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8 **Special Board Meeting**

9 **May 21, 2024**

10:00 am

District Conference 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 District Conference Room.
13 Cathi led the Pledge of Allegiance. The trustees present were Dan Mullan, Ben Meyer, Tony
14 Hudson, Stephanie Esch (via Teams), Jennifer Gunterman, Billy Donaldson, and Kris McKoy (via
15 phone left meeting at 10:15 am). Superintendent Dave Thennis, Business Manager/Clerk Christy
16 McLaren were present. Principals Sierra Bauer and Tracey Rogstad were present.

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

18 Public Comment

19 None

20 Board Comment

21 None

22 **3. Consent Agenda**

23 **A. Employment **All employment is pending the completion of satisfactory***
24 ***background checks.***

25 **i. Suzanne Flint – Middle School Counselor**

26 Chairwoman Cathi Cook told the Board they will now approve the consent agenda items.
27 Cathi asked the Board if there were any questions or comments on the consent agenda items.
28 Ben Meyer asked if there was anything that could be shared about the new hire. Tracey Rogstad
29 indicated that she was a new graduate and that current counselors of the school district were
30 recommending her. Cathi asked the Board if there were any consent items they would like to
31 remove from the list. No items were removed from the list. Cathi told the Board the consent of

32 any trustee pertains only to the items they have the authority to decide on and if there is no
33 objection, the agenda items will be adopted by unanimous consent. There were no objections,
34 and the consent agenda items were approved by unanimous consent.

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36 **4. Business: Action Items**

37 **A. Certified Rehire**

38 Superintendent Thennis recommended Dani Smith for rehire as the high school assistant
39 principal and activities director. She was not included in the previous rehire process as there were
40 scheduled community discussions regarding activities and strategies to support student activities.
41 There has been discussion of considering an activities coordinator position, however Dani would
42 remain the administrator responsible for activities.

43 Jennifer Gunterman motioned to rehire Dani Smith as the high school assistant principal
44 and activities director. Stephanie Esch seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye. The motion
45 passed.

46 Board Comment

47 Trustee Dan Mullan asked if Dani Smith had reviewed the job description. Ben Meyer
48 asked if Dani felt she could handle everything included in the job description. Superintendent
49 Thennis indicated that Dani had reviewed the job description and she felt she could handle
50 everything through the end of June 2024.

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52 **B. District Infinite Campus Administrator Contract.**

53 Superintendent Thennis indicated that the contract for a District Infinite Campus
54 Administrator would be an additional contract for Angie Armour, the new Middle School Principal.
55 Infinite Campus is the student management system that houses important human resource
56 records. The administration and upkeep of this program requires time beyond the principal duties
57 and the skills to maintain compliance measures established by the Office of Public Instruction
58 (OPI).

59 Ben Meyer motioned to move the District Infinite Campus Coordinator Contract from being
60 tabled so that it could be considered. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye.
61 The motion passed.

62 Jennifer Gunterman moved to approve the contract presented as the District Infinite
63 Campus Administrator for the Stevensville Schools as presented to Angie Armour. Billy Donaldson
64 seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye. The motion passed.

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66 **C. Curriculum Coordinator Contract**

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68 Superintendent Thennis recommended a second contract to serve as the District's
69 Curriculum Coordinator to Jon Konen, the new Elementary Assistant Principal. Mr. Konen's
70 responsibilities for this contract will include monitoring, evaluating, and implementing the
71 District's approved curriculum. Mr. Konen would perform these responsibilities corresponding to
72 the calendar and timeline set by the Office of Public Instruction (OPI). Mr. Konen has an extensive
73 background in curriculum and instruction.

74 Ben Meyer motioned to move the District Curriculum Coordinator Contract from being
75 tabled so that it could be considered. Dan Mullan seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye.
76 The motion passed.

77 Billy Donaldson moved to approve the contract presented as the Curriculum Coordinator
78 for the Stevensville Schools as presented to Jon Konen. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. All
79 trustees voted aye. The motion passed.

80 Board Comment

81 Trustee Tony Hudson would like Mr. Konen to report to the board once he figures out
82 what curriculum is needed. Trustee Dan Mullan asked what direction Mr. Konen's focus would
83 be. Superintendent Thennis indicated that it will take Mr. Konen time to acclimate to the district
84 and that he will initially focus on OPI curriculum directives.

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86 **D. District Adult Education Contract**

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88 Superintendent Thennis explained that Mike Mickelson currently serves as the Adult
89 Education Coordinator for the Stevensville School District. He recommended a contract increase

90 from \$7411 to \$8448 for the 2024-2025 school year for these duties. Funding for this position
91 comes from adult education.

92 Ben Meyer motioned to move the District Adult Education Contract from being tabled so
93 that it could be considered. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye. The motion
94 passed.

95 Jennifer Gunterman moved to approve the contract presented as the Adult Education
96 Coordinator for the Stevensville Schools as presented to Mike Mickelson. Ben Meyer seconded the
97 motion. All trustees voted aye. The motion passed.

98 Board Comment

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100 Trustee Dan Mullan asked where does the 19% come from that is listed on the contract.
101 Superintendent Thennis indicated that was from the teacher's salary matrix.

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103 **E. Facilities and Maintenance Contract – Dave Haacke**

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105 Superintendent Thennis indicated that included in the board packet was a revised contract
106 for Mr. Haacke that included a 2% raise and three personal days not two.

107 It was noted that since the revision in salary wasn't noticed at the last board meeting it
108 will need to wait until the next meeting to be approved.

109 Ben Meyer motioned to table Facilities and Maintenance Supervisor Contract until the next
110 regularly scheduled board meeting. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye.
111 The motion passed.

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113 **F. Canvass Trustee Election - High School District**

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115 Cathi Cook read the trustee election results for the Stevensville High School District trustee
116 election. The results were as follows:

117 Janet Depee 302 Votes

118 Jennifer Gunterman 435 Votes

119 Write In Totals 15 Votes

120 Jennifer Gunterman was declared the trustee for the High School representative for the
121 Lone Rock School District.

122 Ben Meyer moved to accept the results of the Stevensville High School District trustee
123 election held on May 7, 2024. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye. The
124 motion passed.

125 **G. Canvass Trustee Election – Elementary School District**

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127 Chairwoman Cathi Cook read the election results for the Stevensville Elementary District
128 trustee election. The results were as follows:

129 Nathan Bean 1070 votes

130 Mandy Conrad 807 votes

131 Anne Marie Overstreet 667 votes

132 Frances "Frannie" Schmitz 876 votes

133 Write In Totals 64 votes

134 Nathan Bean and Frances Schmitz were declared the new trustees for the Stevensville Elementary
135 District trustee election.

136 Billy Donaldson moved to accept the results of the Stevensville Elementary School District
137 trustee election held on May 7, 2024. Cathi Cook, Ben Meyer, Dan Mullan, Billy Donaldson,
138 Stephanie Esch, and Tony Hudson voted aye. Jennifer Gunterman did not vote. Kris McKoy was
139 absent. The motion passed.

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141 **H. Board Chair – Pro Tempore**

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143 Superintendent Thennis indicated that because both Chairwoman Cathi Cook and Kris
144 McKoy are not returning to the Stevensville School Board, and in compliance with Policy 1120,
145 the trustees need to select a Board Chair – Pro Tempore to initiate the reorganization process.
146 Our attorney has suggested the Superintendent serve as the temporary chair until the new board
147 chair is elected. Once the new chair is elected the Board can continue and select the Vice-Chair.

148 Superintendent Thennis thanked Cathi Cook and Kris McKoy for their dedication to the
149 school and years of service to the district.

150 Board Comment

151 Trustee Ben Meyer thanked Cathi Cook and Kris McKoy for their years of service on the
152 board.

153 Public Comment

154 Fran Schmitz, a local citizen, thanked Cathi Cook for her service on the school board and
155 to the local community.

156 Dan Mullan moved to appoint Superintendent Dave Thennis as the Board Chair pro
157 tempore to reorganize the board. Tony Hudson seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye. The
158 motion passed.

159 Billy Donaldson moved for a short recess. Ben Meyer seconded the motion. All trustees
160 voted aye. The motion passed.

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162 **I. Trustee Certification of Election and Oath of Office**

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164 Christy McLaren, Business Manager, distributed Oath of Office forms to the newly elected
165 trustees for signatures.

166 **J. Reorganization of the Board**

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168 Superintendent Thennis requested nominations for Board Chair. Once the Board Chair is
169 approved the newly elected Board Chair will take over the meeting.

170 Superintendent Thennis requested a nomination for Board Chair. Jennifer Gunterman
171 nominated Stephanie Esch. Fran Schmitz seconded the motion.

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| 172 | Tony Hudson | Voted No |
| 173 | Ben Meyer | Voted No |
| 174 | Nathan Bean | Voted No |
| 175 | Billy Donaldson | Voted Aye |
| 176 | Dan Mullan | Voted No |
| 177 | Jennifer Gunterman | Voted Aye |
| 178 | Stephanie Esch | Voted Aye |
| 179 | Fran Schmitz | Voted Aye |

180 The result was a tie. Motion failed.

181 Superintendent Thennis requested another nomination for Board Chair. Tony Hudson
182 nominated Ben Meyer. Dan Mullan seconded the motion.

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| 183 | Tony Hudson | Voted Aye |
| 184 | Ben Meyer | Voted Aye |
| 185 | Billy Donaldson | Voted Aye |
| 186 | Nathan Bean | Voted Aye |
| 187 | Stephanie Esch | Voted Aye |
| 188 | Dan Mullan | Voted Aye |
| 189 | Jennifer Gunterman | Voted No |

190 Fran Schmitz Voted No

191 The motion passed with six aye's.

192 Board Chair Ben Meyer accepted nominations for Board - Vice Chair. Jennifer Gunterman
193 nominated Stephanie Esch. Billy Donaldson seconded the motion.

194 Tony Hudson Voted Aye

195 Ben Meyer Voted Aye

196 Billy Donaldson Voted Aye

197 Nathan Bean Voted Aye

198 Fran Schmitz Voted Aye

199 Dan Mullan Voted Aye

200 Stephanie Esch Voted Aye

201 Jennifer Gunterman Voted Aye

202 The motion passed.

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204 **K. Appointment of the Clerk**

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206 Board Chair Ben Meyer indicated that the board needed to appoint a Clerk to the Board. The
207 current clerk is Christy McLaren, who also acts as the Business Manager. He asked if there we
208 any concerns with reappointing Christy as the clerk. There were none. Dan Mullan moved to
209 appoint Mrs. Christy McLaren as the Clerk of the Stevensville School District Board of Trustees.
210 Billy Donaldson seconded the motion. All trustees voted aye. The motion passed.

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212 **8. Adjourn**

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214 Chairman Ben Meyer looks forward to setting up Board committees. Ben would like to set
215 up another work session at a time that is convenient for all soon. He asked if June 14th would
216 work, but Superintendent Thennis is unavailable and so is Jennifer Gunterman. He will be having
217 a new trustee orientation for Nathan and Fran.

218 Billy Donaldson motioned to adjourn the board meeting. Tony Hudson seconded the
219 motion. All trustees voted aye. The motion passed.

220 Board Chairperson: Signed Copy on File in District Office.

221 Date: June 11, 2024.

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