

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 22, 2010
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chairman Alexander, Trustee House, Trustee Rodney, Trustee Reynolds, Trustee Murray

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim McMurtrey, James Gilbert, Connie Donahue, Cliff Ogborn, Sharon Whitman

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 was convened at 7:33 p.m. on the 22nd day of April 2010, for the purpose of calling for a supplemental levy election, at the District Administration Office, 470 North 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, in said district, pursuant to authority provided by Section 33-510 and 67-2340 through 67-2347, Idaho Code, and pursuant to affirmation by the Clerk that notice of the special meeting had been communicated 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:

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 Mountain Home School District No. 193 will be held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., at the Mountain Home School District Administration Office located at 470 North 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, in said District, during which the following business will be conducted:

- I. New Business – Resolution 10-04 Calling for a Supplemental Levy Election
- II. Old Business – Budget Reductions
- III. Adjourn

This Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 is called pursuant to Title 33 Chapter 5, Title 33-510, and Title 67-2340 through 67-2346, Idaho Code.

By order of the Board of Trustees on this 20th day of April 2010.

Sharon M. Whitman, Clerk
Board of Trustees

Chairman Alexander called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 to order, to call for a supplemental levy election, at 7:33 p.m. He then called upon Superintendent McMurtrey to address agenda item I.

- I. New Business – Resolution 10-04 Calling for a Supplemental Levy Election. Mr. McMurtrey read aloud Resolution 10-04 Calling for a Supplemental Levy Election. He then asked the Board for approval. Trustee Rodney motioned for the adoption of Resolution 10-04 Calling for a Supplemental Levy, with a second from Trustee Reynolds.

Vote being had on the above and foregoing resolution, and the same having been counted and found to be as follows:

NAME OF TRUSTEES

Chairman Alexander Aye
 Vice-Chair House Aye
 Trustee Rodney Aye
 Trustee Reynolds Aye
 Trustee Murray Aye

And no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, the chairman had declared said resolution adopted.

MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193
MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO
RESOLUTION 10-04 CALLING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 33-522 and 33-802(3), Idaho Code, the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 shall cause to be conducted a Supplemental Levy Election on the fourth Thursday of May for the purpose of allowing Mountain Home School District No. 193 patrons to authorize an increase in property taxes to assist the school district's financial emergency.

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho Legislature and Governor has provided an Idaho public school district an avenue to declare a financial emergency, specifically enacting section 33-522, Idaho Code, entitled Financial Emergency, permitting an Idaho Public School District to declare a Financial Emergency for the school district pursuant to the finding of specific provisions of such statute.

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the state of Idaho has also determined that a statewide financial emergency for all Idaho public schools is appropriate and declared such for all Idaho public schools through the Appropriations Bill, SB1418, in lieu of each individual school qualifying for a financial emergency pursuant to the statutory process for an Idaho public school district to declare a statutory financial emergency, specifically stating:

SECTION 33. The Idaho Legislature declares that the conditions and intent of subsection (2), paragraphs (a), (b) and (c), Section 33-522, Idaho Code, are met for all Idaho school districts for the contract year 2010-2011 and therefore, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 33-522(2)(f), Idaho Code, financial emergency status is declared for all school districts for the purposes of reopening the salary and benefits compensation aspects of the negotiated agreement, including the length of the certificated employee contracts and the amount of compensation and benefits; and if the parties to the negotiated agreement mutually agree, reopen other matters contained within the negotiated agreement directly affecting the financial circumstances in the school district in accordance with subsections (3), (4), (5) and (6) of section 33-522, Idaho Code.

WHEREAS, the Board has received a recommendation from the District's Administration to adopt and opt-into the statewide declared financial emergency due to the underlying financial conditions of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the District has been advised from multiple sources of the potential for a mid-year holdback or reduction in state funding apportionment for the 2010-2011 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Board would qualify for a statutory financial emergency pursuant to Idaho Code 33-522, as subsections (2)(a), (2)(b), (2)(c), and (2)(f) are met by the Mountain Home School District for the 2010-2011 school year, even without the state-wide financial emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Board has studied District's budget for the current school year and for proposed figures for budgetary and funding considerations for the 2010-2011 school year and has engaged in a budget workshop for the 2010-2011 school year; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2010, the Board of Trustees, held a properly noticed and convened open public meeting for the purpose of receiving input concerning possible solutions to the financial problems facing the school district, such input including commentary from representatives of the local education association representing the certificated teaching professionals of the District as well as other interested parties and employees of the District; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned public meeting the District has also engaged in presentations and discussions with employees at the individual schools, with the MHEA leadership, held a general employee meeting and provided for a public comment section of the school district website to obtain input from patrons as to how to address this financial situation;

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

Section 1 That a Supplemental Levy Election is hereby called to be held in Mountain Home School District No. 193, Elmore County, Idaho, for the purpose of passing a supplemental levy increasing the amount of property taxes given to the Mountain Home School District No. 193.

Section 2 That on Thursday, May 27, 2010, the polls shall be opened between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Section 3 That said election shall be held as specified in the Notice of Election, set out in Section 10 herein.

Section 4 That said election shall be conducted as other school elections and the persons to conduct said election, being one or more judges and one clerk at each polling place, shall be duly appointed by the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193.

Section 5 That the polling places of said election shall be as follows:

Polling places:

East Elementary School
775 North 10th East
Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

West Elementary School
415 West 2nd North
Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

North Elementary School
290 East 12th North
Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

Hacker Middle School
550 E. Jackson
Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

Mountain Home Jr. High School
1600 East 6th South
Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

Mountain Home High School
300 South 11th East
Mountain Home, Idaho 3647

Section 6 That no person shall vote at such trustee election who is not at the time of election (I.C. 33-405):

1. A United States citizen, a qualified elector of the district, a qualified elector of the trustee zone for at least 30 days preceding the day of election, a registered voter in the District, 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 of the same trustee zone as the candidate for school trustee for whom the elector offers to vote.

Section 7

ELECTOR'S OATH
Supplemental Levy Election

The undersigned, having been first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says as follows:

Signature of Voter

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN To before me this 27th day of May 2010.

Section 8

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION

WHEREAS, Mountain Home School District No. 193 qualifies for a statutory financial emergency pursuant to Idaho Code 33-522;

QUESTION:

Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 193 be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, \$2.8 million dollars each year for two (2) years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of the District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2012, as provided in the resolution of the Board of Trustees adopted on April 22, 2010?

ANSWER:

IN FAVOR OF supplemental levy for the purposes indicated above YES

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AGAINST supplemental levy for the purposes as indicated above NO

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote "YES" – IN FAVOR OF authorizing a supplemental levy for the purpose stated in the Resolution of April 22, 2010, place an "X" in the box opposite the word – "YES."

To vote "NO" – AGAINST authorizing a supplemental levy for the purposes stated in the Resolution of April 22, 2010, place an "X" in the box opposite the word – "NO."

If you, by mistake or accident, mark, tear, deface, or otherwise mutilate this ballot, please return it to the election judges and obtain another ballot.

Section 9 That immediately following the close of the polls, the Board of Election shall compute the result of the election in public view, and shall within not more than three days thereafter, make return of the election to the Chairman of this Board of Trustees, upon forms to be supplied by this Board, and must transmit therewith to this Board all elector's oaths and all ballots cast or rejected thereby. The returns of election, elector's oaths, and the ballots shall be transmitted under seal. The Clerk of the Board of Trustees shall thereupon submit the results at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Board shall thereupon canvass such returns in the manner provided by Section 33-407, Idaho Code, at a meeting to be held for that purpose at the regular meeting place of the Board, on June 15, 2010, the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared by the Board of Trustees to be the decision on whether the Supplemental Levy passed.

Section 10 That the Clerk of the Board of Trustees shall have posted and published the Notice of Election, which is substantially in the following form:

**NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION
Mountain Home School District No. 193
Elmore County, Idaho**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193, Elmore County, Idaho, that a Supplemental Levy Election will be held on the 27th day of May 2010, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote and determination on a supplemental levy.

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the following locations:

East Elementary School
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Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

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Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

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North Elementary School
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Mountain Home, Idaho 83647

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An elector must be a registered voter who has resided in this state and in this school district at least thirty (30) days preceding the election.

The question submitted will be:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION

Mountain Home School District No. 193
Elmore County, Idaho
Thursday, May 27, 2010

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WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the state of Idaho has also determined that a statewide financial emergency for all Idaho public schools is appropriate and declared such for all Idaho public schools through the Appropriations Bill, SB1418, in lieu of each individual school qualifying for a financial emergency pursuant to the statutory process for an Idaho public school district to declare a statutory financial emergency; and

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Qualified electors who expect to be absent from the District on May 27, 2010, or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to go to a polling place, may vote by absentee ballot. Written application for an absentee ballot may be made to the Clerk of the Board of Trustees on a form made available at the Mountain Home School District Office, 470 N. 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, 83647, on Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Walk-in absentee applicants applications must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day before the election (May 26, 2010). Mail-in absentee applicants must be made no later than 5:00 p.m. six (6) days prior to the election (May 21, 2010). Electors applying in person may obtain their ballots starting May 13, 2010. Electors applying by mail should submit their requests as soon as possible. The absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

By Order of the Board of Trustees on this 22nd day of April 2010.

Sharon M. Whitman, Clerk
Board of Trustees
Mountain Home School District No. 193

PUBLISH: May 12, 2010
 May 19, 2010
 May 26, 2010

The Clerk of the Board of Trustees shall cause Notice of Election to be posted for at least 10 days prior to the date of said election in at least three public places within the district, one of which shall be at or near the main door of the Administrative Office of said district in Mountain Home, Elmore County, Idaho.

The Clerk shall also cause the Notice of Election to be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks, prior to the date set for the election in the Mountain Home News, a newspaper published in Mountain Home, Idaho, and of general circulation in said school district.

Passed and approved this 22nd day of April 2010.

Chairman Alexander

Vice-Chairman House

Trustee Rodney

Trustee Reynolds

Trustee Murray

Clerk Whitman

- II. Old Business – Budget Reductions. Mr. Gilbert stated the Meet and Confer sessions have already begun. He said the best-case scenario, which includes a 4% pay cut to certified and classified staff, and 6.5% pay cut to administration, was given to the group. Included in the best-case scenario were additional cuts that would be made at the same time. Mr. Gilbert asked for guidance on what to tell the Meet and Confer group should the supplemental levy fail. A lengthy and detailed discussion took place to discuss additional reductions and cuts should the supplemental levy fail. The district will need to eliminate an additional \$1million plus dollars.

Discussion ensued regarding additional cuts and reductions should the levy fail.

- Eliminate all extra curricular activities including sports, debate, band, choir, etc. saving \$265 000
- Eliminate Activities Director saving \$60,000
- Eliminate Parents as Teachers (PAT) saving \$20,000
- Eliminate a minimum of ten (10) classified positions saving \$220,000

- Have a 4-day school week (Tuesday thru Friday) saving between \$200,000 and \$400,000
 - ~ Hours would be added the days (7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.) to accommodate the instructional hours as required by Idaho Code
 - ~ This means the buildings are shut down completely from Friday afternoon until Tuesday morning.
 - ~ No one would be allowed to use our buildings including City Recreation, Good Samaritans, Boy and Girl Scouts, MHAFB, and other organizations.
- Cut the Maintenance department by 50% saving close to \$300,000
 - ~ We would no longer water or mow grass or fields leaving the areas to go brown and back to desert.
- Eliminate Safety Bussing saving \$30,000
- Additional salary cuts from another 12% to 18%

Mr. Gilbert said the above cuts equal about \$1 million dollars. He asked should the levy fail do we look at incorporating the suggested cuts and reductions and have a salary reduction of 11% to 12% or do we cut 18% across the board.

Chairman Alexander stated that we needed to eliminate everything that isn't directly involved in a student's education, anything that doesn't involve instruction. He said we have to reduce all transportation that isn't directly home to school and back home. Mr. Gilbert stated that even with the Maintenance cuts, classified cuts, and eliminating the Athletic Director, which equals about 18 to 19 positions within the district, barely covers the \$2.8 million needed. It only equals about \$1 million dollars. He said outside of all the suggested cuts, there is nothing left to cut because we are at the SDE authorized number of certified staff and administrators, so cutting programs and classes would only decrease what the SDE funds us. Mr. McMurtrey asked about all day every other day kindergarten. Mr. Gilbert said it would save us \$5,000, but we loose about the same amount in the loss of ADA for those days. Discussion continued about reductions and cuts.

Mr. Gilbert asked should he include the suggested cuts and reductions at the next Meet and Confer session. The Board said Mr. Gilbert could bring the following back to the Meet and Confer sessions: \$1.3 additional cuts, which includes the previously discussed cuts and reductions. Chairman Alexander asked Mr. McMurtrey and Mr. Gilbert to explain to the Meet and Confer group that we will cut everything we can before making additional cuts to salaries, but after all the cuts have been made, salaries will be cut to make up for the additional \$1 million dollars needed. Trustee House asked how Food Services came into play. Mr. Ogborn said it has its own fund. The only thing we might have to do is adjust the contract to match a 4-day school week.

Trustee House stated the community needed to understand the district is the second largest employer in Mountain Home, and if we loose many of our staff, there will be a domino affect throughout this town to include lack of revenue at restaurants, stores, property and other taxes, etc.

- III. Adjourn – All business of the Board having been completed, a motion by Trustee Murray to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Rodney. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.

Chairman Alexander

Clerk Whitman