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

Chairwoman Cathi Cook called the board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room (Also Broadcast via Zoom). Cathi led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were Dan Mullan, Sean Lenahan, Stephanie Esch, Jennifer Gunterman (7:10 p.m.), Sarah Armijo, Ben Meyer and Kris McKoy. Superintendent Bob Moore, Eric Larson, Angie Armour, Tracey Rogstad, Brian Gum, Jessica Shourd 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 $774,200.77 starting with claim #38226 and ending #38231. Stephanie Esch made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sean Lenahan. All voted aye.

3. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment:

Board Comment:

Sarah Armijo asked the Board and audience to keep the hurricane Ida victims in their thoughts. Cathi Cook made a comment about the PIR days and their great success.

Public Comment:

There was no public comments.

4. Business: Items for Action:

A. Consent Agenda – Action

1. Resignation
   i. Tim Johnson – MS Science
   ii. Erin Gum – HS Paraprofessional (Prior to Contract)
iii. Rachel Gearheart – MS Counselor
iv. Janet Schott – K-3 Secretary
v. Jack Filcher – HS Golf
vi. Shaylee Whiting – MS Paraprofessional (Prior to Contract)

2. Employment:
i. Dakota Wilton – Grade 4 Teacher
ii. Laura Whitehead – MS Science
iii. Bill Fulbright – Head HS Girls Basketball
iv. Kaelen Henry – Kitchen Henry
vi. Michael Neal – Assistant Wrestling
vii. Toby Sannar – HS Assistant Football
viii. Jaren Gum – Volunteer HS Football
ix. Burt Mahon – Volunteer MS Football
X. Substitute List – Pending Background Checks
   *All employees are pending acceptable background check

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

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

Cathi asked the Board if there were any consent agenda items they would like to remove from the list. Dan Mullan asked to remove the resignation portion of the consent agenda at this time and to approve each one separately. Cathi told the Board the resignations will be remove from the consent agenda. Cathi told the Board the consent of any trustee pertains only to the items they have the authority to decide on and if there is no objection, the agenda items will be adopted by unanimous consent. There was no objection and the consent agenda items were approved by unanimous consent.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now approve the resignations.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the resignation of Tim Johnson as a Middle School Science teacher. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the resignation of Tim Johnson as presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. Dan Mullan, Sean Lenahan, Stephanie Esch, Cathi Cook, Sarah Armijo, Ben Meyer and Kris McKoy voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the resignation of Erin Gum as a High School paraprofessional. Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to approve the resignation of Erin Gum as presented. Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any question on the resignation of
Rachel Gearheart as a MS Counselor. Dan Mullan talked about the turnover the district is going through with teachers in the Middle School. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the resignation of Rachel Gearheart as presented. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. Dan Mullan, Sean Lenahan, Stephanie Esch, Cathi Cook, Sarah Armijo, Ben Meyer and Kris McKoy voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the resignation of Janet Schott as the K-3 Secretary. Stephanie Esch made a motion to approve the resignation of Janet Schott as presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. Dan Mullan, Sean Lenahan, Stephanie Esch, Cathi Cook, Sarah Armijo, Ben Meyer and Kris McKoy voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the resignation of Jack Filcher as the High School Golf coach. Dan Mullan made a motion to approve the resignation of Jack Filcher as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the resignation of Shaylee Whiting as a MS Paraprofessional. Kris McKoy made a motion to approve the resignation of Shaylee Whiting as presented. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. Dan Mullan, Sean Lenahan, Stephanie Esch, Cathi Cook, Sarah Armijo, Ben Meyer and Kris McKoy voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

B. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreements – Secretaries and Paraprofessional

Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board the district negotiation committee has settle with the Secretaries and Paraprofessional union with a 2% increase on their salary with a .25 cent step increase and that there was no language changes. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the negotiated CBA has presented. After comments from the Board on the increase wage, Ben made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. All voted aye.

C. Plan for Safe Return to School and County Infection Rates

1. Update Regarding State and County Infection Rates
   i. MT-PEC COVID-19 and the 2021-2022 School Year FAQ
   ii. Montana Pediatric Association Letter
   iii. Other Items to Provide Information

2. Masking
3. Exclusion of Symptomatic Individuals from School

4. Changes to Plan for Safe Return to School and Continuity of Service-Action

Superintendent Bob Moore told the Board he has received more information on COVID-19 and the new infection rates of the virus that was not in their packet. Bob handed out the new information and went over all the handouts and new information in their packets. After comments from the Board and the audience on the information, Cathi moved on to the next agenda item on masking.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook talked about the decision Bob made last spring on wearing masks when the Board had a split decision on wearing masks. Cathi told the Board that under policy 8301 Bob had to make that decision. Cathi told the Board at this time the Board now needs to address mask wearing at the district. After comments from the Board on the decision Bob made on wearing masks last spring under policy 8301, the Board needs to make the mask wearing decision. Sarah made a motion to continue to make wearing masks optional for the 2021-2022 school year. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. After discussion on the motion and clarification on the motion whether the district needs to approve something that is already been approved in the Safe Return to School Plan, Sean rescinded his seconded and Sarah rescinded her motion.

The Board had further discussion on policy 8301, if the mask decision has already been approved in the Safe Return to School Plan and if the Board needs to visit and revise the Safe Return to School Plan before making the decision on wearing masks. Sarah Armijo made a motion to make wearing masks optional for the 2021-2022 school year. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. After more discussion on if the Board needs to approve the wearing of the mask since it is in the Safe Return to School Plan, Sean rescinded his seconded and Sarah rescinded her motion.

The Board had more discussion on what the Safe Return to School Plan covers, the purpose of policy 8301 and that the Board needs to make this decision and not have the superintendent make this decision unless it is an emergency situation, Sarah made a motion that the Stevensville School Board approves that wearing of masks to be optional district wide for the 2021-2022 school year. Sean seconded the motion. After more discussion on the motion, Ben
amended the motion to move agenda item C. 4 (Changes to Plan for Safe Return to School) in
front of C. 2 (Mask). Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any changes they would like to
make any changes on the Plan to Return to School Plan. After discussion on the Safe Return to
School Plan, Ben made a motion add the wording “Should the Superintendent made an
earprise decision regarding masking, the Board will conduct an emergency meeting as per
Board policy 1410” to the end of the 4th paragraph in the Safe to Return plan. Jennifer Gunterman
seconded the motion. After more discussion on Paragraph 3 on the Return to School Plan, Sarah
Armiyo made a motion to amend the motion to include the removal of paragraph 3 (District Policy
8301) of the plan. Sean seconded the motion. Dan Mullan, Sean Lenahan, Stephanie Esch,
Jennifer Gunterman, Cathi Cook, Sarah Armijo and Kris McKoy voted aye and Ben Meyer voted
nay on the amended motion.

The Board voted on Sarah Armijo’s motion that the Stevensville School Board approve
the wearing of masks be optional district wide for the 2021-2022 school year and that Sean had
seconded that motion. Dan Mullan, Sean Lenahan, Stephanie Esch, Jennifer Gunterman, Cathi
Cook, Sarah Armijo and Kris McKoy voted aye. Ben Meyer voted nay.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they now need to talk and approve the Exclusion
of Symptomatic Individuals from School. Sarah Armijo told the Board she is not sure what this
means. Superintendent Bob Moore and district nurse Connie Johnson explained to the Board
what this is and that our current policies has restricted the district from using other methods of
determining when a student needs to be sent home if they are feeling sick. After comments from
the Board on the current policy and what the district feels they need to determine when to send a
student home, Ben Meyer mad a motion to follow the CDC guidelines to determine system of
COVID-19 as presented. Dan Mullan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

D. ARP – ESSER Fund Capital Budget Approval

Superintendent Bob Moore went over the Capital Improvements Budget outline in the
ESSER III grant application. Bob told the Board they need to approve these improvements for
the grant. After comments from the Board and the audience on the Capital Improvements and the
ESSER III grant for the district, Kris McKoy made a motion to approve the Capital Improvements Budget using ARP-ESSER III funds as presented. Sarah Armijo seconded the motion. All voted aye.

**E. Reschedule of Board Work Session**

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they need to reschedule the Boards work sessions. After discussion on several date, the Board decide to have a work session on August 19, 2021, starting at 6:30 p.m. and another one for October 5, 2021, starting at 7:00 p.m.

**5. Items for Information – Third Grade Closure to Out-of-District Enrollment**

Superintendent told the Board the district had to close out-of-district at the third grade level since we are at capacity for that grade level.

**6. Adjourn:**

Sean Lenahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Board Chairman: Signed Copy on File in District Office.

Date: September 14, 2021.

School Board Clerk: Signed Copy on File in District Office.