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Continuation of Special Board Meeting

February 23, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Music Center Choir Room

1. Opening of meeting – Call to Order – Present – Salute to Flag:

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now continue the 2-17-2021 board meeting held in the Music Center Choir Room (Also Broadcast via Zoom). Cathi led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Michele Fauth, Billy Donaldson, Sarah Armijo, Kris McKoy and Nick Gerhard. Superintendent Bob Moore, Brian Gum, Tracey Rogstad, Jessica Shourd, Nate Fry, Eric Larson, Chance Edman and Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele were present.

2. Approval of Claims:

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims. Cathi told the Board the district has claims in the amount of \$992,840.21 starting with claim #37677 and ending with claim #37680. There were no questions or comments on claims. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

3. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment:

Board Comment:

There was no Board comment.

Public Comment:

There was no Public comment.

1 **4. Business: Items for Action:**

2 **A. Mask Mandate for Stevensville Public School**

3 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district has completed a survey and since the
4 Board has not seen the survey until now, they will be taking a 10 minute recess for the Board to
5 review the survey results. Superintendent Bob Moore talked about the reliability and the validity
6 of the survey that was done in a very short time line. Bob went over the results of the survey and
7 told the Board his recommendation is still the same and that is to have a mask order here at the
8 district to keep the employees and students safe and to keep the doors open here at the district.
9 Bob also told the Board there is HB 435 that is going through the legislative session that will limit
10 the liability to the schools but it will not be retroactive for any lawsuits that could be filed before
11 this becomes law. After comments from the Board and audience in attendance and by zoom on the
12 survey that was conducted by the school district, if other school districts that have lifted their mask
13 order are showing an increase or decrease in COVID-19 cases, if the survey will be a decision
14 maker or just another source of information for the board to consider in this decision, the duties of
15 a trustee and if teachers should be able to make the decision if the students should wear masks in
16 their class rooms, Ben Meyer made a motion to have a mask mandate until the end of the 2020-
17 2021 school year or until the school population gets vaccinated and the Ravalli County Public
18 Department recommends it is safe not to wear masks, whichever comes first. Michele Fauth
19 seconded the motion. Ben Meyer, Michele Fauth, Cathi Cook and Kris McKoy voted aye. Sean
20 Lenahan, Billy Donaldson, Sarah Armijo and Nick Gerhard voted nay. Motion failed.

21 After more comments from the Board on making a decision about wearing masks, Cathi
22 read policy 8301 that was adopted last October giving the superintendent the authority to make
23 decisions to keep the employees and students safe and to keep the doors open here at the district.
24 Cathi told the Board since they cannot come to a decision about wearing or not wearing masks, the
25 superintendent has the authority to make a decision for the district. Superintendent Bob Moore
26 told the Board his decision is to mandate a mask order to keep the employees and students safe and
27 to keep the doors open here at the district. After comments from the Board about not doing close
28 contact of students, Bob told the Board he will monitor the cases at the district and that he will do

1 his best to keep the doors open here at the district.

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3 **5. Adjourn:**

4 Ben Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion.

5 All voted aye.

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7 Board Chairman:_____.

8 Date:_____.

9 School Board Clerk: _____.

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