MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. MARIES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41 held in the Board Room at the District Office, 240 S. 11th Street, St. Maries, Idaho, Wednesday, July 27, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chair Christine Ashmead, Vice-Chair Jody Hendrickx, Trustees Sandy Kennelly, and Mark Reynolds

TRUSTEES ABSENT: James Broyles

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Superintendent and St. Maries High School Principal John Cordell, Business Manager Danette Cordell, Board Clerk Karen Robinson, UpRiver Lead Teacher Nicole Goucher, and Joseph Gilmore

OTHERS PRESENT: Oron Gilmore – St. Maries Gazette Record

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m., at the District Office, 240 S. 11th Street, St. Maries, Idaho, on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, by Chair Ashmead. Interim Superintendent and High School Principal John Cordell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx and seconded by Trustee Reynolds that pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-204, the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda for the meeting. The Agenda stood as approved with three affirmative votes.

Chair Ashmead welcomed the audience at 4:08 p.m. and advised that the Executive Session portion of the meeting would be moved to the end of the Agenda to provide for the required vote by the Trustees per Idaho Code to go into Executive Session.

Chair Ashmead led a discussion related to the Superintendent Search. Mr. Cordell advised that he has been in contact with the Idaho School Boards Association regarding their Superintendent Search service. ISBA offers varying services ranging from limited assistance with the search to a full complete search. Costs associated therewith are dependent on the depth of services provided by the ISBA.

Mr. Cordell and Business Manager Danette Cordell shared draft informational materials related to the August 30, 2016 School Bond Levy Election. Trustees reviewed the materials and made recommended modifications to the draft documents.

Trustee Kennelly joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Further discussion was held related to modifications to the draft documents, information to be posted to the District’s web site, community displays, media articles, and facilities video for potential airing on KJAX.

Trustee Kennelly reported on her community presentation to the Rotary Club of St. Maries wherein she share information about the School Bond Levy Election.
Additional discussion was held related to presentations to community groups

Mrs. Cordell advised that representatives from both Zions Public Finance, Inc., and Design West Architects, P.A., will be available for community meetings. Trustees reviewed their calendars, and a community meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., at the Music Room at St. Maries High School.

Mr. Cordell provided Trustees with a list of identified community civic groups, agencies, youth activities, etc., which the Board might consider approaching to assist with sharing Levy informational materials.

Trustees recessed for a break from 5:40 p.m., until 5:47 p.m.

Trustees discussed the need to get the Levy Committee established, and tentatively scheduled a Special Board Meeting for Monday, August 1, 2016, at 4:00 p.m., for the initial Levy Committee meeting with Trustees.

UpRiver Lead Teacher Nicole Goucher joined the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Discussion continued related to the Levy.

As part of Agenda Item III D, Mr. Cordell provided Trustees with the draft Resolutions for their review that were prepared at their directive for submission to the Idaho School Boards Association as follows:

- Reducing the Super Majority Requirement for Approval of School Facilities Bonds; and
- Reduce the 2/3 Majority Vote Requirement to a Simple Majority in Order to Convene in Executive Session Per Idaho Code 74-206 (a-j)

Mr. Cordell advised the Board that with the third potential Resolution which they had previously discussed related to special education funding, there are education stakeholders throughout the State who will be meeting during the upcoming school year to address funding dollars for special education. In light of the myriad of activities related to that topic, a Resolution was not prepared related to the same.

A part of Agenda Item III E, Mr. Cordell provided Trustees with a copy of Idaho Code Section 33-320 – Continuous Improvement Plans and Training. He also provided Trustees with information on the services available through the Idaho School Boards Association to assist the District with training activities and the development of the mandated Continuous Improvement Plan that is due by October 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx, with a second by Trustee Kennelly to approve the Resolutions to be advanced to the Idaho School Boards Association as presented entitled “Reduce the 2/3 Majority Vote Requirement to a Simple Majority in Order to Convene in Executive Session Per Idaho Code 74-206 (a-j)” and “Reducing the Super Majority Requirement for Approval of School Facilities Bonds.” The motion carried with four affirmative votes. Copies of the proposed Resolutions will be filed with the meeting’s records.
Chair Ashmead declared it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss personnel pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(a).

Trustee Kennelly moved that the Board, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(a) convene in executive session to:

(a) Consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. This paragraph does not apply to filling a vacancy in an elective office or deliberations about staffing needs in general;

Further, that following executive session, the Board will convene in public session for conducting further business or for adjournment.

Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion, and the roll call vote for the motion was:

- Chair Christine Ashmead: Aye
- Vice-Chair Jody Hendrickx: Aye
- Trustee James Broyles: Absent
- Trustee Sandy Kennelly: Aye
- Trustee Mark Reynolds: Aye

The motion carried with four affirmative votes, and the meeting convened in executive session at 6:45 p.m.

Persons present were Board Chair Christine Ashmead, Vice-Chair Jody Hendrickx, Trustees Sandy Kennelly, and Mark Reynolds, Interim Superintendent and St. Maries High School Principal John Cordell, Business Manager Danette Cordell, and Board Clerk Karen Robinson.

Discussion was held related to personnel.

There being no further business requiring executive session, the meeting convened in open session at 7:19 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx and seconded by Trustee Kennelly to come out of executive session. The motion carried with four affirmative votes. The meeting convened in open session at 7:19 p.m.

There being no further business for which the meeting was called, Chair Ashmead called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds, with a second by Trustee Kennelly, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2016. The motion carried with five affirmative votes.

/s/ CHRISTINE ASHMEAD  
Christine Ashmead, Board Chair

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