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**Shelley Joint School District No. 60
Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees
Shelley High School Little Theater – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 8, 2010**

Board Chair Jamey Higham called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Board members present were Mr. Higham, Vicki Johnson, Ken Kearsley, Loren Lund and Scott Fredrickson. Superintendent Bryan Jolley was also in attendance.

Moved by Vicki Johnson, seconded by Scott Fredrickson that the board approve the agenda with the changes. Voting was 5 – 0 in the affirmative.

Revenue Discussion:

Superintendent Jolley presented the patrons the power point that the board saw at the March board meeting. The power point showed what the revenue the state was giving to our district and what cuts could be made to bring the expenses down to match the revenue.

Mr. Higham then went over the rules for patron input allowing each patron three minutes to speak on a topic. He also limited the patron input session to one hour.

Patron Input:

Chris Sheets addressed the board concerning soccer. She is in favor of the soccer program and believes that it is good for kids. She stated that soccer had been a good activity for her children.

Garland Nelson also addressed the board concerning soccer, particularly girls' soccer. He said he currently had two daughters playing soccer. Soccer gives kids something to do with their time. He said that the High School has a full team every year.

Brian Park coach of the boys soccer team addressed the board concerning the soccer program. He stated that soccer is a growing sport. It is becoming more popular. He said he had thirty-seven kids try out for the team, and that only twenty were allowed to be on the team. He mentioned that soccer was one of the more physical sports because there is so much running involved. He feels that the soccer program is beneficial and the Shelley community would support the sport.

Cody Anderson represented Shelley High School's baseball team. He is currently a student. He stated that extra curricular activities a route to compete. He said that competition gives the students an advantage when they are competing for a job. He hopes to further his education through sports. He said that to be on the baseball team high grades are required.

Donna Hill the Shelley Education Association President addressed the board concerning four-day school weeks. She stated that the SEA has looked at the proposed cuts and agrees with most of them. She said that teachers would make the most of a four-day school week. She had called some other districts that were currently on this schedule and they reported student's scores as going up.

Brent Dial discussed pay to play. He said it wouldn't bother him if pay to play went up. He would be willing to pay a higher cost if it was raised. He also felt that the band should be required the same fee, as some of the money goes to travel cost. He said that the band has traveled to all the state tournaments. He enjoys the band and does not want to see that program cut.

Laurie Butler spoke about teacher's pay. She stated that she hated to see the teacher's take a pay cut. She mentioned that there needed to be well rounded cuts and that she would support the board in whatever decision they made, and hoped the rest of the community would as well.

Kathy Hayes represented the Kindergarten and addressed the board about full day kindergarten and the midday bussing issue. She said that the kindergarten teachers don't feel that full day of

57 kindergarten is beneficial for kids, the day is just too long. She stated that to save money the district
58 should eliminate midday bussing and turn the midday transport responsibility to the parents. She
59 mentioned that many districts currently do this. She said that some local day cares already provide
60 transportation.

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62 Robin Webb addressed the board concerning speech and debate. She told the board that speech
63 and debate were part of the English program, and was a year round program. She said that it is an
64 excellent outlet for students to get real world skills. She mentioned that debate kids also get a lot of
65 scholarships. She is also in favor of an increase in pay to play.

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67 Chris Paul thought that the district should look at district consolidation. He asked how much
68 money was available if we did consolidate. He said that is something that should be looked at. He also
69 wondered about our food policy, meaning how much food students were allowed to bring in. He also
70 thought to save costs that the sports teams could replace janitors. He felt that the district should come
71 up with a parent/student advisory group to come up with ideas.

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73 Jaqueline Whittwire spoke about the swim team. She told the board how that was not a school-
74 sponsored team and that she pays \$300 per child to participate. She mentioned this because she feels
75 parents will step up if sports are cut. She is also worried about cutting the resource officer if sports are
76 cut. She then expressed gratitude to the board and to the teachers for all the hard work they do.

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78 Kerrie O'Brady addressed the board as a parent. She asked the board to keep the cuts as far
79 away from academics as they could. She also felt that the 504 aides should not be cut.

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81 Betty Ann Bitter stated that she would be for a supplemental levy if the teachers wages were not
82 cut. She said she is willing to make that sacrifice. She also said she would be willing to pay the increase
83 in pay to play. She is also for a four-day week, but thinks it would be more cost savings to have the off
84 day be a Monday.

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86 Joel Gonzalez addressed the board about debate. He felt that debate was a great tool in
87 teaching students. He stated that it teaches kids how to think and not have biased opinions. He said in
88 debate you have to be able to argue both sides of any argument.

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90 Rebecca Kotter stated that she would like to see the Strings program stay. She does not want to
91 see the band program go.

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93 Arlene Barrow told the board how she loved driving for the Kindergarten mid day bussing. She
94 also mentioned that she did not want to lose any sports programs and that she would be willing to
95 donate her time to drive the teams.

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97 Ron Searle, Transportation Director, then addressed the board. He stated that drivers donating
98 there time would be a savings, but a very minimal savings. He said the only way to save money on
99 travel costs was to travel on a district owned bus that is at least twelve years old.

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101 Camille Gold addressed the board concerning the drama program. She says currently there are
102 30 – 35 kids involved in the drama program. She said that the program is mostly self funded. She also
103 thought that we should look at district consolidation.

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105 Von Christensen addressed the board about cutting some sports. He said he was for cuts in
106 sports because he sees that it is necessary. He feels that the community will step up and be able to
107 provide some sports opportunities.

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109 **Declaration of Emergency Closure:**

110 School was not held on April 6, 2010 due to bad weather.

111 Moved by Ken Kearsley, seconded by Vicki Johnson that the board declare April 6, 2010 an
112 emergency closure day. Voting was 5 – 0 in the affirmative.

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Budget Recommendations:

The board discussed several issues that had been presented earlier in the meeting. The first topic was mid day bussing. Mrs. Johnson felt that we should do away with the mid day bussing for Kindergarten. Mr. Kearsley had said he thought most districts parents were responsible to transport their children. Mr. Fredrickson thought that all day Kindergarten was too long for those students. Mr. Lund feels like we should pass a supplemental levy and continue with the mid day bussing. Mr. Higham felt that we should only bus in the morning and afternoon.

Superintendent Jolley addressed the board about the left over bond money. He said that it could only be used for what the bond was voted for. It has to be used for building the new school, updating Stuart and purchasing property. He did mention that there was a possibility to restructure the outstanding bonds to lower payment structure so that the district would be able to levy for more with little impact to the taxpayers.

Four day school week was the next topic the board discussed. Mr. Fredrickson said we had to look at the cost savings and we couldn't ignore them. Mr. Lund felt that with the reconfiguring of schools a four day week would just add another change that would be difficult for the students. Mr. Kearsley said we need to weigh the pros and cons. Mrs. Johnson said she doesn't fully oppose it.

The board then talked about transportation for sporting events. Mr. Higham asked what the districts liability would be if the district did not bus them to games. Superintendent Jolley said as long as we don't dictate how the students get to the event, there is no liability. He also mentioned that Pay to Play could cover costs for the farther travel games.

Moved by Vicki Johnson, seconded by Scott Fredrickson that the board exercise the powers granted by Senate Bill Number 1418 to declare a district financial emergency. Voting was 5 – 0 in the affirmative.

Moved by Scott Fredrickson that the board go into Executive Session at this time to discuss personnel, student matters, negotiations and litigation items as allowed by Section 67-2345 of the Idaho Code. Voting was as follows: Scott Fredrickson – yes, Ken Kearsley – yes, Loren Lund – yes, Vicki Johnson – yes, Jamey Higham – yes.

Action Item Recap:

1) None.

Time: 9:36 p.m.

Scott Hurst, Board Secretary