

**Regular Board Minutes (Draft)**  
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Napi Elementary Library

There was no quorum for the noon session. Sicily Bird acknowledged students with perfect attendance and recognized Band students at Napi Elementary. Napi Team Leaders and Math Tutors were recognized by Ms. Bird for their hard work and dedication in helping students succeed. This staff go above and beyond to make sure every student is getting the education they deserve. Building presentations included Math and Literacy Action Plans by grade level Team Leaders. Ms. Racine and the MBI Team Members presented on MBI/OLWEUS. Presentations concluded at 3:00 p.m.

Acting chairperson, Brian Gallup, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Mr. Gallup noted that all action items will be moved to the beginning of the meeting and discussions and presentations will follow.

**Present:** Brian Gallup-Acting Chair, Brenda Croff, Kristy Bullshoe, James Running Fisher, Velden Calica (via telephone). **Absent:** Wendy Bremner, Steve Conway, James Evans.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the Special Board Minutes of 1/19/17 and Regular Board Minutes of 1/25/17 with no changes. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the agenda with the following change: remove contract service agreement for JoRae Rattler, Families in Transition, McKinney Vento Program (\$5,227.67). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried.

**ITEMS OF ACTION**

**Hiring:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: Jennifer Green, Special Education Teacher Assistant (Speech Language Aide) and Melanie Aims Back, Teacher Assistant, Napi Elementary. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Contract Service Agreements:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background check: Alexis Shell, 21st Century Tutoring (\$2,445.00) and Rocky Shell, 21st Century Tutoring (\$2,445.00). Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following contract service agreement for A.W.A.R.E., Inc. (Diane Black) Extended Contract for Consulting and Classroom Behavior Management Strategies (\$6,600.00) pending successful background check. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Out of State Travel:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve out of state travel for Billie Jo Juneau, Olweus Bullying and Harassment Follow Up Investigation Training in Rancho Mirage, California (School Related Leave Only); Everett Holm, Midtech Mid-Market IT Summit in Las Vegas, NV (\$963.89) and Everett Holm, NCCE Conference and Microsoft Leadership Academy in Portland, OR (\$2,324.89). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**In State Travel:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve in state travel for Billie Jo Juneau and Matthew Johnson, Indian Education For All Best Practises in Helena, MT (\$422.32); John Rouse, MT-PEC Day

of Advocacy-MASS-MQEC in Helena, MT (\$609.90); John Rouse and Tonia Tatsey, MPDG Leadership Team Meeting in Helena, MT (\$382.32 ea); Everett Holm, Annual META Conference for Technology Directors and Coordinators in the Helena, MT (\$419.04); Jeri Matt, Jessica Racine and Tonia Tatsey, Jill Jackson Coaching Institute in Fairmont Hot Spring (\$454.43 ea); Tony Wagner and John Salois, Girls State Basketball Tournament in Butte, MT (\$589.52); Tony Wagner and John Salois, Boys State Basketball Tournament in Butte, MT (\$589.52) and Board of Trustees, HR Symposium-Budget Symposium-Caucus On The Hill in various locations. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Approvals:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following items: Revise Athletic Work Fee Schedule; Substitute Eligibility List 2016-2017; Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election; Purchases Over \$5,000.00; District Claims Check #414073 - #414275 (\$273,200.78); Student Activity Claims Check #702643 - #702731 (\$46,322.50) and Additional Pays-Payroll check. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Student Recognitions:** John Salois and Edith Wagner recognized speech and debate students who participated, and placed in divisional and state forensics tournament for Class A schools. These students include: Noah Berthelson - Humorous Solo Acting; Shanae Running Rabbit - Original Oratory and Dramatic Oral Interpretation of Literature; Zachariah Rides At The Door and Makayla LaBuff Dramatic Oral Interpretation of Literature; Brendon Galbreath and Hailie Henderson Classical Duo Acting; Austin Watts - Impromptu Speaking; Dylan Running Crane and Harley Running Wolf - Dramatic Solo Acting. Nine students placed in divisionals and six in state. Browning Schools was in the top 8 in the state.

**Staff Recognition:** Jeri Matt recognized instructional coaches for their work, dedication and the change they are making. Coaches are in classrooms working with teachers, they are enthusiastic and passionate. Some are coaching sports and tutoring kids: Sandi Campbell, Brandy Bremner, Sheila Hall, Arlene Wippert, Edith Wagner, Colleen Wilson, Lona Burns, Joann Powell, Sharon Tucker

Jeri Matt recognized principals and assistant principals for their work with school improvement. They are the leaders, the driving force in each building. Principals do a wonderful job and they keep everybody going, making positive change for students and staff. Toni Tatsey, Corrina Guardipee, Jennifer Wagner, Sicily Bird, Jessie Racine, Jill Mattingly, Julie Hayes, Natasha Siliezar, Billie Jo Juneau and Matthew Johnson.

Mr. Rouse recognized transportation and maintenance staff for stepping up and going above and beyond during the snow weather: Wayne Hall, Richard Sanchez, Glenn Hall, Joe Wippert, Joe Bullshoe, Eddie Burke, Wayne Bullcalf, Merlin Birdrattler, Robert Bushie, Kim Blackweasel, Dean Kipling, Kyle Coursey, Loren Croff, and Jeffrey Rutherford.

**Public Comment:** None.

Mr. Gallup thanked the Napi Elementary staff for the noon presentations.

### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**Building Reports:** Mr. Gallup acknowledged the following building reports: K.W. Bergan/Vina Chattin - Tonia Tatsey; Browning Elementary School - Jennifer Wagner; Napi Elementary - Sicily Bird; Browning Middle School - Julie Hayes; Browning High School - John Salois; Babb Elementary - Billie Jo Juneau; Big Sky/Glendale Colony - Billie Jo Juneau; Alternative Schools - Matthew Johnson; Special Education - Jill Mattingly; Activities - Tony Wagner; Parent/Community Outreach Program - Carrie Hirst; NAS/MBI/Olweus -

Billie Jo Juneau and The Good Medicine Program - Kim Tatsey. *Discussion:* Ms. Croff asked what a decodable story is. Jeri Matt stated that it is learning certain letters with sound out books. Ms. Croff congratulated KW/VC for passing their ISIP reading goals. The walk to read program is about students who are put where they test at, i.e. tier 1, tier 2, etc. Ms. Croff congratulated BES on their progress in math and asked about the 88 students who did not test in Star math at BHS. John Salois stated that the information was incomplete as of the time the building report was submitted they were in the process of completing makeup tests. Ms. Croff thanked Billie Joe Juneau for data information for Babb school. No further discussion.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Superintendent Update:** Mr. Rouse handout on weather related school cancellation information; staff attended training in Helena in association with the SRI (Scientific Research Institute grant) and SSG (Title I School Support grant); budget preparation for the 2017-2018 school year; board elections and community relations. The superintendent Advisory Committee (SCAC) met with 13 community members and discussed outside topics; the next meeting is 4:00 p.m. on 2/20/1. Mr. Rouse reviewed the negotiations process and noted that the superintendent is designated to negotiate on behalf of the board which can be changed if board chooses. If a board member sits in negotiations, they cannot speak on behalf of the full board. Mr. Rouse stated that the district missed 1-water day and 4-weather related days; and noted that in accordance with law the board has to show reasonable effort to recover those days. The board recommended recovering as much instructional time as possible. Mr. Rouse noted that if the district gives 2 days, it is giving \$100,000 plus per day, and the district must follow the rules of the master agreement. Mr. Gallup suggested not making a decision until they get all necessary recommendations from administration. Mr. Rouse stated that the board is required to pass a Declaration of Emergency. Mr. Rouse and staff met with the tribe and disaster crew and made decisions in the best interest of the district, students and staff. Mr. Gallup noted that BPS is a state school and Mr. Rouse did not question the decisions made by the tribe but instead jumped in and made everything work with the tribe and the reservation. Tony Wagner gave an update on wrestling stating that BPS qualified 9 wrestlers with 2 going to state; because this is the last weekend for basketball, BPS will not have a makeup game with Conrad; GBB ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> and BBB ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> place. Mr. Wagner will email more information to the board when it is available. Tournament information will be on facebook and on the radio.

**Early Warning System (EWS) Grant:** Mr. Rouse noted that the district received a \$10,000.00 grant.

**Presentation of Longitudinal Achievement Data:** Jercy Matt presented the longitudinal achievement data as measured by the state-mandated assessments. Prek-2 does not do the state test; Montcas data is from 2013 and there was no state assessment 2014. Smarter Balance Test started in 2015-2016 and is a computerized test. Ms. Matt will provide information on ACT and stated that she is thankful to Mr. Holm for being able to get on the computers all the time. Ms. Matt stated that building to building they have a common language now; coaches are not teaching to the test; teachers have support and they are getting better and better, and that is how BPS will improve. Billie Jo Juneau stated that at the assessment conference they are not focusing on test scores any longer. Scores will be forwarded to board members.

**School Caucus Day on the Hill:** Mr. Gallup was not able to attend but reported great concerns on what is happening; the new OPI person is not on board and BPS needs to keep the legislators on board. Mr. Rouse stated that he has been assured that ESSA stakeholders will remain involved. Auditors asked to share a letter with the board members (handout). Corrina Hall stated that Lea Whitford is concerned about a Bill from Jonathan WindyBoy proposing to support Charter schools; GG Kipp supports him; they will cut the immersion grant; BPS does not support charter schools and has asked Ms. Whitford to share this information with MTSBA and SAM; the inflationary spending budget was approved; there

will be big cut in Montana digital academy and some technology. Ms. Hall stated that Lea Whitford is on the appropriations committee and BPS needs to let her know what we want or need.

**Resignations:** Superintendent Rouse accepted the following resignations: Carol Waetzig, Special Education Teacher, High School Effective 1-27-2017; Heidi Running Wolf, Teacher Assistant, Browning Elementary Effective 1-30-2017; Blake Boushie, Custodian, High School Effective 1-30-2017; Leo Kennerly, 4th-5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Effective 2-2-2017 and Melvin Running Wolf, Custodian, Napi Elementary, Effective 2-2-2017.

Motion by Mr. Running Fisher to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Second by Ms. Croff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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

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

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