MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES held at the St. Maries High School Gymnasium Music Room, 424 Hells Gulch Road, St. Maries, ID 83861 on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chair Margaret Gannon, Vice-Chair Christine Ashmead, and Trustees Sandy Kennelly, Donny Masterson, and Archie McGregor III

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Superintendent Joseph Kren, Business Manager Danette Cordell, Board Clerk Karen Robinson, and Principals John Cordell, Dennis Kachelmier, and Connie Mavity, Theresa Benda, Kristin Burns, Joseph Gilmore, Mary Kren, Jodi Noyes, Michael Noyes, Bobbi Smith, Koreena Stowell, Mark Varney, and Cindy Willard

OTHERS PRESENT: Summer Crosby, Jerry McCarter, and Mandi Mueller

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Music Room at St. Maries High School, 424 Hells Gulch Road, St. Maries, Idaho, by Chair Margaret Gannon.

Chair Gannon welcomed the audience, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She explained the purpose of the meeting was to continue planning for the District’s 2013-2014 Budget and Supplemental Levy and to gather input from patrons.

Superintendent Kren emphasized the meeting goal was for information gathering for the District’s Trustees from staff and patrons. Superintendent Kren’s presentation included:

- Objectives for the meeting
- Important Dates (Supplemental Levy Election dates: March, May, August, and November, and May for Trustee Election)
- Idaho State Achievement Test (ISAT) Student Success for all District Schools
- Accomplishments/Initiatives Supported by the 2011 Supplemental Levy
- School Finance Review
- District Enrollment Trends (1984 enrollment was 1455 students and 2012 enrollment was 942 students)
- Loss of State Funding
- Current Levy Amount ($1,617,000 each year for two years, with current cost per $1,000 of assessed value at $3.66)
- Taxing Rates for Region I School Districts
- Fiscal Impact 2013-2014 Discussion

It was noted that the first State-mandated election date for 2013 is March 12, 2013. If the Trustees determine that they want to run the Supplemental Election on the first available date, the ballot wording must be to Benewah County and Shoshone County by January 25, 2013.
Superintendent Kren shared the last results of the Idaho Standards Achievement Test for District students, and cited excellent staff, parent and student efforts in making certain that District achievement goals were met. Additionally, information was shared showing specific items which were supported by the current Supplemental Levy.

Chair Gannon opened the floor to comments and questions from the audience at 6:25 p.m., with discussion related to setting the levy date for either March or May, decreases in enrollment, fund balance dollars used to maintain current programs, projected potential increase of $400,000 to current Levy to maintain status quo, technology spending, support, and student needs, transportation funding changes, County property value decreases, potential loss of personal property taxes if enacted by the 2013 Legislature, potential reductions in spending, four-day work week, District family demographic shifts, Open Enrollment students, staff attrition and certificated endorsement issues, technology grant opportunities, District Technology Committee focus, pros and cons of raising the levy, and the auditor’s recommendations related to the District’s fund balance.

Superintendent Kren encouraged that if audience members have ideas or questions or know of people with questions, to contact him and share the same with him.

There being no further business for which the meeting was called, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m., Monday, January 7, 2013.

/s/ MARGARET R. GANNON
Margaret Gannon, Board Chair

/s/ KAREN M. ROBINSON
Karen M. Robinson, Board Clerk