

Special Board Minutes (Draft)

Monday, January 21, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.

Administration Conference Room

Present: Brian Gallup-Chair, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, James Running Fisher, Jess Edwards, Donna Yellow Owl, Rae TallWhiteman. **Absent:** Kristy Bullshoe.

Mr. Gallup called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. Yellow Owl to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Mr. Edwards. No discussion. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Gallup called for a recess at 5:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 5:12 p.m.

Items of action

Approvals-Litigation Strategy Session: Closed session with Debra Silk from MTSBA at 5:12 p.m.

Open session for break at 5:45 p.m.

Reconvened at 5:49 p.m.

Proposed HS Schedule: Billie Jo Juneau stated that she recommends the high school have a single lunch. The extended lunch hour will take 10 minutes from the students' advisory morning classes. Ms. Juneau had Food Service Director, Lynne Keenan, calculate the number of students eating each day. Including the Academy, there was 547 students on that day. On a good day with closed campus BHS has 320 kids eating which includes the Academy students. Ms. Juneau stated that a lot of the kids don't like to eat and the parents check their kids off campus to eat with them or they bring kids food. It is hard to monitor which kids are eating except in the first lunch. A lot of the kids are double lunching excessively. Superintendent Hall recommended to go to one lunch; the minutes would be the same, longer lunch, no loss to instructional time. There are more staff willing to come in and work a single lunch hour. Ms. Juneau stated that they did time the wait for the lunch lines and it was only an 8-minute wait for 300 kids and another time it was only 6 minutes. There is the concern that the district does not get reimbursed for those students not eating lunch at school, but there is a huge number of students not eating anyway.

Ms. Juneau also suggested open campus. Ms. Juneau felt that it would be a good mental break for kids to leave campus. She spoke with Ronan principal and Havre principal and both schools have open campus. Kids have to drive to leave their campuses; the Havre Handbook does have a section that refers to students having the privilege to leave for lunch and being responsible. Ms. Juneau suggested those that abuse the rules be in ISS. She is considering offering intramurals to keep students on campus if they choose to. Staff are in favor of open campus. Staff will make a sweep to make certain kids are getting to class on time.

Mr. Running Fisher asked for policy on high school kids driving cars to school. Mr. Salois stated that the students cannot drive a car without being licensed and insured and they are required to register at the high school office. It is a liability for 10 kids to jump into a car and go one quarter mile to the nearest place to eat. The students cannot walk anywhere and be back in 10 minutes. Mr. Gallup stated that open campus can be a liability but if a kid leaves it is not the schools' responsibility.

Ms. Yellow stated that she is not for or against but wants to be sure the pros/cons are visible on all sides. When the new high school was built, it was placed so far out and the board decided to on closed campus and a food court to keep kids on campus because of the distance. Ms. Yellow Owl stated concern that kids are not eating at school and asked what improvements can be done so kids will stay and eat at school; is it appetizing? Also, Ms.

Yellow Owl stated concern about students jumping in other kid's cars and felt that the school needs more parent involvement and a consent form for students.

Mr. Salois stated that there has been a lot of planning done on making this work and there are benefits to having one lunch. He had started working on this earlier this year and was glad that Ms. Juneau is moving forward with it. Mr. Salois felt that the shorter lunch period was a liability but extending the lunch period could address some of the issues. He has talked with some of the students about lunches and some just don't want to eat. Mr. Salois stated that he met with Superintendent Hall and Lynne Keenan in October to discuss the pros/cons of one lunch.

Ms. Yellow Owl stated that if a kid leaves the campus, the district is still responsible for that student and she would hate to have something happen to any kid; the board will be the first to be blamed.

Ms. Bremner stated that students leave campus now if they want to and they all leave in one car together. They are marked absence when late and they are given warnings for no driver's license. Ms. Bremner felt that kids who abuse the privilege should be punished or receive consequences but they should be given that responsibility. Kids claim that they don't have enough time to get their lunch because the lunch line is too long. Mr. Evans agreed that the kids should have responsibility and consequences.

Ms. TallWhiteman stated that she does not support open campus for freshman and sophomore and suggested a trial run with juniors and seniors to see how it affects them. Kids should be held responsible and should not be allowed to keep doing the same thing 20 times; make them stay on campus if they can't be responsible. There may be tons of kids credit deficient. Ms. TallWhiteman suggested having the same layout as Glacier HS in Kalispell where they have an Alacarte line and kids could purchase certain things like candy bars, nachos/nacho supreme, etc. Kids here, can wait 6 minutes in a line and not get what they want and do the same in another line and still not get what they want. Ms. TallWhiteman also felt that the roads are a concern.

Mr. Salois stated that Browning is 100% free and reduced and alacarte could be a problem and if policy changes in mid-year, there could be problems.

Billie Jo Juneau stated that open campus is not in policy, it is just a driving thing and also stated that Ronans lowest issue is the student driver. BPS does not have the manpower to go out there and deal with vehicles with expired registration and it is not the schools' responsibility, we are not law enforcement. Ronan randomly patrols kids in vehicles. Law enforcement is busy with other issues besides running up to the high school 3 or 4 times a day to deal with this issue.

Superintendent Hall stated that food service did add another salad bar, and another station, so they have 4, and they will be adding a nacho station. All this will help with the lines. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if it will feed 100 kids if they continue to cook smaller amounts. Superintendent Hall stated that they will have to cook for more than 100 for each line. Ms. Juneau stated that they already do this and there will still be that influx in one area unless they are over cooking for each item.

Dennis Juneau stated, at BMS they stress to the kids that what they get at BHS is a privilege. At BMS, there are no hats, no hoods, and no choices for lunch. This is stressed to support BHS when they get there. They are taught how they can be held accountable if they abuse the privilege.

Ms. Bremner asked how hard is it to make more food. Superintendent Hall stated that they can make more.

Ms. Yellow Owl stated that the board needs to address policy on driver's education and asked what is this going to do to law enforcement, will it add more to their duties.

Jess Edwards stated that if they go to open campus he would like to have an assembly with parents to lay down ground rules. Ms. Yellow Owl stated that they could address school policy with parents and they can agree to enforce it. Mr. Gallup suggested researching policy on vehicle usage.

Ms. Yellow Owl agreed to support juniors and seniors off campus for a trial period but wants permission granted by the parents to make sure that they are on board; make sure the kids are held responsible.

All Board agreed by consensus to support Juniors and Seniors off campus for a trial period.

Mr. Salois noted that the handbook states closed campus. Superintendent Hall stated that there will be an amendment.

Ms. Bremner supports the new proposed high school schedule and thanked staff for thinking outside the box.

Billie Jo Juneau stated that the student council agrees to a consent form for them to leave school campus and be kept on file but they don't want the same for underclassmen. The student council has met with each class on a trial run, telling them they have to be back on time for class and to make smart decisions. They feel that they want to do this. They need to make decisions. We have the reservation mentality that says do this, do that; to them they feel this.

Mr. Gallup suggested doing something structured that can be managed and make kids responsible. Ms. Juneau stated that they will monitor their 5th hour.

Mr. Edwards suggested that during real bad weather it would be up to the administration to determine whether the campus is closed including super windy days.

Ms. TallWhiteman stated that kids fight on Durham road and asked what if they go there and do this then come back to school.

Superintendent Hall stated that from the time a student leaves home until the time they get home at night they are still the schools' responsibility. Ms. TallWhiteman wants same consequences for students and also wants a permission slip from the junior/senior parents allowing their student to leave campus. Ms. TallWhiteman suggested putting a stamp on the back of student ID's if they can go off campus and their picture on the front.

Mr. Running Fisher stated that this is another worry for parents to have kids driving, but these are good ideas.

Jeri Matt asked if the board would consider a sophomore driving a vehicle on campus if they have a drivers' license. There are a lot of kids living on ranches that have to go home afterschool to do chores.

Ms. Juneau stated that this could be policed.

Mr. Edwards wants to go in and talk to the student body prior to the trial run period and noted that they will need to amend the handbook. Mr. Edwards also noted that he still hears a lot about kids not getting enough to eat.

Ms. Bremner stated that intermurals and better food will keep kids on campus. Ms. TallWhiteman stated that a la carte handled by the clubs will too. Superintendent Hall stated that a la carte is not allowed because of the wellness policy. Also, if OPI is in our buildings and we are selling food at the same time as lunch, it could be a real problem. Mr. Salois stated that all bake sells have to be after lunch.

Ms. TallWhiteman stated that the student council raised \$3,000.00 for vending machines and she wants a good vendor to come in with granola bars, healthy chips and more; the money should still be there and the students should have the option to buy this. Mr. Salois stated that he gave that to the student council to determine last year and they did not want the vending machines. Ms. TallWhiteman stated that they can make revenue.

Ms. Juneau stated that the freshman retreat is on Friday and the students will not be split. Matthew Johnson felt that it would be better for the students to be at the same place and work together and build better relationships with each other. This will be held at the boarding school dorms; speakers will be BCC, Wendy Bremner, Don Wetzel, Charlie Speicher.

Mr. Gallup stated that he will get dates from MTSBA on training for HR and will ask to make it pertinent to what the school board wants.

Jeri Matt stated that tomorrow is PIR, with Dr. Anita Archer presenting on explicit instruction, behavior management classroom, literacy, engagement, and question and strategies.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Evans at 6:46 p.m. Second by Mr. Edwards. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Brian Gallup, Board Chairperson

_____ Stacy Edwards, District Clerk