

# LIVINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting Agenda

April 14th, 2020 Board Meeting

6:00 PM Via ZOOM Meeting ID 607 727 2884 Password 6Z6Cp9



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## EDUCATIONAL MISSION

The Educational mission of the Livingston School District, in partnership with the community, is to provide the opportunity for all students to learn, in a safe environment, the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed in order to become life-long learners and contributing citizens in a diverse society.

### **Board Members**

Ted Madden—Board Chair  
Tom Shellenberg—Vice Chair  
Druska Kinkie  
Dann Babcox  
Carol Goosey  
George Bornemann  
Sandra Rahn-Gibson  
Mark Schulein  
Dan Vermillion

# NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT

Montana law requires school districts and other public agencies to include on the agenda for public meetings an item allowing public comment on any public matter not otherwise specifically listed on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the agency. As has also been the practice of the District, and in accordance with Montana law, if any member desires to speak to an item that is specifically listed/identified on the agenda, you will be allowed to do so when the item comes up for discussion and action. Comments regarding items specifically listed/identified on the agenda will have a time limit set by the Board Chair.

The public comment portion of the agenda is not the time designated to hear items that are specifically listed/identified on the agenda. For those individuals who desire to address the Board during the “public comment” portion of the meeting, if you haven’t already done so, please sign your name to the sheet located at the back of the room and indicate the general topic on which you will be commenting. The board chair person will call individuals to speak in the order listed on the sheet provided.

The board would like to remind everyone in attendance that to avoid violations of individuals rights of privacy, a member of the public wishing to address the Board during this time will not be allowed to make comments about any student, Staff member, or member of the general public during his/her designated time to speak. In addition, the board will not hear comments on contested cases or other adjudicative proceedings.

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## FUTURE EVENTS/MEETINGS

Next Regular Board Meeting

May 12th, 2020

6:00 PM

Park High School Library

## Committee Assignments

### Negotiations

Tom Shellenberg  
George Bornemann  
Dann Babcox  
Carol Goosey

### Curriculum

Carol Goosey  
Ted Madden  
Mark Schulein  
Dan Vermillion

### Finance

Sandra Rahn Gibson  
Tom Shellenberg  
Druska Kinkie  
Dan Vermillion

### Policy

Druska Kinkie  
Carol Goosey  
Sandra Rahn Gibson  
Ted Madden

### Facilities

George Bornemann  
Dann Babcox  
Mark Schulein  
Tom Shellenberg

### Calendar

George Bornemann  
Druska Kinkie  
Dann Babcox

### Public Relations

Ted Madden  
Sandra Rahn Gibson

# Agenda Items

## CALL TO ORDER

## PUBLIC COMMENT

## ELEMENTARY ACTION

SGMS Math Adoption

## WHOLE BOARD ACTION

Approval of 2020 Livingston Comprehensive Literacy Project Grant  
PHS Math Adoption

## ELEMENTARY CONSENT ITEMS

Expenditures

### New Hires:

Lindsay Button—Special Education Teacher  
Shannon Bilbao—Special Education Teacher

### Resignations:

Virginia Huff—Winans High Needs Paraeducator  
Haley Bissonnette—Winans High Needs Paraeducator

### Retirees: No New Retirees

### Reduction in Force for 2019-2020

Paraeducator for the Visually Impaired Position

### Reduction in Force 2020-2021

East Side .5 Technology Teacher Position  
5th Grade Teacher Position  
Winans/East Side Art Teacher Position

## WHOLE BOARD CONSENT ITEMS

Expenditures

### Minutes:

March 10th, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
March 19th, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting Minutes  
March 26th, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes

### New Hires:

Joshua Ziegler—Youth Day Treatment Special Education Teacher

Resignations: No Resignations

Retirees: No New Retirees

### Reduction In Force for 2020-2021

High School English Teacher Position

### Information Items:

Big Timber Soccer Co-Op

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# Agenda Items Cont'd

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Superintendents Report  
Board Chair Report  
LEA Report  
LCEA Report

## **Committee Reports:**

Negotiations  
Finance  
Policy  
Calendar  
Public Relations  
Curriculum  
Facilities

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LIVINGSTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Livingston School District  
 Regular Board Meeting  
 March 10th, 2020

Present: Mark Schulein, Dann Babcox, Carol Goosey, Sandy Rahn Gibson, Dan Vermillion, George Bornemann, Druska Kinkie

Absent: Tom Shellenberg, Ted Madden, Dann Babcox

Druska Kinkie began the meeting at 6:00 PM with the pledge to the flag and the District Mission.

<p>Jessie Wilcox along with Tracey Rassley and Angel Sherdahl spoke about the Out of the Darkness walk scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Park High School Recplex and Suicide Prevention fundraising efforts.</p>	<p>Presentation: Out of the Darkness Walk- Jessie Wilcox</p>
<p>Daniella Love asked the board to consider bringing in a group who could help teach students about self-love, confidence, and anti-bullying.</p>	<p>Public Comment:</p>
<p>SGMS Principal Hohlund reported on the need for SGMS to release students on the same date as grades K-5 being June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This is due to the cancelation of the last three Cougar Fridays which would put some teachers over their contract days.</p> <p>Dan Vermillion moved to approve the release date for students grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> changed from June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as presented in the board packet, dated March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Carol Goosey seconded the motion.</p> <p>All trustees voted in favor of the motion.</p>	<p>Elementary Board Action: Calendar Change for SGMS</p>
<p>The board discussed the need to run an elementary levy election. Dr. Viegut clarified the funds from the levy would be used for operating costs and not capitol projects. Trustee Dan Vermillion stated he is a strong supporter of running the levy to increase funding in support of education. Trustee George Bornemann asked if we would be levied to our maximum and what the needs are. Dr. Viegut clarified the needs are for personnel costs.</p> <p>Dan Vermillion moved to approve the resolution to set the levy amount to impose an increase in local taxes for the regular school election to be held on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2020 to support the Elementary General Fund in the amount of \$102,840.92 annually, which is approximately 3.72 mills for the purpose of maintenance of current and future educational quality in the elementary schools. Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately \$5.02 and on a home with a market value of \$200,00 by approximately \$10.04. The duration of this levy is permanent once approved by the voters, assuming the district levies that amount at least once in the next five years.</p>	<p>Elementary Board Action: Elementary Levy Election</p>

<p>Carol Goosey seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.</p>	
<p>Sandy Rahn Gibson moved to approve the resolution to set the levy amount to impose an increase in local taxes for the regular board school election to be held on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, 2020 to support the High School General Fund in the amount of \$41,006.21 annually, which is approximately 1.03 mills for the purpose of maintenance of current and future educational quality in the high school. Passage of this proposal will increase the taxes on a home with a market value of \$100,000 by approximately 1.39 and on a home with a market value of \$200,000 by approximately \$2.78. The duration of this levy is permanent once approved by the voters, assuming the district levies that amount at least once in the next five years. Mark Schulein seconded the motion. All trustees except for George Bornemann approved the motion.</p>	<p>Whole Board Action: High School District Levy Election</p>
<p>Joey Lane introduced Rhonda Krueger from Helena who presented the Econ Challenge students with the Milliken Trophy.</p>	<p>Econ Challenge Presentation</p>
<p>Ellen Conley discussed the requirement of the district to put a resolution in the paper of a summary of an increase in non-voted levies. Sandy Rahn Gibson moved to approve the notice of intent to increase the elementary district non-voted levies as presented in the board packet dated March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Dan Vermillion seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.</p>	<p>Elementary Action Item: Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Permissive Levies for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021</p>
<p>George Bornemann moved to approve the notice of intent to increase the High School District Non-Voted levies as presented in the board packet dated March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Carol Goosey seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor.</p>	<p>Whole Board Action: Resolution of Intent to Impose an Increase in Permissive Levies for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021</p>
<p>Mark Schulein moved to approve the K-12 calendars for the 2020-2021 school year as presented in the board packet dated March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020.</p>	<p>Whole Board Action: 2020-2021 Calendars</p>
<p>Todd Wester discussed the adoption of the pre-calculus textbook from Cengage learning, copyright 2020. Carol Goosey moved to approve the High school Math Textbook as presented at the march 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board meeting. Mark Schulein seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.</p>	<p>Whole Board Action: High School Math Textbook Adoption</p>

<p>George Bornemann moved to accept the items under the elementary portion of the consent agenda as presented in the board packet, dated March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Carol Goosey seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor of the motion.</p>	<p>Elementary Consent Agenda</p>
<p>Sandy Rahn Gibson moved to accept the items under the whole board portion of the consent agenda as presented in the board packet, dated March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Mark Schulein seconded the motion. All trustees voted in favor.</p>	<p>Whole Board Consent Agenda</p>
<p>Todd Wester discussed the SGMS math curriculum adoption which will be presented at the April regular board meeting.</p>	<p>Information Items: SGMS Math Adoption</p>
<p>LEA Report: Susan Martenson reported the negotiations are going well as each side talked through their issues. Elementary and Kindergarten positions are filled and the district is moving more quickly with hires.</p> <p>LCEA Report : No Report</p> <p>Superintendent Report: Dr. Viegut reported the negotiations with the LEA and LCEA are going well and will continue to meet weekly. A lunch with 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate bank is being planned to show our appreciation for the generous furniture donation. The Ranger Clinic construction has begun. Todd Wester and Anne Penn have been selected to present at an MTSS conference. The Administrators are working on the literacy grant with a deadline of March 19<sup>th</sup>. Emily Raymond was named teacher of the year. The Cougar Friday discussion is ongoing with hopes a future structuring and funding. The Shiners have helped out one of our families in need.</p> <p>Board Chair Report: No Report</p>	<p>Communications:</p>
<p>Negotiations Committee: George Bornemann reported the negotiations are going well and they are making progress with the LEA. The LCEA and the committee have exchanged and are clarifying proposals.</p> <p>Finance Committee: Druska Kinkie reported the committee met and discussed the levies.</p> <p>Policy Committee: No Report</p> <p>Calendar Committee: No Report</p> <p>Public Relations Committee: No Report</p>	<p>Committee Reports</p>

Curriculum Committee: Carol Goosey reported the committee met and talked about the math textbooks and applying for the literacy grant again.	
Facilities Committee: No report	

The Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

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Board Chair	Date	Clerk	Date
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**Special Board Meeting**  
**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Meeting was held via Zoom and Conference Call**

**Trustees Present Through Zoom: Sandy Rahn Gibson, George Bornemann, Ted Madden**  
**Trustees Present Through Conference Call: Carol Goosey, Dan Vermillion, Dann Babcox, Druska Kinkie, Mark Schulein**  
**Absent: Tom Shellenberg**

Board Chair Ted Madden called the Emergency Board meeting to order at 1:03 PM pursuant to MCA 20-3-322(3).

**Whole Board Action: Declaration of Unforeseen Emergency**

George Bornemann moved the board of trustees of Livingston School District declare an unforeseen emergency in accordance with Sections 20-9-801 through 20-9-806, MCA, due to the community and school health concerns related to COVID-19 and authorize the administration to take necessary steps to execute this declaration and inform the public and government agencies of this declaration.

Carol Goosey seconded the motion.

All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

**Whole Board Action: Proficiency**

Dan vermillion moved to grant authorization for Superintendent Viegut to work with district staff in making determinations regarding pupils who are proficient in courses in which the pupils are enrolled without regard to the aggregate hours of instruction provided. The superintendent is directed to make a final determination of proficiency for each pupil for each enrolled course, using district assessments, including student progress and achievement within the objectives of a course, individualized educational program, or grade level, at a minimum, and reporting a full-time equivalent conversion of ANB for such pupils, based on the scheduled time ordinarily provided through the aggregate hours of instruction for such courses.

George Bornemann seconded the motion.

All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

**Whole Board Action: Offsite Instruction**

Dan Vermillion moved to grant Superintendent Viegut the authority to work with district staff in providing instruction for pupils of the district. Such instruction may include any method or methods identified as appropriate by the superintendent, including but not limited to offsite instruction as defined and referenced in sections 20-1-101(5); 20-1-101(14); 20-7-118; and 20-9-311(11), MCA.

George Bornemann seconded the motion.

All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM

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Board Chair

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Special Board Meeting  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Via ZOOM

Present: Mark Schulein, Dan Vermillion, Dann Babcox, Tom Shellenberg, Sandy Rahn Gibson, Druska Kinkie, Carol Goosey, George Bornemann, Ted Madden

Board Chair, Ted Madden began the meeting at 12:01.

**Elementary Board Action Item: Cancellation of The Elementary Operating Levy Election**

Dan Vermillion moved to cancel the elementary operating levy election that was previously voted on in the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Sandy Rahn Gibson seconded the motion.

All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

**Elementary Board Action: Amend the Elementary Permissive Levy Resolution**

Tom Shellenberg moved to amend and decrease the elementary permissive levies as reflected in version A resolution (attached).

Ted Madden seconded the motion.

All trustees voted in favor of the motion

\*Dann Babcox left meeting at 12:10

**Whole Board Action Item: Cancellation of the High School Operating Levy**

Carol Goosey moved to cancel the high school operating levy election that was previously voted on in the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board meeting.

Mark Schulein seconded the motion.

All trustee voted in favor of the motion

**Whole Board Action: Amend the High School Permissive Levy Resolution**

Mark Schulein moved to amend and decrease the high school permissive levies as reflected in the version A resolution (attached).

Druska Kinkie seconded the motion.

All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

**Whole Board Action: COVID-19 Plan of Action**

Sandy Rahn Gibson moved to approve the COVID-19 Plan of Action as presented at the March 26<sup>th</sup> Special Board meeting.

Dan Vermillion seconded the motion.

All trustees voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM

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Board Chair

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Date