

Special Board Minutes (Draft)

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Administration Conference Room

Present: Brian Gallup-Chair, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe (5:10 p.m.). **Absent:** Rae TallWhiteman.

Mr. Gallup called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Ms. Yellow Owl to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Mr. Evans. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Resignations: Resignations accepted by the Superintendent for Koby Harwood, Bus Driver-Transportation Effective 9/13/2021 and Raymond Dayrider, Custodian - K W Vina, Effective 8/30/2021. *No discussion.*

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following hiring pending successful background checks/drug tests: Amber Still Smoking, Teachers Assistant-Napi; JoAnn Augare, Teachers Assistant-Napi and Ellen Hall, Assistant Cook, Food Service. Second by Ms. RidesAtTheDoor. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brednda Croff, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor voting for.

Approvals: Motion by Ms. Yellow Owl to approve the Substitute Eligibility List 2121-2022. Second by Ms. RidesAtTheDoor. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brednda Croff, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor voting for.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve Fiscal Year GASB 75 Valuation 2021-2022 (\$15,400.00). Second by Ms. RidesAtTheDoor. No public discussion. *Board discussion:* It was noted that the fund balance policy establishes a framework for the management of all excess funds managed by Browning School District 9. Board Policy #7515 include the provisions of Statement No. 54 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor voting for.

Motion by Ms. Yellow Owl to approve COVID Protocols. Second by Mr. Conway. *Public participation/Board discussion:* Matthew Johnson stated BPS follows CDC guidelines and noted that all schools in nation have gone above the threshold for COVID. CDC recommends facemasks but it is not required. Browning does constant training on this. BPS provides support for all kids, contract tracing, provides health awareness, wearing masks, etc. and other schools are having problems while BPS is moving forward, and getting buy-in from staff and students. Mr. Johnson noted that the football games are outdoor games and people do not need to wear masks when outdoors and there is nothing about being vaccinated or not. However, Mr. Johnson recommended that those not fully vaccinated should wear masks and sustain distance if not vaccinated. All BPS staff does wear masks and if vaccinated and in contact of person/s with COVID, should wear masks. The COVID Committee recommendation on Facebook is to stay home if sick or if identified as being in contact and social distance, the games can be televised and suggests offering the Johnson & Johnson vaccination at games. There will be a separate section for visitors at the game and adding their school colors to that section. Security and ticket staff are offering masks to everyone. There will be reminders announced to social distance and recommendation to wear masks. Students below age 12 will be wearing masks because they cannot be vaccinated. Mr. Gallup stated that it is up to the school to work out the details and make sure things are happening the way they should. Ms. RidesAtTheDoor asked if anyone had checked out the concessions trailer. Superintendent Hall stated that she will

check into this. Mr. Johnson stated there will be a parking area on the hill for handicap, as well as in the bleachers, and the only people on the field will be coaches, cheerleaders, refs, players, etc. In response to questions, Mr. Johnson stated that the COVID committee does not know names of students, but they do know ages, cases, demographics and stated that those getting the vaccine are not as sick and are not transmitting it and they are being hospitalized and noted that lower grades cannot be vaccinated yet. Mr. Johnson will create a power-point on myths about being vaccinated and will be given to all BMS and BHS students but the school will have to honor their voices. Mr. Johnson felt that the \$500 incentive being offered to students will really help and the district will see a huge increase in vaccinations. Ms. Yellow Owl stated support of the plan and asked if the committee will share with the tribe. Mr. Johnson has been meeting with all schools and IHS. Mr. Johnson commended Mr. Salois for the work he is doing with the COVID Committee and with attendance and staff. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if BPS can do the same as BCC. Mr. Johnson stated that schools cannot and noted that BPS is going above and beyond and more than half the schools in Montana have mask mandates and it is because of the law; BCC cannot go on campus unless they are vaccinated. BPS only has 2 or 3 kids test positive and they haven't passed it to anyone in school yet and not one kid or staff person has refused to wear a mask on. Ms. Yellow Owl stated some kids are reluctant to go to school and are scared of COVID and rumors and asked how the gossip on social media can be handled. Mr. Johnson stated they cannot give names, but can give gender/building, etc. Mr. Johnson stated that those reported are rapid tested if in close contact and also there is a COVID dashboard software for schools and you can see the facts of what is happening in schools and will check into this. Mr. Conway stated that people protesting mask wearing say they are unhealthy to wear and can poison self. Mr. Johnson stated that there is no science to those rumors and stated that we see doctors wearing them all the time. Board members agreed to send letter out regarding COVID incidents and agreed that the district will follow all recommendations of the COVID Committee. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor voting for.

Motion by Ms. Yellow Owl to approve Purchases Over \$10,000.00. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. *Board discussion:* It was noted that the purchase is for heating and air handlers at Babb Elementary. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Donna Yellow Owl, Steve Conway, Brenda Croff, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor voting for.

Superintendent Hall noted that a special meeting has been posted for 12:00 pm Friday, September 3, 2021 and asked board members to please be in attendance. Mr. Conway asked about the bonus approved for staff. Superintendent Hall stated that the board approved classified \$863.00 to be paid over a 3-year period and certified was approved for \$2,500.00 one-time payment. Bonuses are to be paid in September 2021.

Motion by Ms. RidesAtTheDoor to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Brian Gallup, Board Chairperson

_____ Crystal Tailfeathers, District Clerk