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, March 18, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chair Jody Hendrickx, Vice-Chair Sandy Kennelly, Trustees Devon Barta, Peter Dirlam, and Mark Reynolds

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Superintendent Alica Holthaus, Principals Jeffrey Andersen, Liesa Anderson, John Cordell, Business Manager Danette Cordell, and Board Clerk Karen Robinson, Joseph Gilmore, Carol Lanphear, and Angela Schultz

OTHERS PRESENT: Oron Gilmore – St. Maries Gazette Record

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., at the District Office, 240 S. 11th Street, St. Maries, Idaho, on Monday, March 18, 2019, by Chair Jody Hendrickx.

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

Chair Hendrickx led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees reviewed the unofficial results of the March 12, 2019 Supplemental Levy Election as provided by Benewah and Shoshone Counties, including individual precinct results:

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Chair Hendrickx led a discussion related to the election results, including:

- Comments received indicate that the District’s patrons did not understand that there were two levies, and that the Supplemental Levy was simply a replacement Levy rather than new school taxes
- Patrons were unaware of the two Elections
Benewah County’s recent re-assessment of individual property values caused concern with taxpayers that they would experience a much greater school tax increase.

Vice-Chair Kennelly joined the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Chair Hendrickx led a further discussion related to what the District might consider undertaking to better inform its patrons, including:

- Informational Letters to the Editor for the local newspaper
- Improved communication to parents, patrons, and staff as to programs which the Supplemental Levy supports
- Information developed as to programs, staffing positions, school calendar days, and services which the District would need to consider eliminating or modifying in order to make up for the $2,073,385 annual shortfall
- Improved partnerships with PTO groups to share information
- Voter Registration Drives
- Community formation of a Levy Information Committee to share accurate information with patrons and local businesses
- Reduction of current Supplemental Levy would be difficult as every dollar generated by the Supplemental Levy is vital to support current programs

Trustees also expressed their concern that without the Supplemental Levy supporting District programs, St. Maries and surrounding communities could potentially be faced with:

- Families would relocate to Districts that are able to offer programs which the Supplemental Levy supports and which would be eliminated without the Supplemental Levy funding
- State funding would be reduced with loss of student enrollment and reduction in average daily attendance
- With the potential elimination of vocational/technical programs, students would not get exposed to employment opportunities in medical, timber, and other industries, all of which are vital to the St. Maries and surrounding communities
- Local businesses would suffer with the loss of revenue from sales of product that are supported by extra-curricular activities, school visitors, etc.
- Lack of recruitment and retention of qualified staff
- Lack of recruitment of business professionals and families to the St. Maries community

Trustees reviewed the unofficial results of the March 12, 2019 School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy Election as provided by Benewah and Shoshone Counties, including individual precinct results.
Chair Hendrickx led a discussion related to the election results, including:

- Patrons expressed non-support for the Facilities Levy because the District was able to fund the relocation of the Heyburn Office with current District dollars despite its inability to pass the August 2016 Bond election which would have funded that project
- Patrons did not want to support two school levies
- Supplemental Levy is vital to support schools, programs, students, and families, and running both levies at the same time confused patrons

As part of Agenda Item E, Chair Hendrickx called for a motion to direct the Superintendent to contact legal counsel to prepare the Resolution, Ballot, and Notice Language for a May 21, 2019 Supplemental Levy Election. Trustee Barta moved to direct the Superintendent to contact Legal Counsel to prepare the Resolution, Ballot, and Notice Language for a May 21, 2019 Supplemental Levy Election in the amount of Two Million Seveny-three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-five Dollars ($2,073,385) per year, for a total of Four Million One Hundred Forty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars ($4,146,770), with a second by Trustee Dirlam. Chair Hendrickx called for further discussion, and none was forthcoming. The motion carried with five affirmative votes.

As part of Agenda Item F, Chair Hendrickx called for a motion to direct the Superintendent to contact legal counsel to prepare the Resolution, Ballot, and Notice Language for a May 21, 2019 School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy Election. A motion was made by Trustee Reynolds to direct the Superintendent to contact legal counsel to prepare the Resolution, Ballot, and Notice Language for a May 21, 2019 School Plant Facilities Reserve Fund Levy Election with a second by Vice-Chair Kennelly. Chair Hendrickx called for discussion and Trustees and meeting attendees noted that with the failure of both the Supplemental Levy and the Plant Facilities Levy, the District is in an unfortunate position of having to consider postponing facilities improvements yet once again as passage of the Supplemental Levy is vital to the District’s operations. Trustees noted that the Board has worked hard to find dollars to support Maintenance projects over the last few years, and that the Maintenance Department has successfully completed some of the identified necessary improvements, but the dollars still fall far short of supporting major projects such as roofs. Superintendent Holthaus advised that the State Department of Education utilizes a scoring rubric for school buildings that has a minimum rating of 50 at which schools are then deemed to be in need of replacement. For example, St.
Maries High School currently has a score of 52. Meeting attendees indicated that it is an absolute necessity that the Supplemental Levy needs to pass to maintain programs for students, and while facilities improvements are greatly needed as well, it is best for the District to focus on the Supplemental Levy for a May 21 election. Following discussion, Chair Hendrickx called for a vote on the Motion, and the motion failed with five votes.

District Office staff member Carol Lanphear joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Chair Hendrickx called for a motion to set a Special Board Meeting for Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Superintendent Holthaus advised Trustees that there is a student discipline matter for them to consider as well as reviewing and taking action on a Resolution related to the Supplemental Levy. Following Trustees’ review of their personal and work calendars, Trustee Reynolds moved to set a Special Board Meeting for Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 6:00 o’clock p.m., with a second by Trustee Barta. Chair Hendrickx called for further discussion, and none was forthcoming. The motion carried with five affirmative votes.

There being no further business for which the meeting was called, Chair Hendrickx called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Trustee Barta with a second by Trustee Kennelly, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2019. The motion carried with five affirmative votes.

/s/ JODY HENDRICKX
Jody Hendrickx, Board Chair

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