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, Monday, May 1, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chair Christine Ashmead, Vice-Chair Jody Hendrickx, and Trustees Devon Barta and Sandy Kennelly

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mark Reynolds

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Superintendent and St. Maries High School Principal John Cordell and Board Clerk Karen Robinson

OTHERS PRESENT: Student – Case No. 16-17-0142 and Parent Student – Case No. 16-17-0143 and Parent Student – Case No. 16-17-0134 and Parent Student – Case No. 16-17-0144 and Parent Student – Case No. 16-17-0145 and Parent

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m., at the District Office, 240 S. 11th Street, St. Maries, Idaho, on Monday, May 1, 2017, by Chair Christine Ashmead, and she led the Pledge of Allegiance. Silent roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx and seconded by Trustee Barta that pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-204, the Board of Trustees approves the Agenda for the meeting. Chair Ashmead called for discussion and none was forthcoming. The Agenda stood approved with four affirmative votes.

Chair Ashmead declared it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss student discipline pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(b).

Trustee Barta moved that the Board, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(b) convene in executive session to:

(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;

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

Trustee Kennelly seconded the Motion, and the roll call vote for the Motion was:

Chair Christine Ashmead Aye
Vice-Chair Jody Hendrickx Aye
Trustee Devon Barta Aye
Trustee Sandy Kennelly Aye
Trustee Mark Reynolds Absent
The meeting convened in executive session at 5:04 p.m.

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

Interim Superintendent and St. Maries High School Principal John Cordell invited Student No. 16-17-0142 and parent to join the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Chair Ashmead conducted the student expulsion hearing brought before the Board of Trustees as the result of the student’s violation of Board Policy 502.03 – Student Conduct: Smoking, Alcohol, and Drug Use, and Board Policy 502.07 – Discipline.

The parent and Student 16-17-0142 were excused at 5:18 p.m.

Further discussion was held related to student discipline.

Interim Superintendent and St. Maries High School Principal John Cordell invited Student 16-17-0143 and parent to join the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Chair Ashmead conducted the student expulsion hearing brought before the Board of Trustees as the result of the student’s violation of Board Policy 502.03 – Student Conduct: Smoking, Alcohol, and Drug Use, and Board Policy 502.07 – Discipline.

The parent and Student 16-17-0143 were excused at 5:42 p.m.

Further discussion was held related to student discipline.

Interim Superintendent and St. Maries High School Principal John Cordell invited Student 16-17-0134 and parent to join the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Chair Ashmead conducted the student expulsion hearing brought before the Board of Trustees as the result of the student’s violation of Board Policy 502.03 – Student Conduct: Smoking, Alcohol, and Drug Use, and Board Policy 502.07 – Discipline.

The parent and Student 16-17-0134 were excused at 6:10 p.m.

Further discussion was held related to student discipline.

Interim Superintendent and St. Maries High School Principal John Cordell invited Student 16-17-0144 and parent to join the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Chair Ashmead conducted the student expulsion hearing brought before the Board of Trustees as the result of the student’s violation of Board Policy 502.03 – Student Conduct: Smoking, Alcohol, and Drug Use, and Board Policy 502.07 – Discipline.
The parent and Student 16-17-0144 were excused at 6:39 p.m.

Further discussion was held related to student discipline.

Interim Superintendent and St. Maries High School Principal John Cordell invited Student 16-17-0145 and parent to join the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Chair Ashmead conducted the student expulsion hearing brought before the Board of Trustees as the result of the student’s violation of Board Policy 502.03 – Student Conduct: Smoking, Alcohol, and Drug Use, and Board Policy 502.07 – Discipline.

The parent and Student 16-17-0145 were excused at 7:06 p.m.

Further discussion was held related to student discipline.

The record will reflect that neither Student 16-17-0146 nor parent(s) attended the 7:30 p.m. scheduled expulsion hearing. Board Clerk Robinson reviewed the process of mailing notification to the family by both certified mail, return receipt requested, and regular mail. Trustees waited until 7:54 p.m., for either the parents or the student to appear at the hearing.

Chair Ashmead called for a motion to come out of executive session. A motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx to come out executive session, with a second by Trustee Barta. The motion carried with four affirmative votes, with the Board convening in open session at 7:54 p.m.

As part of Agenda Item D, a motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx, with a second by Trustee Barta to re-admit Student 16-17-0142, subject to the terms of a Behavior Contract to be developed by Principal Cordell. Chair Ashmead called for discussion, and none was forthcoming. The motion carried with four affirmative votes.

As part of Agenda Item E, a motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx, with a second by Trustee Barta to re-admit Student 16-17-0143, subject to the terms of a Behavior Contract to be developed by Principal Cordell. Chair Ashmead called for discussion, and none was forthcoming. The motion carried with four affirmative votes.

As part of Agenda Item F, a motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx, with a second by Trustee Barta to expel Student 16-17-0134 for multiple violations of the student’s Behavior Contract. Chair Ashmead called for discussion, and none was forthcoming. The motion carried with four affirmative votes.

As part of Agenda Item G, a motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx, with a second by Trustee Barta to expel Student 16-17-0144 for substantial disruption to the school environment which has been detrimental to the health of other students. Chair Ashmead called for discussion, and none was forthcoming. The motion carried with four affirmative votes.

As part of Agenda Item H, a motion was made by Trustee Kennelly, with a second by Trustee Barta to table action for Student 16-17-0145, until the May 8, 2017 Board meeting. Chair
Ashmead called for discussion, and none was forthcoming. The motion carried with four affirmative votes.

As part of Agenda Item I, a motion was made by Trustee Hendrickx, with a second by Trustee Barta to expel Student 16-17-0146 for violation of Board Policy 502.03 – Student Conduct: Smoking, Alcohol, and Drug Use. Chair Ashmead called for discussion, and none was forthcoming. The motion carried with four affirmative votes.

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 Hendrickx with a second by Trustee Barta, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2017. The motion carried with four affirmative votes.

/s/ CHRISTINE ASHMEAD
Christine Ashmead, Board Chair

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