student have waived their right for the closed meeting and the meeting will be open. Cathi
explained the procedure the Board will follow for this meeting.

High School vice-principal, Nate Fry, explained to the Board and the audience the

1 circumstances that happened on that day. Nate told the Board he received a call from a teacher
2 that they found some bullets on the floor of their classroom. After discussion with the teacher it
3 was determined that Cole Hudson was sitting in the desk. Nate told the Board he talked to the
4 student and he admitted that they were his bullets that were on the classroom floor. Nate notified
5 High School principal Brian Gum that Cole had violated his attendance agreement and Brian told
6 Cole he was suspended at that time. After comments from the Board and the audience on the
7 events that happened that day, why this student was not parking on school campus, it has only
8 been two weeks from his last incident with the guns and why there was not better communication
9 between the school and the parents about Cole's behavior and grades at school, Dawn Shinn made
10 a motion to permanently expel Cole for the remainder of 2014-2015 school year but for Cole to
11 petition the school board in August to re-enter into the district for the 2015-2016 school year.
12 Greg Trangmoe seconded the motion. After a comment from the audience if the Board can expel
13 Cole if he has already withdrawn from school, the Board voted on the motion. All voted aye.

14 **4. Adjourn:**

15 Kevin Beller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawn Shinn seconded the motion.
16 All voted aye.

17 Board Chairman: Cathy Cook
18 Date: 11/11/14
19 School Board Clerk: William F. Schiele

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