

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MAY 6, 2008  
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustee House, Trustee Rodney, Chairman Alexander and Trustee Gridley arrived at 7:15 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim McMurtrey, Doug Johnson, Connie Donahue, Cliff Ogborn, James Gilbert, Sharon Whitman, Karen and Gary Kohring, Judy Case, Tilli and Jim Abbott, Barbara and Mr. Christiansen with daughters Breanna and Ashley, Deb Shrum, Terri Manduca, Teresa Dodge

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193, for the purpose of holding a public hearing to hear testimony on the re-naming of the girls' varsity softball field, was convened at 7:00 p.m., on May 6, 2008, at the District Administration Office, 470 North 3<sup>rd</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho, in said district, pursuant to authority provided by Title 33-510, and Title 67-2340 through 67-2347, 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 written and posted public notice as required by law. A copy of the Notice of a Special Meeting of School Trustees so posted follows:

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Home School District No. 193 will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at **7:00 p.m.**, at the District Administration Office, 470 North 3<sup>rd</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho, in said District, during which the following business will be conducted:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 has called for an informational hearing to hear from all interested parties whether or not to take the following request action:

**RE-NAMING THE GIRLS' VARSITY SOFTBALL FIELD:**

The Girls' Varsity Softball Field to be re-named Memmelaar Field

Persons wishing to address the Board regarding these matters must adhere to the following procedures:

1. Sign up on the appropriate form provided at the beginning of the meeting.
2. When your name is called, approach the Board and give oral presentation.
3. Individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes to make such oral presentations. Those representing a group will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes to make oral presentation.
4. When notified by the Clerk that time has expired, please stop at that time.
5. The Board of Trustees will receive written comments regarding the subject of this meeting for a period of seven (7) days following the hearing, or May 13, 2008, by 5:00 p.m. Such material should be delivered, or mailed to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees, Sharon M. Whitman, at the school district administration office located at 470 North 3<sup>rd</sup> East, P.O. Box 1390, Mountain Home, Idaho, 83647.
6. The purpose of this meeting is to hear oral comments and to receive information. It is not to be a question and answer session.
7. The Board of Trustees will adjourn this hearing after oral comments have been received or at **7:30 p.m.** No decision will be made at this time.

This Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mountain Home School District No. 193 is called pursuant

to Title 33 and Chapter 23, Title 67, Idaho Code.

Dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2008.

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Sharon M. Whitman  
Clerk, School District No. 193  
Mountain Home, Elmore, Idaho

At 7:00 p.m., Trustee House called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 to order and stated that there was a proposal before the Board to rename the girl's varsity softball field to Joy Memmelaar field. The proposal was presented to the trustees by Mrs. Terri Manduca at the February 19, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, at which time a hearing was scheduled to receive testimony from interested parties on the proposal. Trustee House then reviewed the hearing procedures before patrons were called to give testimony.

#### I. TESTIMONIALS –

1. Karen Kohring approached the Board in support of renaming the softball field to Memmelaar Field. She knew Joy Memmelaar for 16-years and spoke of her role in building the girls' softball team and leading them to many winning seasons. Joy was twice named outstanding coach of the year. Mrs. Kohring went on to say that, Joy Memmelaar was very dedicated to the girls' softball program. Her dedication, loyalty, and leadership are missed. Mrs. Kohring encouraged the Board to consider honoring Joy Memmelaar's memory by authorizing the name of the MHSD 193 softball field to Memmelaar Field.
2. Judy Case approached the Board and gave her support to change the name of the softball field to Memmelaar Field, because of Joy's dedication to girls' softball and her leadership as a coach, teacher, colleague, and friend, Mrs. Case would like the Board to consider renaming the girls' softball field to Memmelaar in honor and memory of Coach "Mems."
3. Tilli Abbott approached and talked about her friend Joy Memmelaar and her legacy she built at MHHS regarding girls' softball. Mrs. Abbott and on behalf of her husband, Jim Abbott, asked the Board to consider renaming the girls' softball field in memory of Joy Memmelaar and all she represented to MHHS girls' softball. Mrs. Abbott spoke of Joy as a dedicated and loving coach who motivated "her" girls on and off the field.
4. Ashley and Brianna Christiansen approached and gave their support for their beloved Coach "Mems" who meant so much to them. They said that if it wasn't for Coach Mems being such a great coach, leader, and mentor they wouldn't (team) be where they are today.
5. Barbara Christiansen approached the Board and spoke of how Joy Memmelaar had touched and inspired so many girls and how she was the instigating force that built the girls' softball team from the beginning. She went on to say Joy was such an influencing force for most of the girls on and off the field. Mrs. Christiansen and on behalf of her husband, Gary Christiansen, asked the Board to consider renaming the girls' softball field to Memmelaar Field.
6. Deb Shrum approached and spoke on behalf of renaming the softball field after Joy Memmelaar, because renaming any school facility or field reflects the person for which the facility was named. The girls' softball field has been and for years to come will be remembered as Joy's softball field; the field she and her girls worked so hard to maintain. Joy not only stood for softball, but for teaching and teaching the game of life, and never giving up. Mrs. Shrum stated that by naming the softball field after Coach Memmelaar, means leaving a legacy in her honor.
7. Terri Manduca approached and spoke of her friend Coach Mim, and the outstanding program Joy Memmelaar introduced to this school district. Joy spent countless hours preparing the softball field to better represent MHHS. She and her girls worked very hard on their softball field and building the girls' softball program to what it is today - successful. Joy was an inspiration on and off the field to "her" girls. The girls' softball team now wears black bands

on their sleeve in memory and honor of their coach. While battling cancer, she led the girls to state. She was inspirational to everyone she met. She contributed so much to our community. Mrs. Manduca requested that the Board consider remaining the softball field to Memmelaar Field in honor of such an outstanding person.

8. Teresa Dodge approached and spoke of Joy Memmelaar, and how she was the one that brought girls' softball to MHSD 17-years ago. Coach Memmelaar worked diligently to build a successful program and to have a quality field for the girls to play on. She taught the girls to have pride and ownership of their home field. Her girls were inspired and motivated. Mrs. Dodge and on behalf of her daughter, Samantha, asked the Board to consider renaming the softball field to Memmelaar Field in honor of a teacher and coach who made a difference in the education of our children.

- II. **ADJOURN** – All business of the Board having been completed the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Chairman Alexander

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Clerk Whitman