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, Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Oron Gilmore, St. Maries Gazette Record

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m., at the District Office, 240 S. 11th Street, St. Maries, Idaho, on Thursday, September 1, 2016, by Chair Ashmead, and she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Ashmead 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 review of the unofficial Benewah County Abstract of Votes together with the e-mail report from Shoshone County that reported votes. The unofficial records from both Benewah County and Shoshone County reflects:

Benewah County – Yes Votes - 413
Benewah County - No Votes - 553

Shoshone County – Yes Votes - 3
Shoshone County – No Votes - 0

Trustee Kennelly joined the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Interim Superintendent Cordell and Trustees discussed the Facilities Bond Election results and the need for passage of the District’s Supplemental Levy in 2017. Trustees reviewed patron comments made to Trustees individually related to the Bond, as well as comments made through social media.

Trustees also discussed the time line available to re-running the Facilities Bond Election, with the next available date afforded by Idaho Code being during the General Election scheduled for November 8, 2016. Board Clerk Robinson advised that in order to have the Election on November 8, the revised Resolution language must be presented to the Benewah County and Shoshone County Clerks by September 9, 2016.
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Trustees each had the opportunity to share their individual views on running the Election again in November.

Oron Gilmore, St. Maries Gazette Record reporter joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Trustees reviewed the proposed projects and project costs at length. Each Trustee had the opportunity to share their individual views on the projects, the costs associated therewith, and which projects might potentially be cut from the proposed Facilities Bond Election.

Trustee Mark Reynolds joined the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Trustees further continued their review of the Bond Election, the projects, and the potential for a November election and timing issues associated therewith.

Following discussion, Trustee Hendrickx moved that the Board proceed forward with a second Facilities Bond Election in November 2016, with removal of the St. Maries High School road project at a projected cost of $266,000, and the removal of the office addition to Heyburn Elementary School at a projected cost of $495,000, for a total of $761,000 in reductions. Trustee Broyles seconded the motion. Chair Ashmead called for discussion, and Trustees further discussed proposed projects. Chair Ashmead called for a vote on the motion, and the motion failed with five negative votes.

Trustee Hendrickx moved that the Board proceed forward with a second Facilities Bond Election in November 2016, in the amount of Five Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($5,750,000), which includes removing the St. Maries High School road project and the office addition to Heyburn Elementary School. Trustee Broyles seconded the motion. Chair Ashmead called for discussion, and none was forthcoming. The motion carried with five affirmative votes.

Interim Superintendent Cordell advised that at this time, there is no need for Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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 Broyles, to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2016. The motion carried with five affirmative votes.

/s/ CHRISTINE ASHMEAD
Christine Ashmead, Board Chair

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