

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
 FEBRUARY 18, 2020  
 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Chairperson/Vice-chairperson. Chairman Abrego convened the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:30 p.m., and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustees Present: Chairman Abrego, Vice-Chair Binion, Trustee Donahue, Trustee Monasterio, Trustee Knox

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. GOOD NEWS – None**

*Each month, the school board encourages students, teachers, administrators, and board members to recognize the notable activities, events, celebrations, student achievements & awards, etc., that have occurred in the school district or in the community.*

- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA OR ADDENDUMS** – Chairman/Vice-chairman. Prior to the consent agenda items, Chairman Abrego asked if there was an addendum to the agenda, or if there was anything to add or remove. Chairman Abrego called for a motion to approve or amend the agenda. Trustee Binion moved to approve the agenda as published, with a second from Trustee Donahue. Agenda approved.

- III. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Board of Trustees. Chairman Abrego called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Trustee Donahue moved to approve the consent agenda, with a second from Trustee Knox. Motion carried.

**A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2020.**

**B. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**C. CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

**D. PERSONNEL**

**E. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

1. HOSA – MHHS – HOSA State Leadership Conference – Boise, Idaho, April 15-17, 2020 – Brescia

**F. POLICY REVISION** – 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading

1. Graduation Requirements Policy – MHHS  
 2. Graduation Requirements Policy – BMHS

**G. POLICY ADOPTION** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1. Building & Student Safety Policy – Evacuation/Fire Drills

**H. POLICY REVISION** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1. Student Alternative Placement of Secondary Students at Alternative Schools Policy  
 2. Student Referral from BMHS to MHHS or MHJH Policy  
 3. Certified Workday Requirements Including Extended Employment, Prep Time, & In-Service Policy

- IV. **DELEGATION** –

*Any group wishing to be a delegation must submit a letter to the Superintendent Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board no later than the Tuesday prior to the next regular board meeting; the letter must include the reason for asking to be a delegation.*

- A. Joy Thomas – Vice-Chair Kuna – Region III Representative – ISBA Training Options. Vice-Chair Thomas was unable to attend. This will be tabled until next month.

- V. **PUBLIC INPUT – NONE**

*Those wishing to speak on any topic of their interest should complete and submit to the chairperson the **MHSD Request to Address Board of Trustees Form** located at the Board Materials table. The Individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to present their views. The board will not hear complaints against school district employees by name or against students by name in open session. If you have a complaint against personnel or students by name, you need to schedule an appointment with the Superintendent. There will be no action taken at this time, but action on a problem area could be scheduled for a subsequent meeting of the board.*

- VI. **REPORTS** –

- A. **MOUNTAIN HOME AFB UPDATE** – MHAFFB Liaison. Mr. Nicksich reported that requests for volunteers are picking up for the upcoming HMS military concert, MHHS Career Fair Day, Senior Celebration, and lots of carnivals and other school events. He reminded everyone to please make requests for volunteers at least two-weeks ahead of time.

Mr. Niksich informed everyone that the Educator of the Quarter nominations are due March 11. He also reminded everyone the SAC meeting is also scheduled for March 11, at noon, at the FSS Training Room; the next meeting is May 13.

Mr. Niksich reported to everyone that April was the month of the Military Child and April 24 is the official "Purple-Up" day.

- B. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert reported on the recent ISBA Day on the Hill in which he, Trustee Binion, and Trustee Monasterio attended to hear the latest status of the legislative session and to speak to our local representatives. He said that two biggest issues are on the bond and levy elections. The House has already approved that if a school district's bond fails, the school district would have to wait eleven months before they would be allowed to run another bond election. The problem being that construction costs are constantly increasing, so waiting eleven months could substantially increase the construction costs to districts. The second issue is a measure to limit any bond and levy election dates to two dates per year, May and November; this would create a huge burden on school districts regarding building budgets and negotiations; this is really legislators just targeting school district specifically.

Chairman Abrego asked if during the second day of Day on the Hill is a good time to discuss such important school district matters with our representatives. Trustee Binion stated it would be if they showed up. He said that for the second year in a row Representatives Blanksma and Zito failed to show up; Senator Brackett attended, but he was with another group. Chairman Abrego indicated that answered a couple of questions.

Trustee Binion added that in addition to HB347 to limit the bond elections, legislators are discussing school board training and superintendent evaluations.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

- A. APPROVAL OF REVISED DISTRICT CALENDARS – MHSD & BMHS – 2020-2021 (ACTION)** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert informed the board that the calendar needed to be revised to reduce the amount of teacher contract days by one, so an extra day was added to the end of the Christmas break. He then asked for approval of the revision. Trustee Binion motioned to approve the revision of the 2020-2021 Calendars. Trustee Monasterio seconded the motion. Motion granted.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS –**

- A. OUT-OF-DISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS – 2020-2021** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert requested approval of the open enrollment application for the 2020-2021 school year. The parents will provide transportation to and from school.

1. Rebecca Lampman for her 12<sup>th</sup> grader, MHHS
2. Zach & Darcy Braithwaite for their 12<sup>th</sup> grader, MHHS
3. Sha & Ashley Smalls for their 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, SES

Trustee Donahue motioned to approve the Out-of-District Open Enrollment Application as presented by Superintendent Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Knox. Motion passed.

**B. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL ABROAD –**

1. MHHS – GAPP Trip to Bremen, Germany – June 8-27, 2020 – Cynthia Cook. Frau Cook explained the purpose of the GAPP (German American Partnership Program) and that on alternating years the German and American students exchange a short study period in the other's country. She said her students start off in Bremen, Germany, and then a few days later they meet up with their host families. She also informed everyone that the students go to school with their German counterparts and the host families also

Chairman Abrego said he was impressed with the program and with Frau Cook and her students. He asked how the GAPP finances the trip. Frau Cook replied that the cost is cut significantly because the students stay at the host family's homes or youth hostels, but it comes in around \$2,200, but there is always a small refund after the trip. She added that both governments provide funds for the

program and there are some group grants that fund the GAPP program for both.

Frau Cook continued to explain the GAPP and the great advantages the program provides the students, the partnership of the two countries, the wonderful excursions that are provided by the host families, the lifelong friendships that are formed, etc. She added that European students are required to take languages far earlier than American students, so the German students' fluency in English is at a much higher level than our students' fluency in German, but our students are still able to manage.

A few GAPP students informed the board on the bonds and lifelong friends, the opportunities, the advantages, benefits, and wonderful opportunities they and other students are given. Discussion continued and stories were told. Trustee Monasterio stated that programs like this are important for the future of harmony between countries, he also noted that a few years ago a little over 40% of our U.S. Congress even had passports. The board applauded them for being good ambassadors of Mountain Home.

A motion by Trustee Monasterio to approve the travel request abroad was seconded by Trustee Binion. Motion approved.

- C. APPROVAL OF THE EDUCATION PROGRAM – 2019-20 (ACTION)** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert submitted the Education Plan for the 2019-2020 school year, which included all the offered courses, course length, pre-requisites, required courses, and electives, to the Board for approval. The SDE asks that the board approve the Education Plan this time every year. Trustee Monasterio motioned to approve the Education Program – 2019-20, as presented by Superintendent Gilbert, received a second from Trustee Donahue. Motion carried.
- D. DRIVERS EDUCATION BUDGET (ACTION)** – Levi Vick. Mr. Vick presented the Driver's Education Budget for FY2021 to the Board for approval. He stated that this is a self-sustaining fund; all expenses come from the student fees and at times a small reimbursement from the state. He added that an estimated 270 students will participate, and the student fees and hourly wages will remain the same, but Drivers Education Director will be paid a stipend in lieu of an hourly wage because the majority of school districts pay stipends and because we now have digital timesheets. Chairman Abrego asked how the district replaces vehicles and Mr. Vick responded that it all comes from the Drivers Education Fund, so it is tough to purchase vehicles. Trustee Donahue motioned to approve the Drivers Education Budget – 2020-21 as presented by Mr. Vick, received a second from Trustee Binion. Motion granted.
- E. APPROVAL OF AUDITOR** – Levi Vick. Mr. Vick asked for approval of independent auditing firm of Harris & Company again this year as the auditors for the FY2020 District audit. Trustee Monasterio asked if other firms were considered and Mr. Vick explained that it was a rough start, but each year has been better, and this year Harris & Company plans to start the audit earlier. Trustee Binion motioned for approval of Harris & Company as the auditors for the FY19-20 District audit. Trustee Monasterio seconded it. Motion passed.
- F. SCHEDULE BUDGET WORKSHOP** – Levi Vick. Mr. Vick requested the budget workshop be held on May 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. He added that the legislature should be finished by then, and it gives the district enough time to make changes as needed before the budget hearing. Trustee Donahue motioned to hold the budget workshop on May 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at the district office. Trustee Monasterio seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- G. SCHEDULE BUDGET HEARING** – Levi Vick. Mr. Vick requested that the District Budget Hearing date be set for June 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., preceding the regular board meeting. Trustee Monasterio motioned to hold the budget hearing for June 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the district office. Trustee Binion seconded the motion. Motion granted.
- H. SCHEDULE A SCHOOL MEALS FEE INCREASE HEARING – 2020-2021 School Year** – Levi Vick. Mr. Vick requested that the public hearing for the student meals fees increase be held prior to the regular board meeting on June 16, 2020. 6:45 p.m. Trustee Binion motioned to hold a public hearing on June 16, 2020, at 6:45 p.m., to receive public input, with a second from Trustee Knox. Motion approved.
- I. POLICY REVIEW (ACTION)** – 1<sup>st</sup> & Only Reading. Superintendent Gilbert informed the Board that the Title I Policy 2 – Comparability of Services and Title I Policy 4 – Parent & Family Engagement – Districtwide were reviewed by the Policy Committee and they determined that no revisions were

necessary.

1. **Title I Policy 2 – Comparability of Services** – Trustee Monasterio motioned for approval of the review with no changes of the Title I Policy 2 – Comparability of Services, as presented by Superintendent Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Donahue. Motion passed.
  2. **Title I Policy 4 – Parent & Family Engagement – Districtwide** – Chairman Abrego asked if this policy receives much parental input. Superintendent Gilbert responded the we receive some, but most parental input comes from the building level. Trustee Binion motioned for approval of the review with no changes of the Title I Policy 4 – Parent & Family Engagement – Districtwide, as presented by Superintendent Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Knox. Motion granted.
- J. RESOLUTION 20-05 – CALLING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION (ACTION/ROLL CALL VOTE)** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert requested the adoption of this resolution to start the process for the Supplemental Levy Election. He then read the resolution aloud.

**MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193  
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO  
RESOLUTION 20-05 CALLING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho has eliminated operations and maintenance funding in lieu of the 6% state sales tax, thus also eliminating operations and maintenance funding at the local level from school districts'; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho requires school districts to submit the question to the patrons of the school district as to whether the school district would be authorized to raise property taxes as a supplemental levy for operations and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 has studied the district's budget for the current school year and for proposed figures for budgetary and funding considerations for the 2020-2021 school year, and 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 33-802(3) and 34-106(1)(a)(7)(8), Idaho Code, the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 and the Elmore County Clerk (County Clerk) shall cause to be conducted a Supplemental Levy Election on the third Tuesday in May for the purpose of allowing Mountain Home School District No. 193 patrons to authorize an increase in property taxes and empower a supplemental levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193, Elmore County, Idaho, as follows:

Section 1. That a School Supplemental Levy Election is hereby called to be held in Mountain Home School District No. 193 (MHSD), Elmore County, Idaho, on May 19, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District, the question set out in the form of the ballot appearing in Section 7 herein, of passing a supplemental levy increasing the amount of property taxes given to the Mountain Home School District No. 193.

Idaho Code shall be fully applicable and shall govern all school elections. All school elections shall be administered and conducted by the Clerk of Elmore County (County Clerk) wherein the district lies. That said election will be conducted by the County Clerk in accordance with Title 33 and 34, Sections 33-401 and 34-1401, Idaho Code.

Section 2. That on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, the polls shall be opened between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. (I.C. 34-1409)

Section 3. That said election shall be held as specified in Notice of Election, as published by the County Clerk in accordance with Title 34, Section 34-1406, Idaho Code, and set in Section 9 herein.

Section 4. That said election shall be administered and conducted by the County Clerk of the county wherein the district lies and in accordance with Title 33, Chapter 4, Idaho Code, and Section 33-401, Idaho Code; Title 34, Chapters 1 thru 24, Idaho Code, and Sections 34-208, 34-1401, Idaho Code. The County Clerk shall appoint two (2) or more election judges, one (1) of whom shall be designated chief judge, and the number of clerks deemed necessary by the County Clerk for each polling place

in accordance with Title 34, Section 34-303, Idaho Code.

Section 5. That the polling places of said election shall be established by the Elmore County Commissioners not less than 30-days before any election in accordance with Title 34, Section 34-302, Idaho Code, as follows:

**School Supplemental Levy Election**

Voters residing within the Mountain Home School District No. 193 boundaries will go to their regular polling place, in their respective General Election precinct, as established by the County Commissioners.

Section 6. That no person shall vote at such School Supplemental Levy Election that is not at the time of election (Title 33 and 34, Sections 33-405, 34-107, 34-402 thru 34-405, Idaho Code):

1. A United States Citizen, a qualified elector of the state, county, and MHSD, for at least 30-days preceding the day of election, a register voter in the MHSD, and 18 years of age or older, within the meaning of Article 6, Section 2 of the Idaho Constitution; and
2. A registered elector governed by the provisions of Title 34, Idaho Code.
3. A bona fide resident thereof.

Section 7. That voting at said election shall be by secret and separate ballot, and that the ballot come from the State Attorney’s office as required, and that prescribed ballot shall be prepared by the Clerk of the Board of Trustees, and shall be submitted to the Elmore County Clerk, possibly at the school district’s expense.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT** No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193** (PRECINCT)  
**ELMORE, IDAHO**  
**MAY 19, 2020**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: To vote in favor of the supplemental levy, color in the oval at the left of the words “IN FAVOR OF.” To vote against the supplemental levy, color in the oval at the left of the word “AGAINST.” If you change your mind, tear, or make a mistake on this ballot, request a new ballot from an election worker.**

**MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193**  
**ELMORE, IDAHO**  
**TO LEVY A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY**

**Shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy a supplemental levy in the amount of \$2.7 million per year for a period of two years commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of operating the schools of the district as provided in the resolution of the Board of Trustees adopted on February 18, 2020.**

- **Supplemental Levy of \$2.7 million is a zero increase in the levy amount.**
  - ~ **Approximately \$186.51 per \$100,000 of value.**
  - ~ **Approximately \$1.8651 per \$1,000 of value.**

***IN FAVOR of authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$2.7 million, per year for two years***

***AGAINST authorizing the levy in the amount of up to \$2.7 million, per year for two years***

Section 8. That immediately following the close of the polls, the judges must immediately proceed to count the ballots cast at such election. The counting must be continued without adjournment until completed and the result declared (I.C. 34-1201). The County Board of Commissioners shall be the

County Board of Canvassers and the County Clerk shall serve as their secretary for this purpose (I.C. 34-1410). The County Board of Canvassers shall meet within ten (10) days after the election for the purpose of canvassing the election returns of all precincts within the county (I.C. 34-1205). The County Clerk shall certify the election results to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees. The greatest number of votes cast shall be declared the decision on whether the Supplemental Levy passed. (I.C. 33-802(3)).

Section 9. That the County Clerk shall have published the Notice of Election possibly at the school district’s expense, which is in the following form as prescribed and required by the Secretary of State:

**NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees, of the Mountain Home School District No. 193 adopted on February 18, 2020, a supplemental levy election will be held on May 19, 2020, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting upon the question and proposition of authorizing a levy in the amount of up to \$2.7 million per year for the period of two years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of operating the schools of the district.

Said election will be held at the following polling places: as directed by the Elmore County Clerk

The question to be submitted to the electors shall be by ballot reading substantially as follows:

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Signed Shaun M Whitman  
Election Official

Section 10 The County Clerk shall give Notice of Election by publishing such notice in the Mountain Home Newspaper, the official newspaper of the county. The notice shall state the date of the election, the polling places, and the hours during which the polls shall be open for the purpose of voting. The

first publication shall be made not less than twelve (12) days prior to the election and the last publication of notice shall be made not less than five (5) days prior to the election. The County Clerk shall cause to be published a facsimile, except as to size, of the sample ballot be published in one (1) newspaper published within the county or one (1) newspaper that has general circulation within the county. Such publication shall be in conjunction with the second notice of election required by Idaho Code 34-1406.

Passed and approved 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

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Chairman Abrego	Vice-Chairman Binion
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Trustee Donahue	Trustee Monasterio
_____	_____
Trustee Knox	Clerk Whitman

Clarification was made that the supplemental levy amount is the same as it has been for the past several years at \$2.7 million each year for two years. The ballot will list the amount of the cost to the taxpayer’s assessed value per \$100,000 and \$1,000. Trustee Binion motioned for the adoption of Resolution 20-05 Calling for a Supplemental Levy Election, as presented by Superintendent Gilbert, with a second from Trustee Knox. Roll call vote followed

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Trustee Knox.....	Aye
Trustee Monasterio .....	Aye
Trustee Binion.....	Aye
Trustee Donahue .....	Aye
Chairman Abrego.....	Aye

and no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, motion carried.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT** – All business of the Board having been completed, Chairman Abrego called for a motion to adjourn. A motion from Trustee Binion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Donahue. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**ATTACHMENT**

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS – 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

Gilbert, James G.,  
Superintendent  
Appointment through June 30, 2023  
Mountain Home School District No. 193

Longhurst, Albert J.,  
Director of Educational Services  
Appointment through June 30, 2021  
Mountain Home School District No. 193

Johnson, Jeff M.,  
Director of Instruction  
Appointment through June 30, 2021  
Mountain Home School District No. 193

**APPOINTMENTS**

Burnett, Tricia; Special Education Paraeducator, MHJH  
Junge, Katrina; Special Education Paraeducator, North Elementary  
Smith, Peter; Cook 2, MHHS

**RESIGNATIONS**

Pedroza, Alfredo; Title I Paraeducator, East Elementary; effective: February 14, 2020  
Sanchez, Patricia; Cook 2, MHJH; effective: February 7, 2020  
Walker, Robin; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, West Elementary; effective: May 22, 2020

**TERMINATIONS**

Bonorato, Jaimie; Cook 1, MHHS; effective: January 27, 2020  
Trueba, Sara; B Custodian, MHHS; effective: January 24, 2020

**STUDENT TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS 2019-2020 SY**

Duke, Kacey – University of West Florida – February 6, 2020 – May 22, 2020  
Stephensen Elementary, Co-operating Teacher – Tanya Goodman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher

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Chairman Abrego

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Clerk Whitman