

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
 FEBRUARY 28, 2012
 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Chairman Alexander, Trustee House, Trustee Murray, Trustee Reynolds (via teleconference), Trustee Checketts

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

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 was convened at 8:01 a.m., February 28, 2012, at the District Administration Office, 470 North 3rd East, Mountain Home, Idaho, in said district, pursuant to authority provided by Title 33 Chapter 5, Section 33-506, 33-510, 33-512, 33-513, 33-802(2), 34-106(8), 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 Mountain Home School District No. 193 will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 8:00 a.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:

- I. **DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLY HOLDING A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION** – Board of Trustees
- II. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION 12-04 – CALLING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION** – Tim McMurtrey
- III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Personnel Matters
- IV. Adjourn

This Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 is called pursuant to Title 33 Chapter 5, Section 33-506, 33-510, 33-512, 33-513, 33-802(2), 34-106(8), and Title 67-2342 through Title 67-2345, Idaho Code.

Dated the 24th day of February 2012.



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

Chairman Alexander called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 to order, at 8:01 a.m.

I. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLY HOLDING A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION – Board of Trustees. Chairman Alexander asked Tim McMurtrey to report on the recommendation of the Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC) regarding running a Supplemental Levy Election.

Mr. McMurtrey reported that the BRC, consisting of community members, patrons, and staff, met four times. He said that the first meeting explained the budget and all of the cuts that have been made over the last few years. Mr. McMurtrey stated that the second meeting included a more in-depth explanation of the budget, financing, and funding. He explained that the third meeting and fourth meetings were for the BRC to discuss, based on all of the information the committee received, what their recommendation was regarding a Supplemental Levy Election.

Mr. McMurtrey reported that the BRC reviewed and discussed at length other ways of saving money including the possibility of additional cuts to programs and salaries. He said that the BRC discussed running a Supplemental Levy Election, and if decided upon, how much money to ask from the community. Mr. McMurtrey continued to say that they discussed and gave ideas on how to sell a Supplemental Levy to the community, and they even discussed the possibility of running a Plant Facility Levy Election along with the Supplemental Levy. He then stated that the BRC recommended running a Supplemental Levy Election in May, in the amount of \$2.7 million, each year, for two years, thereby there wouldn't be a tax increase for patrons.

Mr. McMurtrey mentioned that the BRC then discussed marketing strategies at no cost to the district. He then said that some patrons volunteered to donate and pass out flyers. He continued to report on some of the marketing strategies recommendations from the BRC such as giving presentations to service organizations, using social media as a means of getting the "word" out, put news articles in Mountain Home Newspaper, use phone trees to call patrons, etc.

Mr. McMurtrey did inform the Board that the BRC wanted the district to explain in detail the difference between a Supplemental Levy and a Plant Facility Levy. He said the BRC also wanted patrons to understand in advance that they (BRC) recommended running a Plant Facility Levy sometime next spring or fall, and they want a detailed plan readily available. The BRC wanted the district and the community to keep contacting our legislators regarding funding for school districts.

Mr. McMurtrey also explained some other items discussed by the BRC such as how all of the cuts have affected teachers as they have taken a 4% cut in pay already and teachers pay taxes as well. He said that the BRC discussed the cost of living versus the salary schedule of the district. He explained that the BRC understood how complicated the budget, funding, salary schedules were, and if there was any way to explain it in simpler terms.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Ogborn stated that the district is running the district with fewer administrators than what the state allows, which shows that we are running the district as efficiently as we can.

Mr. McMurtrey said that research was done to compare superintendents' salaries to other districts our size; we're ranked 20th in size in the state and ranked 32nd in salary.

Trustee Murray said that the housing rates that the government provides is equivalent to the housing rates in Boise, so the cost of living in Mountain Home is equivalent to living in Boise.

Trustee Checketts mentioned that patrons don't understand that we have to abide by state and federal laws. He said that he noticed that as the meetings continued and as Mr. McMurtrey, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. Ogborn explained the how's and why's, and what had already been cut, the demeanor of the BRC started to change in a positive manner.

Discussion continued regarding such things as if we cut sports and other programs, parents might enroll their children in Boise schools, which is happening already, and whether Mountain Home can sustain the cost of living along with tax increases, gas price increases, etc.

The Board discussed two patron letters.

Trustee Reynolds clarified that a \$2.7 million Supplemental Levy would not increase taxes and how that would be a big seller for the levy.

Chairman Alexander asked if there were any additional comments. Discussion being complete, the Board moved to the next agenda item.

- II. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION 12-04 – CALLING FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION**
 – Tim McMurtrey. Chairman Alexander summarized the proposed Resolution 12-04 – Calling for a Supplemental Levy Election. He stated that the resolution indicates the Supplemental Levy Election be held May 15, 2012, the County Clerk will run the levy election, polling places will be determined by the County Commissioners, and the levy will be in the amount of \$2.7 million each year for two years. Chairman Alexander asked if there were any comments or questions; with there being no additional comment or questions, he requested a motion to authorize Resolution 12-04 – Calling for a Supplemental Levy Election. A motion by Trustee House to authorize Resolution 12-04 – Calling for a Supplemental Levy Election was seconded by Trustee Murray. Chairman Alexander called for 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

Chairman Alexander	Aye
Trustee House	Aye
Trustee Reynolds	Aye
Trustee Murray	Aye
Trustee Checketts	Aye

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

MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 193 MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO RESOLUTION 12-04 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 2012-2013 school year, and 2013-2014 school year; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 33-802(3) and 34-106(1)(a)(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 of 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 15, 2012, 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 15, 2012, 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 in 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 each ballot shall be prepared by the Clerk of the Board of Trustees and shall be submitted to the Elmore County Clerk, and shall be substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION
Mountain Home School District No. 193
Elmore County, Idaho
Tuesday, May 15, 2012

QUESTION:

Shall the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, \$2.7 million dollars each year for two (2) years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of MHSD for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2014, as provided in the resolution of the Board of Trustees adopted on February 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

School Supplemental Levy YES

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School Supplemental Levy NO

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote "FOR" the levy, place an "X" in the box marked – YES

To vote "AGAINST" the levy, place an "X" in the box marked – NO

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 each political subdivision for which an election was held. 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, which is substantially in the following form:

NOTICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That Mountain Home School District No. 193 (MHSD) will be conducting an Election on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, to solicit the vote of qualified electors of MHSD on a School Supplemental Levy. MHSD electors will vote at **their regular polling place**, as established by the County Commissioners, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL
SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION
Mountain Home School District No. 193
Elmore County, Idaho
Tuesday, May 15, 2012

QUESTION:

Shall the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193 (MHSD) be authorized and empowered to levy a supplemental levy, as permitted in Section 33-802(3), Idaho Code, \$2.7 million dollars each year for two (2) years for the purpose of paying all lawful expenses of maintaining and operating the schools of MHSD for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2014, as provided in the resolution of the Board of Trustees adopted on February 28, 2012?

ANSWER:

School Supplemental Levy YES

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School Supplemental Levy NO

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:

To vote "FOR" the levy, place an "X" in the box marked – YES

To vote "AGAINST" the levy, place an "X" in the box marked – NO

Signed _____

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 this 28th day of February 2012.

Chairman Alexander

Vice-Chairman Murray

Trustee House

Trustee Reynolds

Trustee Checketts

Clerk Whitman

- III. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Personnel Matters. Chairman Alexander called for a motion for the purpose of allowing the Board to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding a certified employee resignation. After a full and complete discussion and upon motion duly made by Trustee House and seconded by Trustee Checketts, 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 executive session pursuant to Section 67-2345, Idaho Code for personnel matters regarding a certified employee's resignation as authorized by Title 33 Chapter 5, Section 33-506, 33-510, 33-512, 33-513, and Title 67-2342 through Title 67-2345(1)(b), 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.

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
Trustee House	Aye
Trustee Reynolds	Aye
Trustee Murray.....	Aye
Trustee Checketts.....	Aye

And no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the membership in favor thereof, the Chairman had declared said resolution adopted and the Board recessed into executive session at 8:23 a.m. Others present: The attending Board members, Tim McMurtrey, James Gilbert, Sharon Whitman, and Cliff Ogborn. Following a full and complete discussion of personnel matters regarding a certified employee's resignation, the Board reconvened into open session at 8:39 a.m. A motion by Trustee Murray to accept the resignation, effective immediately, of a certified employee, received a second by Trustee Reynolds. Motion approved.

The Board agreed to hold another special board meeting on March 9, 2012, for student matters.

- IV. **ADJOURNMENT** – All business of the Board having been completed, Chairman Alexander called for a motion to adjourn. A motion from Trustee Murray to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Checketts. Motion granted. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Chairman Alexander

Clerk Whitman