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8 **Special Board Meeting**

9 **August 3, 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 in the MPR Choir Room. Cathi led  
13 the Pledge of Allegiance. The trustees present were Dan Mullan, Stephanie Esch, Ben Meyer,  
14 Tony Hudson, Jennifer Gunterman, Billy Donaldson, and Kris McKoy (via phone). Superintendent  
15 Dave Thennis, Business Manager/Clerk Christy McLaren were present.

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

18 **Board Comment**

19 Trustee Ben Meyer complimented the sports teams for setting up at the Creamery Picnic.

20 **Public Comment**

21 Fran Schmitz thanked the district for making sure that the public was notified of the special  
22 meeting on Facebook. Ms. Schmitz also wanted to make sure that her comment from the minutes  
23 on July 13, 2023, was clarified. She feels that student athletes need to be given their homework  
24 prior to participating in athletic events when the student asks so that when they return to school  
25 after the event they are not behind in their assignments.

26 Lori Lewis indicated that she is looking for cooks for the Cross-Country Camping Retreat.

27 Superintendent Thennis also indicated that our sinking fund CD was reinvested along with  
28 an additional amount of approximately \$250,000 in tax revenue. We were contacted by Rocky  
29 Mountain Bank late last week and told that their rate of 5.15% APY for the 12-month CD was  
30 misquoted. It was decided to invest with Farmers State Bank at 4.8% APR for 13-months.

31 **3. Consent Agenda**

32 **B. Employment** *\*All employment is pending completion of satisfactory background*  
33 *checks.*

- 34 i. **Leda Turnage – District Support Staff**
- 35 ii. **Alexzandra Miller – High School Speech and Debate**
- 36 iii. **Steve Curley – Middle School Head Football Coach**
- 37 iv. **Derek Buerkle – Middle School Assistant Football Coach**
- 38 v. **Kara Jennings – Middle School Volleyball Coach**
- 39 vi. **Kelsey Mahan – Middle School Volleyball Coach**
- 40 vii. **Kelsey Mahan – Middle School Student Council Advisor**
- 41 viii. **Kristen Cargile – Middle School Paraprofessional**
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43 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now approve the consent agenda items.  
44 Cathi asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items.  
45 There were none. Cathi asked the Board if there were any consent items they would like to remove  
46 from the list. Trustee, Dan Mullan asked if Item i. regarding, Leda Turnage could be removed from  
47 the consent agenda. Cathi told the Board the consent of any trustee pertains only to the items  
48 they have the authority to decide on and if there is no objection, the agenda items will be adopted  
49 by unanimous consent. There were no objections, and the consent agenda items were approved  
50 by unanimous consent.

51 Dan Mullan asked what was the position that Leda Turnage was being hired for?  
52 Superintendent Thennis explained that the District Support Staff position was the form position  
53 that Pam Torgerson held before retiring. The District Support Staff position has been modified  
54 now to cover both the copy room, while also supporting the new High School Activities  
55 Director/Assistant Principal and the district office. Dan Mullan is concerned that the copy room  
56 will not have a full-time person. Superintendent Thennis indicated that this is one of the cost-  
57 savings measures that was made to ensure that the new Activities Director had additional support  
58 with the new Brightly facility management program and the Frontline absent management  
59 program (used for substitutes).

60 Public Comment - There was a concern regarding whether teachers would be receiving  
61 the copies they request in a timely manner if we do not have a full-time copy person.

62 Billy Donaldson motioned to approve the hiring of Leda Turnage as District Office Support  
63 Staff for FY23-24. Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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65 **4. Adjourn**

66 Billy Donaldson motioned to adjourn the board meeting. Tony Hudson seconded the  
67 motion. All trustees voted aye. Motion passed.

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

70 Date: September 12, 2023.

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