

Regular Board Minutes (Draft)
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.
Administration Conference Room

Present: Wendy Bremner-Chair, Brian Gallup, Steve Conway, Velden Calica, Brenda Croff, James Running Fisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe.

Ms. Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 2/14/17 and Special Board Minutes of 2/20/17 with no changes. Second by Ms. Croff. All in favor/Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda with the following change: move Jurisdiction Issue to Personnel as an executive session and remove termination hearings for Lawrence E. Horn and Kristina Horn. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Staff Recognition: Kari McKay recognized high school counselors, Altacare counselor and Good Medicine counselors. Ms. McKay stated that she works with an awesome group of counselors; each brings something different to the group every day. Kathy Broere is a licensed therapist and has worked in the district for many years; she has a lot of knowledge and patience and is busy from the moment she walks into the high school; she is always available. Ms. Broere talks with students about grief and suicide and works in the classrooms with all students. She is very proactive and the students trust her. Glenda Eaglefeathers brings years of experience as a counselor and Tammy Reagan is very organized. The Good Medicine staff Tessa Racine and Chris Lewis do amazing things for the students. Gina Dosch from Altacare is an asset to the students. Ms. Dosch takes time to work with the students, she is caring and patient. Ms. McKay stated that she truly appreciates what each of these counselors do for students and staff.

Items of information

Ms. Bremner 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:* Board members thanked the administrators for their reports and stated that they have heard many good things happening from the public and they see a lot of positives in the schools from principals and staff. Chris Hall was commended for doing well in the county spelling bee and the freshman students were commended for having the highest ever honor roll. Olivia Hall and Jolee Bullshoe informed the board of prom activities that will take place on 3/25/2017. The theme this year is Classic Hollywood. The students requested donations toward after prom activities that will take 120 students to Kalispell. Board members agreed to announce students arriving at the prom.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Update: Jeri Matt and Jennifer Wagner reported on the Curriculum Management Audit Training. The training focused on the best thinking in curriculum, assessment, and instructional design and delivery by using the five curriculum management audit standards. BPS has done lot of groundwork but needs to connect back to policy. There is a lot to be done and there is a lot in place: curriculum committee, SBE, etc. Ms. Bremner suggested bringing someone to Browning for training once things start moving forward. Mr. Rouse stated that there is potential for SB307 funding. The board will have to pass a resolution before April 15, 2017 stating their position with non-voted levies which gives schools the authority to create a levy that would generate the equivalence of \$15,000 plus \$100 per ANB. BPS potential funding amount for elementary \$169,200, and high school \$70,900 to be used for major repairs, energy efficiency and technology. Mr. Gallup stated his disagreement with increasing mills. Mr. Rouse stated that the board is not obligated to increase levies but they are required to pass the resolution Non-voted levies include: Adult Education, Bus Depreciation Reserve, Transportation, Tuition

and New facilities. The board will have to be vote on this every March after this year whether BPS increases levies or not. Mr. Rouse reported on the Superintendent Advisory meetings. Lots of discussion on stuff outside of the classrooms with a lot of groups in the community trying to make efforts. Mr. Rouse is trying to get all power players in the group by asking each committee member to bring 3 names of people that could benefit the committee. An invitation will be extended to each to attend the meetings.

Acknowledgement of Exxon Grant Award: Julie Hayes stated that every year the Hiltons from St. Mary Park Café offer \$500.00 to BMS which is used for hands on math and science materials. Documentation and thank you letter is provided to the donor.

Donation From Soroptimist International of Whitefish: The high school food pantry received a donation of \$1000.00 from the Soroptimist group in Whitefish.

MAEFAIRS Spring Student Count-History of Student Count: Stacy Edwards reported on the 2016-2017 student count and noted that the district lost 84 students. Ms. Edwards put together a history that shows the number of kids lost from each building back to 2014-2015. There are 36 less students in the high school district and 48 less in the elementary this year, from the beginning of school. Tracie Keller provided a report on students, grades, transfers and drops. There are several student transfers and 10 day drops that are not accounted for. Board members agreed that a lot of the drops are students affected by the buy-back money. Principals who followed up on some of the absences found that the kids just took 10 days to travel while they had the money. The middle school is following up with every parent and doing a lot of home visits. Ms. Bremner asked for follow-up information on dropouts and transfers. Jason Andreas offered to have this information provided at the next board meeting.

Resignations: Superintendent Rouse accepted the following resignations: Mary Beth Blackman, Assistant Cook-Napi, Effective 2/23//17, Dennis Juneau, BBB, Babb Elementary, Effective 2/28/17 and Ernest Fitz, Bus Driver, Transportation, Effective 3/17/17.

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: Ansel Traynor, 4th-5th Grade BBB Coach, Napi 2016-2017 (\$430.00); Calvin Lang, 4th-5th Grade BBB Coach, Napi 2016-2017 (\$430.00); Starla Cassidy, 4th-6th Grade BBB Coach, Babb 2016-2017 (\$430.00); Robert Lerma, Language Arts Teacher, Middle School (\$14,315 pro-rated) and Elementary Certified Staff 2017-2018. Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: High School Certified Staff 2017-2018 and John Butterfly, Maintenance Assistant-Maintenance. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Contract Service Agreements: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve a contract service agreement for Behavior Specialist, Provide Student Support Service-Browning Middle School (\$9,689.00) pending successful background check. Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Croff to approve a contract service agreement for JoRae Rattler, Families in Transition, McKinney Vento Program (\$5,699.40). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Out of State Travel: Motion by Mr. Conway to approve out of state travel for Toni Tatsey, Willie Tailfeathers, Misty Tatsey and Darcy Skunkcap to attend WIDA Native Language Study Group site visit in Bethel, Alaska (\$5,022.40). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. Board discussion: Mr. Evans asked why it is necessary to send 4 people. Billie Jo Juneau stated that the training is for every grade level plus 1 administrator. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

In State Travel: Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following in state travel: Jason Andreas, MTSBA Hot Topics Employment Seminar in Helena, MT (\$377.65); Jason Andreas and John Salois, University of Montana

Multi-State Teacher Job Fair in Missoula, MT (\$262.79); Jason Andreas, Sicily Bird, John Salois , Montana State University Teacher Job Fair in Bozeman, MT (\$293.36); John Salois and Kari McKay, Montana Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP) 2017 Annual Spring Conference in Helena, MT (\$585.62); Matthew Johnson and Billie Jo Juneau-Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA) in Missoula, MT (\$701.42 ea); Kimberly Tatsey-McKay, Jessica Racine, Corrina Guardipee-Hall, Billie Jo Juneau, Natasha Siliezar Check and Connect Training on Helena, Montana (\$381.46 ea); Tony Wagner, NW and SW Athletic Directors Meeting in Missoula, MT (\$403.28) and Wayne Hall, Haul Band Equipment to GBB-BBB Divisional Tournament (\$195.00). Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Approvals: Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following items: Merge-Rename KW Bergan and Vina Chattin as KW-Vina Elementary and Create Part-time (25 hrs/week) Classified Personal Care Attendant Position (\$8,438.00). Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following items: Substitute Eligibility Roster 2016-2017; 2017-2018 Academic School Calendar-Revised; MTSBA Dues 2017-2018; Advertise Surplus Property 2016-2017; Resolution of Intent to Impose Increase in Levies; Seek Bids for Napi Floor Replacement; Swank Enterprises Change Directive #11 2015 Summer Projects; Purchases Over \$5000; District Claims Check #414276 - #414451 (\$332,315.27); Student Activity Claims Check #702722 - #702762 (\$17,969.03) and Additional Pays-Payroll. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. Board discussion: Mr. Rouse stated that after having more discussion regarding the bid for flooring at Napi, he found that it may not be necessary to remove the old flooring; they can lay the flooring on top 9 ply birch wood. Billman's said that it will be equal to removing the sub-floor. Mr. Rouse stated that the district can repair the bad spots and there will be one bid. Mr. Running Fisher asked what item f. Swank Change Directive #11 is about. Mr. Rouse stated that this is for the electrical, boilers, BHS locker room and additional needs at new Vo-Ag. Ms. Bremner asked if this covers drainage at the vo-ag. Mr. Conway stated that the drainage is under warranty. Mr. Rouse stated that L'Reaux Werner will pay for everything but the pipe for drainage. Mr. Conway stated that the frozen ice above the surface means something is plugged, broke, smashed, etc. and the drain needs to be deeper and sloped. Maintenance will have to keep a record of all hours worked, all fixes, and all materials used and turn in on the warranty. Mr. Rouse stated that Malcolm Hagberg was on site during construction and Swank would not listen when he told them that the drain was not deep enough and the sloping was wrong. Ms. Bremner asked that this problem be communicated to the staff and the principal. Mr. Conway asked to hear from Tony Wagner on activities facilities at the next board meeting. Ms. Bremner, Mr. Gallup, Mr. Conway, Mr. Calica, Ms. Croff, Mr. Running Fisher, Mr. Evans and Ms. Bullshoe. voted to approve items a-e and g-j. Mr. Running Fisher and Mr. Evans voted opposed to item f, Swank Change Directive #11, 2015 Summer Projects.

Break at 6:03 p.m.

Reconvene to executive session at 6:20 p.m.

Present: Wendy Bremner-Chair, Brian Gallup, Steve Conway, Velden Calica, Brenda Croff, James Running Fisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe.

Jurisdiction Discussion: Following a discussion with the superintendent about job performance related to jurisdiction issues the meeting convened to open session at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Conway, Ms. Croff, Mr. Gallup left the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Running Fisher moved to adjourn. Second by Ms. Bremner. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Wendy Bremner, Board Chairperson

_____ Stacy Edwards, District Clerk