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**Regular Board Meeting**

**April 11, 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, Ben Meyer, Billy Donaldson, and Kris McKoy. Superintendent Dave Thennis, Eric Larson, Tracey Rogstad, Angie Armour, Sierra Hankinson, Jessica Shourd, Brian Gum, and Business Manager/Clerk Bill Schiele were present.

**2. Informational Items**

**A. District Enrollment**

**B. Discussion about the public library**

**C. Youth Risk Behavioral Survey**

**D. Plan for Board Self Evaluation**

**E. Accreditation Status for 2022-23 K-6, 7-8, 9-12**

**F. Audit Report**

Superintendent Dave Thennis updated the Board on the school enrollment numbers and told the Board the district's enrollment is holding steady right now.

Dave told the Board and the audience the district has met with the Stevensville Library board, and they would like to purchase property from the district to build a new town library.

Dave talked about the risk behavioral survey the district did last month and that the district made a mistake about not notifying the parents. Dave told the Board the district has reviewed the process of notifying parents to make sure this will not happen again.

Dave told the Board they need to do a board self-evaluation according to board policy.

Cathi told the Board she will meet with the superintendent to set up a date for that meeting.

Dave talked about the district's accreditation standard report and that the district has met all the requirements.

1 Dave also told the Board the district audit is complete for the fiscal year 2022 and that  
2 there were no audit findings again this year.

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### 4 **3. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment**

#### 5 **Board Comment**

6 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board and the audience there will be a trustee forum for  
7 the candidates running for board positions on April 17, 2023.

#### 8 **Public Comment**

9 There was no public comment.

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### 11 **4. Recognition**

#### 12 **A. Winter Activities Recognition for Academic All-State, Conference, and Honorable Mention**

#### 13 **B. Speech and Debate – Students qualify for Nationals**

14 Brian Gum, the district activities director, talked about the winter sports participation at  
15 the district this year. Brian read the names of the coaches and introduced the winter sports head  
16 coaches that were present. Brian also read the names of the students and what they have  
17 accomplished. Alex Miller told the Board that three students have qualified for Nationals again  
18 this year and Alex read the names of the three students. The Board thanked Brian for the winter  
19 sports season this year and Alex for the great speech and debate season they had this year.

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### 21 **5. Approval of Minutes**

22 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the trustees if they had any questions or comments on the  
23 Regular Board Meeting minutes held on March 14, 2023, as presented. After a correction to page  
24 5, line 20 to replace “fud” with “fund” and page 7 line 3 to replace “present” with “presented”,  
25 Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting minutes as  
26 presented. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

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### 28 **6. Approval of Claims**

Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the claims or

1 students' accounts. Cathi told the Board the district has claims for April in the amount of  
2 \$215,763.53 starting with claim #40069 and ending with claim #40155 and students' accounts in  
3 the amount of \$15,995.94. After questions on the claims, Stephanie Esch made a motion to  
4 approve the claims and students' accounts as presented. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All  
5 voted aye.

6 **7. Consent Agenda**

7 **A. Resignation**

- 8 **i. Katie Sutherlin – High School Secretary**
- 9 **ii. Angelia BahnMiller – High School Paraeducator**
- 10 **iii. Clayton Curley – High School Assistant Football Coach**
- 11 **iv. Jeff Mahler – High School Volleyball Coach**
- 12 **v. Luke Price – High School Assistant Girls Basketball**
- 13 **vi. Luke Price – Middle School Assistant Football**
- 14 **vii. Sue Little – Substitute Teacher**

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

- 16 **i. Anne Gurney – High School Math**
- 17 **ii. Callie Lendman – High School Spanish Teacher**
- 18 **iii. Christina McLaren – Business Manager/District Clerk**
- 19 **iv. Ashlin Hiller – K3 Paraeducator**
- 20 **v. Toby Sannar – Assistant Baseball Coach**
- 21 **vi. Jeff Umland – Volunteer Baseball Coach**
- 22 **vii. Callie Lendman – Assistant Softball Coach**
- 23 **viii. Emma Burke – Middle School Counselor**
- 24 **ix. Substitutes**

25 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now approve the consent agenda items.  
26 Cathi asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items.  
27 After a question on the coaching positions in the district, Cathi asked the Board if there were any  
28 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.

29 **8. Business: Action & Discussion**

30 **A. Out of District Enrollment**

- 31 **i. Elementary**
- 32 **ii. High School**

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

1           **B. Multidistrict Agreement between Stevensville Elementary and High School**  
2           **Districts**

3           Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board the Multi-District Inter-Local Fund  
4 Agreement between the two schools needs to be renewed every three years. Dave talked about the  
5 agreement and the purpose of this agreement. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they  
6 have any questions on this renewal agreement. Stephanie Esch made a motion for the approval of  
7 the Multi-District Inter-Local Fund Agreement between the Stevensville High School and  
8 Stevensville Elementary School Districts as presented. Sean Lenahan seconded the motion. All  
9 voted aye.

10           **C. MOU – Extra-Curriculum Stipends for High School Baseball Coaches**

11           Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board the district needs this MOU to pay for the  
12 baseball ball coaches this year with the money raised for the baseball program. Dave told the  
13 Board these stipends will be requested to be added to the teachers CBA with the upcoming  
14 negotiations. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the MOU as  
15 presented. Billy Donaldson made a motion to approve the MOU as presented. Kris McKoy  
16 seconded the motion. All voted aye.

17           **D. Certified Staff Recommendation for Renewal**

- 18           **i. Elementary**
- 19           **ii. High School**

20           Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they need to hire the certified staff for the 2023-  
21 2024 school year. Cathi read the names of the Elementary non-tenured teachers to be hired for the  
22 2023-2024 school year. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the hiring of the  
23 Elementary non-tenured teachers as presented. Tony Hudson made a motion to hire the  
24 Elementary non-tenured teachers as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. Stephanie Esch,  
25 Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer, Billy Donaldson, and Kris McKoy voted  
26 aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

27           Cathi read the names of the Elementary non-tenured teachers attaining tenure to be hired  
28 for the 2023-2024 school year. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the hiring of  
the Elementary non-tenured teachers attaining tenure as presented. Billy Donaldson made a  
motion to hire the Elementary non-tenured teachers attaining tenure as presented. Tony Hudson

1 seconded the motion. Stephanie Esch, Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer,  
2 Billy Donaldson, and Kris McKoy voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

3 Cathi read the names of the Elementary tenured teachers to be hired for the 2023-2024  
4 school year. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the hiring of the Elementary  
5 tenured teachers as presented. Stephanie Esch made a motion to hire the Elementary tenured  
6 teachers as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. Stephanie Esch, Sean Lenahan, Tony  
7 Hudson, Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer, Billy Donaldson, and Kris McKoy voted aye. Jennifer  
8 Gunterman could not vote.

9 Cathi read the names of the High School non-tenured teachers to be hired for the 2023-  
10 2024 school year. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the hiring of the High  
11 School non-tenured teachers as presented. Jennifer Gunterman made a motion to hire the High  
12 School non-tenured teachers as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. All voted aye.

13 Cathi read the names of the High School non-tenured teachers attaining tenure to be hired  
14 for the 2023-2024 school year. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any  
15 questions on the hiring of the High School non-tenured teachers attaining tenure as presented.  
16 Tony Hudson made a motion to hire the High School non-tenured teachers attaining tenure as  
17 presented. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

18 Cathi read the names of the High School tenured teachers to be hired for the 2023-2024  
19 school year. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the hiring of the High School  
20 tenured teachers as presented. Stephanie Esch made a motion to hire the High School tenured  
21 teachers as presented. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

## 22 **E. Administrative Employment Recommendations**

23 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they need to hire the districts administration for  
24 the 2023-2024 school year. Cathi read the names of the Elementary tenured administration to be  
25 hired for the 2023-2024 school year. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the hiring  
26 of the Elementary tenured administration as presented. Sean Lenahan made a motion to hire the  
27 Elementary tenured administration as presented. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. Stephanie  
28 Esch, Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer, Billy Donaldson, and Kris McKoy

1 voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

2 Cathi read the name of the Elementary non-tenured administration to be hired for the  
3 2023-2024 school year. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the hiring of the  
4 Elementary non-tenured administration as presented. Stephanie Esch made a motion to hire the  
5 Elementary non-tenured administration as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. Stephanie  
6 Esch, Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer, Billy Donaldson, and Kris McKoy  
7 voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

8 Cathi read the name of the High School tenured administration to be hired for the 2023-  
9 2024 school year. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the hiring of the High  
10 School tenured administration as presented. Billy Donaldson made a motion to hire the High  
11 School tenured administration as presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted aye.

12 Cathi read the name of the High School non-tenured administration to be hired for the  
13 2023-2024 school year. Cathi asked the Board if they had any questions on the hiring of the High  
14 School non-tenured administration as presented. Kris McKoy made a motion to hire the High  
15 School non-tenured administration as presented. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. All  
16 voted aye.

#### 17 **F. Interagency Transportation Agreement Renewal**

18 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board this is an annual transportation agreement  
19 with the Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative (BVEC) that needs to be approved for the 2023-  
20 2024 school year. Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if there were any questions or  
21 comments on the transportation agreement as presented. Tony Hudson made a motion to approve  
22 the Interagency Transportation Agreement as presented. Ben Meyer seconded the motion.  
23 Stephanie Esch, Sean Lenahan, Tony Hudson, Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer, Billy Donaldson, and Kris  
24 McKoy voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman could not vote.

#### 25 **G. Policy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 8310, 3235, 2410**

26 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions on the second reading  
27 and adoption of policy 8310, 3235, 2410 as presented. After a comment about the reason for  
28 decreasing the high school graduation credits from 26 to 24 credits and if this will affect the honor

1 students, Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the second reading of policy 8310, 3235, 2410  
2 as presented. Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. All voted aye.

3 **H. Out of State Travel – High School Silverwood Science Day**

4 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board that Drew Kendall, a High School science  
5 teacher, plans to travel to Silverwood Theme Park with his students for their annual field trip.  
6 Dave told the Board the date of the trip is the same date the Middle School science students will  
7 be going to Silverwood Theme Park. Billy Donaldson made a motion to approve the High School  
8 field trip to Silverwood Theme Park as presented. Kris McKoy seconded the motion. All voted  
9 aye.

10 **I. Out of State Travel – SDD Nationals – Phoenix, Arizona**

11 Alexzandera Miller, the High School Speech and Debate coach, told the Board that three  
12 students have qualified for the 2023 National Speech and Debate Tournament in Phoenix,  
13 Arizona. The Board congratulated the three students on qualifying for the tournament. After  
14 comments from the Board on the trip and the cost of the trip on June 10, 2023, thru June 17, 2023,  
15 Sean Lenahan made a motion to approve the out of state trip to the 2023 National Speech and  
16 Debate tournament for Nya Seibert, Malia Gunterman, and McKenna Moore as presented. Tony  
17 Hudson seconded the motion. All voted aye.

18 **J. Sealed Bid for Obsolete Equipment**

19 Superintendent Dave Thennis told the Board the district received only one sealed bid for  
20 the obsolete equipment that was approved at the last board meeting. Dave went over the bid.  
21 Chairwoman Cathi Cook asked the Board if they had any questions or comments on the bid as  
22 presented. After comments on the low price of the irrigation pipe, if the district should reject the  
23 bid and go back out to bid with a minimum price, and if the Board could reject the bid after being  
24 advertised without a minimum bid, Ben Meyer made a motion to table the approval of the bid  
25 until the district gets legal advice on rejecting the bid. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All  
26 voted aye.

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28 **9. Adjourn**

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

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

4 Date: May 9, 2023.

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

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