Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: 3/24/21

Recognition: ☐ Students ☐ Staff ☐ Parents

Information: ☐ Building Report ☐ Old Business ☐ Superintendent's Report

Action: ☐ Resignation ☐ Hiring ☐ Contract Service Agreements

☐ Travel Out-of-State ☐ Travel In State ☒ Approvals

☐ Termination ☐ Legal Matters ☐ Other:

This action request pertains to ☐ Elementary (only) ☒ High School/District Wide

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Date: 3/17/21

To: **Corrina Guardipee-Hall** **From:** Crystal Tailfeathers
Superintendent Title: Finance Director

Subject: Election Judges 2020-2021

Description: Request to hire Teresa Roland, Linda Baker and Jocko Parrent for the Browning mail ballot school election. Under Title 13 State of Montana 2013 Election Laws (13-15-206) we shall have one election judge to read the ballots and two election judges to tally the votes.

Financial Impact: $1,200.00

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): 126.90.160.2314.120

Attachment(s):

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

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Board Action: ☐ N/A (Info) ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled to: _____

Montana Code Annotated 2019

TITLE 13. ELECTIONS
CHAPTER 15. CANVASSING, RETURNS, AND CERTIFICATES
Part 2. Vote Count Procedures

Counting Votes -- Uniformity -- Rulemaking -- Definitions

13-15-206. Counting votes -- uniformity -- rulemaking -- definitions. (1) When conducting vote counts as provided by law, a counting board, absentee ballot counting board, or recount board shall count and determine the validity of each vote in a uniform manner as provided in this section.

(2) A manual count or recount of votes must be conducted as follows:

(a) One election judge on the board shall read the ballot while the two other judges on the board shall each record on an official tally sheet the number of valid votes cast for each individual or ballot issue. Write-in votes must be counted in accordance with subsection (5) and rules adopted pursuant to subsection (7). If a vote has not been cast according to instructions, the vote must be considered questionable and the entire ballot must be set aside and votes on the ballot must be handled as provided in subsection (4).

(b) (i) After the vote count is complete, the tally sheets of the two judges recording the votes must be compared.

(ii) If the two tallies match, the judges shall record in the official results records:

(A) the names of all individuals who received votes;

(B) the offices for which individuals received votes;

(C) the total votes received by each individual as shown by the tally sheets; and

(D) the total votes received for or against each ballot issue, if any.

(iii) If the tallies do not match, the count must be conducted again as provided in this subsection (2) until the two tallies match.

(3) (a) When a voting system is counting votes:

(i) if a vote is recognized and counted by the system, it is a valid vote;

(ii) if a vote is not recognized and counted by the system, it is not a valid vote; and

(iii) write-in votes must be counted in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to subsection (7).

(b) If the voting system cannot process the ballot because of the ballot's condition or if the voting system registers an unmarked ballot or an overvote, which must be considered a questionable vote, the entire ballot must be set aside and the votes on the ballot must be counted as provided in subsection (4).

(c) If an election administrator or counting board has reason to believe that a voting system is not functioning correctly, the election administrator shall follow the procedures prescribed in **13-15-209.**