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8 **Special Board Meeting**

9 **April 25, 2023**

7:00 pm

Music Center Choir Room

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11 **1. Opening of Meeting – Call to Order- Salute to Flag- Roll Call**

12 Chairwoman Cathi Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the MPR Choir Room.
13 Cathi led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees present were Sean Lenahan, Kris McKoy, Stephanie
14 Esch, Ben Meyer, Tony Hudson, and Jennifer Gunterman. Billy Donaldson was not present.
15 Superintendent Dave Thennis, Business Manager/Clerk(s) Bill Schiele & Christy McLaren were
16 present.

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18 **2. Recognize Visitors/Public Comment**

19 **Board Comment**

20 There was no board comment.

21 **Public Comment**

22 There was no public comment.

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24 **3. Consent Agenda**

25 **A. Resignations**

- 26 **i. Dillon Gongliewski – High School Social Studies**
- 27 **ii. Amanda McGinnis – ESSER High School English**
- 28 **iii. Randi Burdette – High School Social Studies**

29 **B. Employment *All employment is pending completion of satisfactory**
30 **background checks.**

- 31 **i. Rita Bundren – Temporary Paraprofessional**
 - 32 **ii. Billie Dimsha – Half Time Paraprofessional**
 - 33 **iii. Ben Guenzler – Volunteer Baseball Coach**
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35 Superintendent Thennis indicated that there were two late additions to the Consent
36 Agenda. The Resignation of Randi Burdette and Volunteer Ben Guenzler. Chairwoman Cathi
37 Cook asked if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items. The consent
38 agenda items were approved by unanimous consent.

39 Ben Meyer questioned Section 4.B. of Dillon Gongliewski's Resignation Agreement, where
40 it references the "Twentieth Judicial District". Ben is concerned that this is the incorrect district.
41 Superintendent Thennis will check to see if this is correct or not.

42 **4. Business: Discussion and Action Items**

43 **A. Consideration of Bid for Obsolete Items**

44 Superintendent Thennis found out that it is okay for the district to reject the bid, but
45 strongly suggests that in the future the district lists a minimum bid amount when listing an item
46 if they do not wish to accept bids below a certain dollar amount. This bid item has created hard
47 feelings, as the individual who bid is a custodian and one of the district's lower compensated
48 positions. Superintendent Thennis recommends accepting the original bid. Tony Hudson moved
49 to accept the \$5 bid for the sprinkler pipe and trailer that was approved for disposal during the
50 March 14, 2023, Regular Board meeting. Kris McCoy seconded the motion. All present voted
51 aye.

52 **B. Request from Paraprofessional and Secretaries Union to Open** 53 **Collective Bargaining**

54 Jennifer Gunterman asked when the goal is to have negotiations completed. Chairwoman
55 Cathi Cook indicated that in a "normal", non-legislative year, the goal is to start negotiations in
56 February and have negotiations completed by early to mid-May. Jennifer Gunterman motioned
57 to open collective bargaining negotiations with the Paraprofessional and Secretaries' Union for
58 2023-2024 school year pending the decision on insurance premiums for the 2023-2024. Sean
59 Lenahan seconded the motion. All present voted aye.

60 **C. Self-Evaluation of the Stevensville School District Board of Trustees**

61 Chairwoman Cathi Cook reviewed scores for each of the questions that trustees evaluated
62 the board on. There was discussion amongst trustees about the board's strengths and areas
63 where improvement can be made moving forward. The board is looking to schedule a retreat
64 during the summer months to focus on goals for the upcoming school year. Sean Lenahan

65 motioned to accept the self-evaluation of the Stevensville School District Board of Trustees.
66 Jennifer Gunterman seconded the motion. All present voted aye.

67 **5. Adjourn**

68 Sean Lenahan motioned to adjourn the board meeting. Tony Hudson seconded the
69 motion. All present voted aye.

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

72 Date: May 9, 2023.

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

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