

## **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - MARCH 23, 2011**

**1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Chairman Keith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board Conference Room. Members Present: Krystal Zentner, Kelly Stevenson, Penny Young and Russ Imlay. Others Present: Bill Phillips, Becky Bell, Diane George and Betty Sweet.

### **3. SPECIAL MEETING:**

3.1 2011-2012 Budget: Superintendent Phillips gave a recap of the joint meeting with Fromberg. Their superintendent and board chair would like to meet with Bill and Claude next week. They will be discussing sharing teachers and transportation, retirement incentives and reductions-in-force (RIF's). We are waiting for the teachers who showed interest in the retirement incentive to give us their decision. Essentially this would be a RIF thru attrition. Consolidation would have to be put to the voter. We would have to decide if each district would keep their elementary and which buildings we would use. Mr. Scott would like to share certain teachers with us. Block scheduling would be better suited to that type of co-oping. Each district would retain their own teachers and bill the other district accordingly. It was the consensus of the Board for Superintendent Phillips and Chairman Keith to meet with the Fromberg representatives to continue discussion. We will need to know how each district claims students for ANB and staff for Quality Education payments.

Other discussion included sports coops – these are not a financial savings but a way to continue programs with decreasing enrollment. Bridger's Kindergarten Roundup is April 13<sup>th</sup>. Knowing that number will give us one more data element for estimating the next year's enrollment. Extended contracts were discussed as were the numbers of students served by each teacher. We will continue with our plans but also continue discussions with Fromberg.

3.2 General Fund Mill Levy: With no changes by current legislators, to meet our maximum budget for 2011-2012, which is the same budget as we are currently running on, we would need to levy \$60,211.47. This would impact the taxes on a \$100,000 home by \$14.55, \$29.10 on a \$200,000 home. Trustee Zentner wondered what a taxpayer with a \$100,000 home is currently paying. In checking with the County Treasurer and Assessor's offices, there is no average amount, we would have to ask for the amount of a particular property or ask voters to check their tax statements, every property is valued at a different amount. A compilation of levy history will be prepared.

Trustee Zentner made a motion to ask for a mill levy for the General Fund for 2011-2012 as allowable by the state to a maximum amount of \$60,211.47. Trustee Stevenson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The ballot will be worded as 'up to the amount of \$60,211.47' in the event legislation gives us some relief.

A community meeting will be held Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss questions and concerns over the mill levy and the budget for 2011-2012.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.

**5. ADJOURNMENT:** Trustee Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Trustee Imlay seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0.

ATTEST:

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Board Chairman

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Clerk of the Board