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8 **Budget Work Session**

9 **August 3, 2023**

7:10 pm

Music Center Choir Room

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11 **1. Budget Planning**

12 Chairwoman Cathi Cook called the meeting to order in the MPR Choir Room. The trustees
13 present were Dan Mullan, Stephanie Esch, Ben Meyer, Tony Hudson, Jennifer Gunterman, Billy
14 Donaldson, and Kris McKoy (via phone). Superintendent Dave Thennis, Business Manager/Clerk
15 Christy McLaren were present.

16 Business Manager/Clerk, Christy McLaren, reviewed a Budget Presentation of the funds
17 the district currently has and the permissible expenditures for each of these funds. After her
18 presentation budget documents were distributed to trustees and other attendees. Among these
19 documents were OPI Data sheets for FY23-24, and a breakdown of the school expenditures from
20 the General Fund for FY22-23 for both elementary and high school. On expenditure categories,
21 such as Contracted Services, and Maintenance & Repairs another spreadsheet broke down these
22 categories to show vendors paid so that trustees had a better understanding of actual expenses
23 within these categories.

24 Superintendent Thennis reviewed the proposed General Fund Budgets and Transportation
25 Budgets for the Stevensville Elementary and High School for FY23-24. Christy and Dave fielded
26 questions about the proposed budgets and noted areas that might need to be modified as the
27 district moved forward with the budget. It was noted that the Middle School Activities Director
28 wages were not accounted for in the proposed budget. It was also noted that social security and
29 retirement are paid from the Retirement fund and not the General Fund and that they would be
30 removed from the proposed High School General Fund Budget.

31 Superintendent Thennis reviewed the Transportation Budgets for the proposed budgets
32 for both the elementary and high school. He noted that the budgets were higher than FY22-23
33 due to more staff wages being paid from these funds, anticipated higher fuel costs, the contract

34 with Edulog to streamline our bus routes, and add the ability for parents to see where their
35 children are on the bus routes in real time. It was noted after reviewing the proposed budgets
36 that the diesel/fuel costs for the elementary and high school were transposed.

37 A question about where the payments for buses that were sold to Harlow's are being
38 deposited and how long the district will receive these payments was asked. This will be followed
39 up on.

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41 **2. Adjourn**

42 Stephanie Esch motioned to adjourn the board meeting. Jennifer Gunterman seconded
43 the motion. All trustees voted aye. Motion passed.

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

46 Date: October 10, 2023.

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