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**Regular Board Meeting**

**November 8, 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, Billy Donaldson, Ben Meyer (Arrived 7:10) and Kris McKoy. Tony Hudson and Jennifer Gunterman were not present. Superintendent Dave Thennis, Eric Larson, Tracey Rogstad, Sierra Hankinson, Jessica Shourd, 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 Board Retreat/Strategic Plan Meeting minutes held on September 19, 2022, as presented. After a comment from the Board on page 2, line 6, to change “finish” to “finished”, Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the September 19, 2022, Board Retreat/Strategic Plan Meeting minutes with the change as presented. Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the Regular Board Meeting minutes held on October 11, 2022, as presented. After a comment from the Board on page 4, line 10, to change “bord” to “board”, Billy Donaldson made a motion to

1 approve the October 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes with the change as presented.

2 Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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#### 4 **4. Approval of Claims**

5 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or  
6 students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims for November in the amount of  
7 \$222,943.03 starting with claim #39646 and ending with claim #39732 and students' accounts in  
8 the amount of \$18,995.44. After comments and questions on some of the claims, Stephanie Esch  
9 made a motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded  
10 the motion. All voted aye.

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#### 12 **5. Recognition**

##### 13 **A. Sophia Jones – Student Rep.**

14 Sofia Jones, the student representative, went over the events that are happening now and  
15 the events that will be happening in the next few weeks.

##### 16 **B. MTSBA – Golden Gavel Award – Stevensville Board of Trustees**

17 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board they received the Golden Gavel Award  
18 at the recent MCEL Conference and that Stephanie Esch accepted the Award on behalf of  
19 the Board. Cathi read the award letter from MTSBA.  
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##### 21 **C. Steve Lewis – Stevensville Hall of Fame Inductees**

22 Steve updated the Board on the Hall of Fame and handed out a list of inductees that have  
23 been selected for this award. Steve talked about each inductee and told the Board they will have a  
24 banquet to honor the inductees. The Board thanked Steve for all his work to get this up and  
25 running.

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#### 27 **6. Consent Agenda**

##### 28 **A. Resignation**

- i. Sargina Carella – Para-Educator & Volunteer Asst. Coach
- ii. Bret Reneau – Drivers Education

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

2               **i. Nate Kieres – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball**

3               **ii. Dave Spiers – ½ Time Custodian**

4               **iii. Dillon Gongliewski – Asst. Boys Baseball Coach**

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

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

7           After a question on the substitute situation at the district, that there was no substitute list on the  
8           agenda, and the Drivers Education program future, Cathi asked the Board if there were any  
9           consent agenda items they would like to remove from the list. The Board table the substitute list  
10          in their packet since it was not on the agenda. Cathi told the Board the consent of any trustee  
11          pertains only to the items they have the authority to decide on and if there is no objection, the  
12          agenda items will be adopted by unanimous consent. There was no objection and the consent  
13          agenda items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

15               **A. Out of District Enrollments**

16                   **i. Elementary**

17                   **ii. High School**

18           There were no Elementary or High School out of district enrollments this month.

19               **B. Para Secretaries CBA Approval**

20           Chairwoman Cathi Cook talked about the negotiation meetings the district had with the  
21           Para/Secretaries union and what the parties agreed to. Cathi went over the changes in the new  
22           CBA. Cathi asked the Board if they had any comments or questions on the CBA agreement. Sean  
23           made a motion to approve the Para/Secretaries CBA as presented. Stephanie Esch seconded the  
24           motion. All voted aye.

25               **C. Plan for Safe Return**

26           Chairwoman Cathi Cook updated the Board on the changes in the Plan for Safe Return  
27           and told the Board there was no public comments on the revised plan. After a comment from the  
28           Board on when the next review will be, Stephanie Esch made a motion to approve the Plan for  
29           Safe Return as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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**D. Insurance Rebate**

Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board the districts recommendation for the insurance rebate is to give it to the employees which will reduce their portion of their premium. After a question on who is eligible for the rebate, Sean Lenahan made a motion to allocate the full medical rebate to all Stevensville School District employees currently enrolled in the district health insurance plan and currently employed when the rebate is disbursed. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

**E. MTSBA Dues**

Chairwoman Cathi Cook and Superintendent Dave Thennis talked about the MTSBA fee schedule and that the district needs to select a designee to do the online voting for the district. Dave told the Board the districts recommendation is to approve the proposed schedule as presented. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on the MTSBA due schedule as presented. Ben Meyer made a motion to approve the MTSBA due schedule as presented and to designate Cathi Cook to complete the online voting for the district. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

**F. Donation from Lisa and Kirk Thompson**

Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that Lisa and Kirk Thompson would like to make a gift donation to the Stevensville School District. Dave told the Board this gift will provide the district with approximately \$10,000.00 a year in interest that will provide teachers and paraprofessionals an opportunity to request funding for special projects. Dave also told the Board a small oversight committee will be formed to review the requests. Kirk Thompson read a letter to the Board. Elizabeth Kaleva, the school attorney, went over the agreement and the responsibilities of the school. Sean Lenahan made a motion to accept the gift from Lisa and Kirk Thompson in the honor of Lisa Thompson. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye. The Board thanked Kirk Thompson for the great gift for the district.

**G. Advance Opportunity Grant**

Superintendent Dave Thennis talked about this grant and what the grant will provide for

1 the district. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any comments or questions  
2 regarding the Advance Opportunity grant as presented. After a comment from the Board about the  
3 grant and the dollar amount of the grant, Stephanie Esch made a motion to approve the Advance  
4 Opportunity grant as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

## 5 **8. Informational Items**

### 6 **A. FFA Student Report – Washington Leadership Conference**

7 Chairwoman Cathi Cook turned the floor over to Trevor Motley who with two students  
8 traveled to the Washington Leader Conference. Student Savannah Kostecki did a presentation on  
9 the things they did at the conference and the activities they participated in. The Board thanked  
10 Trevor and the student for the great presentation.

### 11 **B. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Thennis**

#### 12 **i. Enrollment**

#### 13 **ii. ARP ESSER Plan**

14 Superintendent Dave Thennis updated the Board on the school enrollment numbers  
15 and told the Board with the decline in enrollment it will result in a budget reduction for the 2023-  
16 2024 school year. Dave told the Board he has included in their packet the most recent APR  
17 ESSER plan for review and for comments. Dave told the Board the plan will be available to the  
18 public for review the next two weeks and the final draft will be in the December board packet.

## 19 **9. Adjourn**

20 Billy Donaldson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sean Lenahan seconded the  
21 motion. All voted aye.

22 Board Chairman: Signed Copy in District Office.

23 Date: December 13, 2022.

24 School Board Clerk: Signed Copy in District Office.

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