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Regular Board Meeting

December 13, 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. Billy Donaldson and Kris McKoy were not present. Superintendent Dave Thennis, Eric Larson, Tracey Rogstad, Sierra Hankinson, Jessica Shourd, Brian Gum, and Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele were present.

2. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment

Board Comment

Jennifer Gunterman told the Board and audience the districts Speech and Debate team will be hosting a competition this weekend and they are looking for more judges. Ben Meyer told the Board and the audience the Hall of Fame Banquet was a remarkable success and thanked everyone involved for getting this up and running.

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 November 8, 2022, as presented. Tony Hudson made a motion to approve the November 8, 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 December in the amount of
4 \$317,831.91 starting with claim #39733 and ending with claim #39830 and students' accounts in
5 the amount of \$13,042.12. After comments and questions on some of the claims, Stephanie Esch
6 made a motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Jennifer Gunterman
7 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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9 **5. Recognition**

10 **A. Jeff Mahler – SW Conference Volleyball Coach of the Year**

11 Brian Gum, the district activities director, told the Board and the audience the districts
12 volleyball coach Jeff Mahler has been selected as the SW conference volleyball coach of the
13 year. The board congratulated Jeff on the great year.

14 **B. Fall Sports Academic All State – Fall 2022**

15 **C. Fall Sports All Conference**

16 **D. Fall Sports All State Honors**

17 Brian Gum, the district activities director, talked about the fall sports participation at the
18 district this year and Brian introduced the fall sports head coaches. Brian told the Board and the
19 audience the head coaches will introduce their assistant coaches and read the names of the
20 students and what they have accomplished. The Board thanked Brian for a great fall sports season
21 this year. Superintendent Dave Thennis also thanked all the students, coaches, and parents for a
22 great fall sports season.

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24 **6. Consent Agenda**

25 **A. Resignation**

26 **i. Josh Johnson – High School Math**

27 **ii. Tyler Cherry – Middle School Math**

28 **B. Leave of Absence**

i. Anne Gurney – Paraeducator

C. Employment*All employments are pending satisfactory background checks

i. Substitute List

ii. Ryan Hansen – 8th Grade Boys Basketball

iii. Ruth Kephart – K-3 Para

1 **iv. Callie Lendman – High School Spanish Long-Term Substitute**
2 **v. Liesl Uskoski – Volunteer Girls Basketball**
3 **vi. James Whitescarver – Volunteer Wrestling**

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

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

6 After a question on the coaching positions in the district, Cathi asked the Board if there were any
7 consent agenda items they would like to remove from the list. There were no items to be removed.

8 Cathi told the Board the consent of any trustee pertains only to the items they have the authority
9 to decide on and if there is no objection, the agenda items will be adopted by unanimous consent.

10 There was no objection and the consent agenda items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

12 **A. Out of District Enrollment**

13 **i. Elementary**

14 **ii. High School**

15 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the Elementary
16 out-of-district students as presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the Elementary out-
17 of-district students as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. Ben Meyer seconded the motion.
18 Stephanie Esch, Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, Cathi Cook, and Ben Meyer voted aye. Jennifer
19 Gunterman could not vote.

20 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the High School
21 out-of-district students as presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the High School
22 out-of-district students for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the
23 motion. All voted aye.

24 **B. MOU – 7.1 Salary Placement**

25 Superintendent Dave Thennis talked about the situation the district has with the High
26 School Math department. Dave told the Board this MOU will allow retired teacher Tammy
27 Johnson to teach a High School math class for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year at the
28 same salary she retired at. After a question from the Board on the MOU and the math situation
here at the district, Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to approve the MOU addressing section
7.1 and article 11 of the CBA between the Stevensville School District and the Stevensville

1 Teachers Association as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

2 **C. High School Math Employment – Tammy Johnson One Year- 2022-2023 High**
3 **School Math**

4 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions or comments on the
5 hiring of Tammy Johnson for the remainder of the 2022-2023 as a High School math teacher.
6 After a comment from the Board on if this teaching position was advertised and if the district
7 received any applications for the position, Stephanie Esch made a motion to hire Tammy Johnson
8 as a High School math teacher for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Ben
9 Meyer seconded the motion. All voted aye.

10 **D. MOU – 11.7 Other leave – Lee Starck**

11 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that employee Lee Starck has requested
12 additional personal leave so he could attend a course at the University of Montana. Dave told the
13 Board he has denied Lee Starck's request and only the Board can approve additional leave. Lee
14 Starck explained the situation to the Board. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had
15 any questions on the additional leave request. After questions from the Board on how much time
16 Lee would miss and how many more hours of personal leave he would need, Ben Meyer made a
17 motion for the creation of an MOU addressing 11.7 of the CBA between the Stevensville School
18 Board and the Stevensville Teachers Association allowing Lee Starck the opportunity for
19 additional leave without pay. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. Stephanie Esch, Sean Lenahan,
20 Tony Hudson, Cathi Cook, and Ben Meyer voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

21 **E. Request for additional personal leave – Jan Enockson**

22 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that employee Jan Enockson has requested
23 two additional personal leave days to participate as a chaperone on an international trip with her
24 son in the spring of 2024. Jan Enockson talked about the trip and the reason why she is requesting
25 the leave in advance. After a comment from the Board about what would happen if the personal
26 leave days would change in the teacher CBA before Jan takes the trip, Sean Lenahan made a
27 motion to approve the request for two additional days of personal leave with pay for Jan
28 Enockson during the 2023-2024 school year as presented. After a comment about what would
happen if the personal days changes in the CBA, Sean Lenahan rescinded his motion. Sean made

1 another motion to approve the request for two additional days of personal leave with pay for Jan
2 Enockson with no change in the current structure of the CBA for the 2023-2024 school year as
3 presented. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. Stephanie Esch, Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, and
4 Ben Meyer voted aye. Cathi Cook voted nay. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

5 **F. Request for additional personal leave – Erika Asay**

6 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that employee Erika Asay has requested an
7 extra personal leave day. Dave told the Board that Erika has already used 4 days of personal leave
8 days for her own wedding this fall but she has been asked to be a bridesmaid in her friends out of
9 state wedding. Ben Meyer made a motion to approve the request for one additional day of
10 personal leave with pay to Erika Asay as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion.
11 Stephanie Esch, Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, and Ben Meyer voted aye. Cathi Cook voted nay.
12 Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

13 **G. High School Chess Club**

14 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board some of the High School students are requesting
15 to start a High School Chess Club. Cathi told the Board the students have completed the necessary
16 paperwork and that Wes Wells will be their advisor. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the
17 formation of a High School Chess Club as presented. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion.
18 All voted aye.

19 **H. Out of State Travel – FFA – Washington DC June 2023 – Trevor Motley**

20 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that Trevor Motley is here tonight requesting
21 to travel to Washington, DC with students to attend the National FFA Leadership Conference.
22 Trevor told the Board this will be the second year for this trip and there will be approximately 14
23 students that will be going this time. Trevor talked about the trip and the fantastic opportunity for
24 the students who qualified for this conference. After questions on the trip, the dates of the trip and
25 how will they raise the money for the trip, Ben Meyer made a motion to approve the High School
26 FFA trip to the National FFA Conference in Washington, DC as presented. Tony Hudson
27 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

1 **I. Out of Country Travel – FFA – Ireland – Trevor Motley**

2 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that Trevor Motley is requesting to travel to
3 Dublin, Ireland with some of the FFA students in June of 2025. Trevor talked about the trip and
4 the letter in their packet about the trip. Trevor told the Board he plans to partner with EF tours for
5 this trip. After comments from the Board on the trip, how they plan on raising the money, and
6 number of students that can go on the trip, Tony Hudson made a motion to approve the FFA's
7 request for the international travel to Ireland in June of 2025. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion.
8 All voted aye.

9 **J. Out of State Travel – 8th Grade Washington D.C. – Derek Buerkle**

10 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that Middle School teacher Derek Buerkle
11 has requested a trip to Washington D.C. during the spring break of 2024 with the eighth-grade
12 students. Derek talked about the trip, the things they will be doing and the great opportunity for
13 the students. Derek plans to partner with Global Travel who has worked with other local schools
14 on a similar trip. After comments from the Board on the trip, how many students will be going
15 and the length of the trip, Ben Meyer made a motion to approve the travel to Washington D.C.
16 during the spring break of 2024 as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. Stephanie Esch,
17 Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, Cathi Cook, and Ben Meyer voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could
18 not vote.

19 **K. 1st Reading Policy 8310, 3235**

20 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the first reading of
21 these policies. After questions and comments from the Board and the districts counselors' team on
22 policy 8310 and if they should do scholarships instead of plaques, Ben Meyer made a motion to
23 bring policy 8310 back to the policy committee for further review. Sean Lenahan seconded the
24 motion. All voted aye.

25 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the first reading of
26 policy 3235. After a question on policy 3235, Tony Hudson made a motion approve the first
27 reading of policy 3235 as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

28 **L. 2nd Reading Policy 8110**

1 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the second reading
2 and adoption of policy 8110 as presented. Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to approve the
3 second reading of policy 8110 as presented. Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. Stephanie Esch,
4 Sean Lenahan, Jennifer Gunterman, Tony Hudson, and Cathi Cook voted aye. Ben Meyer
5 abstained.

6 **M. ESSER ARP Updated Plan**

7 Superintendent Dave Thennis updated the Board on the changes in the ESSER ARP plan
8 and told the Board there was no public comments on the revised plan. Sean Lenahan made a
9 motion to approve the ESSER ARP plan as presented. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion.
10 All voted aye.

11 **8. Informational Items**

12 **A. Coding for Kids Presentation – Loey Knapp**

13 Chairwoman Cathi Cook turned the floor over to Stephanie Esch who will be doing the
14 presentation on the Coding for Kids program. Stephanie updated the Board and the audience on
15 the Coding for Kids program and what they have accomplish with that program. Stephanie also
16 talked about all the classes they have to offer and where the students are coming from in the
17 valley.
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19 **B. MTSS Data Presentation – Angie Armour**

20 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that Angie Armour is not here tonight so this
21 agenda item will be tabled until the next board meeting.

22 **C. Administration – Jacket Academy Presentation**

23 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that Eric Larson and Tracey Rogstad was
24 here tonight to talk about the district Jacket Academy program. Eric and Tracey did a presentation
25 on the district Jacket Academy, the purpose of this program and how it affects the students of the
26 district. After comments from the Board on the direction of the program and the decision that
27 was made at the June board meeting, Dave told the Board he will work with the districts
28 administration and have a decision for the Board on the future of Jacket Academy at the next

1 board meeting.

2 **D. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Thennis**

3 **i. Enrollment**

4 **ii. Cognia Review/SIT Team**

5 **iii. Student Teachers**

6 Superintendent Dave Thennis updated the Board on the school enrollment numbers and
7 told the Board the district's enrollment is holding steady right now. Dave updated the Board on
8 the districts Cognia review and the SIT team progress this year. Dave also told the Board the
9 district will have several student teachers this spring semester.

10 **E. Superintendent Evaluation – Closed Sessions**

11 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board he has included an evaluation form in their
12 packet for them to fill out and to bring it back to the board meeting that will be held in
13 January 2023.

14 **9. Adjourn**

15 Stephanie Esch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Hudson seconded the motion.
16 All voted aye.

17 Board Chairman: Signed Copy in District Office.

18 Date: January 10, 2023.

19 School Board Clerk: Signed Copy in District Office.

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