

**Regular Board Meeting (Draft)**  
Thursday, September 29, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Babb Elementary School

The meeting convened with Babb Elementary staff, student, parent recognitions and presentations at 12:09 p.m. There was no quorum. Board members present: Wendy Bremner-Chair and Steve Conway.

Billie Jo Juneau, Principal, introduced teachers Jennifer Fenner and Jo Ray Wilcox. Students gave presentations on the culture and traditions of the Blackfeet. Grades K-2 presented the parfleche bags they made, what they are used for, and the meaning of the designs on the bags. Grades 3-6 talked about their family trees and family values.

**Student Recognitions:** Ms. Juneau recognized Jude Juneau and Teagan Walker for being on the honor roll and scoring proficient in math during the 2015-2016 school year. Karson Loring, Kendall Loring and Jude Juneau were commended for having perfect attendance for the school year.

**Parent Recognition:** Ms. Juneau recognized the following parents for their support as volunteers for all school events: Shelly Flamand, April Hipp, Mary Ann Flamand, Traci Vaile, Leatha Arcand, Caroline Gray, Kim Walker, Dennis Juneau, Gary and Sam Blackmore, Shantel DuBray, Starla Cassidy, Doug and Tristan Fitzgerald.

**Staff Recognitions:** Ms. Juneau commended Jennifer Fenner and Suzanne Weekes for going above and beyond and doing everything they can to benefit their students.

**Presentations:** Jennifer Fenner, grades K-2 teacher, reviewed Star Reading scores at 80% or above in 2015-2016; dealing with poor student behavior every day; using ISIP which teaches the skills specific to what the teacher is using. Jo Wilcox, grades 3-6 teacher, discussed the large span in percentiles in reading and requested information for grading students at low levels. Jercy Matt stated that the students must be reported at their actual grade level to show actual growth and also stated that Babb School is a SFA school and should be requesting supplies and materials to be teaching SFA. The Babb school received chromebooks and headsets that were donated for the students to use. Staff felt that Carlene Salois, Special Education, is an asset to the Babb school. Ms. Fenner's class has 17 students and Ms. Wilcox has 13 students. Presentations concluded at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 9/13/16 with no changes. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the agenda with the following change: remove resignation from Matthew Swenson, Athletic Coordinator/Napi. Second by Mr. Calica. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Billie Jo Juneau stated that during the pow wow they could not find a Blackfeet flag and recommended that all schools have flag in their buildings. Jercy Matt let the school board and administration know that Loren Gobert is a local business that offers window tinting and graphics painting. Mr. Gobert is interested in working with the school district. He can offer logos on buses, signs, and many other items.

**Staff Recognition:** Corrina Hall recognized staff from KW Bergan and Vina Chattin. Ms. Hall stated that each of the individuals work with a lot of data, they do testing and analysis, walkthroughs, coaching, they are wonder women with their knowledge and very helpful to the school. Brandy Bremner is also a cheerleading coach and Sandi Campbell goes above and beyond in tutoring students. Darcy Skunkcap and Misty Tatsey are Immersion teachers working to acquire knowledge and culture teaching the kids.

## **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**Building Reports:** Ms. Bremner acknowledged the following building reports: K. W. Bergan & Vina Chattin – Toni Tatsey; Browning Elementary-Jennifer Wagner; Napi Elementary-Sicily Bird, Browning Middle School-Julie Hayes, Browning High School-John Salois, Babb Elementary School-Billie Jo Juneau, Big Sky-Glendale Colonies-Billie Jo Juneau, Alternative Education-Matthew Johnson, Activities-Tony Wagner, Parent & Community Outreach-Carrie Hirst, NAS-MBI-Olweus-Billie Jo Juneau, Good Medicine Program-Kim Tatsey McKay. Ms. Bremner stated that Babb school is unique because the classrooms are multigrade and the teachers and staff are working hard to teach all the students; lunch was excellent and nutritional and thanked the Babb staff and students for their presentations at the noon meeting.

## **Superintendent's Report**

**Resignations:** The following resignation was accepted by Superintendent Rouse: Margie Jordan, Personal Care Attendant/Vina Chattin Effective 9/19/16.

## **ITEMS OF ACTION**

**Hiring:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Hillary Gilham, Custodian, Facilities-KW Bergan; Mary Beth Blackman, Assistant Cook; Scott Raining Bird-Football Coach-BMS 2016-2017 (\$860.00); Dean Heavy Runner-Football Coach-BMS 2016-2017 (\$860.00); Teresa Reevis, Personal Care Attendant-Vina Chattin; Gail Oscar, Personal Care Attendant, Browning Elementary; and Iris Begay, Personal Care Attendant/BES. Second by Mr. James. No public discussion. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Blake Boushie, Custodian-Facilities/BHS and Robert Boushie, Custodian/BHS. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public discussion. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Contract Service Agreements:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve contract service agreements pending successful background check for Suzanne Weekes, Tutor-Supervisor-21st Century 2016-2017 (\$2,350.00) and Victoria Guardipee, New Teacher Mentor-Napi (\$1,000.00 less 18% fringe). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public discussion. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Calica to approve contract service agreements pending successful background check for Angela Heavy Runner, Tutor-Supervisor-21st Century 2016-2017 (\$3,150.00); Joseph Jessepe, Tutor-Supervisor-21st Century 2016-2017 (\$2,520.00) and Laurie Marso, Tutor-Supervisor-21st Century (\$2,520.00). Second by Mr. Conway. No public discussion. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve contract service agreements pending successful background check for Student Bus Monitors 2016-2017: Calvin Racine, Radell CalfLooking, Linda Whitford, Miran CalfLooking, Ryan TallWhiteMan and Jonni Gervais and Testing Assessment Team: Roberta Kipp, Lavada Pilling, Lois Sharp, Carol Ann Racine, Raenell Johnson Testing Assessors 2016-2017 (\$10,800.00). Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans asked if enough monitors are being hired. Wayne Hall stated that he is working with the high school principals to help curve some of the incidents on the buses and reminded board members that the special meeting scheduled for 10/4/16 is to discuss this issue more in depth. John Salois stated that these students have worked during the school activities during school and in the summer. Mr. Hall will be the supervisor. Ms. Bremner asked for further information on the Testing Team. Jercy Matt stated that these are retired teachers that work one-on-one during with students during testing in the district and they review and score Writing Assessments. They are neutral observers/scorers. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Out of State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve out of state travel for Melanie Magee and Sunshine Gaither, State Gear Up conference in Spokane, Washington (\$333.00 ea). Second by Mr. Calica. No public discussion. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Bullshoe to approve out of state travel for Josephine Lewryn, State Gear Up conference in Spokane, Washington (\$333.00 ea) and Gus Garces, Professional Development for Educators in Bellevue,

Washington (\$1,212.75). Second by Mr. Conway. No public discussion. *Board discussion:* Board members requested more information on the professional development training. Jason Andreas stated that Mr. Garces is attending AP Training; he is the 11<sup>th</sup> grade English Honors teacher. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve out of state travel for Art Westwolf, Stan Whiteman, Amanda Whiteman, Everett Armstrong, Pat Armstrong,Carolynn Zubach-Blackfoot Language Symposium in Lethbridge Alberta Canada (\$625.40 ea). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public discussion. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**In State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve in state travel for Tonia Tatsey and Corrina Guardipee-MCEL in Billings, MT (\$716.91ea) and Sicily Bird-OPI Title I School Support Training in Helena, MT (\$386.88 ea). Second by Mr. Calica. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Conway asked what administrator will be in the buildings during MCEL. Mr. Rouse noted that the conference is during PIR days when there is no school. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for Julie Hayes, SRI-Title I Math Grant Training in Helena, MT (\$386.88) and John Salois, SRI-Title I Math Grant Training in Helena, MT (\$386.88). Second by Mr. Calica. No public discussion. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for Matthew Johnson, Kari McKay, Jessica Racine, Corrina Hall, Billie Jo Juneau, Natasha Siliear, Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) in Missoula, MT (\$402.90 ea). Second by Mr. Conway. No public discussion. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Approvals:** Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following items: Angela Fraley-Conscious Discipline Training Agreement (\$1,750.00); ES Clubs-Sponsors 2016-2017 (\$1,032.00); NEW BES Clubs-Sponsors 2016-2017 (\$1,548.00); Napi Clubs-Sponsors 2016-2017 (2,104.00); NEW Napi Clubs-Sponsors 2016-2017 (\$1,032.00); NEW BMS Clubs-Sponsors 2016-2017 (\$2,064.00) and BMS Clubs-Sponsors 2016-2017 (\$3,271.00). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans asked for more information on clubs and sponsors, i.e. rodeo club, science club, etc. It was explained that the sponsors help the students organize and encourage students to be involved. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve BHS Clubs-Sponsors 2016-2017 (\$8,066.00) and NEW BHS Clubs-Sponsors 2016-2017 (\$2,044.00). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public discussion. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve the following items: Move on Salary Scale-Jason Respondek (\$10,180.00); 2016-2017 Substitute Eligibility List; TR-4 Individual Transportation Contracts for Cutbank Schools 2016-2017; Revised MOU with Blackfeet Tribe-Tribal Health 2016-2017; Educational Consulting MOU; Over \$5,000.00 Purchases; District Claims check #412904-#413127 (\$1,645,687.61); Student Claims check #702368-#702414 (\$14763.57) and Additional Pays/Payroll. Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans asked if Jason Respondek has an increase due to moving in just hours. It was explained that Mr. Respondek moved on the salary schedule because of having a Masters. Mr. Conway asked why the MOA with tribal health is including East Glacier. Mr. Rouse stated that they want to increase the range of people they serve and this will open it to a larger group. There apply to Medicaid and there is no cost to the district. Mr. Evans requested more information on the transportation request for Cut Bank. Wayne Hall stated that these are kids that live in our school district but go to school in Cut Bank. If Browning Schools did not support these contracts, the Cut Bank bus would have to wait at Wellmans to pick up our students. Some of these students live far out north of Cut Bank and BPS cannot get to them as we do not run a bus route out that far. There are more students going to Cut Bank this year. BPS does the same with Heart Butte. Mr. Hall stated that BPS has to look at the large area we serve and the timeframe it would take to hall all of these students. The district is reimbursed by OPI based per mile, not on how many kids we haul. The district is purchasing larger buses and looking at cost, size, maintenance, fuel costs, etc., and is now using propane which is more cost efficient. The Transportation Dept stays in touch with OPI daily

as mileage and routes are very precise. No further discussion. Motion carried 6-2 with Mr. Conway and Mr. Evans opposed to approve TR-4 Individual Transportation Contracts for Cut Bank Schools 2016-2017.

Motion by Mr. Evans to adjourn at 5:36 p.m. Second by Mr. Conway. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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

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

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