

Regular Board Minutes (Draft)

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 @ 12:00 p.m.

Napi Elementary Library

Present: Wendy Bremner-Chair, James Evans. **Absent:** James Running Fisher, Kristy Bullshoe, Brian Gallup, Steve Conway, Velden Calica, Jess Edwards.

At the noon session, Raymond Croff and Napi Student Drum Group performed. Sicily Bird recognized students with perfect attendance and students that have not missed a day of school for 100 days. Napi's grade level team leaders were recognized: Genevieve Bragg, Andrea Sangray, David Kelly, Theodora Weatherwax, Tracy Momberg, Lorinda Devine, Jason Adnreas and Dana Bird. Each were commended for all that they do for the students at Napi everyday. The board and administration toured the classrooms that gave presentations on ELA whole and small group, and ELA writing, reading and math intervention, and academic tutoring services. The presentations concluded at 1:25 p.m.

Present: Wendy Bremner-Chair, Brian Gallup (via Telephone 5:10 p.m.), James Evans, James Running Fisher, Kristy Bullshoe. **Absent:** Steve Conway, Jess Edwards, Velden Calica.

Ms Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 2/20/18 with no changes. Second by Mr. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove Mike Tatsey, Assistant Principal/KW Vina and move all action items to the beginning of the agenda. Second by Mr. Running Fisher. Mr. Running Fisher asked to schedule a special meeting to hire Mike Tatsey. All in favor/Motion carried.

Public Comment: Tony Wagner announced that BCBS & MHSA sponsored an extra ten state tournament tickets for families struggling with the weather. Whitefish students and parents were concerned about our team getting out and getting to state tournaments and are sending a care package to the players and parents. The Whitefish Booster Club is giving a Costco gift card to the players for snacks and drinks.

John Salois, HS Principal, received letters from the Junior class regarding the boards decision to change prom to April. The class is concerned because no one asked the students what they wanted and they have already secured their vendors for catering, music, pictures as well as most of the kids have already made arrangements for limos, hair and nail, etc. Mr. Salois asked that the board consider the request of 153 students that signed a petition to continue with the original prom date. Ms. Bremner suggested that the high school do a survey of all the students for their opinions. Mr. Salois agreed.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: Joyce Wall, Special Education (Speech) Teacher Assistant KW Vina-BES; Hiring-Alonzo Grant, 4th-5th Grade GBB Coach-Napi 2017-2018 (\$439.00); Hiring-Calvin Lang, 4th-5th Grade BBB Coach-Napi 2017-2018 (\$439.00); Hiring-Ansel Traynor, 4th-5th Grade BBB Coach- Napi 2017-2018 (\$439.00); Steve LaForge, 4th-5th Grade BBB Coach-Napi 2017-2018 (\$473.00); Hiring-Narsis Reevis, 4th-5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach-Napi 2017-2018 (\$460.00) and Narsis Reevis, 4th-5th Grade GBB Coach-Napi 2017-2018 (\$460.00). Second by Mr. Running Fisher. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve hiring Sherman Red Tomahawk, Special Education Teacher Assistant-BHS pending successful background check/drug test. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

Contract Service Agreements: None.

Out of State Travel: None.

In State Travel: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for Tony Wagner, Western A Athletic Directors Meeting in Whitefish, MT (\$250.06). Second by Mr. Running Fisher. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

Approvals: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve Extended Contract-JoAnn Powell, Instruction Coach. 2017-2018 (\$754.24). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. *Board discussion:* In response to questions regarding extended contract for Ms. Powell, Emorie Bird stated that the contract had to be amended because the wrong information was used to calculate the daily rate of pay. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: Substitute Eligibility Roster 2017-2018; Investment Resolution for Glacier County; Purchases Over \$10,000.00; District Claims Check #417316 - #417394 (\$128,833.65); Student Activities Report Check #703261-#703272 (\$1,763.70) and Additional Pays-Payroll. Second by Mr. Running Fisher. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans asked what the investment program is for. Stacy Edwards stated that the district authorizes investment of revenues through the County. The resolution is approved yearly. Ms. Edwards stated that she added a line to the resolution asking for reports on the investment. Mr. Evans asked about the money for a playground item at KW Vina. Tonia Tatsey stated that the money is extra from a grant that they are being allowed to use to purchase playground equipment. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

Mr. Gallup left meeting via telephone at 5:26 p.m.

Staff Recognition: Superintendent Hall recognized Wayne Hall, Transportation Director, for all his support. Mr. Hall has brought the transportation to the forefront in the state of Montana in the use of propane buses.

Reid Reagan recognized security security staff for going above and beyond their line of duty. Mr. Reagan stated that he appreciates the security staff a lot for protecting school property and the community. Both were thanked for their support and for finding a place for stranded people during the recent severe weather conditions.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Building Reports: Ms. Bremner acknowledged the following building reports: Child Nutrition Report - Lynne Keenan; Technology Department Report - Everett Holm; Maintenance.Facilities Department Report - Reid Reagan and Transportation Department Report - Wayne Hall. *Discussion:* Mr. Evans asked about fixing the leak in the high school roof. Superintendent Hall suggested discussing at the Facilities meeting which was changed to Wednesday, March 7. No further discussion.

Superintendent's Report

Sidwell Trip Update: John Salois stated that the information in the packet is to give the board an update on the trip. They have enough money to cover their airline tickets and all students on the list will be able to go. Tony Wagner will meet with Amy Andreas to discuss any additional costs that need to be covered.

Review Policy #2130 Staff Transfer: Mr. Evans stated that there are a lot of issues with staff transfers and felt that the board should review the policy and be the deciding factor on transfers. Following discussion of transfer policy Ms. Bremner asked that the superintendent bring the information to the school board prior to making transfers as per policy. Jeri Matt asked if transfers will be on the agenda the same as resignations. Ms. Bremner stated that transfers should be brought before the board prior to the transfer and listed the same as a resignation on the superintendents' report. No further discussion.

Review Wage and Hour: Mr. Evans stated his concern that staff cannot earn comp time. Ms. Bremner asked if there is anything that can be done to change this. Superintendent Hall stated that there was a proposed bill but has not passed and it is illegal to offer to nonexempt employees comp time. No further discussion.

Student Count: Stacy Edwards stated that the spring count shows 1,393 elementary students and 560 high school students; total of 1,953. The fall count total was 1,974. The district cannot count the 4-year program students. BPS has lost 21 students (transfers, drops, etc). Mr. Salois stated that the numbers are almost the same as previous years. There are a lot of issues when students enter 9th grade such as poor attendance, and they give up. The high school is working with these students more and letting them know that dropping out is not an option and also giving more rewards. Mr. Salois stated that the high school works closely with the courts but there are parents who don't care. Jeri Matt stated that students that drop out are still BPS problem until they transfer into another school and asked how this problem can be fixed. Mr. Salois stated that the home school coordinators make home visits and cannot get hold of the parents. Ms. Bremner stated that the school should call those students that are missing into the protection hotline and they will have to look for the kids. Ms. Matt stated that there are new laws with ESSA on homeless students and she is scheduling monthly meetings with secretaries to work on attendance. No further discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Running Fisher at 5:53 p.m. Second by Mr. Evans. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Wendy Bremner, Board Chairperson

_____ Stacy Edwards, District Clerk