

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
 Meeting to Be Held: 1/30/2019



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

Date: 1/30/2019

To: **Browning School Board**
 Members

From: Corrina Guardipee-Hall ED.S.
 Title: Superintendent

Subject: **Create additional 1 FTE Multi-grade Elementary Education teacher for Big Sky Colony**

Description: Under Board Policy 5210 Position Creation it states, "a position is created by the recommendation of the Superintendent for action of the Board of Trustees."

Due to the increase in students at the Big Sky Colony we are requesting to create an additional teaching position.

Big Sky Elementary currently has 23 students and are taking the kinder students in the afternoons, bringing the student number to 28. This is going to be over the maximum of 25 for one teacher and one TA.

The max for one teacher is 20 in a multi-grade class. When they go over 25 it's excessive. See attached MCA guidelines, specifically (3) *Multigrade classroom sizes*, and (6) *An overload of more than 5 students is excessive*.

~~✖~~ (4) In one-teacher schools, the maximum class size shall be 18 students.

~~✖~~ (5) Instructional aides are mandatory when class size or teacher load exceed the standards. An instructional aide shall be assigned a minimum of 1 1/2 hours per day, per student overload up to six hours.

~~✖~~ (6) An overload of five students per classroom is considered excessive. (History: 20-2-114, MCA; IMP, 20-2-121, MCA; NEW, 1989 MAR p. 342, Eff. 7/1/89; AMD, 1995 MAR p. 625, Eff. 4/28/95; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 3340, Eff. 12/8/00.)

Financial Impact: \$ depending on experience

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): 101-46-120-1700-112

Attachment(s): none

Comments: _____

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

(3) If a district has fewer than 126 students, the district may utilize a consortium, multidistrict agreement, or interlocal cooperative to secure these services. (History: 20-2-114, MCA; IMP, 20-2-121, MCA; NEW, 1989 MAR p. 342, Eff. 7/1/89; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 3340, Eff. 12/8/00; AMD, 2012 MAR p. 2042, Eff. 7/1/13.)

10.55.710 Assignment of School Counseling Staff

(1) A minimum equivalent of one full-time counselor for each 400 elementary (K-8) students shall be provided. The counselor/student ratio shall be prorated.

(2) A minimum equivalent of one full-time counselor for each 400 high school students (including grades 7 and 8 if high school funding is received) shall be provided. The counselor/student ratio shall be prorated.

(3) Districts with fewer than 126 students may employ or contract with a licensed, endorsed school counselor or Class 6 specialist or utilize a consortium, multidistrict agreement, or interlocal cooperative to secure these services. (History: 20-2-114, MCA; IMP, 20-2-121, MCA; NEW, 1989 MAR p. 342, Eff. 7/1/89; AMD, 2000 MAR p. 3340, Eff. 12/8/00; AMD, 2002 MAR p. 3309, Eff. 11/28/02; AMD, 2012 MAR p. 2042, Eff. 7/1/13.)

10.55.711 General: Class Size and Teacher Load

(1) These standards do not require a minimum class size at any grade level or for any subject offered. One student may be considered a class. (History: 20-2-114, MCA; IMP, 20-2-121, MCA; NEW, 1989 MAR p. 342, Eff. 7/1/89; AMD, 1995 MAR p. 625, Eff. 4/28/95; AMD, 2012 MAR p. 2042, Eff. 7/1/13.)

→ **10.55.712 Class Size: Elementary**

(1) In single grade rooms, the maximum class size shall be:

- (a) no more than 20 students in kindergarten and grades 1 and 2;
- (b) no more than 28 students in grades 3 and 4;
- (c) no more than 30 students in grades 5 through 8.

(2) In multigrade classrooms, the maximum class size shall be:

- (a) no more than 20 students in grades K, 1, 2, and 3;
- (b) no more than 24 students in grades 4, 5, and 6;
- (c) no more than 26 students in grades 7 and 8.

(3) Multigrade classrooms that cross grade level boundaries (e.g., 3-4, 6-7) shall use the maximum of the lower grade.

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