

Regular Board Minutes (Draft)
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.
Administration Conference Room

Present: Brian Gallup-Chair, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff. Virtual: Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Rae TallWhiteman (5:20 p.m.).

Mr. Gallup called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 9/29/21 with no changes. Second by Mr. Conway. All in favor/Motion assed.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve Special Board Minutes of 9/23/21 with no changes. Second by Ms. RidesAtTheDoor. All in favor/Motion passed.

Motion by Ms. Croff to approve Special Board Minutes of 9/30/21 with no changes. Second by Mr. Conway. All in favor/Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Mr. Conway. All in favor/Motion passed.

Recognitions: Superintendent, Corrina Guardipee-Hall recognized the Browning Schools State Golf Team and coaches. Coach Travis Blue stated that Browning had a lot of good golfers with two that went to the state tournament. Coach Blue stated that Browning has a young golf team with great experience and commended Brook Blue and Brittney Wagner for representing the Lady Indians real well.

Public Comment: None.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Building Reports: Mr. Gallup acknowledged the following building reports: KW/Vina, Browning Elementary, Napi Elementary, Browning Middle School, Browning High School, Babb Elementary, Big Sky/Glendale Colonies, Special Education Department, Buffalo Hide Academy. *Board discussion:* Ms. Croff thanked all for the awesome building reports. KW Vina interesting 10% or less enter Kindergarten in tier 1 in math and this year have 22%; 504s at BES for remote learning is a smaller number than thought it would be; Ms. Croff supports idea of culture day each month; 57 Cross Country runners is amazing. Ms. Croff asked about decoding. Sicily Bird stated Napi is using phonics screeners right now and decoding is part of this and noted that 4th grade students are still learning letter sounds; BHS has 26 remote learners and 21 in school with 504s. Superintendent Hall stated there are 90 students with 504s in the district. Jennifer Wagner stated that teachers go outside with their classes, i.e. auto, science, Ag, shop and are going on workshops for culinary arts and looking at construction of the new concessions stand; these students have good voice and good ideas. MS. Croff asked what SEL education is. Dennis Juneau stated “Social Emotional Learning”. Ms. Croff asked if there are Sped remote learners; 2 at BHS; 1 at BES with physical needs and 221 IEPS in the district. IEPs fluctuate due to students leaving and filtering back; there are no solid numbers as it is changing daily. Mr. Conway asked how attendance is taken for remote learning. Ms. Wagner stated that BHS identifies all and marks the students a specific way to know who is in attendance. Tonia Tatsey stated that KW Vina give students Googlemeet invitation and the teacher takes attendance for the time they are online for reading in math in mornings and they go to specials in the afternoon. Parents understand when they go to meetings, if their child is not logged-on they are absent and the parent is called to see why they’re not sitting with their child while they are on virtual. Mr. Conway asked what the impact is on teachers doing both, classroom and virtual. Ms. Tatsey stated it is very stressful. Ms. Wagner stated it is frustrating with google classroom and person in classroom. Ms. Tatsey stated she observes this because part of the parent’s agreement is that someone sits with the student and they have to be engaged and if not, she calls guardian and tells them they have to help the child as it is a distraction. Mr. Conway asked at the end of October what kind

of absenteeism they have and is it with certain kids. Ms. Wagner stated there is absenteeism and it is hard to contact the parents although they try and then they have to drop the student; they are getting nowhere. Mr. Conway asked about family court and if it still exists. Ms. RidesAtTheDoor stated that it is working and the court is changing and has a new presenting officer; there is more leniency due to virtual/remote and COVID; reports are still going out from the court. Ms. RidesAtTheDoor stated the court requires documentation on 5 & 10, day letters before filing against a parent and there are warrants still out there for parents not sending kids to school 2019-2020. Ms. Tatsey stated that she is not pushing attendance if a student has symptoms but she is weighing on side of safety and kids cannot be in school with other kids and the teacher. Mr. Conway agreed, but stated it is October and if they have a lot of absence it is not right. Mr. Juneau stated with COVID protocols we bring them back into school, and BPS attendance policy is still in place. Ms. Yellow Owl thanked Maureen Stott for information on 504s and IEPs. Jennifer Wagner stated that for senior graduation is September 22, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m. and the Portfolio is April 23, 2022; seniors need 20 hours for graduation. Ms. Wagner stated that Advisory hours are important and they help with the Portfolio and college information. JOM applications are available to Blackfeet enrolled students only. Jostens visit is on October 18; Souvenir items are available when payment is made. Information needed from class on October 13, 2021: cap/gown colors, class moto, flower, special guest, graduation speaker, Stoles, announcements will be black with Arrowhead and students need to check emails daily; Senior Scholarship drive every year. Staff has reached out and got parent emails and are in the system and BHS is sending blast emails to all Seniors. These items go into the Portfolios.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Hall reviewed COVID status in the district: 2 COVID students, 17 students quarantined; 0 staff; issued 413 rapid tests; 98 staff fully vaccinated. At the volleyball game in Columbia Falls there were racial remarks made and sent a letter to the Superintendent and MHSA, and made calls to ACLU. Heard back from Columbia Falls and Don Wetzel is working with their students and BPS students to make relationships and breakdown barriers on Friday @ 1:00 p.m. Mr. Conway asked about the 80-0 score; Superintendent Hall stated that this was not acceptable and sent them an email but they do not feel the same. Mr. Conway stated that their coach should have stepped up with the mercy rule; run the clock. Superintendent Hall stated that their principal did tell his coach to stop. Ms. Croff felt with the students getting together something will change, and leave the adults out of things as their conceptions come from adults. Jennifer Wagner stated we let them know they are the ambassadors and it is up to the students to influence family and community. Superintendent Hall stated that tribal flags basketball tournaments is big issue; racism goes in all walks of life and our option can be to no longer participate in Columbia Falls athletics however BPS would forfeit those games. Mr. Gallup stated that our administration and students have already risen above what happened. Ms. Wagner stated there is a broad spectrum of students that will represent Browning and she will work with Don Wetzel and students on Browning position.

New Board Policies, 1st Reading: #3222, 4005, 4013, 5430, 6001: Policy #3222-no changes. 4005-no changes, 4013-no changes, 5430 no changes. Superintendent Hall stated that policy #6001 is different than what BPS has always done in the past; it says the superintendent is authorized to temporarily restrict access of schools to persons, then makes recommendation to the board to deny future admission. Superintendent Hall stated she will get clarification from MTSBA on this procedure as it is an extra process. No further discussion.

Recording School Board Minutes: Superintendent Hall stated in board policy 3235 it states to record and post if videoing, it is up to the board. Brian either way, it is board decision. Ms. Yellow Owl asked why the recording stopped. It was noted that the board wanted it stopped. Mr. Gallup stated that recording board meetings will be on the next agenda for approval. A recorder cannot be used during closed meetings. Mr. Gallup stated that he understands, from Mr. Holm, that he cannot shut the recording unit off. Superintendent Hall stated she will discuss this with Mr. Holm.

HR Status Update: John Salois welcomed Patrick Armstrong as the Assistant Principal at KW Vina; hired a Family Engagement Coordinator, then the person retired due to health. David Oldchief was hired at KW Vina as custodian. Myranda Sinclair resigned from Nurse CSA and is being hired as a district certified nurse .5/BMS, .5

Napi. Cooks were hired in last meeting. Spookinapi Program hired Kiana McClure. There was one (1) resignation from maintenance and had vacancy at transportation from last meeting.

Coaching Season Update: Mr. Evans noted that the BB Assistant resigned resignation was on the last agenda but is not on the status report. Mr. Salois has advertised current BMS open positions for winter and spring and he is working on Babb positions. Ms. Yellow Own noted that the district did lose an employee Kim Radasa.

Resignations: Resignations were accepted from Myranda Sinclair, CSA Nursing Position-Napi & Middle School, Effective 9-29-2021; Natalie Malaterre, Family Engagement Coordinator-KW Vina Effective 10-1-2021; Kelsey Hall, Pep Club Sponsor-BHS 2021-2022 Effective 10-6-21 and Anthony Gallagher-Horn Jr., Maintenance-Custodial, Effective 10-7-2021.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: Brittney Racine Napi Volleyball Coach 2021-2022 (\$600.00) and Clayton Aimsback, Middle School Boys Basketball Coach 2021-2022 (\$1,032.00). Second by Ms. Yellow Owl. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff. Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe voting for.

Contract Service Agreements: Motion by Ms. Yellow Owl to approve contract service agreements pending successful background checks: Anita Crowshoe, Project Writing Success Training-KW Vina 2021-2022 (\$200.00); Carina Stoves, Project Writing Success Training-KW Vina 2021-2022 (\$200.00); Marci Burd, Project Writing Success Training-KW Vina 2021-2022 (\$200.00); Dana Bremner, Project Writing Success Training-BES 2021-2022 (\$200.00); Elizabeth Tailfeathers, Project Writing Success Training-BES 2021-2022 (\$200.00); Louise Giebel, Project Writing Success Training-BES 2021-2022 (\$200.00); Masala Prellwitz, Project Writing Success Training-BES 2021-2022 (\$200.00); Masala Prellwitz, Project Writing Success Training-BES 2021-2022 (\$200.00); Cheri Dauphinais, Certified Tutor for 21st Century Tutoring Program-KW Vina 2021-2022 (\$4,704.00); Michelle Harrell, Certified Tutor for 21st Century Tutoring Program-BES 2021-2022 (\$4,704.00); Andrea Sangray, Certified Tutor-21st Century Tutoring Program-Napi 2021-2022(\$4,704.00); Genvieve Wilson, Certified Tutor-21st Century Tutoring Program-Napi 2021-2022(\$4,704.00); Earl Tail, Certified Tutor for 21st Century Tutoring Program-Babb 2021-2022(\$4,704.00); and Mystine Hall, Certified Tutor-21st Century Tutoring Program-BMS 2021-2022(\$4,704.00). Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Ms. Croff stated that the amount of the CSA for Kathy Broere went down but language includes summer months. Mr. Salois stated that Ms. Broere will be working through June 30, 2022 which is during summer months. The amount of the CSA is reduced due to retirement and a restriction applies on the start day. No further discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff. Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe voting for.

Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background checks: Roy McNabb, Classified Tutor for 21st Century Tutoring Program-BHS 2021-2022 (\$3,360.00) and Amend Contract Service Agreement for Kathy Broere, Tele-Mental Health Services 2021-2022 (-\$2,288.00). Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff. Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe voting for.

In State Travel: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel was approved for Michael ComesAtNight and Dennis Juneau, Cross-Country State in Missoula, MT (\$451.24 ea). Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Ms. RidesAtTheDoor asked if the per diem is state or federal. Mr. Gallup stated it is per board policy. Ms. RidesAtTheDoor asked if this can be discussed further as she feels the amount seems low. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff. Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe voting for.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve in state travel for Corrina Guardipee-Hall, "Blocktober Classic" Volleyball in Butte MT (\$571.32); Corrina Guardipee-Hall, Divisional Volleyball Tournament in Ronan, MT (\$392.68); Corrina Guardipee-Hall, State Volleyball Tournament in Bozeman, MT (\$456.52) and Corrina Guardipee-Hall, IISM Board of Directors Meeting in Lewistown, MT(\$460.84). Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff. Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe voting for.

Approvals: Motion by Ms. Yellow Owl to approve the following items: Contract Modification-Jackie Conway, Library Media Services-Colonies 2021-2022 (-\$5,114.00); Extended Contract-Andrea Evans, REVEAL Math Training. 2021-2022 (\$201.00); Lane Change-Jeremy Wells, Certified Elementary Teacher 2021-2022 (\$1,965.00); BMS Clubs & Sponsors 2021-2022 (\$1,444.00); iTutor Contract to Provide Online Instruction-Napi 2021-2022 (\$66,666.00+); iTutor Contract to Provide Online Instruction for ELA and SpEd-BMS 2021-2022 (\$133,332.00+). Second by Mr. Evans. *Public participation/Board discussion:* Ms. Croff asked if the iTutor for online instruction is as good as it looks. Maureen Stott stated that it sounds like they will write IEPs, and teach classes for us. Rebecca Rappold found this program while looking for tutoring through Gear-up. This group works nationwide to fill "hard to fill positions", i.e. Sped, ELA, math and they are very reputable. Ms. Rappold stated that she reached out to other schools in Montana and they spoke very highly of this group and noted that it would be more ideal if the teacher was in classrooms but this will relieve overload for Sped teachers and moves toward good instruction for kids. Superintendent Hall thanked Ms. Rappold and Mr. Salois for working with iTutor on the negotiated agreements. Mr. Salois stated that BPS is the first school in Montana to use for teaching. Administration has met with the teacher union, and have agreed to use for this year only. If there is a hire for any of these positions the district will hire. TAs will be in the rooms to monitor the students. No further discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff. Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe voting for.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following items: iTutor to Provide Online Instruction for 2 ELA and 1 SpEd Teacher at BHS 2021-2022 (\$199,998.00); Student Attendance Agreement-Billings 2021-2022; BHS GBB Club & Sponsors 2021-2022 (\$516.00); Extended Contract-Glenn Castle, Social Studies Curriculum Planning 2021-2022(\$191.00); Extended Contract-Leo Bullchild, Social Studies Curriculum Planning 2021-2022(\$159.00); Extended Contract-Violet Sinclair-Boggs, Social Studies Curriculum Planning 2021-2022 (\$211.00); Extended Contract-Wendy Felese, Social Studies Curriculum Planning 2021-2022 (\$159.00); Extended Contract-Violet Sinclair-Boggs, REVEAL Math Training 2021-2022(\$211.00); Extended Contract-Brian Harrell, Night School-Credit Recovery 2021-2022 (7,324.00). Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff. Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe voting for.

Motion by Ms. Yellow Owl to approve the following items: Extended Contract-Elizabeth Tailfeathers, Assist with IEPs 2021-2022 (\$6,817.00); Extended Contract-Dawn Marxer, Assist with IEPs 2021-2022 (\$5,882.00); Extended Contract-Louise Giebel, Assist with IEPs 2021-2022 (\$5,576.00); Extended Contract-Jeremy Wells, Writing Assessment Scorer 2021-2022 (\$843.00); Extended Contract-Sherina Whitford, Writing Assessment Scorer 2021-2022 (\$837.00); Additional BPS Committee Assignments 2021-2022 (\$324.00); Create New Assistant Secretary Position-Administration; Substitute Eligibility List 2021-2022; Survey on Perspectives of Native Youth, Thoughts on Native Student Success; Revise Policy #4010 Calendar/Instructional Schedule, Programs & #3121Enrollment/Attendance; Final Reading, New Board Policies: 2600, 2600F, 2600P, 3150, 3233, 3311, 3510, 3550, 3550F, 4170, 4170P, 4211, 4331; Amend Extra Work Stipend Payment 2021-2022 (\$213,713.00); Agreement Between Browning Public Schools & Office of Commissioner of HigherEd Montana Talent Search (METS Program) 2021-2026; L'Heureux, Page, Werner, Amend IDIQ Term Contract 2021-2022 (\$60,000.00); Review & Select A&E Proposals for Food Service Projects, Napi Cafeteria and NewCentral Supply Building; Purchases Over \$10,000.00; District Claims #433777 - #433861 (\$173,851.89); Student Activities Claims #704679 - #704689 (\$11,687.64) and Additional Pays/Payroll. Second by Mr. Evans. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe voting for.

There were no Personnel or Legal Issues.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Second by Mr. Conway.

Respectfully submitted:

_____Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____Brian Gallup, Board Chairperson

_____Crystal Tailfeathers, District Clerk