

Board Summary
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
Babb Elementary School
(Reconvene at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room)

Present: Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais.

There was no quorum at the noon board meeting in Babb so meeting was not called to order

Ms. LaFromboise-Wagner recognized the following individuals and the noon meeting in Babb: Emma Hall, Oceanna Gopher, Marcellina Gopher, Lillian Evans, and Aubrey Blackman, Rilynn Gopher, Finley Wagner, Suzanne Augare, McKenzie Augare, Anna Gopher, Savannah Hannon, Kim Walker, Cheryl Lock, Kelley Basile, Shawnee SkunkCap, Glenn & Andi Hall, Mike and Geraldine Gopher, Alicia Cassidy and Jarrett Wagner, Pete and Janelle Gopher, Anna Gopher and Bobbi Jo Powell.

Ms. McKenzie Augare's class presented the parfleche bags that each student made to the Board. Ms. Suzanne Augare's class presented what they learned from the Star Lab. Ms. LaFromboise-Wagner also presented AIMSweb data to the Board.

The following community members were recognized by Mr. Hall: (State Highway Department) Doug Blackman, Cody White, Justin Monroe. (Blackfeet Transportation Department) Ferrell Running Crane, Darrell DeRoche, Richard Trombley, Michael Ollinger, Terry Croff, Toni Grant, & Rick Ollinger.

Ms. LaFromboise-Wagner presented the fall AIMSweb early literacy scores for each grade level. She stated that students will also be assessed in the winter and spring and expressed a desire to see more students in the green, indicating proficiency. She emphasized that reading at home each night, as well as practicing numbers and place value, would help improve students' literacy skills.

Ms. LaFromboise-Wagner reported that Babb School is currently identified as a comprehensive school with OPI. She explained that Babb's accountability score is based, in part, on student attendance. To receive points for attendance, individual students must have an attendance rate of 95% or higher. She stated that three students met the 95% attendance rate last year, which equates to approximately nine or ten absences for the entire school year, regardless of the reason for the absence. She stated that improving student attendance to meet this benchmark is one of the goals the school is working toward in order to exit comprehensive status.

Ms. LaFromboise-Wagner stated that Babb School will also receive support from OPI and that they will be meeting with OPI representatives the following week to review tiered support. She stated that another goal is to move more students into the green, indicating proficiency, while working with students in the yellow and red groups to provide appropriate interventions and additional support. She emphasized that Babb has an overall attendance rate of 86%; however, when attendance is broken down by individual students, the data is evaluated based on each student's attendance rate.

Present: James Evans (acting Chair), Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl (online), Brian Gallup.

The 5:00 p.m. meeting was not called to order due to no quorum.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Babb; Reconvene at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room; Facilities Committee Meeting Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room; Next

Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room;
MCEL Conference October 14, 2026-October 16, 2026 Billings, MT; 2026 NIISA Annual Conference
December 5, 2026-December 9, 2026 Las Vegas, NV.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Building Reports: Mr. Evans acknowledged the following building reports: Child Nutrition-Copy Center-Warehouse - Zita Ottersbach; Curriculum and Instruction - Brandy Bremner; Parent, Community Outreach, FIT - Irene Augare; Blackfeet Language-Native American Studies - Robert Hall; Special Education - Stephanie Holton; Gear Up Program - Joshlynn Wippert; Prevention & Wellness - Cinnamon Salway; Athletic Department-Student Activities-Kellen Hall Verbal; Technology Department - Travis Miller; Transportation - Francis Bullcalf; Maintenance/Facilities/Security/Construction - Reid Reagan.

Mr. Hall reported that the tackle football league at the Napi level had dissolved. He stated that the league was made up of teams outside of the school programs. As a result, Napi has decided to transition to flag football at that level.

He reported that at the middle school level, they have experienced difficulty rescheduling games when changes are necessary because many of the games are fill-in games within their conference.

Mr. Hall stated that high school sports have begun and are in full swing. He reported that golf recently completed the divisional tournament and that all Browning athletes represented the school well. No golfers qualified for the state tournament; however, one athlete missed qualifying by one stroke and another missed by a couple of strokes.

Mr. Hall reported that Ee-Kah-Ki-Maht has not started for the fall due to the scheduling demands of fall sports and limited gym space. He stated that they are considering holding the program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program is currently postponed until November, when they hope to get it up and running. He also stated that they are exploring other options to support the program and are seeking additional funding. In previous years, Ee-Kah-Ki-Maht was supported through a 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant, which the district no longer receives. They are considering applying for the grant again to provide funding for the program.

Mr. Salois provided a verbal update regarding the passing of a middle school student. He stated that the district immediately implemented the Emergency Operations Plan, and Mr. Speicher and Ms. Salway responded to the school. They reached out to the student's family, who gave permission for the district to share information with students and staff.

Mr. Salois reported that staff went individually to each classroom to speak with teachers and students and inform them of the situation. Support was available at the school throughout the day. Blackfeet Behavioral Health, Ms. Salway, Ms. Dosh, and the district counselors were present to provide support. A designated room was also established where students could go as needed for additional support and counseling.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Rappold stated that, after speaking with the auditor, they are finalizing the audit report for Fiscal Year 2023, which will be presented to the Board at one of the October meetings. She stated that the audit process went much more smoothly and that, moving forward, the Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 audits should follow the same process. She explained that the most time-consuming portion was reconciling the record-keeping for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. She anticipates that future audits will require significantly less time and that the district should be caught up within the next year.

Superintendent Rappold stated that the school year is off to a great start. She informed the Board that her report included staff attendance information, including leave without pay, as well as information regarding submitted and resolved complaints. She stated that approximately 1,700 complaints have been submitted and resolved and that she will continue to provide this information to the Board throughout the school year.

HR Status Report- Assistant Superintendent LaFromboise-Wagner reported that Ms. Sinclair is currently out of the district and assisted several of the Philippine teachers with obtaining their Social Security numbers. She stated that four of the Philippine teachers are currently in the district and are working at the Middle School and High School. Superintendent Rappold reported that the final teacher is scheduled to arrive tomorrow.

Assistant Superintendent LaFromboise-Wagner stated that the teachers and students are adjusting well. She also reported that there are still some open positions reflected on the HR status report, but the staffing situation continues to improve.

Coaching Worksheet: Assistant Superintendent LaFromboise-Wagner reported that there are a few positions still open and that the district is working diligently to fill the remaining vacancies, particularly in the middle school.

Resignations: Superintendent Rappold accepted the following resignations: Serena Cachucha, Home School Coordinator, BMS, Effective 9-4-2026; Jacky Makes Cold Weather, Teacher Assistant, Napi Elementary, Effective 9-9-2026; Monty Lucke, SPED TA, Buffalo Hide Academy, Effective 9-14-2026; Brittney Wolfail, Softball Coach, BMS, Effective 9-15-2026; Javier Bustos, Boys Basketball Coach, BMS, Effective 9-22-2026.

Mr. Miller provided a verbal update regarding the Mobile Device Management Subscription included on the agenda for approval. Mr. Miller stated that the district has been experiencing difficulties with Mosyle and that he has been researching alternative solutions.

He explained that, as a school district, the mobile device management system must meet several requirements, including content filtering for the High School when students are off the district network. This is a separate content-filtering system from the one managed by the district, and Mosyle currently provides an integrated solution. Other options reviewed did not provide all of the same capabilities.

Mr. Miller stated that he is proposing Jamf as an alternative. He explained that Jamf has been working with the district to reduce the cost, which is why the proposal is for a four-year subscription. He stated that the four-year commitment was necessary to obtain the reduced pricing.

Mr. Miller stated that, based on his review, Jamf is the only alternative to Mosyle that he believes will meet all of the district's requirements and provide the necessary features to help ensure compliance with applicable state and federal requirements.

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting was not called to order and was rescheduled for Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the Administration Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted:

Melanie Heavy Runner, Board Secretary

James RunningFisher, Board Chairperson

Sandra Rivas, District Clerk