

**Regular Board Minutes (Draft)**  
Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Administration Conference Room

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

Ms. Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the regular board minutes of 10/10/17. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the agenda removing Recognition of Administrators/Presentation by Mary Ellen LaFromboise from the superintendent's reports and remove Justina White Quills, Personal Care Attendant, KW Vina from hiring. Second by Mr. Evans. All in favor/Motion passed.

Ms. Bullshoe and Mr. Calica read Mission and Vision statements.

**Staff Recognition:** Mr. Salois recognized Raisa Richards who was selected by former student Ty Running Fisher, who is attending Stanford University, for recognition as a teacher who he felt gave him a lot of faith, support, and the love for education.

**Public Comment:** None.

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**Building Reports:** Ms. Bremner acknowledged the following building reports: KW Vina Schools-Tonia Tatsey; Browning Elementary-Jennifer Wagner; Napi Elementary-Sicily Bird; Browning Middle School-Dennis Juneau; Browning High School-John Salois; Babb Elementary School-Jill Mattingly; Big Sky-Glendale Colonies-Natasha Siliezar; Alternative Education-Matthew Johnson; Activities-Tony Wagner; Childcare Program-Carrie Hirst; Good Medicine Program-Kim Tatsey-McKay and Blackfeet-Native American Studies-Robert Hall. Discussion: Board members thanked the principals for the informative board reports. Ms. Bremner noted that the numbers at KW Vina show how successful the students are in the early kindergarten program. Matthew Johnson stated that the national dropout prevention center recommends a ratio of 1-10 (teacher-student) in alternative schools. The Academy started with 35 students, 3 teachers, 1 counselor, 1 classified staff and 1 administrator. Mr. Johnson talked about the population of students compared to teacher, the number of special services students, homeless students, student attendance, number of students per class, and the strong social emotional curriculum and restorative justice which is a research based trauma informed intervention. Mr. Johnson asked the board for support in reducing the number of referrals from BHS students to 120 each school year, and continued process to provide support and interventions to students before they are referred to the alternative education setting. This process was developed in the last year. Mr. Johnson also asked for two (2) more certified teachers and one (1) NAS person and stated that he would like to include custodial support of \$3,500.00 to pay student workers. Mr. Conway felt that the building is too small and there is no campus, there is no library and the kids eat at the elementary school. Mr. Johnson stated that the goal is not to grow it, but to refine it to fit comfortably. Mr. Conway stated concern that BPS is losing kids from middle school. Mr. Johnson felt that the district needs to provide intervention for those kids at lower levels and wants to start rotating junior academy kids. Mr. Matthews stated that BPS is underutilizing the district's intervention status. Ms. Bremner asked to hear from all the buildings that feel they do not have enough teachers in the classrooms and stated that the district needs to meet that need. Superintendent Hall asked that the principals bring their data to her and stated that it is important to have a specific idea about what their needs are, and to look at the budget and try to help. Superintendent Hall felt that the district could hire student workers for custodial and maybe in the kitchen at BES. Ms. Bremner stated that she read the comments regarding B/NAS and stated that creating change is very difficult and supported the changes Mr. Hall is making. Robert Hall stated that he is working with the Academy and there is a need for more TA's at the lower levels. He will be using students to make small video clips on u-tube and he will create a relationship with the Academy. Mr. Hall wants to be on the radio twice a week to represent the school district during noon

hour. Tony Wagner gave a report on hosting the VB district tournament and possibly the playoff football game. He is asking to play Saturday evening at 6 p.m. if BPS is the host. Mr. Wagner will need to research costs for bleachers if BPS hosts the playoffs, and move ticket booths and ask the tribe to close certain roads. He will also be asking for more security personnel. There will be a hospitality room for the District VB tournament at BHS, bus parking in the back is for buses only. Ms. Bremner felt that there is no need to block people from watching the playoffs from the outside. Mr. Wagner will get information from MHSa on this for the board. BPS will not know if they will host the playoffs until the game with Ronan. Glacier Electric did fix the lights in the football field. No further discussion.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Superintendent Update:** every month principals will have attendance reports. (total with all 2016 students it is 84.43 and goal is 95%). Will give update quarterly on 612 kids.

#### **September ADA-Students**

PreK-1	92.53%
2-3	87.0%
4-6	87.0%
7-8	82.47%
9-12	84.37%
Academy	69%

#### **September ADA for Staff**

Classified	87.25
Certified	87.31

Superintendent Hall will look at school related leave for the next report. Impact Aid Activities expenditures for 2016-2017 is \$1,104,934.00, all for kids. This amount does not include lights on, fundraisers, new year activity, after prom activities; this is all Impact aid monies. If BPS let all 2000 kids into activities @ \$4.00 each (if all attended), it would cost the district \$272,000 or \$8000 per event, example. Superintendent Hall thanked principals for coming up with ideas for students to earn attendance into home games for free. It was noted that Jade Ackerman from Honor Your Life did work on students getting into a football game free. The data put together showing how much the district spent on food in 2016-2017 is \$78,000.00 for every activity in the district. The board does not spend a lot of money on food and they put a lot of work and time into the school meetings, and they are not paid. Mr. Conway stated that the board requires the directors and principals to attend the board meeting and many of them live out of town. Superintendent Hall has scheduled the first community advisory committee meeting for 2017-2018 on October 17 at noon. All have received emails, a letter will be sent this week, and they will call next week. She has met with Garland Stiffarm from IHS, Debbie Bullshoe from Honor Your Life, and Rita Horn and Louella Heavy Runner from Crystal Creek Lodge and they all plan to attend the SCAC meeting or have a representative attend. Kari Belcourt and Jennifer Wagner are reviewing board policies and the strategic plan for classes. Ms. Bremner asked to see how much money is taken in and how much is spent on activities and athletics. Superintendent Hall will have this information on the next agenda from Mr. Wagner. Ms. Bremner stated that concessions money goes to clubs and to suggested that the clubs serve meals at the board meetings. Also, need to look into teacher housing.

**Fall NAFIS Update:** Mr. Conway reported that the Senate put in for \$11 million increase but it is not a given on IA funds. There are 650,000 Indian students in IA and another million for the military which amounts to \$11 dollars per student. If we increase spending and utility and give raises, we are going down. The IPP's have changed and BPS needs to change with them; in the past BPS wrote the agreement and the tribe would sign off. Superintendent Hall stated that the IPP's will be reviewed at the superintendent advisory committee meeting on October 17 and during parent teacher conference will do a survey that will contain the 4 questions from the DOA. We have printed the flipcharts for the Emergency Procedure Check List from Deean Kipp; this is part of ESSA too. Mr. Conway suggested that BPS include Ht. Butte, CB, EG and Valier on the IPP's. These schools did not send anyone to NAFIS and they may need the support. Mr. Conway stated that the congressional people do not know what Impact is and if BPS does not go out as a whole board and lobby and ask congressional people for support, things will not happen. Mr. Conway felt that all board members need to make time go to DC. The special

education kids are a big part of the budget and IA offsets the cost that have been cut; we need to increase in this area. Mr. Calica agreed and stated that NAFIS asked for \$49 million for federal lands stated that it is helpful for the board to go to NAFIS. BPS did include where their IA money was spent in the brochure and that it helps to show what BPS has done. Also, there is a Blackfeet member, Sharon Kicking Woman and also Carla Lott in Tester's office. There were 350 in attendance at NAFIS, and Montana had the highest attendance. Mr. Conway felt that the district clerk should attend NAFIS and also suggested to have a presentation on what our school is doing with IA money. There is hope that \$100 million will be added for infrastructure next year; \$4.2 billion needed and only 200 schools responded. Lynda Brannons funding requires that we teach a specific language to apply. The district passed up a lot of funding from specific football team(s) to help build a sports complex in the past; Mr. Gallup will work with these team(s) until we get something started. No further discussion.

**Presentation at BHS by John G. Miller:** October 11, 9-10:30 John Miller will have a "free" presentation at the high school. IHS and BCC will be attending.

**2017-2018 Impact Aid Budgets, Elementary/High School:** Stacy Edwards reviewed budgets and discussed allocations for each program. The claims show IA 126 and 226 which is a split of 75/25 for purchases. Most staff support staff wages are paid from IA and the general fund is all teacher wages. IA is budgeted at 85%. Mr. Conway stated that BPS was told to budget at 85% but if we go on continuing resolution it is 50%. They thought would have the budget by October, but it is not complete. The will send 50% by Dec 15 if asked and the board did ask. The 15% setaside is based only on funds that are received. Superintendent Hall stated that both negotiated agreements are up this year and she cannot start negotiations until the district knows what the funding will be; Special Education/IDEA gets \$534,000.00; TFS is \$1.2 million out of IA. Special services contracts are paid out of IA as well as transportation, adaptive pe, summer TA's for extended school year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing refunds go into the supply budget. PCA's are fnded at 100% IDEA.

The district is adding SpEd PCA's because of severe needs students and supply costs have been increased. Mr. Conway asked if the district pays for deaf/blind students. Jill Mattingly stated that BPS has people in district to help; there are a lot of students in the district now that are cognitively too low to go to the blind and deaf school; some will be paid for; but they serve students of normal cognition. This information is in the TFS. The balance sheets and expenditures will be on next agenda. Ms. Edwards is waiting on information from health insurance to finalize TFS; she has until December to make changes. Stacy went to county and worked with treasurer and auditor to get the reports completed. Steve will there be a change. Stacy/no. continue to have problems with reports. Many issues. Aug/sept were good but property taxes were negative/wrong. Worked on trial balance and balanced with county then received the trial balance and ending balance in June which was not the beginning balance of the July report. Auditor thought treasurer forgot to roll over beginning of budget. CB handling own budget but they are having problems and have to rely on county too. Ms. Edwards stated that certain funds still have to fow through the county.

**Resignations:** Superintendent Hall accepted the following resignations: Chase Nevarez, Football Coach, Napi Elementary, Effective 9-6-17; Sarah Schmasow, Elementary Teacher, KW Vina, Effective 9-225-17 and Glenn V. Hall, Director of Facilities MaintenanceSecurity, Effective 10-20-17. No discussion.

### **ITEMS OF ACTION**

**Hiring:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: Kylee Farmer, Assistant Cook, KW Vina; Ashley Bull Calf, Special Services Teacher Assistant, KW Vina; John Schmid, Part-Time GEAR UP Student Achievement Specialist 2017-2018 (\$20,240.00) and Leo Kennerly III, Health Enhancement-Physical Education Teacher-BMS 2017-2018 (\$34,847.00). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: Aaron McLean, Custodian, High School; Elizabeth Tailfeathers, Special Education Teacher-BHS 2017-2018 (\$32,458.00) and Gala Upham, Special Education Teacher Assistant, High School. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Calida to approve hiring Everett Armstrong, EE Kah Ki Maht After School Activities Coordinator 2017-2018 (\$6,000.00) pending successful background check/drug test. Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/motion passed.

**Contract Service Agreements:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background check: Lynnel BullShoe, Certified Tutor for 21st Century Tutoring Program 2017-2018 (\$2,790.00) and Wilma Madplume, Certified Tutor for 21st Century Tutoring Program 2017-2018 (\$2,790.00). Second by Mr. Evans. Motion carried 4-2 with Ms. Bullshoe abstained from approving Lynnel Bullshoe, Certified Tutor for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tutor Program.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve a contract service agreement for Sharon Magee, Writing Assessment Assessor (\$2,880.00) pending successful background check. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/motion passed.

**Out of State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve out of state travel for Melanie Magee, Cinnamon Crawford, John Schmid, State GEAR UP Conference in Portland, Oregon (\$672.89). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/motion passed.

**In State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for John Salois, Dennis Juneau, Jeri Matt to attend the SRI Meeting in Helena, MT (\$139.02 ea). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/motion passed.

**Approvals:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: MOA-Shape Montana and Browning Elementary School 2017-2018; BES Student Clubs-Sponsors 2017-2018 (\$2,097.00); NEW-BES STEM Robotics Club-Sponsor - Jimi Champ (\$516.00); Napi Student Clubs-Sponsor 2017-2018 (\$2,116.00); NEW Napi Student Clubs-Sponsors 2017-2018 (\$1,548.00); Browning Middle School Clubs-Sponsors 2017-2018 (\$4,370.00) and NEW Middle School Student Clubs-Sponsors 2017-2018 (\$1,032.00). Second by Mr. Calica. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the BHS Student Clubs/Sponsors 2017-2018 (\$6,439.00) and NEW BHS Student Clubs/Sponsors 2017-2018 (\$2,064.00). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: Districtwide Committees 2017-2018 (\$138,529.12); Joanne Grandstaff-Credit Recovery Program 2017-2018 (\$3,833.00); Substitute Eligibility Roster 2017-2018; MOU With Browning Schools, Blackfeet Tribe & Southern Piegan School Health 2017-2018; Purchases Over \$5,000.00; District Claims Check #416150 - #416300 (\$1,332,237.10); Student Activity Claims Check #702932 - #702990 (\$11,543.37) and Additional Pays/Payroll. Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans felt that the propane purchase should not have to be approved. It was explained that all claims are required by law to be approved by the school board. Board members agreed by consensus to change purchases to be approved by the board prior to approval to \$10,000.00. Jercy Matt explained that many of the district wide committees are required to be in place by Title I; some are paid committees and some are not. The IEFA and Pow wow committee will be brought for approval next time. All committee rates are prorated with the maximum amount of hours but paid by attendance. Superintendent Hall thanked Ms. Matt for getting the egrant finished, and for helping with Carl Perkins, IDEA, ESSA, preschool grants finished which will all be complete very soon. No further discussion. All in favor/motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

\_\_\_\_\_ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_ Wendy Bremner, Board Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Stacy Edwards, District Clerk