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**Regular Board Meeting**

**October 11, 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, Tony Hudson, and Ben Meyer. Kris McKoy and Billy Donaldson were not present. Superintendent Dave Thennis, Eric Larson, Tracey Rogstad, Sierra Hankinson, Jessica Shourd, Angie Armour, Brian Gum, and Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele were present.

**2. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment**

**Board Comment**

There was no board comment.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the Regular Board Meeting minutes held on September 13, 2022, as presented. After comments from the Board on page 4, line 9, to read “Kris”, page 4 line 28 to read “seconding reading”, and page 5, line 5 and 9, to read “Activities Director”, Stephanie Esch made a motion to approve the September 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

1     **4. Approval of Claims**

2             Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or  
3 students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims for October in the amount of  
4 \$350,227.11 starting with claim #39567 and ending with claim #39645 and students' accounts in  
5 the amount of \$14,953.02. After comments and questions on some of the claims, Tony Hudson  
6 made a motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded  
7 the motion. All voted aye.

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9     **5. Recognition**

10            Superintendent Dave Thennis introduced Sofia Jones, the new student representative for the  
11 Board. Sofia told the Board she is excited to be here tonight and looks forward to being the  
12 student representative of the board.

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14    **6. Consent Agenda**

15            **A. Resignation**

16                **i. Jamie Chee – Custodian**

17            **B. Employment\*All employments are pending of satisfactory background checks**

18                **i. Ray Gavlak – High School Head Baseball Coach**

19                **ii. Mike Mickelson – Adult Education Coordinator**

20                **iii. Diane Warren – Middle School Girls Basketball Coach**

21                **iv. Kelsey Mahan – Middle School Girls Basketball Coach**

22                **v. Trae Williams – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach**

23                **vi. Dave Gross – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach**

24                **vii. Ryan Hanson – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach**

25                **viii. Substitute Teacher List**

26            **C. Sealed Bid Obsolete Equipment**

27            Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now approve the consent agenda items.  
28 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. There were no items to be removed. 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.

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

2             **A. Out of District Enrollments**

3                     **i. Elementary**

4                     **ii. High School**

5             Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the Elementary  
6 out-of-district student's applications as presented. After comments from the Board on the Middle  
7 School classroom caps, Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the Elementary out-of-district  
8 student's applications for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the  
9 motion. Stephanie Esch, Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, Cathi Cook, and Ben Meyer voted aye.  
10 Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

11             Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the High School  
12 out-of-district student's applications as presented. After comments from the Board on some of the  
13 student's application, Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to approve the High School out-of-  
14 district student's applications for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Stephanie Esch  
15 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

16             **B. Para Secretaries CBA Approval**

17             Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board since the CBA was not included in their packet  
18 for review that she would like to table this until the next board meeting. Ben Meyer made a  
19 motion to table the approval of the Para/Secretary CBA until the November board meeting.  
20 Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. All voted aye.

21             **C. Strategic Plan**

22             Chairwoman Cathi Cook talked about the process the Board went through to develop the  
23 strategic plan for the district and it was facilitated by Debra Silk from Montana School Board  
24 Association. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on  
25 the strategic plan. After comments from the Board on page 2 and page 6, Stephanie Esch made a  
26 motion to approve the strategic plan as presented. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All voted  
27 aye.

28             **D. District Goals**

Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board the district goals have not been updated since

1 2014. Cathi told the Board that goal number 5 has been updated and Cathi read the updated goal.  
2 Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on the district goals as presented.  
3 Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to approve the district goals as presented. Sean Lenahan  
4 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

5 **E. Plan for Safe Return**

6 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they need to review this plan and to have public  
7 comment on the plan. Cathi told the Board the district will make the updated plan available to the  
8 public for review. After comments from the Board about some of the plan and the changes they  
9 will make to the plan to reflect the current situation at the district, Cathi told the Board the district  
10 will make the updated plan available to the public and they will approve the plan at the next board  
11 meeting.

12 **F. Policy 1<sup>st</sup> Reading 8110**

13 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the first reading of  
14 Policy 8110 as presented. After comments from the Board on the policy, Stephanie Esch made a  
15 motion to approve the first reading of Policy 8110 as presented. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the  
16 motion. All voted aye.

17 **G. Sinking Fund Investment**

18 Business Manager Bill Schiele told the Board the district has received several quotes from  
19 the local banks. Bill went over the rates. After comments about the term length and the current  
20 interest rate of the CD's, Tony Hudson made a motion to invest the money at 2.67 percent for a  
21 term of 9 months with Farmers State Bank. Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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23 **8. Informational Items**

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25 **A. Student Handbooks**

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27 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that the student activities handbook in their  
28 packets was not correct. Dave told the Board that the uniform rotation in the handbook was not  
correct but that has been corrected. Dave went over the uniform rotation in the activities  
handbook. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on  
the handbooks in their packet. After questions from the Board on the handbooks, the Board

1 thanked the administration for all their hard work with the handbooks.

2 **B. Baseball Update – Mr. Gum**

3 Activities Director Brian Gum went over the updated handout on the cost of getting  
4 baseball started for the district. Brian also updated the Board on the fund raisers efforts and that  
5 the district has raised enough money to have a baseball season for the upcoming school year.  
6 Brian also told the Board he has notified MHSA that the districts intent is to participate in the  
7 spring baseball season. After comments from the Board on what the average donation was for the  
8 fund raiser they had, the Board thanked Brian Gum for all his hard work with getting baseball up  
9 and running for this school year.

10 **C. Athletic Performance Center – Mr. Gum/Larson**

11 Brian Gum and Eric Larson updated the Board on the new Athletic Performance Center  
12 and that it is almost completed at this time. Brian told the Board the district is now holding classes  
13 in the new Athletic Performance Center. Brian told the Board the district will have a grand  
14 opening for the Athletic Performance Center in the next few weeks and they will be thanking all  
15 the donors that made the Athletic Performance Center successful.

16 **D. District Enrollment Report – Mr. Thennis**

17 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board the October ANB has been completed and  
18 the district is down from last year's October count. Dave told the Board the district will be  
19 working on a preliminary budget for next year and to develop a plan for the district to have a  
20 balanced budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

21 **E. Elementary Report – Mrs. Shourd**

22 **F. Middle School report – Ms. Rogstad**

23 **G. High School Report – Mr. Larson**

24 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if there were any questions or comments on  
25 the administration reports in their packet. After a few questions and comments from the Board to  
26 the administration. Cathi moved on to the next agenda item.

27 **H. Speech & Debate and Drama Cooperative**

28 Superintendent Dave Thennis updated the Board on the Speech and Debate cooperative

1 agreement with Victor School District. Dave went over the cost of the program and how it is  
2 divided between the two schools.

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4 **9. Adjourn**

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

7 Board Chairman: Signed Copy in District Office.

8 Date: November 8, 2022.

9 School Board Clerk: Signed Copy in District Office.

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