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7 **Special Board Meeting**

8 **September 24, 2014** **7:30 p.m.** **Middle School Conference Room**

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

10 Madam Chairwoman Cathi Cook called the board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the
11 Middle School Conference Room. Cathi Cook led in the pledge of allegiance. Trustees present
12 were Dawn Shinn, Roger Bardsley, Chris Berthoud, Tim Schreiber and Kevin Beller. Greg
13 Trangmoe and Penny Bertram were not present. Superintendent David Whitesell, Brian Gum,
14 Nate Fry and Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele were present.

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

16 **Public Comment:**

17 There was no public comment.

18 **Board Comment:**

19 There was no board comment.

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

21 **A. Discuss/Decision: High School Student “A” Expulsion Hearing**

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

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

1 Superintendent David Whitesell explained to the Board the process the district followed
2 and that this student has been suspended since the incident.

3 Brian Gum, the High School principal, told the Board this student is a good student and he
4 has not been in trouble in the past. Brian told the Board the student is not a threat to the district or
5 to other students. Brian told the Board the district is requesting that this student return to school
6 but to have this student on a behavioral contract. The student parent, Dave Hudson explained to
7 the Board why the guns were in the truck and that his son's education is very important to him.
8 Dave Hudson told the Board he will make sure if his son returns to school he will have his son
9 drive a different truck to school. The student, Cole Hudson, apologize to the Board for what
10 happen and that he will make sure there will be no guns in any vehicle that he drives to school.
11 After comments from the Board about the incident and that is a very serious violation of the
12 school policy, what kind of behavioral contract will the student have, that this student needs to
13 talk to other student about what happened and if the students suspension time is long enough for
14 his actions, Tim Schreiber made a motion to let the student return to school under a behavioral
15 contract and to have his suspended time as time served for his actions. Roger Bardsley seconded
16 the motion. All voted aye.

17 **4. Adjourn:**

18 Tim Schreiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Berthoud seconded the
19 motion. All voted aye.

20 Board Chairman: Cathy Cook.

21 Date: 10-14-14.

22 School Board Clerk: William F. Schuele.

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