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**Shelley Joint School District No. 60
Open Meeting
Shelley High School Little Theater – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 12, 2009**

Board Chair Jamey Higham called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. Board members present were Scott Fredrickson, Loren Lund, Ken Kearsley, Vicki Johnson, and Mr. Higham. Superintendent Bryan Jolley was also in attendance.

Moved by Scott Fredrickson, seconded by Ken Kearsley, that the board approve the agenda. Voting was 5 to 0 in the affirmative.

Board Chair Jamey Higham went over the rules of this open meeting. He asked the patrons to come to the microphone, state their name and keep their comments to three minutes or less. He also asked that everyone be civil.

Patron Input:

Ron Searle, Transportation Director for the school district, addressed the board. He corrected a statement that he had made at one of the meetings at the grade schools. He said that if the district were to go to neighborhood schools he would not be able to bus kids to daycares. He says he currently busses kids to daycares, grandma's houses, and dance. He does it as a convenience, but would be unable to do it in a neighborhood configuration.

Tiffany Click, a mother of children in the district, stated that she thought the district had already made the decision when they decided to bond. The information in the bond was that the intent was to move to neighborhood schools. She felt we should stay with the plan that was given in the voting information. She would like to see neighborhood schools.

Beth Kohler stated that she had started a petition. She stated she had found four people would like to keep it the way it is currently. Twelve people would like neighborhood schools and twenty people didn't have a strong feeling either way. She would like to see neighborhood schools.

Melissa Thighbert stated that she thinks it is best to keep the students in the same school for as long as possible. She would like to see K – 6 schools but would be happy with K – 4 schools.

Jacqueline Wittwere felt that there really wasn't an issue with transitions. She stated that if parents look at transitions as a positive thing then it would be. She likes the idea of having two grades per school.

Stephanie Pena said as a future teacher she would like to see grade level schools. She felt that with neighborhood schools we would have lower economic schools and the schools would not have equality.

Tanya Leal, a mother of four students who are enrolled in the district, said that she had moved to Shelley because we had grade level schools. She said transitions are not hurting her students. She stated we had great teachers and she was in support of a grade level configuration.

Hollie Lund stated that her kids have loved their schools. She stated that research that she did suggested that delaying transition was the best for students. She said that parents being active in the schools had the biggest effect on students. She said that with neighborhood schools there could be collaboration between the schools.

Superintendent Bryan Jolley shared test scores from other districts within the state that showed that our district, currently in a grade configuration, scored the best or near the top in all the state. He

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stated that we want to see our kids excel, and whatever decision the board made he would support them, and make sure our kids excel.

Moved by Vicki Johnson, seconded by Scott Fredrickson, that the board adjourn. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Time: 9:21 p.m.

Scott Hurst, Board Secretary