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Regular Board Meeting

September 8, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Music Center Choir Room

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

Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Center Choir Room. Cathi led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Sarah Armijo, Billy Donaldson and Michele Fauth. Greg Trangmoe and Lucas McCormick were not present. Superintendent Bob Moore, Brian Gum, Tracey Rogstad, Jessica Shourd, Nate Fry, Eric Larson, Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele and Assistant District Clerk Samantha Mewes were present.

2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

A. Regular: August 11, 2020

B. Special: August 19, 2020

Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the minutes from the regular board meeting that was held on August 11, 2020 presented. Cathi Cook pointed out a spelling error of MHSA on page 3, line 10. Billy Donaldson made a motion to approve the August 11, 2020 regular board meeting minutes with the change. Michele Fauth seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the minutes from the special board meeting that was held on August 19, 2020. Sarah Armijo made a motion to approve the August 19, 2020 special board meeting minutes. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

3. Approval of Claims:

Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has July claims in the amount of

1 \$10,841.10 starting with claim #37020 and ending with claim #37022, August claims in the
2 amount of \$1,004,419.01 starting with claim #37023 and ending with claim #37098 and students'
3 accounts in the amount of \$6,240.23. There were no questions or comments on claims. Sean
4 Lenahan made a motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Billy
5 Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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

7 **Public Comment:**

8 There was no visitor/public comment.

9 **5. Consent Agenda:**

10 **A. Resignations:**

- 11 **i. Colleen Cooper-Vanosdell-HS Science**
- 12 **ii. Karen Darnall-Kitchen Staff**

13 **B. Employment: (employment recommendations are subject to a successful background check)**

- 14 **i. Ryan Hansen-HS Social Studies Teacher**
- 15 **ii. Samantha Mitchell-HS Art Teacher**
- 16 **iii. Loren Hochhalter-HS Asst. Football (Prior Approval as Volunteer)**
- 17 **iv. Jeff Umland-MS Asst. Football Coach**
- 18 **v. Christopher Clark-Volunteer Boys' Soccer**
- 19 **vi. Billie Dimsha-Kitchen Staff**
- 20 **vii. Velnetta Cameron- Kitchen Staff**
- 21 **viii. Substitute List**

22 Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they would now approve the consent agenda
23 items. Cathi asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda
24 items. Cathi asked the Board if there were any consent agenda items they would like to remove
25 from the list. There were no items to be removed. Cathi told the Board the consent of any
26 trustee pertains only to the items they have the authority to decide on and if there is no objection
27 the agenda items will be adopted by unanimous consent. There was no objection and the consent
28 agenda items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

30 **A. Interagency Transportation Agreement with BVEC**

31 Superintendent Bob Moore explained to the Board that this is a regular yearly agreement.

1 After a few questions from the Board about if the rules on the bus were the same and when the
2 start date was, Billy Donaldson made a motion to approve the interagency transport agreement
3 with BVEC. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. Cathi Cook, Billy Donaldson, Sarah Armijo,
4 Ben Meyer and Sean Lenahan voted aye. Michele Fauth could not vote.

5 **B. Board Member Resignation**

6 Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board Lucas McCormick has submitted a resignation
7 letter to the Clerk of the Board. Bob explained that the Board would have to approve the
8 resignation before an open position can be declared. Sarah Armijo made a motion to approve the
9 resignation of Lucas McCormick. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

10 **C. Declaration of Open Board Position**

11 Superintendent Bob Moore explained that since the resignation of Lucas McCormick was
12 approved, the Board would now need to declare an open board position. Sean Lenahan made a
13 motion to declare an open position on the Board. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. All voted
14 aye.

15 **D. Timeline for Board Candidate Interviews**

16 Superintendent Bob Moore explained the process and timeline for board candidate
17 interviews. Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved on to the next item on the agenda.

18 **E. Substitute Pay Scale Adjustment**

19 Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board that after a discussion about substitute pay
20 during his Valley Superintendent meeting, he is recommending an increase in substitute pay to
21 keep the district in-line with other schools in the valley. Bob explained the different pay rates to
22 the Board. Bob recommended to the Board to increase the substitute teacher pay to \$90/day for
23 substitutes that participate in training and \$85/day for substitutes who do not. Sean Lenahan made
24 a motion to approve the teacher substitute pay increase. Michele seconded the motion. All voted
25 aye.

26 Superintendent Bob Moore recommended that the classified substitute pay be increased to
27 \$80/day for substitutes that participate in training and \$75/day for those who do not. Sean
28 Lenahan made a motion to approve the classified substitute pay increase. Billy Donaldson

1 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

2 **F. Board Policy**

3 **i. First Reading and Adoption Title IX Policies 3210, 3225, 5010, and 5012**

4 Superintendent Bob Moore explained to the Board that because Title IX laws changed,
5 there was not enough time to get all of the first reading policies to a second reading. Bob
6 recommended to the Board that all the first readings be adopted tonight. Bob explained the
7 changes in the law and the new process for complaints. After some discussion, Billy Donaldson
8 made a motion to adopt first reading policies: 3210, 3225, 5010 and 5012. Michele Fauth
9 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

10 **ii. Second Reading Policies 1006FE, 1014FE, 1014FE-F1, 3550, 4320, 4410,**
11 **5232, 5328, 7260, 8225 and 8550**

12 Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board that the Policy Committee has already reviewed
13 these policies and since there are no changes, he is recommending the Board adopt the policies as
14 presented. Ben Meyer made a motion to adopt the second reading policies as presented. Sean
15 Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

16 **iii. Annual Review of Board policies 3300 and 3311**

17 Superintendent Bob Moore explained to the Board that there are no changes to these
18 policies, but they have to be reviewed on an annual basis, per Montana law. Bob told the board
19 they could elect to take no action and let the policy stand. The Board elected to take no action
20 and Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved on to the next agenda item.

21 **G. Out-of-District Enrollments:**

22 **i. Elementary**

23 Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the
24 Elementary out-of-district students as presented. After discussion about classroom size, Billy
25 Donaldson made a motion to approve the Elementary out-of-district students as presented. Ben
26 Meyer seconded the motion. Sean Lenahan, Billy Donaldson, Ben Meyer, Cathi Cook, Sarah
27 Armijo voted aye. Michele Fauth could not vote.

28 **ii. High School**

1 Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the High
2 School out-of-district students as presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the High
3 School out-of-district students as presented. Michele Fauth seconded the motion. All voted aye.

4 **H. Request for Letter of Support-Bitterroot Valley Community College**

5 Superintendent Bob Moore explained to the Board that the Bitterroot Valley Community
6 College wants to be independent from the University of Montana and would like a letter of
7 support from Stevensville Schools. After discussion from the Board and the understanding that a
8 draft of the letter would be provided to the Board before a final letter was sent, Ben Meyer made
9 the motion for the Superintendent to write a letter of support. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion.
10 All voted aye.

11 **7. Items for Information:**

12 **A. Administrative Report**

13 Superintendent Bob Moore talked about staff returning to campus, PIR days, enrollment,
14 class sizes in relation to COVID-19 and provided an update on the construction. After some
15 discussion from the Board, Vice Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved on to the next agenda item.

16 **8. Adjourn**

17 Michele Fauth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion.
18 All voted aye.

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20 Board Chairman: Original signed and in District Office.

21 Date: October 13, 2020

22 School Board Clerk: Original signed and in District Office.

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