

**SUNBURST SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

BOARD MINUTES

May 9, 2017

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30pm by the Chairman, Lisa Kearns with the *pledge to our flag*. The School District No. 2. Trustees present to constitute a quorum were:
Lisa Kearns, Chairman (Scott Griffin, Trustee-Absent)
Jonette Johannsen, Vice-Chairman (James Nagy, Trustee-Absent)
Lisa Samsal, Trustee
- Guests and staff in attendance were:
Dan Nau, K-6 Principal See attached list
Peggy Tobin, Business Manager
2. **APPROVE/REVISE/AMEND AGENDA** Action 1
Lisa S. moved to accept agenda as written. Jonette seconded the motion and with no discussion it passed unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA** Discussion
Ray confirmed that the meeting tomorrow night is to interview superintendents. He asked if, as a new board member, they have input into the hiring asked why we can't wait a week. Lisa S. reported that they had a candidate who they were hoping to interview but he had already taken another job. The process including references was discussed. There will be three candidates interviewed tomorrow, two by skype and one in person. Mark Kearns was thankful for everyone who has supported Lisa K. and the other board members. He thanked the new trustees for their willingness to step up and serve. He recognizes that this is a difficult time for our community and school and hopes everyone has the courage to make the right decisions.
4. **PROTESTED TAXES FOR 2017-18** Discussion
Lisa K. asked Peggy to read any emails received. Peggy read an email from Jim Nagy who is in favor of using 50-60% of the protested taxes (see attached). Lisa K. led a discussion on the options for utilizing protested taxes during 2017-18 which are estimated to be \$270,000. She reviewed the history of the protested taxes which actually began in 2015-16, but we were unaware of it until the end of the year. Lisa spoke to Boyd Jackson today and confirmed that NaturEner is going to pursue legal action. Boyd confirmed that in the state of Montana there has never been a settlement in favor of the state. Boyd provided history on settlements which range of 5-27%. Dan asked why we weren't waiting until the budget process was completed in August. Lisa K. explained that it had to do with negotiations. Further discussion followed regarding pros and cons of taking all of the protested taxes. Lisa K. pointed out that the new board will be able to review this issue again if it is determined that more taxes are needed. Amanda indicated that negotiations could be done based on how much is available. After further discussion, Lisa K. asked for discussion with just the board.
5. **DETERMINE AMOUNT OF PROTESTED TAXES TO DRAW DOWN FOR 2017-18 CASH SHORTFALL**
Jonette moved to take 55% of the protested taxes. Lisa S. seconded the motion and with no discussion it passed unanimously.
6. **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – May 10, 2017 at 7pm**
7. **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING—May 16, 2017 at 7pm**
8. **ADJOURN** Action 3
Jonette moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm. The motion was seconded by Lisa S. and passed unanimously.


JONETTE JOHANNSEN, CHAIRMAN


PEGGY TOBIN, CLERK

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GUEST LIST

PLEASE SIGN IN!!

NAME	REPRESENTING
MARLENA McAspinale	
Ronnie Watterud	
Standa for Jeff Kri	
Alex Achim	
Janna Tomscheck	
Mark Lewis	
Ray [Signature]	
Klin Block	
Con + Stacy [Signature]	



Peggy Tobin <peggytobin@sunburst.k12.mt.us>

Protested Taxes Opinion: Jim Nagy

2 messages

Jim and Jeanne Nagy <fog@northermtel.net>
To: Peggy Tobin <PeggyTobin@sunburst.k12.mt.us>

Tue, May 9, 2017 at 2:41 PM

Hi Peggy,

Please read my opinion tonight at the Board Meeting: I am in favor of using 50-60% of the protested taxes.

Thank you,

Jim

Peggy Tobin <peggytobin@sunburst.k12.mt.us>
To: Jim and Jeanne Nagy <fog@northermtel.net>

Tue, May 9, 2017 at 2:48 PM

Will do!

[Quoted text hidden]

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