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Regular Board Meeting

September 9, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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 MPR Choir Room. Cathi led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were Stephanie Esch, Sean Lenahan, Jennifer Gunterman, Chris McKoy, Ben Meyer, and Billy Donaldson. Tony Hudson was not present. Superintendent Dave Thennis, Eric Larson, Tracey Rogstad, Jessica Shourd, Sierra Hankinson, Brian Gum, and Assistant District Clerk Samantha Mewes were present. Angie Armour was not present.

2. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment

Board Comment:

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board she received a letter from a community member asking that the Board proclaim Constitution Week from September 17, 2022, to September 23, 2022. Cathi read the letter, made the proclamation, and moved on to public comment.

Public Comment:

Fran Schmitz told the Board the summer food program served over seven hundred meals, feeding 40-60 families.

3. Approval of Minutes:

A. August 9, 2022-Regular

B. August 17, 2022-Special

C. August 18, 2022-Special

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the regular board meeting minutes held on August 9, 2022, as presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the August 9, 2022, regular board meeting minutes as presented. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

1 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the
2 special board meeting minutes held on August 17, 2022, as presented. Jennifer Gunterman made a
3 motion to approve the August 17, 2022, special board meeting minutes as presented. Ben Meyer
4 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

5 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the
6 special board meeting minutes held on August 18, 2022, as presented. Stephanie Esch made a
7 motion to approve the August 18, 2022, special board meeting minutes as presented. Sean
8 Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

9 **4. Approval of Claims:**

10 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or
11 students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims for September in the amount of
12 \$345,631.51 starting with claim #39468 and ending with claim #39566 and students' accounts in
13 the amount of \$9,478.03. After comments and questions on some claims, Jennifer Gunterman
14 made a motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Stephanie Esch
15 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

16 **5. Recognition:**

17 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now recognize Sarah Armijo for her
18 work as a trustee over the years. After comments from the Board and Sarah, a photo for the
19 website was taken and Cathi moved on to the next agenda item.

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21 **6. Consent Agenda:**

22 **A. Resignations:**

23 **i. Tammy Johnson-High School Math**

24 **ii. Adrienne Rohbock- Para Educator**

25 **B. Employment:**

26 **i. Rebekah Hendrix-Special Education Teacher-Pending OPI Licensure**

27 **ii. Jim Meistrich-Middle School Football Coach**

28 **iii. Mikayla Dildine-Para Educator**

iv. High School Activities Sponsors

1 **v. Jeff Gum-Middle School 8th Grade Boys Basketball**

2 **vi. Substitute List**

3 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that he needed to make a correction to the
4 High School sponsor list and add Amanda McGinnis for High School Yearbook and Jackie
5 Bauman for DECA. After the changes, Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if there were
6 any questions or comments on the consent agenda items. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the
7 Board if there were any consent agenda items, they would like to remove from the list. There
8 were no items to be removed. Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the consent of any trustee
9 pertains only to the items they have the authority to decide on and if there is no objection the
10 agenda items will be adopted by unanimous consent. There was no objection, and the consent
11 agenda items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

13 **A. Out-of-District Enrollments**

14 **i. Elementary**

15 **ii. High School**

16 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the Elementary
17 out-of-district students. After comments from the Board on a few students, Sean Lenahan made a
18 motion to approve the Elementary out-of-district students as presented. Chris McKoy seconded
19 the motion. Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer, Chris McKoy, Sean Lenahan, Billy Donaldson, and
20 Stephanie Esch. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

21 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions on the High School
22 out-of-district students. After comments from the Board, Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to
23 approve the High School out-of-district students as presented. Stephanie Esch seconded the
24 motion. All voted aye.

25 **B. Out-of-State/Country Field Trip-Presentation Randi Burdette**

26 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board that Randi Burdette was at the meeting to present
27 information about the 2024 trip to Europe. After Randi's presentation and questions from the
28 Board about who is funding the trip, how students pay and what students would get to go,

1 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked for a motion to approve the out-of-country trip. Stephanie Esch
2 made a motion to approve the out-of-country trip as presented. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the
3 motion. All voted aye.

4 **C. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment**

5 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the disposal list as
6 presented. There were no questions or comments, and Sean Lenahan made a motion to dispose of
7 the School District property as obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school purpose as
8 presented. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

9 **D. School Calendar Adjustment**

10 Superintendent Dave Thennis explained to the Board that when the school calendar was
11 approved it noted the district may change the professional development day on December 12,
12 2022, to October 19, 2022. Dave explained that the Bitterroot Valley Superintendents had
13 meetings and decided the valley schools will get together on October 19, 2022, in Victor for
14 professional development and a MTSS guest speaker. After a brief discussion by the Board
15 Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to approve the calendar adjustment. Ben Meyer seconded the
16 motion. All voted aye.

17 **E. Retention Premium**

18 Superintendent Dave Thennis explained to the Board that during negotiations a retention
19 bonus of \$1,500 was offered to teachers, paras, secretaries, custodians, maintenance, grounds,
20 kitchen staff, district office staff and supervisors. Dave explained that half of the retention would
21 be paid the first full week in December 2022 and the second half paid the first full week in May
22 2023. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the retention premium as presented. Billy
23 Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

24 **F. Cooperative with Victor School District in Theatre and Speech and Debate**

25 Superintendent Dave Thennis explained to the Board there has been several conversations
26 with Victor about creating a cooperative that would benefit both Stevensville and Victor students.
27 Activities Director Brian Gum explained to the Board with a bigger group of students Stevensville
28 students could not be pushed out and that both schools could combine their resources. After

1 discussion from the Board about transportation, fuel, stipends and how the activity fee would work
2 Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to approve a cooperative agreement with Victor. Ben Meyer
3 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

4 **G. Administrative Contract Approval**

5 Superintendent Dave Thennis explained to the Board that they have finalized
6 administrative contracts and the result was additional contract days for the 2022-2023 school year
7 paid at their daily rate. After a brief discussion Sean made a motion to approve the administrative
8 contracts as presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

9 **H. Harlow's Payment for Bus Purchase**

10 Superintendent Dave Thennis explained the agreement made between Stevensville Public
11 Schools and Harlow's was to purchase seven buses from Stevensville and to make nine payments
12 per school year through 2027. Dave suggested the funds from the sale of the buses be put into
13 fund 282. After discussion about if the district can carry the funds in 282 over each year and what
14 the funds can be used for, Stephanie Esch made a motion to approve the Harlow's bus payment as
15 presented. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. All voted aye.

16 **I. Sinking Fund Investment**

17 Superintendent Dave Thennis explained that Mr. Schiele received quotes from two
18 financial institutions for the reinvestment of sinking funds. Dave explained that there was a total
19 of \$510,637.42 that needs to be reinvested and if the Board chooses, they can reinvest in two
20 different financial institutions. The Board was provided with Business Manager Bill Schiele's
21 suggestion and Sean Lenahan made a motion to invest \$510,637.42 for 13 months at 1% with
22 Rocky Mountain Bank. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. Cathi Cook, Jennifer
23 Gunterman, Sean Lenahan, Billy Donaldson, and Stephanie Esch voted aye. Ben Meyer
24 abstained.

25 **J. Policy 2nd Reading-8110**

26 Superintendent Dave Thennis explained to the Board that he suggests Policy 8110, that is
27 up for second reading, is tabled because the policy was not approved as a first reading and needed
28 to go back to the Policy Committee. Stephanie Esch made a motion to table Policy 8110. Sean

1 Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

2 **8. Informational Items**

3 **A. Baseball Status Report-Mr. Gum**

4 Athletic Director Brian Gum gave an update to the Board about baseball, extension of the original
5 deadline, fundraising, travel, and start-up costs. After comments from the public, Board of
6 Trustees and Mr. Gum, Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved to the next agenda item.

7 **B. Activity Fee Update-Mr. Gum**

8 Athletic Director Brian Gum gave an update to the Board about the activity fees that were just
9 recently implemented and explained that most all students have paid their fees for participation in
10 sports. Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved to the next agenda item.

11 **C. Elementary Report- Mrs. Shourd**

12 Primary Principal Jessica Shourd gave an update to the Board on enrollment, class sizes and all
13 the upcoming activities in the primary school. She told the Board that Jog-a-Thon will be soon
14 and that it is one of the best fundraisers the elementary school does each year. Chairwoman Cathi
15 Cook moved to the next agenda item.

16 **D. Middle School Report- Tracey Rogstad**

17 Middle School Principal Tracey Rogstad updated the Board on all the activities going on in the
18 middle school and talked about the roll out of the Chromebooks and that the collection of activity
19 fees was successful. Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved to the next agenda item.

20 **E. High School Report-Eric Larson**

21 High School Principal Eric Larson updated the Board on all the upcoming events at the high
22 school and plans for homecoming. Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved to the next agenda item.

23 **F. Social Media Administrative Guidelines-Superintendent**

24 Superintendent Dave Thennis updated the Board on media guidelines that were discussed at the
25 August meeting and informed the Board that the decision was made to use administrative
26 guidelines opposed to adopting a social media policy. Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved to the next
27 agenda item.

28 **G. Transportation-Superintendent**

1 Superintendent Dave Thennis updated the Board on a recent meeting with Harlow's about
2 incorporating routing software for parent communication and efficiency. Dave explained that one
3 company is back east and there is a company located in Missoula and that he would rather use a
4 company local. Dave also explained that the cost to use the company out of Missoula was in the
5 transportation budget approved in August. Chairwoman Cathi Cook moved to the next agenda
6 item.

7 **9. Adjourn**

8 Sean Lenahan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Meyer seconded the motion.
9 All voted aye.

10 Board Chairman: Signed Copy in District Office.

11 Date: October 11, 2022.

12 School Board Clerk: Signed Copy in District Office.

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