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7
8 **Regular Board Meeting**

9 **July 12, 2022**

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 MPR Choir
14 Room. Cathi led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were Sean Lenahan, Stephanie Esch,
15 Jennifer Gunterman, Tony Hudson, Ben Meyer, and Billy Donaldson. Sarah Armijo was not
16 present. Superintendent Dave Thennis, Eric Larson, Brian Gum, and Business Manager/Clerk Bill
17 Schiele were present.

18 **2. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment**

19 **Board Comment**

20 The Board welcomed the new superintendent Dave Thennis to the district.

21 **Public Comment**

22 There was no public comment.

23 **3. Approval of Minutes**

24 **A. June 14, 2022**

25 **B. June 27, 2022**

26 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the
27 Regular Board Meeting minutes held on June 14, 2022 as presented. After questions on page 8,
28 line 11 thru 12 to read that “the Board (gave direction for) (informed) the district to remove Jacket
Academy/ Jacket Time from the school schedule starting in the 2023-2024 school year, page 4,
line 1 to change “no” with “any”, page 4 line 10 to change” approve” with “approved” and page 4
line 25 with the changing of the word “foundation” with “fountain, Sean Lenahan made a motion
to

1 approve the June 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented with the changes.

2 Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

3 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the
4 Special Board Meeting minutes held on June 27, 2022 as presented. Stephanie Esch made a
5 motion to approve the June 27, 2022 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. Sean Lenahan
6 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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8 **4. Approval of Claims**

9 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or
10 students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims for June in the amount of
11 \$1,699,680.76 starting with claim #39286 and ending with claim #39372 and claims for July in the
12 amount of \$186,324.14 starting with claim #39373 and ending with claim #39386 and students'
13 accounts in the amount of \$64,111.05. After comments and questions on some of the claims, Tony
14 Hudson made a motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Billy Donaldson
15 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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17 **5. Staff Recognition – Trevor Motley Agriculture Education Regional National Award**

18 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board that Trevor Motley was here tonight and that
19 Trevor has received the National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE) Ideas Unlimited
20 Award for winning the NAAE Region 1 competition. Trevor talked about the competition and
21 what he presented at the competition. The Board congratulated Trevor on his award and thanked
22 him for all his work he has done for the school and the students of Stevensville.

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24 **6. Consent Agenda**

25 **A. Resignation**

26 **B. Employment**

27 **i. Allison Swanson – K-8 Summer School**

28 **ii. Jason Herriot – Volunteer Boys Soccer**

iii. Phillip Neely – Custodian

iv. Substitute List

***All employments are pending of satisfactory background checks**

C. Out of District Enrollments

1 **i. Elementary**
2 **ii. High School**

3 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now approve the consent agenda items.
4 Cathi asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items.
5 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that the out of district agenda item should not be
6 included in the consent agenda items. Dave told the Board there is no out of district students to
7 approve this month and that he will make sure it will be a separate agenda item next month. Cathi
8 asked the Board if there were any consent agenda items they would like to remove from the list.
9 There were no items to be removed. Cathi told the Board the consent of any trustee pertains only
10 to the items they have the authority to decide on and if there is no objection, the agenda items will
11 be adopted by unanimous consent. There was no objection and the consent agenda items were
12 approved by unanimous consent.

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14 **7. Business: Action & Discussion**

15 **A. Resignation of Board Member**

16 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board that Sarah Armijo has submitted a letter to the
17 district resigning as a board trustee. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the
18 resignation letter. Stephanie Esch made a motion to accept Sarah Armijo resignation letter as
19 presented. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

20 **B. Declaration of Open Board Position**

21 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board with Sarah's resignation the Board needs to
22 declare an open board position. Sean Lenahan made a motion to declare an open position on the
23 board. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. All voted aye.

24 **C. Interview Timeline**

25 Chairwoman Cathi Cook explained the process for filling the open board position and the
26 timeline for advertising the position and when the board will conduct candidate interviews. Sean
27 Lenahan made a motion to advertise the open position in the local papers on July 13, 2022, and
28 July 20, 2022, and for interested parties to submit a letter of interest to the Business Office by
 August 4, 2022, by 4:00 p.m. and for interviews to take place at the August 9, 2022, board

1 meeting. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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3 **D. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment**

4 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board that she did not get a disposal list in her packet
5 and asked the Board members if any of them had a disposal list. It was determined the list was not
6 in their packet and decided to table this agenda item until the next board meeting. Billy
7 Donaldson made a motion to table this agenda item until the next board meeting. Tony Hudson
8 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

9 **E. Discussion of activities participation fee & update**

10 Chairwoman Cathi Cook turned the floor over to Brian Gum, the Districts Athletic
11 Director and Eric Larson, the High School Principal to talk about implementing a sports activities
12 participation fee here at the district. Brian and Eric told the Board they have researched other
13 schools and that Stevensville is one of the few schools that do not have a participation fee for the
14 students. Brian also talked about the fee schedule for this program and how they would make
15 sure all students would have the opportunity to play sports. After comments from the Board and
16 audience about the participation fee proposal, how they would accommodate students who could
17 not pay the fee, what sports program the students would need to pay for, what happens if they
18 play more than one sport and the participation fee schedule, Ben Meyer made a motion to
19 implement the activity fee proposal to sunset in school year 2022-2023 school year with a
20 comprehensive analysis on who paid the participation fee and who purchased activities ticket,
21 how this money was spent and if the numbers are up or down from prior years. Jennifer
22 Gunterman seconded the motion. After more discussion on what sports programs would need to
23 pay the participation fee, to track how the money is spent, if this participation fee includes Middle
24 School sports or just High School sports and if the band and choir students need to pay the
25 participation fee, Jennifer Gunterman rescinded her second and Ben Meyer rescinded his motion.
26 Ben Meyer made another motion to implement the activity fee proposal to include 9 thru 12
27 athletic programs, speech and debate program, the cheerleading program and to have this sunset
28 in the 2022-2023 school year with a comprehensive analysis on how the money was spent, who
paid the participation fee, who purchased the activity tickets and if the numbers are up or down

1 from prior years. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

2 Brian and Eric also told the Board that MHSA has approved a new software, Hudl
3 software, for broadcasting High School sporting events and the cost of the software program.
4 Brian told the Board that MHSA has an agreement with a different software company, Pixellot
5 software, for broadcasting sporting events and they are telling MHSA they have a five-year
6 contract with them. Brian told the Board since there is a legal issue with MHSA and Pixellot
7 software company that the district should not purchase this Hudl software at this time until
8 MHSA settles the legal issue they have with the Pixellot software company. Brian told the Board
9 he will keep the board updated on the issue.

10 **F. 2022 MTSBA Electronic Ballot**

11 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board there are several issues that are required to be
12 approved by the MTSBA membership. After comments from the Board on the issues that need to
13 be approved, if the district has any concerns about the issues and if the Board should approve
14 each one separate or all at the same time, Tony Hudson made a motion to approve all the MTSBA
15 issues up for approval. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

16 **G. Policy – 1st Reading 1005F, 2050, 2221P, 2311, 2312P, 4125, 4316, 5314, 7251,**
17 **8110, 8129, 8130, 8131, 8200, 8211, 8301, 8410**

18 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the first reading of
19 the policies as presented. After questions on some of the policies, Sean Lenahan made a motion to
20 approve policies 1005F, 2050, 2221P, 2311, 2312P, 4316, 5314, 7251, 8129, 8130, 8131, 8200,
21 8211, 8301, 8410, 2140, 2240, 2332, 3233, 3550, 3550F, and 4331 as presented and to refer
22 policy 4125 and policy 8110 back to the policy committee. Tony Hudson seconded the motion.
23 All voted aye.

24 **H. Policy – 2nd Reading 2168, 2410, 6010, 5223**

25 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the second reading
26 of the policies as presented. The Board determined that policy 2168, 6010 and 5223 were
27 approved at the last board meeting and the only one up for approval was policy 2410. After a
28 question on if the credit requirement was changed from 24 to 26 credits in the policy, Jennifer

1 Gunterman made a motion to approve policy 2410 as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the motion.

2 All voted aye.

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4 **8. Adjourn**

5 Ben Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All
6 voted aye.

7 Board Chairman: Signed Copy in District Office.

8 Date: August 9, 2022.

9 School Board Clerk: Signed Copy in District Office.

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