The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m., in the District Office, 240 S. 11th Street, St. Maries, Idaho, by Chair Margaret Gannon.

Persons present were Chair Margaret Gannon, Vice-Chair Christine Ashmead, Trustees Sandy Kennelly, Donny Masterson, and Archie McGregor III, Superintendent Joseph Kren, Business Manager Danette Cordell, and Board Clerk Karen Robinson.

Chair Gannon conducted the 2012-2013 Budget Hearing. Business Manager Danette Cordell presented the proposed 2012-2013 Budget. She presented financial information and answered questions from the Board of Trustees and audience members related to the 2012-2013 proposed Budget.

- Beginning Fund Balance $826,369 plus Anticipated Revenues of $6,990,976 (comprised of $1,771,773 local revenue, $225,000 other revenue, and $4,994,203 State Revenue), for total anticipated funds available of $7,817,345.
- Projected Expenditures - $7,242,008
- Projected Ending Fund Balance - $575,337 (5% to 7% is a level that meets auditor recommendations)
- General Fund Revenue sources – State 71%, Local 27%, and other 2%
- 2012-2013 Decision Units:
  - Pay for increase in medical premiums
  - Retain Instructional 190-Day Contract
  - Add two certified positions
  - Add two part-time custodial positions
  - Increase the utilities budget by 3%
  - Increase custodial/maintenance supplies budget
  - Add transfer from General Fund to pay for the PAC loan (Heyburn Woody Biomass Project, Transportation Department Purchase, and St. Maries Middle School adjoining property purchase)
  - Purchase additional finance and student management software
  - Additional support for middle school activities
Additional support for high school activities
Increase classified salaries (by 2%)

The proposed Budget targets the District’s General Fund. Superintendent Kren clarified that the proposed Budget reflects maintaining all programs as they currently exist, plus adding the referenced Decision Units.

Superintendent Kren led a discussion related to the 2013 Supplemental Levy, including timelines and planning. Preliminary plans include running the Supplemental Levy in March, 2013.

Mrs. Cordell also reminded those present that the Budget process continuously changes over time, and it is reviewed every year to analyze what needs to be increased or decreased.

A copy of the Summary Statement will be filed with the records of the meeting.

Discussion was held related to past reductions to the athletics programs at St. Maries High School and St. Maries Middle School that were implemented in August 2010 for the 2010-2011 school year, including:

- Eliminate Junior Varsity Baseball
- Eliminate Junior Varsity Softball
- Eliminate Competitive Cheerleading and Maintain Cheerleading Program
- Reduce Travel for Remaining Sports by 10%
- Eliminate Assistant Wrestling Coach Position
- Continue to Eliminate INL Academic Team
- Reduced District Funding for Golf Program with anticipated non-District funding forthcoming

Mr. Andersen and Mrs. Cordell confirmed that those reductions were all implemented during the 2010-2011 school year, as well as the elimination of track at St. Maries Middle School. The proposed 2012-2013 Budget provides for return of the junior varsity baseball and softball programs at St. Maries High School and the track program at St. Maries Middle School.

Additional discussion was held regarding interest to return some type of Academic Team at St. Maries High School. Superintendent Kren will work with St. Maries High School representatives to see what options are available for an Academic Team and report back to the Board.

Following discussion, Chair Gannon called for a motion. Trustee McGregor moved to accept the proposed 2012-2013 Budget, including the recommended Decision Units. Trustee Masterson seconded the motion, and the motion unanimously carried.

Superintendent Kren led a discussion related to the need to establish the Certified Staff Compensation based on the current certified Salary Schedule and continuation of benefits currently provided for the 2012-2013 school year because there was not a local teacher’s union or organization that negotiated with the District for salaries and benefits. Following discussion,
Chair Gannon called for a motion. Trustee Masterson moved to establish the certified staff compensation and benefits for the 2012-2013 school year as outlined by Superintendent Kren, with a second by Trustee Kennelly. The motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business for which the meeting was called, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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

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