

## **Regular Board Minutes (Draft)**

Wednesday, October 25, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m.

Browning High School

**Present:** Wendy Bremner-Chair, Steve Conway, James Running Fisher, Kristy Bullshoe, James Evans (5:20 p.m.), Velden Calica (5:40 pm). **Absent:** Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards.

At 5:04 p.m. Ms. Bremner noted that there was no quorum and stated that the board will continue with items of discussion. Ms. Bremner thanked the High school for the great presentations by students and club sponsors, i.e. robotics, student council, speech and debate, welding and auto club.

**Staff Recognition:** Jessica Racine commended the Napi Elementary TA's for going above and beyond for the kids and stated that the support staff are unique and special and very appreciated for all their hard work. Milyn Butterfly, Justin Marceau, Laura Madman, Earl Tail, Delora Bearchild, Beth Augare.

### **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

**Building Reports:** Ms. Bremner stated that curriculum and instruction report is very helpful. They do a lot. Glenn Hall talked about the space under the Skpecial Education building; concerned unless the clinic wants to move. They are doing an outstanding service for the school. If they move will consider using as an office. Discussion about the middle school is very exciting. Corrina out for appraisal now and will bring to board when have the information. Planning at tribe is very interested in the possibility of purchasing. Will bring information to board. Jercy grades 6-8. Corrina 7-8. Will have further discussion.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Administrator Recognition:** Mary Ellen LaFromboise recognized and honored principals and vice principals in School District 9. Ms. LaFromboise stated that she attended a council meeting in August and was impressed by the energy and vitality of the group. The majority of the principals are from Browning and all are BHS graduates. All have a common vision and a common goal for our children to continue on to be healthy and happy and use all their talents possible. Windy Oldchief performed an honor song in recognition of the Principals. Tonia Tatsey-KW Vina, Jennifer LaFromboise-BES, Jessica Racine-Napi Elementary, Dennis Juneau-BMS, John Salois-BHS.

**Presentation on Student Study:** Vernon Grant, Zeus Rutherford and Isaac Wippert presented results of an assessment of health behavior patterns and perspectives in Blackfeet Youth in the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. The research study was conducted last spring based on sedentary activity, sleep, and screen time. Demographics include grade, gender, and body weight. The study results show high number of obesity, low physical activity, lack of sleep. Mr. Grant recommends school bring back recesses as it impacts learning and behavior and health. Issues that kids focused on over and over in the survey: bullying which was the biggest issue, and nothing to do in the community. Mr. Grant will be writing a grant to the national institute of health to bring in an activity such as soccer and asked the district for a letter of support. The grant, if awarded, will pay for coaches, referees, training, equipment such as gear, shoes, shin guards, socks, etc. Board members felt that the opportunity for more student activities in the community will help with obesity, keeping kids out of trouble, give kids more to do than video games and asked Mr. Grant to connect with Tony Wagner. Wayne Hall stated that his extra transportation funds could be used for busing students to attend activities.

Mr. Calica entered meeting.

**Fall Student Count 2017-2018:** Stacy Edwards reported on the ANB Summary for each school and noted that 2017 spring count was elementary: 1,449 and high school: 550 and the 2017 fall count is elementary: 1,449 and fall: 579, a total 2,028 students for the 2017 fall count.

**Review Trustee Financial Statement and Adopted Budget:** Stacy Edwards reported that she is still working with Kathleen Warner from OPI to complete both reports.

**Resignations:** Superintendent Hall accepted the following resignations: Victor Madplume, Boys Basketball Coach/BMS 2017-2018 Effective August 30, 2017; Brandy Bremner, Head Winter Cheer Coach-BHS Effective October 8, 2017; Donelle DeRoche, Teacher Assistant-BES Effective October 16, 2017; Valerie After Buffalo, Kindergarten Teacher, KW/Vina, Effective October 19, 2017 and Heidi McCormick, Elementary Teacher, Browning Elementary, Effective October 31, 2017. No discussion.

Ms. Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

**Present:** Wendy Bremner-Chair, Steve Conway, James Running Fisher, Kristy Bullshoe, James Evans, Velden Calica. Absent: Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 10/10/17 with no changes. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Running Fisher to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Mr. Conway. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

#### **ITEMS OF ACTION**

**Hiring:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Charlotte Flammond, Part-Time Child Care Aide I 2017-2018 (\$7,339.20 Pro-rated); Krystene DesRosier, Part-Time Childcare Aide I 2017-2018 (\$7,339.20 Pro-rated); Kourtni DeRoche, Teacher Assistant-BES 2017-2018 (\$16,424.24 Pro-rated); Britney Shooter, Elementary Teacher-KW Vina (\$27,162.00 Pro-rated); Victor Madplume, 6th Grade Boys BB Coach - Napi 2017-2018 (\$439.00); Alonzo Grant, Boys Basketball Coach-BMS 2017-2018 (\$1,032.00); Narsis Reevis, Boys Basketball Coach-BMS 2017-2018 (\$1,053.00); Travis Blue, Wrestling Coach-BMS 2017-2018 (\$920.00); Anthony Brown, Wrestling Coach-BMS 2017-2018 (\$946.00); Thomas White, Wrestling Coach-BMS 2017-2018 (\$877.00); Cassandra Finn, Volleyball Coach-BMS 2017-2018 (\$894.00); Chelsey Whiteman, Volleyball Coach-BMS 2017-2018 (\$877.00); Jessie Salway, Volleyball Coach-BMS 2017-2018 (\$1,015.00); Kayla Jeckell, Volleyball Coach-BMS 2017-2018 (\$877.00); June Matt, School Band Director-BMS 2017-2018 (\$920.00); Raymond Zentz, School Choir Director-BMS 2017-2018 (\$877.00). Second by Mr. Calica. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: June Matt, BHS Band Director 2017-2018 (\$3,853.00) and Raymond Zentz, BHS Choir Director 2017-2018 (\$2,807.00). Second by Mr. Running Fisher. Second by Mr. Calica. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Contract Service Agreements:** None.

**Out of State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Running Fisher to approve out of state travel for Brenda Johnston, National Writing Conference in St. Louis, MO (\$255.66) and Quentin Miller, National Council of teachers of English National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri (\$785.15). No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**In State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve in state travel for Jessica Racine, MBI Youth Days in Helena, MT (School Related Leave only). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve in state travel for Matthew Johnson, Celebrating Innovative Learning in Helena, MT (School Related Leave Only); Matthew Johnson, High School Forum in Missoula, MT (School Related Leave Only) and Matthew Johnson, Linking Systems of Care All Sites Meeting Missoula, MT (School Related Leave Only). Second by Mr. Calica. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Approvals:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve Committees: 2017-2018 PowWow Committee and Additional MBI Committee Members 2017-2018. Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve Contract Modification- Travis Miller (\$5,656.00); Substitute Eligibility List 2017-2018. Second by Mr. Running Fisher. No public Participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Conway asked what the modification is for. Superintendent Hall explained that the modification is to move on the payscale after providing proof of a Master's Degree. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following items: Revise Policy #3525 Mandatory Pre-Participation Random Drug-Acohol Testing- Extra Curricular Activity; Revise Board Policy #7320 Purchasing; Revise Business Office SOPS 2017-2018 e. NSBA Dues 2017-2018 (\$2,675.00); Surplus Property 2017-2018; Purchases Over \$5,000.00; District Claims Check #416301-#416422 (\$267,607.55); Student Activities Claims Check #701708-#703018 (\$5,92.53) and Additional Pays/Payroll. Second by Mr. Evans. Following discussion on Board Policy #7320 and Business Office SOP's, Mr. Evans removed his second and Mr. Conway removed his motion making a new motion to approve Substitute Eligibility List 2017-2018; Revise Policy #3525 Mandatory Pre-Participation Random Drug-Acohol Testing- Extra Curricular Activity; NSBA Dues 2017-2018 (\$2,675.00); Surplus Property 2017-2018; Purchases Over \$5,000.00; District Claims Check #416301-#416422 (\$267,607.55); Student Activities Claims Check #701708-#703018 (\$5,92.53) and Additional Pays/Payroll. Second by Mr. Evans.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve Revise Board Policy #7320 Purchasing and Revise Business Office SOPs 2017-2018. Second by Mr. Calica. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans stated that he is not in agreement with changing the purchasing amount to \$10,000.00 without board approval and stated that he would like to see what the purchase is if over \$5,000.00. Mr. Conway stated that an example of an emergency purchase is the bleachers that were recently approved to be built, which cost more than the policy allowed. Mr. Evans stated that the superintendent called the school board and the board agreed by consensus to build the bleachers. Ms. Bremner stated that it does create more accountability to have \$5,000.00 in place. Superintendent Hall stated that most districts are at \$10,000.00. Mr. Evans asked if food and fuel are exempt and can be bought without prior approval. Stacy Edards stated no, anything over \$5,000.00 is approved by the board first and all claims are approved by the school board. No further discussion. Motion carried 5-1 with Mr. Evans opposed.

No personnel or legal.

Motion by Mr. Conway to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Wendy Bremner, Board Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Stacy Edwards, District Clerk