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**Regular Board Meeting**

**February 14, 2023**

**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, Kris McKoy, and Ben Meyer. Billy Donaldson was not present. Superintendent Dave Thennis, Eric Larson, Angie Armour, Tracey Rogstad, Sierra Hankinson, Jessica Shourd, Brian Gum, and Assistant Clerks Lorraine Driver and Samantha Mewes were present.

**2. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment**

**Board Comment**

Sean Lenahan, Board member, talked about community and coming together to build on continuing to make our school successful and continue to grow. Brian Gum, Activities Director, shared his concerns about not having a full-time Activities Director position.

**Public Comment**

Audience members Jim Engel, Toby Sanders, Steffanie Sanders, and Fran Schmitz expressed their concerns with the AD position at the district and if Jacket Academy would be addressed later in the meeting and if the public could address the board.

**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 January 10, 2023, as presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. Tony

1 Hudson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

2 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the  
3 Special Board Meeting minutes held on January 30, 2023, as presented. Stephanie Esch made a  
4 motion to approve the January 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. Jennifer  
5 Gunterman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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

8 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or  
9 students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims for February in the amount of  
10 \$513,276.09 starting with claim #39896 and ending with claim #39995 and students' accounts in  
11 the amount of \$13,615.76. After comments and questions on some of the claims, Tony Hudson  
12 made a motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded  
13 the motion. All voted aye.

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#### 15 **5. Recognition**

16 Chairwoman Cathi Cook thanked Bill Schiele for his 26 years of service to the  
17 Stevensville Public School and that he would be missed and congratulations on your retirement.

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#### 19 **6. Consent Agenda**

##### 20 **A. Resignation**

21 **i. Bill Schiele-Business Manager and District Clerk Retirement**

22 **ii. Carly Swisher – Middle School ELA**

##### 23 **B. Employment\*All employments are pending satisfactory background checks**

24 **i. Thomas Waddell-High School Math Tutor**

25 **ii. Robin Johnston-Jordan-Primary School Tutor**

26 **iii. Christine Bailey-Primary School Tutor**

27 **iv. Linda Burrington-Primary School Tutor**

28 **v. Anne Marie Gurney-Primary School Tutor**

**vi. Substitutes**

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

1 only to the items they have the authority to decide on and if there is no objection, the agenda  
2 items will be adopted by unanimous consent. There was no objection, and the consent agenda  
3 items were approved by unanimous consent.

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

6 **A. Out of District Enrollment**

7 **i. Elementary**

8 **ii. High School**

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

14 There were no High School out of districts.

15 **B. Obsolete and Disposal Items**

16 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the obsolete and  
17 disposal list as presented. There were no questions or comments, and Sean Lenahan made a  
18 motion to dispose of the School District property as obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school  
19 purposes as presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

20 **C. Resolution for Trustee Election and Operational Levy**

21 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that they entered into a contract with Ravalli  
22 County Superintendent to administer the 2023 school election, and this requires the Board to call  
23 for an election seventy days prior to election. The election will be held on May 2, 2023 for three  
24 school board trustee positions and a mill levy proposition to fund the elementary and high school  
25 general funds. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they have any questions or comments  
26 on the resolution for Trustee Election and Operational Levy. After questions and comments from  
27 the Board Sean Lenahan made a motion to run a Trustee Election. Ben seconded the motion.  
28 After questions from the Board about the Operational Levy Ben made a motion to rescind his  
second. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were anymore questions and asked if there could  
be a motion for a Trustee Election and Operational Levy, Sean Lenahan made a motion to run a

1 Trustee Election and a Operational Levy. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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3 **D. Sinking Funds Investment**

4 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board the district received two quotes from two  
5 local banks. Superintendent Dave Thennis went over the rates. After comments from the Board  
6 on the term of the CD's and the interest rates, Kris McKoy made a motion to invest the money at  
7 4.25 percent for a term of seventeen months with Farmers State Bank. Stephanie Esch seconded  
8 the motion. All voted aye.

9 **E. Policy**

10 **A. First Reading-8310 and 2510**

11 Chairwoman Cathi asked the Board if they had questions on the first reading of these  
12 policies. After questions and comments from the Board on policy 8310 and if there should be a  
13 timeline put on it, Sean Lenahan made a motion to bring policy 8310 back to the policy  
14 committee for further review. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

15 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the first reading of  
16 policy 2510. After questions on policy 2510, Ben Meyer made a motion to approve the first  
17 reading of policy 2510 as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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19 **F. Second Reading 3235**

20 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the second  
21 reading of 3235. After questions on policy 3235 and comments from the STA President Vicki  
22 Motely, Tony Hudson made a motion to bring policy 3235 back to policy committee for further  
23 review. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

24 **G. Travel Agreement with Corvallis School District**

25 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that having a travel agreement with Corvallis  
26 School District is beneficial to both schools. He explained it helps reduce transportation costs for  
27 both schools. Superintendent Dave Thennis presented the MOU for the remainder of the year.  
28 After questions and comments from the Board on the MOU, Ben Meyer made a motion to except

1 the MOU Travel Agreement between Stevensville Public Schools and Corvallis School District.  
2 Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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#### 4 **8. Informational Items**

##### 5 **A. MHSA January Meeting-Brian Gum**

6 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that the Activities Director Brian  
7 Gum would update them on January's meeting.

##### 8 **B. School Calendar Committee-Tracey Rogstad**

9 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that Tracey Rogstad and the calendar  
10 committee had met and are working on the upcoming school calendar for 2023-2024. Tracey went  
11 over some of the ideas they are working on and explained it is the same model we currently have  
12 except Parent Teacher Conferences will change to Professional Development days.

##### 13 **C. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Thennis**

- 14 **i. Enrollment**
- 15 **ii. Budget Timeline**
- 16 **iii. Pantry Partners Report**
- 17 **iv. Jacket Academy Student and Staff Petition**
- 18 **v. Lisa Thompson Grant Recipients**
- 19 **vi. Congia Accreditation Review**
- 20 **vii. RBHI Screening Plan**

21 Superintendent Dave Thennis updated the Board on the school enrollment numbers.  
22 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the board the plan for the budget timeline and that he would  
23 being putting a proposal together to share with board at the next scheduled work session on  
24 February 28, 2023. Superintendent Dave Thennis shared that 1900 lbs. of food was donated to  
25 Pantry Partners Food Bank and a thank you letter was received. Superintendent Dave Thennis told  
26 the board that he received a students and staff petition in regards to not removing Jacket Academy  
27 in the upcoming school year. Superintendent Dave Thennis told the board that there were 4  
28 winners for the Lisa Thompson Grant recipients. He told the board that May 1<sup>st</sup> is the next due  
date for applications for the grant. Superintendent Dave Thennis updated the board on the Congia  
Accreditation Review and then stated the final review will be submitted March 1<sup>st</sup>. Superintendent  
Dave Thennis gave an update on the RBHI Screening Plan and told the board that it has been a

1 positive experience along with the admin team stating it's been very helpful and a great program  
2 that has been an eye opener.

3 **9. Adjourn**

4 Tony Hudson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion.

5 All voted aye.

6 Board Chairman: Signed Copy on File in District Office.

7 Date: March 14, 2023.

8 School Board Clerk: Signed Copy on File in District Office.

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