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**Regular Board Meeting**

**March 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, Ben Meyer, and Billy Donaldson were present. Superintendent Dave Thennis, Eric Larson, Angie Armour, Tracey Rogstad, Sierra Hankinson, Jessica Shourd, Brian Gum, Business Manager/ Clerk Bill Schiele, Assistant Clerk Lorraine Driver, and Student Representative Sophia Jones were present.

**2. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment**

**Board Comment**

There was no board comment.

**Public Comment**

Audience member Jason Hollis asked about the district rule for anyone in the district being able to coach and asked if there would be clarification on the two budgets.

**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 February 14, 2023, as presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the February 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting minutes 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 Special Board Meeting minutes held on February 28, 2023, as presented. Stephanie Esch made a motion to approve the February 28, 2023, Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. Billy

1 Donaldson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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3 **4. Approval of Claims**

4 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or  
5 students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims for March in the amount of  
6 \$221,153.37 starting with claim #39996 and ending with claim #40068 and students' accounts in  
7 the amount of \$21,352.94. After comments and questions on some of the claims, Kris Mckoy made  
8 a motion to approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Billy Donaldson seconded the  
9 motion. All voted aye.

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11 **5. Recognition**

12 Superintendent Dave Thennis recognized Karla Baney and her first-grade class for their  
13 participation in the DUI Task Force Art Contest. Superintendent Dave Thennis recognized Karla  
14 Baney and Pam Johnson for their years of services to the district and wished them the best of  
15 luck in retirement. He also recognized Brian Gum for his years of service to the district and  
16 wished him luck as he moves on to new future endeavors. Sophia Jones, the student  
17 representative, went over prom and spring sports for the upcoming months.

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19 **6. Consent Agenda**

20 **A. Resignation**

- 21 **i. Pam Johnson-Spanish Teacher**
- 22 **ii. Karla Baney-Elementary Teacher**
- 23 **iii. Brian Gum-Activities Director**
- 24 **iv. Jerry Metesh-Middle School Counselor**
- 25 **v. Jennifer Harris-Para Educator**

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

- 27 **i. Lori Lewis-Head Track**
- 28 **ii. Mary Pat Osler-Assistant Track**
- ii. Clayton Curley-Assistant Track**
- iv. Bill Everett-Head Tennis**
- v. Avery Sindelar-Assistant Tennis Coach**
- vi. Keith Berning-Head Softball Coach**
- vii. Corrie McDonald-Volunteer Softball Coach**
- viii. Callie Lendman-Volunteer Softball Coach**
- ix. Mike Davids-Volunteer Softball Coach**
- x. Toby Sannar-Volunteer Baseball Coach**

- 1                    **xi. Gordan Gum-Volunteer Track Coach**
- 2                    **xii. Paul Hutchinson-Volunteer Track Coach**
- 3                    **xiii. Courtney Taylor-Volunteer Track Coach**
- 4                    **xiv. Steve Lewis-Middle School Head Track Coach**
- 5                    **xv. Kara Jennings-Middle School Head Track Coach**
- 6                    **xvi. Carly Swisher-Middle School Assistant Track Coach**
- 7                    **xvii. Substitutes**

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

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

10                  Cathi asked the Board if there were any consent agenda items they would like to remove from the  
11                  list. There were no items to be removed. Cathi told the Board the consent of any trustee pertains  
12                  only to the items they have the authority to decide on and if there is no objection, the agenda  
13                  items will be adopted by unanimous consent. There was no objection, and the consent agenda  
14                  items were approved by unanimous consent.

## 15                  **7. Business: Action & Discussion**

### 16                  **A. Out of District Enrollment**

#### 17                  **i. Elementary**

#### 18                  **ii. High School**

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

### 20                  **B. Obsolete and Disposal Items**

21                  Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the obsolete and  
22                  disposal list as presented. There were no questions or comments, and Stephanie Esch made a  
23                  motion to dispose of the School District property as obsolete, undesirable, or unsuitable for school  
24                  purposes as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All voted aye.

### 25                  **C. Policy**

#### 26                  **A. First Reading-8310, 3235 and 2410**

27                  Chairwoman Cathi asked the Board if they had questions on the first reading of these  
28                  policies. After questions and comments from the Board on policy 3235, Sean Lenahan made a  
29                  motion to approve policies 8310, 3235, and 2410 as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the motion.  
30                  All voted aye.

#### 31                  **D. Second Reading 2510**

32                  Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the second

1 reading of 2510. Ben Meyer made a motion to approve the second reading of policy 2510 as  
2 presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

3 **E. Out of State Travel-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Silverwood Science**

4 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science wants to take a trip  
5 to Silverwood in May. Sarah Daman, the Middle School science teacher, and student Adelaide  
6 Meyer talked about the trip and the things the students would be doing to raise the money for the  
7 trip and how important it would be to go to implement the things they have learned in science this  
8 year. After questions and comments from the Board on the trip, finances, and transportation,  
9 Billy Donaldson made a motion to approve out-of-state travel for Ms. Daman's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students  
10 to attend a science day event at Silverwood. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. Cathi Cook, Ben  
11 Meyer, Sean Lenahan, Kris McKoy, Billy Donaldson, Stephanie Esch, and Tony Hudson voted  
12 aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

13 **F. MOU-Exception for 112.3 Retirement**

14 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the board Pam Johnson husband unexpectedly passed  
15 this fall and returning to work proved to be too difficult emotionally. She submitted her  
16 resignation effective February 24, 2023. The timing of resignation would make her ineligible for a  
17 sick leave payout because the collective bargaining agreement requires completing the contract.  
18 Dave explained he worked with the STA to develop an MOU allowing eligibility for Pam  
19 Johnson to receive her sick leave payout. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if the Board if they had  
20 any questions on the MOU presented. There were no questions or comments, and Stephanie Esch  
21 made a motion to approve the MOU between the Stevensville School District and the Stevensville  
22 Teachers Association creating a one-time exception to section 12.3 of the collective bargaining  
23 agreement. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

24 **G. High School Budget Recommendations**

25 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that there was an increase in funding  
26 from House Bill 15 that was signed the first week in March to provide support due to inflationary  
27 increases. Dave told the Board that this presented a better picture than what was presented at the  
28 work session in February, but stated we are outspending our general fund budget. Dave told the

1 Board he is still proposing the same reductions presented in February. After questions and  
2 comments from the public and the Board on the High School Budget, Ben Meyer made a motion  
3 to approve the budget recommendations as presented. Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. All  
4 voted aye.

#### 5 **H. Elementary School Budget Recommendations**

6 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that even with the extra funding  
7 provided by HB15 for the elementary school it is still outspending our general budget. Dave told  
8 the Board he is still proposing the same reductions presented in February. After questions and  
9 comments from the public and the Board on the Elementary School Budget, Stephanie Esch made  
10 a motion to approve the budget recommendations as presented. Tony Hudson seconded the  
11 motion. Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer, Kris McKoy, Sean Lenahan, Billy Donaldson, Stephanie Esch,  
12 and Tony Hudson voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

#### 13 **I. Operation Levy**

14 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the board that the operational levy would  
15 provide relief to the strained elementary and high school budgets. Dave stated that he didn't  
16 support running an operational levy this year, but felt the Board should consider it in 2024. At that  
17 time, ESSER funds will be spent and discussions can take place about transitioning some ESSER  
18 funded staff into the general fund budget(s). After comments and questions from the Board on  
19 the operational levy, Kris McKoy made a motion for the removal of an operational levy from the  
20 resolution with Ravalli County and directed the District Clerk to notify Ravalli County of the  
21 Boards intent to remove the operational levy from the May 2, 2023, ballot. Tony Hudson  
22 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

#### 23 **J. Senate Bill 307 Resolution to Impose Levies**

##### 24 **i. Elementary**

##### 25 **ii. High School**

26 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board they need to approve Senate Bill 307 that  
27 shows any increases or decreases to the district mills for next year. Dave went over the increases  
28 and decreases in the Elementary and High School levies. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the

1 Board if they had any questions or comments on the Elementary resolution for Senate Bill 307 as  
2 presented. Ben Meyer made a motion to adopt the Resolution of Intent to impose an increase in  
3 permissive levies in the Elementary District as presented. Tony Hudson seconded the motion.  
4 Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer, Kris McKoy, Sean Lenahan, Billy Donaldson, Stephanie Esch, and Tony  
5 Hudson voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

6 Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on the High School  
7 resolution for Senate Bill 307 as presents. Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to adopt the  
8 Resolution of Intent to impose an increase in permissive levies for the High School District as  
9 presented. Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. All voted aye.

#### 10 **K. 2023-24 School Calendar**

11 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that Tracey Rogstad and the calendar  
12 committee had met and came up with a school calendar for the next school year. Tracey went over  
13 the school calendar and the spring break schedule. After comments from the Board on the school  
14 year calendar, Sean Lenahan made a motion to accept the school calendar for the 2023-2024  
15 school year as presented. Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. All voted aye.

### 16 **8. Informational Items**

#### 17 **A. District Enrollment**

18 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that enrollment numbers that were  
19 taken for the month of March decreased in the High School once again. Superintendent Dave  
20 Thennis stated that this magnifies the need for a high school teacher devoted to developing  
21 strategies or maintaining enrollment.

#### 22 **B. Advanced Opportunities Grant Award**

23 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that the district was awarded an Advanced  
24 Opportunities Grant by the Office of Public Instruction. The grant was developed by our CTE  
25 department with a special thank you to Josette Hackett for her submission for the grant. The grant  
26 will allow for some work-experience opportunities.

#### 27 **C. Cognition Review and Priorities**

28 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that the School Improvement Team presented

1 to Cognia on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to earn accreditation and to communicate our plans for continuous  
2 improvement.

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: April 11, 2023.

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

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