

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SD #4

The trustees met in special session Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. The meeting was not convened until 5:52 p.m. when the board chair arrived and a quorum was reached. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Manny Zuniga, trustees Charlene Severson and Mark Berg, Superintendent Brent Lipp, and Business Manager Suzie Zentz. Rhonda Hogstad and Crystal Gust were absent. There were no visitors.

Manny called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

Mark Berg reported that the Finance Committee met Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> with Brent and Suzie to discuss the need for the proposed \$56,560.72 voted levy election. He explained that we have experienced a decline in enrollment and therefore—ANB—requiring voter approval to maintain our current budget. This will be the first complete mail ballot election we have had, so we will undoubtedly see a higher voter turnout. If the legislature provides an increase in State funding, this will mean a smaller levy will be necessary. Mark stressed that despite a slight decrease in students, the decrease is not sufficient to allow us to reduce staff and still maintain reasonable class sizes. The committee recommends that the Board approve the levy election resolution as proposed.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

*Charlene Severson made a motion to approve the Election Resolution for a voted levy of \$56,620.72 and a trustee election as presented; Mark Berg seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. All voted in favor.*

### LEVY ELECTION RESOLUTION

Some discussion followed regarding how to proceed with informing the community. Last election the teachers promoted the levy in the community. Do we want to ask our teachers, trustees, and/or parents to circulate around the community with information? We must have info out to our voters by about April 15<sup>th</sup>. We would also like to send a postcard reminder out too. We are hoping to get more parents registered by the April 8<sup>th</sup> deadline. The trustees noted that we should emphasize the following: we paid off the old bond, we are District 4, no levy since 2008. The Community Relations committee will meet April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to prepare promotional materials, talking points, etc.

Brent thanked Charlene Severson for her effort at soliciting a \$500 donation from her employer, KLJ, to go toward the school zone flashing light project.

### DONATION THANK YOU

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

*There being no further business, Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Zentz, Clerk

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Manuel Zuniga, Chair