

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – PUBLIC INPUT HEARING  
 JUNE 18, 2019  
 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

- I. **CALL BUDGET HEARING TO ORDER** – Chairperson/Vice-chairperson. Chairman Abrego convened the special meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:00 p.m., on June 18, 2019, at the District Administration Office, 470 North 3<sup>rd</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho, in said district for the purpose of receiving testimony from interested parties on the proposed 2019-2020 budget, and pursuant to authority provided by Title 33, 33-801 – School District Budget, 33-801A – General Fund Contingency Reserve; Title 63, Sections 63-802A – Notice of a Budget Hearing, Title 74, Sections 74-202(4)(c)(6)(b) – Open Public Meetings, and 74-204 – Notice of Meetings, 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, Trustee Knox

**NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING**  
**MOUNTAIN HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ELMORE COUNTY, IDAHO**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home School District No. 193, Elmore County, Idaho, will be held on **June 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the District Administration Office, located at 470 North 3<sup>rd</sup> East, in Mountain Home, at which meeting there shall be a public hearing on the proposed budget for the forthcoming school year.

A copy of the proposed budget, as determined by the Board of Trustees, is available for public inspection at the District Administration Office, 470 North 3<sup>rd</sup> East, Mountain Home, Idaho, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, from the date of this notice until the date of the hearing.

This budget hearing is called pursuant to Title 33, Sections 33-510 – Board Meetings, 33-801 – School District Budget, 33-801A – General Fund Contingency Reserve; Title 63, Sections 63-802A – Notice of a Budget Hearing, and Title 74, Sections 74-202 – Open Public Meetings, 74-203 – Governing Bodies, 74-204 – Notice of Meetings, Idaho Code.

Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2019.

*Sharon M. Whitman*

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 Clerk, Board of Trustees

Posted: June 5 & June 12, 2019

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At 7:00 p.m., Chairman Abrego convened the special meeting of the Board of Trustees and stated that the purpose of the budget hearing was to allow an opportunity for the Board to receive public testimony from interested patrons. He then requested Mr. Vick present the budget for FY 2020. *(A complete copy of the budget presentation may be found on the district website under Business & Finances, then Annual Budget.)*

Mr. Vick reported that there was a budget workshop held on April 25 and from the workshop, not much changed except for salaries and benefits. He then presented the revised published proposed budget for 2019-2020 school year. He explained that a couple of revisions needed to be made based on the salaries and benefits that were negotiated with the certified staff and the proposal of increasing classified and administrator wages.

Mr. Vick said that certified teachers negotiated to add two days to their contracts and salary increases. He added that he propose the board include a 3% increase to classified and administrative salaries to include adding up to three (days) to the classified personnel work calendar and adding three (3) days to the administrative contracts that were lost during the financial crisis. Mr. Vick informed everyone that this increased the salaries and benefits to \$374,039.

Trustee Monasterio asked how the full day kindergarten would be paid. Mr. Vick responded that would come from the Literacy Funds, which is part of the General Funds, which was explained during the budget workshop. Mr. Vick also explained the unappropriated balance is the fund balance for the budget. Trustee Monasterio wanted to know what the fund balance would be next year. Mr. Vick responded that this year's budget has not been audited and it could change, so he would not be able to estimate on any future estimated fund balance.

Trustee Monasterio asked for the estimated budget for next year and again asked what the fund balance would be. Superintendent Gilbert referred Trustee Monasterio to the Summary Statement under the General M&O funds for the 2019-2020 estimated budget and balances (not final until after the audit).

Superintendent Gilbert noted the increase in purchase services due in part of having to contract with outside agency psychologists. He added that this is something that is quickly becoming a concern as school psychologists retire, and school psychologists are very limited in numbers in Idaho, schools will have to contract with independent psychologists or agencies. Superintendent Gilbert informed the board that the current psychologist that we have to contract with costs \$79 per hour, which seems to be similar to the industry standard.

Superintendent Gilbert commented on the salaries portion of the budget. He informed everyone that the certified salaries and benefits is negotiated every year, but the classified and administrative changes that are recommended are the 3% salary and benefits changes in state funding. Administrators, especially building administrators, have not gotten their full contract days back stemming from the financial crisis. The classified staff was in the same situation of not having all their days back. Superintendent Gilbert reminded everyone that next year is a leap year, so there would be one additional day of pay. He also informed the board that the administrative pay scale base salaries haven't been adjusted for at least seven years.

Chairman Abrego mentioned how happy the Board and Superintendent Gilbert were with Mr. Vick. Trustee Donahue stated that school district budgets are very different from other budgets such as the City's budget. Superintendent Gilbert agreed and added that school districts have many accounts as compared to the City's and we have many line items for those accounts in which we are required to spend money on those items, etc. Superintendent Gilbert stated that Mr. Vick has done a good job and he feels that this budget and the position of where it puts the fund balance.

Chairman Abrego asked for anyone who would like to give input to step forward.

- II. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairman Abrego stated that with there being no public input, the budget hearing was concluded, and that the proposed budget would be an agenda item during the following regular board meeting. Budget Hearing adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Chairman Abrego

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Clerk Whitman