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**Special Board Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**February 17, 2022** **Music Center Choir Room**

**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. Cathi led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were Dan Mullan, Sean Lenahan, Stephanie Esch, Jennifer Gunterman (Via Zoom), Sarah Armijo, Ben Meyer, and Kris McKoy. Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele was present.

**2. Superintendent Candidate Interview:**

**A. Robert DoBell – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**B. Clark Begger – 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will be interviewing Robert DoBell and Clark Begger tonight. Cathi told the Board they will start with Robert DoBell. After the Board asked Robert DoBell the interview questions and gave Robert an opportunity to ask the Board any questions, the Board thanked Robert for applying. Cathi told the Board they will now take a 10-minute break. Cathi called the meeting back to order and the Board asked Clark Begger the same interview questions and gave Clark an opportunity to ask the Board any questions. The Board thanked Clark for applying for the position. Cathi told the Board they will now take a 10-minute break. Cathi called the meeting back to order.

**3. Public Comment:**

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience the Board they will now take public comments on the interviews that were conducted the last several days. Cathi told the Board the district has received three emails about the candidates and Cathi read the letters. After

1 comments from the audience about the four candidates, Cathi told the Board and audience that  
2 she will now close the meeting so the Board can have their discussion on the four candidates.

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4 **4. Closed Session: Hear background checks.**

5 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience as Chairwoman of the  
6 Stevensville School board and according to Montana Code 2-3-203 that she determined that the  
7 demands of the individual's privacy clearly exceeds the merit of public disclosure and closed the  
8 meeting. Cathi reopened the meeting.

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10 **5. Opens Session: Deliberate/discussion the selection of a superintendent candidate:**

11 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the four  
12 candidates and if not would someone like to make a motion to hire a new superintendent for the  
13 district. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve Dave Thennis as the superintendent for the  
14 Stevensville Schools and to direct Bea Kaleva to negotiate the terms of a 2-year contact. Kris  
15 McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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17 **6. Adjourn:**

18 Stephanie Esch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Armijo seconded the  
19 motion. All voted aye.

20 Board Chairman: Signed Copy on File in District Office.

21 Date: March 8, 2022.

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

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