

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – DETERMINE CM FIRM, SAFE REOPENING PLAN, STUDENT/PERSONNEL MATTERS
 JULY 13, 2021
 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

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- I. **CALL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER** – Chairperson/Vice-chairperson. Chairman Abrego convened the special meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:00 p.m., on July 13, 2021, at the District Administration Office, 470 North 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, in said district for the purpose of determining the CM Firm, Safe Reopening SY22, and student & personnel matters pursuant to authority provided by Title 74, Chapter 2, Section 74-202(3)(4)(c)(6)(b) – Open Meeting (Special Meeting – Executive Session), and Section 74-203(5) – Telecommunication Devices, Section 74-204(3) – Open Meeting Law (Executive Session), 74-206(1)(b) – To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of a public-school student and a public-school employee, Idaho Code, and pursuant to affirmation by the Clerk that notice of the special meeting had been given to each trustee and had been announced by published and posted public notice as required by law. A copy of the Notice of a Special Meeting of School Trustees so posted follows:

Trustees Present: Chairman Abrego, Trustee Binion, Trustee Donahue, Trustee Monasterio, and Trustee Knox were in attendance at the board meeting, thus establishing a two-thirds majority of the board IAW Idaho Code, Section 74-202.

July 13, 2021

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193
 Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho
 FACE MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193, will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the District Administration Office located at 470 North 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, in said District, during which the following business will be conducted:

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- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER (ACTION)** – Chairman/Vice-Chairman
Max Capacity: Once maximum capacity is reached including the Board of Trustees, Superintendent, Clerk, Treasurer, Technology Director, and Building Administrators would require those persons in excess of maximum capacity to sit in the foyer or other overflow rooms.
- II. **DETERMINATION OF A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRM** – School Board/James Gilbert
- III. **SAFE REOPENING PLANS – 2021-2022** – James Gilbert
- IV. **APPOINT TEMPORARY CLERK OF THE BOARD FOR THE UPCOMING EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER (ACTION)** – Chairman Abrego/Vice-Chair Binion
- V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (ROLL CALL VOTE)** – Student & Personnel Matter
Title 74, Chapter 2, Section 74-202(3)(4)(c)(6)(b) – Open Meeting (Special Meeting – Executive Session), Section 74-203(5) – Telecommunication Devices, Section 74-204(3) – Open Meeting Law (Executive Session), 74-206(1)(b) – To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of a public-school student and a public-school employee, Idaho Code.
- ACTION ITEM(S):**
- A. Student Matter – Student A
 B. Personnel Matter – Employee A
- NON-ACTION ITEM(S):**

A. None

VI. **ADJOURN**

This Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 is called pursuant to 74-206(1)(b) – Executive Session – To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of public-school students and employees, Idaho Code.

Dated the 9th day of July 2021.

Sharon M. Whitman

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Clerk, School District No. 193

Mountain Home, Elmore, Idaho

II. **DETERMINATION OF A CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRM** – School Board/James Gilbert.

The Board thoroughly reviewed each firm’s presentation and materials presented to the Board on June 29, 2021. The Board was pleased with both companies and felt that either firm would meet the district’s needs, however, the Board felt that Beniton Construction Company was a more comfortable fit for not only the district, but a good and comfortable fit for the community.

Discussion about what both firms could bring to the table, the manner in which both firms approach communities to promote school bonds and levies within that community, etc. The Board also discussed which firm they felt more comfortable and which firm would be the best to approach the Mountain Home community; they compared the different approach and working styles of each company, etc.

The Board collectively discussed their feelings regarding both firms and made a decision based on which firm best suited our school district and community. The representatives from Core-Headwaters Construction mentioned that it was rare that they interviewed in the public. Chairman Abrego explained that our district wants to be as transparent as possible and that other school districts interview for CMs in the same manner. Core-Headwaters Company then asked who the voting members were. Superintendent Gilbert responded the Board of Trustees, at which time Core-Headwaters asked if a trustee needed to recuse himself as Chairman Abrego works for a company that would probably be a subcontractor. Superintendent Gilbert explained that only if there was a direct pecuniary interest and there would be none in this case.

Chairman Abrego called for each trustee to pick a firm.

Chairman AbregoBeniton Construction Company
 Trustee DonahueBeniton Construction Company
 Trustee BinionBeniton Construction Company
 Trustee MonasterioBeniton Construction Company
 Trustee KnoxCore-Headwaters Construction Company

Chairman Abrego called for a motion to approve the chosen firm. A motion from Trustee Binion to award the CM contract to the firm of Beniton Construction Company, received a second from Trustee Donahue. Trustee Knox declined to vote. Motion approved.

III. **SAFE REOPENING PLANS – 2021-2022** – James Gilbert. Superintendent Gilbert informed the Board that

is was a requirement to have our district’s safe reopening plan board approved and published in order for our district to receive federal COVID funds.

Superintendent Gilbert informed the Board that the SY2021-22 is very similar to SY2020-21 (March 2020 version) except that face masks are optional but encouraged for those not fully vaccinated. He added that the sanitization plans are still in place and our social distancing plans are in place as much as they can be. Should things change, the Board would have to meet again to revise the plan.

School year 2021-2022 will start as normal including hand sanitizing and classroom cleaning, but face masks are optional.

The Board reviewed the SY2021-22 Safe Opening Plan followed by discussion including past information from CDH, schools having more of a say in operations of schools, the lack of parents vaccinating themselves and their children, revising the safe plan language to reflect a particular school building and/or classroom closing instead of a general statement of schools closing, the amount of days an exposed student or staff must remain out of school, etc.

Superintendent Gilbert explained to the Board that the amount of days an exposed person must remain in quarantine depends on if they are fully vaccinated; it would require honesty from parents and staff. He added that it is highly encouraged for parents and staff to be vaccinated, but it is not a requirement nor will we check; we hope that people are honest.

Trustee Binion motioned to approve the safe reopening plan for 2021-2022 including the revision, received a second from Trustee Monasterio. Motion granted.

IV. **APPOINT TEMPORARY CLERK OF THE BOARD FOR THE UPCOMING EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER (ACTION)** – Chairman Abrego/Vice-Chair Binion. Chairman Abrego asked for nominations to appoint a temporary clerk for the personnel portion of the upcoming executive session. Trustee Binion nominated Trustee Knox as the temporary clerk and Trustee Donahue seconded the motion. All ayes with the exception of Trustee Knox who voted nay. Motion passed to appoint Trustee Knox as the temporary clerk for the personnel portion of the upcoming executive session until the conclusion of the board meeting.

V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (POSSIBLE ACTION)** – Student & Personnel Matter
Title 74, Chapter 2, Section 74-202(3)(4)(c)(6)(b) – Open Meeting (Special Meeting – Executive Session), Section 74-203(5) – Telecommunication Devices, Section 74-204(3) – Open Meeting Law (Executive Session), 74-206(1)(b) – To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of a public-school student and a public-school employee, Idaho Code.

Chairman Abrego called for a motion for the purpose of allowing the board to enter into executive session. Trustee Binion motioned to enter into executive session in accordance with Idaho Code to discuss student and personnel matters, received a second from Trustee Donahue, the following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT SO RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of School District No. 193 recess from an open meeting into the following executive session(s) pursuant to Idaho Code, Section 74-206(1)(b) – To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of a public-school student and a public-school employee, Idaho Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That following the executive session, the Board of Trustees will convene into public session for further business or adjournment of the meeting.

Chairman Abrego called upon Clerk Whitman to do a roll call vote. Vote being had on the above and foregoing resolution, and the same having been counted and found to be as follows:

NAME OF TRUSTEES

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, the Chairman declared said resolution adopted and the board recessed into executive session at 6:25 p.m.

ACTION ITEM(S):

A. Student Matter – Student A

Others present: The attending board members, Superintendent Gilbert, Parents of Student A, Student A, and Clerk Whitman.

Following a full and complete discussion of a student matter, the Board reconvened into open session at 6:55 p.m. No motion needed.

Clerk Whitman was released and Trustee Know became the acting clerk. The Board returned to executive session at 7:05 p.m.

B. Personnel Matter – Employee A

Others present: The attending board members, Superintendent Gilbert, and Acting Clerk.

Following a full and complete discussion of a personnel matter, the Board reconvened into open session at 7:38 p.m. Trustee Binion motioned to approve an 8% salary increase plus an experience step. Trustee Donahue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NON-ACTION ITEM(S):

A. None

- VI. **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 carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman Abrego

Clerk Whitman