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Board of Trustees Special Meeting

Capital High School - Auditorium
100 Valley Drive – Helena MT. 59601

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

III. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** *This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order. The Board cannot enter into a discussion during General Public Comment.*

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Items for Information

1. Multi-Year Budget Projection

B. Items for Action

1. Authorize the Superintendent to meet district needs without complying with building requirements pursuant to 20-9-204(3)
2. Recommendation to Cancel High School District Levy Election
3. Resolution to Certify Elementary School District Ballots
4. Recommendation to Approve the Ballot Language for the Elementary District Levy

V. BOARD COMMENTS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Helena Public Schools Board of Trustees

Sarah Sullivan
Board Chair

Terry Beaver
Vice Chair

Tyler Emmert
Trustee

Luke Muszkiewicz
Trustee

Jeff Hindoién
Trustee

Libby Goldes
Trustee

Sanjay Talwani
Trustee

Jennifer Walsh
Trustee

**HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Helena School District No. 1 (“District”) must address the unforeseen emergency occurring at Hawthorne School pursuant to Section 20-3-322(5), MCA; and

WHEREAS, District staff informed the Board of Trustees that significant unforeseen damage to Hawthorne School has occurred due to the failure of the retaining wall and steps on the east side of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees are permitted to declare an unforeseen emergency and proceed with repairing property damage resulting from that emergency without complying with the procurement requirements of Section 20-9-204(3)(a), MCA; and

WHEREAS, the District declares the failure of the Hawthorne retraining wall and steps is an unforeseen emergency, and pursuant to Section 20-9-204(3)(a), MCA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Helena School District No. 1 Board of Trustees hereby resolves to declare the failure of the retaining wall and steps at Hawthorne School an unforeseen emergency pursuant to Section 20-3-322(5), MCA. The Board of Trustees authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to proceed with the repairs to the infrastructure without complying with the procurement requirements of Section 20-9-204(3)(a), MCA.

The above-outlined RESOLUTION is hereby made and entered by the Board of Trustees, Helena School District No. 1, Helena, MT, this 2nd day of April 2019.

By: _____
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

DISTRICT CLERK CERTIFICATION:

I attest the above-referenced signature of the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and further certify as follows: made the motion to approve this RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY and seconded the motion; the following Trustees voted in favor of the motion: ; the following Trustees voted against: ; and the following Trustees were absent:

By: _____
Janelle Mickelson, District Clerk
Helena School District No. 1

Board of Trustees Work Session

Recommendation to Cancel High School District Levy Election



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Background:

Whenever the trustees determine that a levy proposition is not necessary, the district may cancel a levy election at any time prior to election day

Considerations:

- Under the present law, the highest levy that can be requested for the high school general fund is ten thousand thirty-three and 97 cents (\$10,033.97).
- The high school district's average cost of running an election is approximately \$12,000. Therefore, it would not be fiscally sound to run the levy election.

Superintendent recommendation:

Cancel the high school district levy election

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of School District No. 1 (Helena), Lewis and Clark County, Montana (the "Elementary/High School District"), hereby certify that the attached document contains the ballot issue to appear on the official ballot for the Regular School Election to be held on May 7, 2019, and that the ballot language contains all information required to be included pursuant to 15-10-425, MCA.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken to certify the ballot at said meeting, the following Trustees voted in favor thereof: _____; voted against the same: _____; abstained from voting thereon: _____; or were absent: _____.

WITNESS my hand and seal officially this _____ day of April, 2019.

School District Clerk

2019 BALLOT CERTIFICATION FOR HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

**FOR HELENA ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEE NO. 1
TRUSTEE
THREE YEAR TERM
(VOTE FOR THREE)**

Libby Goldes
John H. McEwen

HELENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GENERAL FUND LEVY

Shall the board of trustees be authorized to impose an increase in local taxes to support the general fund in the amount of one hundred three thousand five hundred ninety-four DOLLARS (\$103,594) per year which is approximately 1.00 mill, for the purpose of: the general operations of the district?

Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$1.35 and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$2.70. The durational limit of the levy is permanent once approved by the voters, assuming the district levies that amount at least once in the next five years.

FOR the Additional Levy

AGAINST the Additional Levy

Passed and approved this 2nd day of April, 2019.

Chair, Board of Trustees

Attest:

Clerk, School District No. 1

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Recommendation to Approve the Ballot Language for the Elementary District Levy

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Background:

Pursuant to 20-20-401, MCA, the election administrator prepares the final ballot form. Trustees must pass a resolution stating exact levy amounts by this date for the clerk to certify the ballot. This resolution must include the durational limit, if any, on the levy.

Considerations:

- Under the present law, the highest levy that can be requested for the elementary general fund is one hundred three thousand five hundred ninety-four DOLLARS and sixty-five cents (\$103,594.65), which is approximately 1.00 mill. Passage of the proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$1.35/year and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$2.70/year.
- There are three open trustee positions. Two candidates have filed nomination petitions, Libby Goldes and John McEwen. The deadline for filing a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate is 5:00 pm on April 4, 2019. If the number of candidates filing a nomination petition or filing a declaration of intent to be a write in candidate is equal to or less than the number of open trustee positions, the trustee election will be cancelled.

Superintendent recommendation:

Approve the attached ballot language.