

Regular Board Minutes (Draft)
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 @ 12:00 PM (Noon Only)
hosted by Stamiksiitsiikin (Bullshoe) Elementary

Present: James RunningFisher-Chair, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl. **Absent:** Michael Hoyt, Kristy Salway Bullshoe.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M. and gave a blessing in the Blackfoot language.

Board Minutes: None.

Board Agenda: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the board agenda with the following changes: The Regular Board Minutes were moved to the 12/17/24 board meeting; Brooke RunningCrane, BHS Assistant Cook; June Matt, BHS Athletic Band Sponsor 2024-2025; Extended Contract-June Matt, Plan/Prepare Curriculum & Instruction 2024-2025 and Extended Contract: Brandy Bremner, Lead Coach Duties to Plan & Prepare Curriculum/Instruction 2024-2025. Second by Mr. Gervais. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl voting for.

Staff Recognitions: Tonia Tatsey recognized Stamiksiitsiitkin staff: LaBraun Shooter, Senior student and SLT member meets monthly, before and after school on Culture Matters on campus. Angela Archuleta, Librarian, added a lot of literature on nature to the shelves and was awarded the Laura Bush Grant and recently submitted the Stepping Stone Grant. Ms. Archuleta goes above and beyond every day. Kim DesRosier received the Blue & Gold award from MSU with honors. Brandy Bremner is always thinking outside the box and goes above and beyond for all students and staff.

Presentations by Tonia Tatsey and Brandi Bremner on Graduation Matters and Writing Skills; Foundational & Composition Skills, and Safety Matters.

Public Comment: Mr. RunningFisher read the following provisions of the Montana Open Meeting Law under Section 2-3-103 and Browning School Policy #1441 for Public Participation at Board Meetings. Mr. RunningFisher noted that issues concerning an employee or private personnel matters, individual student matters, grievances, and pending legal issues are not matters of public interest: Jerry Racine stated that he felt the allegations made against him were made by those who don't know him, and were based on false accusations created by lies. Mr. Racine stated he coached kids and put time into them and the comments made about him were disheartening and wants his name cleared. Mr. Racine stated it is easy to get hold of him and people can say things to his face; he does not ever care to coach again and stated this should never happen to anyone else. Anne Racine stated what happened is disheartening to her and talked about tradition and culture. People were never allowed to come here and degrade anyone; certain individuals have their own rules to follow and others don't and hopes the rules will be followed with tradition and respect. Ms. Racine felt that no one deserves this to happen.

Building Reports: Mr. RunningFisher acknowledged the following reports: Child Nutrition-Copy Center-Warehouse-Dalaina Grant; Curriculum and Instruction-Rebecca Rappold; Special Education Report-Rebecca Rappold; Childcare Department-Rose Racine; Blackfeet Language-Native American Studies-Robert Hall; Prevention & Wellness Department-Cinnamon Salway; Student Activities - Heidi Bullcalf; Athletic Department-Kellen Hall; Technology Department-Travis Miller; Transportation Department-Francis Bullcalf and Maintenance/Facilities/Security/Construction - Reid Reagan. *No discussion.*

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Rappold reported that there are no current transfers; BPS has been participating in the MTSBA Title IX training sessions through November; a facilities walkthrough of Arrowhead Stadium was completed with Sletten ready to sign-off on the project with BPS approval (some items still need to be completed); The Gear-Up budget has been submitted (annually) for FY25; the IDEA Grant and Carl Perkins has received final approval for FY25; BPS applied for the Teach Act Incentive Program for additional funding under the Quality Educator Payment to support the increase in base pay for early career educators.

BHS Wind & Snow Protection Project Proposal: Abigail Marshall received a grant from the Society for Science to support student research in STEM and proposed fencing locations with wind screen netting 10' wind fence (6' with concrete) is proposed with 2 Fencing sections 80 ft & 50 ft SW corner of the Stadium/Track; New Arbor seating area "L" Shaped fence to protect seating area, 30' & 50' (the project was postponed until the 2024-2025 school year due to construction).

Propane vs. Electric School Bus Comparison: David Merrill and Racky Wagner compared diesel and electric buses stating that electric buses are cleaner and cheaper to operator and saves on the cost of fuel; the discussed rebate program on electric buses that are due on January 9, 2025 which will take 3-4 hours to complete. Board members were concerned with the how well the electric buses work in cold weather and the number of more chargers that will be needed. Mr. Wagner stated that part of the grant is to subsidize more chargers on the reservation. The district will need to contact NW Energy and work with them on chargers. Superintendent Rappold stated the district did purchase new buses this fall and Frances Bullcalf, Transportation Director, has concerns regarding the time and money already invested in BPS fleet of buses but is willing to try out the electric bus. Superintendent Rappold asked Mr. Merrill if they are offering to write the grant; Mr. Merrill will discuss this with his manager. Mr. Wagner stated that the school is already with SAMSHA and awarding of the grant is by lottery, so BPS is on the list. Board members agreed to bring this issue to the special meeting on Tuesday, December 3, to submit the grant for an electric bus.

HR Status Update: Beverly Sinclair stated that the district is still in need of 2 elementary PCSs, a SpEd Teacher, and Teacher Assistant; a Secondary Votech Welding and an Auto position, Business Education Teacher, Drivers Education Teacher, HiSet Tutor, Food Service needs 3 Assistant Cooks, Special Education Director, Special Education Nurse, Transportation Mechanic, two 9-month Drivers. Ms. YellowOwl stated her concern of having to remove those who are board member relations because we do not 100% board to vote and asked if the board can allow them to start work. Mr. Gallup stated they can work as substitutes until hired for the positions; those who are employees will get paid their rate of pay from when they started. Superintendent Rappold stated these positions will be added to the special meeting for December 3. Mr. Bremner asked if the Special Ed Nurse is needed or if the district can use one of the other nurses when needed. Superintendent Rappold stated there are some high need special education students and one has three procedures per day; this is an important position and is hard to fill. It is a 187-day position and is paid less annually but not hourly. Superintendent Rappold is considering using the special education nurse during summer school to give the position more hours.

Coaching Update: No discussion.

Resignations: The following resignation was accepted by the superintendent for Bobi Gallineaux, Special Education Nurse, Effective 11-19-24.

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hires pending successful background checks/drug tests: Cara Guardipee, BMS Girls Volleyball Coach 2024-2025 (\$877.20); Janeek Dorsey, BMS Girls Volleyball Coach 2024-2025 (\$860.00); Maurlee Rider, BMS Girls Volleyball Coach 2024-2025 (\$860.00). Second by Mr. Gervais. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hires pending successful background checks/drug tests: Eugene Matt, BHS Girls Head Wrestling Coach 2024-2025 (\$3,096.00) and Joslyn Rutherford, BHS Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach 2024-2025 (\$2,064.00). Second by Mr. Gallup. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl voting for.

Contract Service Agreements: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve a contract service agreement for Sierra Matt-Heptner, Assist Students in Blackfoot Language Specials Immersion Classes 2024-2025 (\$4,000.00) pending successful background checks. Second by Mr. Bremner. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl

voting for.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following revised contract service agreement for Kendall Edmo, Blackfoot Geography Map 2024-2025 (\$3,680.00). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl voting for.

Out of State Travel: None.

In State Travel: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for Jennifer Wagner, Presentation on Star Quilts and Indigenous Geometry in Hardin, MT 2024-2025 (\$813.280). Second by Ms. YellowOwl. *Board discussion:* Superintendent Rappold stated that this is professional development for Hardin’s Consumer Science program; they are not paying for any of the travel expenses. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl voting for.

Approvals: Motion by Mr. Bremner to approve the following items: Napi Clubs, Sponsors, Goals & Objectives 2024-2025; Elementary Student Attendance Agreement-Cut Bank 2024-2025 and Elementary Student Attendance Agreements-Valier 2024-2025. Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: Substitute Eligibility Roster 2024-2025; SafeTrac Agreement for DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing 2024-2025; District Claims #66856 - #67000; #552896 - #441919 (\$542,436.26); Student Activities Claims #706075 - #706084 (\$35,878.51) and Additional Pays/Payroll 11/15/24. Second by Mr. Bremner. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl voting for.

There were no Personnel or Legal Issues.

Motion by Mr. Bremner to adjourn at 1:29PM. Second by Mr. Gallup. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Brian Gallup, Thomas Gervais, Lockley Bremner, Donna YellowOwl voting for.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ James RunningFisher, Board Chairperson

_____ Sandra Rivas, District Clerk