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8 **Regular Board Meeting**

9 **March 9, 2021**

10 **7:00 p.m.**

11 **Music Center Choir Room**

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

13 Chairwoman Cathi Cook called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Music  
14 Center Choir Room (Also Broadcast via Zoom). Cathi led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees  
15 present were Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Michele Fauth, Billy Donaldson, Sarah Armijo, Kris  
16 McKoy and Nick Gerhard. Superintendent Bob Moore, Brian Gum, Tracey Rogstad (Zoom),  
17 Jessica Shourd, Nate Fry, Eric Larson, Chance Edman (Zoom) and Business Manager/Clerk Bill  
18 Schiele were present.

19 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience they will have a moment of  
20 silence for the student that was killed in a car accident last Friday night.

21 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience this will be the last zoom  
22 meeting the Board will have and that all meetings will be in person starting next month.

23 **2. Approval of minutes**

24 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the  
25 regular board meeting minutes held on February 9, 2021 as presented. Sarah Armijo made a  
26 motion to approve the February 9, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Sean  
27 Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

28 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the  
special board meeting minutes held on February 17, 2021 and the minutes from the continuation  
of the February 17, 2021 meeting which was held on February 23, 2021 as presented. After a  
comment about if the Board will be getting updated on the COVID cases and about wearing  
masks here at the district, Cathi told the Board that will be covered under the superintendent

1 report. Michele Fauth made a motion to approve the February 17, 2021 minutes and the minutes  
2 from the continuation of the February 17, 2021 meeting held on February 23, 2021 as presented.  
3 Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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5 **3. Approval of Claims:**

6 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or  
7 students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims in the amount of \$226,874.55  
8 starting with claim #37682 and ending with claim #37768 and students' accounts in the amount of  
9 \$5,608.88. There were no questions or comments on claims or students' accounts. Sarah Armijo  
10 made a motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded  
11 the motion. All voted aye.

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13 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience they are going to be moving up  
14 agenda item #5 Student Recognition: Forensics/Drama at this time.

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16 **5. Student Recognition: Forensics/Drama**

17 Chairwoman Cathi Cook and the Board congratulated Alexzandera Miller, the High  
18 School Speech and Debate coach and the students for the great job they did at the State Speech,  
19 Drama and Debate competition. Cathi read the names of the students who participated and where  
20 they placed. Cathi also presented the students with a certificate of recognition from the district.

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

23 **Board Comment:**

24 Sean Lenahan thanked everyone for attending this meeting. Sean talked about the CDC  
25 latest news release about wearing masks.

26 **Public Comment:**

27 Audience members voiced their concerns about the COVID-19 situation here at the  
28 district and the mask mandate the district has in place. Audience members Alan and Terri Lackey

1 presented over 500 signed petitions asking the district to lift the mask mandate at the district.

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3 **6. Consent Agenda:**

4 **A. Employment:**

- 5 **i. Justin Cameron – 1.0 FTE Custodian**
- 6 **ii. Nate Kieres – Middle School Girls Basketball**
- 7 **iii. Andrea Mooney – Middle School Girls Basketball**
- 8 **iv. Mary Osler – HS Assist. Track**
- 9 **v. Clayton Curley – HS Assist. Track**
- 10 **vi. Alexzandera Miller – Drama (Play)**
- 11 **vii. Substitute List – Pending Background Checks**

12 **B. Resignations:**

- 13 **i. Pam Brown – HS Paraprofessional**

14 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now approve the consent agenda items.

15 Cathi asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items.

16 After a comment about how coaches are selected, Cathi asked the Board if there were any consent  
17 agenda items they would like to remove from the list. There were no items to be removed. Cathi  
18 told the Board the consent of any trustee pertains only to the items they have the authority to  
19 decide on and if there is no objection, the agenda items will be adopted by unanimous consent.

20 There was no objection and the consent agenda items were approved by unanimous consent.

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22 **7. Business: Items for Action**

23 **A. School Calendar 2021-2022**

24 Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board that Tracey Rogstad and the calendar  
25 committee had met and came up with a new school calendar for next year. Bob and Tracey went  
26 over the new school year calendar and the start and end date of the calendar. Bob also told the  
27 Board this calendar could change due to the construction here at the district. After comments  
28 from the Board on the new school year calendar, structured recess, why only one calendar option,  
why end the school year in the second week of June, if the school will go back to normal school  
hours next year and the new calendar format, Billy Donaldson made a motion to accept the new  
school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion.  
All voted aye.

**B. Summer School Proposal**

1 Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board that he has included a spreadsheet in their  
2 packet that outlines this year's summer school proposal. Bob went over that proposal and how  
3 the proposal will be funded. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions  
4 on the summer school proposal as presented. After comments from the Board on the summer  
5 school proposal, the time line for summer school and how many students does the district figure  
6 on having this summer, Nick Gerhard made a motion to authorize the summer school services  
7 pending the release of ESSER II funding with the final funding not to exceed \$80,000.00 without  
8 Board approval. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. All voted aye.

9 **C. Resolution of Estimates to Increase/Decrease Levies (20-9-116, MCA)**  
10 **i. Elementary School District**  
11 **ii. High School District**

12 Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board they need to approve SB 307 that shows any  
13 increases or decreases to the district mills for next year. Bob went over the increases and  
14 decreases in the Elementary and High School levies. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if  
15 they had any questions or comments on the Elementary resolution for SB 307 as presented. Ben  
16 Meyer made a motion to approve the increase in the Stevensville Elementary District levies as  
17 presented. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Billy Donaldson, Cathi  
18 Cook, Sarah Armijo, Kris McKoy and Nick Gerhard voted aye. Michele Fauth could not vote.

19 Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on the High School  
20 resolution for SB 307 as presented. After a comment from the Board and the audience about  
21 asking taxpayers for more money and not listening to them and how special education is funded,  
22 Billy Donaldson made a motion to approve the increase in the Stevensville High School levies as  
23 presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

24 **D. Retirement: Nate Fry – Middle School Assistant Principal**

25 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board that Nate Fry has submitted a retirement letter and  
26 that Nate will be retiring at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Cathi told the Board that Nate  
27 has 27 years in education with 9 of those years here at the district. Cathi thanked Nate for  
28 everything he has done for the district and that he will be missed. Sarah Armijo made a motion to  
accept the retirement letter from Nate Fry as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion.

1 Sean Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Michele Fauth, Billy Donaldson, Sarah Armijo, Kris McKoy and Nick  
2 Gerhard voted aye. Michele Fauth could not vote.

3 **E. Request to Open Contract Negotiations LIUNA**

4 Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board the district received a request to open  
5 negotiations with the LIUNA Local 1686 union. Bob told the Board this is for their information.

6 **F. Harlow's Bus Contract**

7 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the District's bus contract with Harlow's expires  
8 at the end of this school year. Cathi told the Board the district is looking at maybe taking over all  
9 the bus routes but with the construction and the COVID-19 situation here at the district, there has  
10 been no time to do that. Bob went over the one year extension contract. After comments from  
11 the Board on the one year contract and who would be driving the school activity buses under this  
12 contract, Michele Fauth made a motion to accept the one year contract extension for student  
13 transportation service with Harlow's School Bus Service Inc. of Montana. Sarah Armijo  
14 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

15 **G. Out-of-District Enrollments**

- 16 **i. Elementary**  
17 **ii. High School**

18 Vice-Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the  
19 Elementary out-of-district students as presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the  
20 Elementary out-of-district students as presented. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. . Sean  
21 Lenahan, Ben Meyer, Michele Fauth, Billy Donaldson, Sarah Armijo, Kris McKoy and Nick  
22 Gerhard voted aye. Michele Fauth could not vote.

23 There were no High School out-of-district enrollments this month.

24 **H. Employment of Assistant Tennis Coach – Tentative**

25 Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board the district does not have a recommendation for  
26 the assistant tennis coach at this time.

27 **I. Obsolete Materials – Elementary Library**

28 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the library  
materials disposal list as presented. Sarah Armijo made a motion to dispose of the School District

1 library materials as obsolete, undesirable or unsuitable for school purpose as presented. Kris  
2 McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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#### 4 **8. Items for Information**

##### 5 **A. Student Representative Report**

6 Jessica Bradford, the student representative, went over the events that have already  
7 happened and the events that will be happening in the next few weeks.

##### 8 **B. Superintendent Report**

9 Superintendent Bob Moore updated the Board on the construction and remodel of the  
10 district's facilities. Bob updated the Board on the ESSER II funding and the legislative session  
11 going on in Helena. Bob told the Board the district is starting to work on next year's budget. Bob  
12 updated the Board on the COVID-19 virus situation, the new number of cases and the number of  
13 staff and students that are quarantined at this time. Bob also told the Board the district received  
14 notice of a pending litigation against the district.

##### 15 **C. Administrative Reports**

16 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if there were any questions or comments on  
17 the administration reports in their packet. Brian talked about the High School prom and graduation  
18 for this year. After questions about the number of online students that came back in the  
19 Elementary School, Cathi moved onto the next agenda item.

##### 20 **D. Correspondence**

21 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district has received one correspondence and  
22 Cathi read the letter.

23 Trustee Sarah Armijo asked if they could discuss the mask mandate at the next board  
24 meeting.

#### 25 **9. Adjourn:**

26 Sarah Armijo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Billy Donaldson seconded the  
27 motion. All voted aye.

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Board Chairman:\_\_\_\_\_.

Date:\_\_\_\_\_.

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