

**HOT SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
Wednesday, July 24, 2024  
7:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER (7:00 pm)

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Trustee Explanation of Procedures  
Visitor Sign In: John Marrinan, Justin Silva, Michele Bangen, Chuck Stevens, and Taylor Salmi
4. Public Participation
5. Correspondence

NEW BUSINESS

6. Recommend To Adopt Trustee Resolution Calling For An Election  
Christensen/White (P)  
Trustee M. DePoe read the resolution to the Board and the public. (attached)  
Discussion was held regarding the levy and planning for school year 2025. The Board will start the school year with an unbalanced budget, if the levy passes, a budget amendment will be made to include the additional levied amount. If the levy fails the Board could make further cuts and changes to balance the general fund budget.

OLD BUSINESS

ADJOURN      7:37 pm

***TRUSTEE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION***

WHEREAS, the May 7, 2024 Hot Springs School District election on a duly authorized school levy proposition was held to be void by the Montana Twentieth Judicial District Court on July 11, 2024;

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2024, the Hot Springs Board of Trustees for the Hot Springs School District No. 14J, determined by vote of the Board that it would call for a special levy election in accordance with the July 11, 2024 Order and Montana Code Annotated § 13-35-107(1);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for the Hot Springs School District No. 14J, County of Sanders, State of Montana, will hold a Special School Election on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, which date is not less than seventy (70) days after the passage of this resolution.

The election will be conducted by mail ballot.

The purpose of the election is to approve:

An additional levy of \$183,000 to operate and maintain the general fund for FY2024-2025 by proposition.

If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Carmen Jackson, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with 13-1-304 and 20-3-313, MCA.

Voting will end at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. The designated place of deposit will be located at the Hot Springs School, High School Library, 301 Broadway, Hot Springs, MT.

Three electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as

judges at the election as follows:

Mary Kay Wedgwood, PO Box 443, Hot Springs, MT 59845

Debra Pier, PO Box 312, Hot Springs, MT 59845

Carol Webb, 337 Cottonwood Creek Rd #5, Plains, MT 59859

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify the county election administrator of the date of holding said election and request him or her to close registration and to prepare and furnish election materials as required by law, and notify the above-named election judges of their appointment. If any of these judges should not be able to serve, the election administrator will choose a replacement from certified judges.

No further proceedings were conducted relating to the election.

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ricky DePoe

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carmen Jackson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_