

Regular Board Agenda (Draft)
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
Administration Conference Room

Present: Brian Gallup-Chair, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman (5:25 pm), James RunningFisher (5:35pm)

Mr. Gallup called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and reminded the board members of the special meetings scheduled for 4/16/24 beginning at 5:00pm and 4/17/24 beginning at 3:00pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 3/19/24 and Special Board Minutes of 3/25/24 with no changes. Second by Mr. Conway. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Mr. Conway. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

Student Recognitions: Wrestling Coach, Mike Burns recognized the following wrestlers who placed or won at the Montana Open Wrestling Tournaments: LaBraun Shooter-Montana Open Champ 2024; Bailey Wagner-Little Guy State Champ; Stewart Miller-2nd place Little Guy; MMichaela Burns-Montana Open Champ/2nd Little Guys State Champ; Presley Augare-Little Guys State Champ/2nd at Montana Open; Leyla Harwood-Little Guys State Champ; Annagale Ironpipe-Little Guys State Champ/Montana Open Runner-Up; Braydyn Ironpipe-Little Guys State Champ; Brooks Boyce-Little Guys State Champ. School Board thanked the Wrestling Coaches; Mike Burns, Casey McDonald, Marlin Wippert for what they do for the BPS students.

Wrestling Coach, Mike Burns recognized Taj Wells for winning the High School State Championship 2023-2024 and stated that this is the first win in over 22 years. Taj is also a Montana Open State Champ.

Public Comment: None.

Ms. TallWhiteman entered meeting at 5:25pm

Items of Information

Building Reports: Student Council update/activity on Prom. Tanner IronPipe stated that having Prom in the Cafetorium went pretty well and was a nice change with the breeze way open; there was a very long line for pictures and it felt disorganized and not enough chairs. Talvin Champ stated that it was a great first experience for him and knows what to look forward to in the next 3-years but agreed there was not enough time getting the decorating ready and listening to the clean version of “get low” was not good. Talvin liked the state and open area for dancing and stated there was very little standing room. Mr. Bremner asked if they felt the students would recommend having Prom back in the gym. Tanner stated that he liked the cafetorium setup and stated that with the gym the seating everyone is staring at you on the dance floor and it makes him nervous. The cafetorium was a good setup for dancing and the pictures were right there. Tanner stated that even though the gym is a larger area and easier to decorate he feels this was the best prom except for the timeframe. Jennifer Wagner stated that the high school will be doing a google survey to see what the kids want and also noted that the kids were there only until 8 or 9 decorating. Ms. Wagner noted that some kids did not buy tickets but had their pictures taken and left. Also noted: the photographer is new and has new ideas to help setup next year so that pictures can move through faster. There were 450 tickets sold for Prom; about \$8,000.00. Mr. Evans felt that valet parking was much better than before. Ms. Wagner handed out a draft graduation program and stated that welcomes will be in the beginning with students; they will honor 2 graduates. Portfolios are May 20 & 24, 2024 after school and they still need judges.

Superintendent's Report

Update on Blackfeet Boarding Dormitory: Shelley Hall and Derick Cline presented information on the BIA Dormitory. Ms. Hall stated that they have been working for 2 years to get the dorm open to descendent to attend. They did get a new ruling in the CFRs that says parent and grandparent will make students eligible to attend for any tribe. They will hold meetings with DC and Casey Sovo to develop a Task Force and asked for BPS Representation. Browning has been declared a state of emergency for Homeless Youth and they want to get the children identified that need to be there. They will work with the school to identify students and can serve 166 children; their enrollment now is 82. Derick Cline stated that they need a point of contact to help identify students and noted that they have been working with Irene Augare. Statistics show there are 274 McKinney Vento students attending BPS now. Superintendent Hall stated she could be a contact as well as Dennis Juneau who works with tribal courts and Rebecca Rappold and the building principals. Mr. Gallup stated that boarding schools are an issue nationwide; the program is data driven. Shelley Hall asked the district to let them know if there are any problems right away. Ms. YellowOwl stated they are open certain days of the week. Mr. Cline stated that they are addressing that issue to make it open 12-months out of the year. Mr. Bremner asked if they will have a sport program. Ms. Hall stated they did discuss the sports and will be establishing it; the threshold is 80 students and when they move beyond that number there will be more jobs.

Superintendent Update: gym floor is finished but western sports floor is submitting their work into a national competition. Not using yet and cannot be on until graduation. Staff appreciation will move to BMS.

1st reading of Required Policies, Early Literacy Targeted Intervention for HB352: Policy 2165 & 2165F:

Coaches Status: Mr. Wagner noted that the 4/9/24 report is current.

Resignations: The following resignations were accepted by the superintendent: Klye Farmer, Assistant Cook-BHS, Effective 3-28-2024 and Michelle Plouffe, Head Cook-BES, Effective 4-1-24.

Recess at 5:35 pm

Reconvene at 5:40pm

Mr. RunningFisher entered meeting at 5:40pm

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hires pending successful background checks/drug tests: Cheyenne Bird, Assistant Cook – BES; Wyatt Wippert, Assistant Cook – BES; Holly No Runner, Assistant Cook-Napi and Ronilee Hall, Personal Care Attendant-BES/Napi. Second by Ms. YellowOwl. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

Contract Service Agreements: Motion by Mr. Bremner to approve contract service agreements pending successful background checks: Shanna Littledog-Leon, Summer Committee Support-BES 2023-2024 (\$720.00); Shantell Birdrattler, Summer Committee Work-Napi 2023-2024 (\$720.00) and Delora Bearchild, SLT Replacement Committee Member-Napi 2023-2024 (\$720.00). Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve contract service agreements pending successful background checks: William Big Bull, Cultural Consultant 2023-2024 (\$526.00) and Gwyn Andersen, Finance Director & Business Office Staff Support 2023-2024 (\$48,960.00). Second by Mr. Hoyt. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for all except Mr. Evans abstained from vote for Gwyn Andersen, Finance Director/Business Office Staff Support.

Out of State Travel: None.

In State Travel: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for Dennis Juneau, MIEA Conference in Missoula, MT 2023-2024 (\$927.36). Second by Mr. Bremner. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for John Salois, Gear-Up Spring Planning Meeting 2023-2024 (\$332.48). Second by Mr. Conway. Board discussion: Mr. Evans stated we have lost all gear up people and asked if John Salois will be able help. Superintendent Hall stated yes, and Kari McKay will also help. At this time the State is working on the grant. Superintendent Hall stated they are micro-scoping and questioning more and more things and there is more paperwork involved. Mr. Gallup stated that there are new people at the State level and more turnover. Ms. Rappold is working with the state level Gear-up and OPI is looking for funding now; statewide. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

Motion by Mr. Conway to approve in state travel for Francis Bullcalf, Montana Association for Pupil Transportation in Great Falls, MT. 2023-2024 (\$737.62) and Corrina Guardipee-Hall, IISM Meeting in Fairmont Hot Springs, MT (\$669.02). *Board discussion:* Mr. Gallup stated that the IISM Conference will be on the 4/24/24 board meeting for those board members and the new superintendent may attend and also noted that the IISM Board of Directors will be meeting and there is an open position. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

Approvals: Motion by Mr. Bremner to approve the following items: Transition Early Kindergarten to po'kaisstumattstaa (Little Learners) HB 352 Early Literacy Intervention and Extended Contracts-Certified Elementary Staff, 2024 June Leadership Week (\$42,578.00). Second by Mr. Evans. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans asked why they need to rename the program. Ms. Rappold stated that Montana has not funded. This past year they were able to get the early literacy HB approved and to continue funding our early K program, we need to transition to early literacy under the HB and align to Montana learning standards. The documentation will have all documentation to say it is early k, 4 yr olds. We receive full ANB funding under a classroom-based program and we cannot deny students who want a ½ day option, however we do not have requests for that. This information will be advertised as we have in past. Ms. Rappold has met with the Bullshoe Leadership and to develop a plan that is assessment based and noted that students do have to be eligible for it under 1 of 3 sub tests; we should not exclude any child that wants to be enrolled in this program. BPS will get impact aide for these students if they are on trust land. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve the following items: Certified Secondary Staff, June Leadership Week 2023-2024 (\$8,689.60) and Request Waiver of 8% Penalty Fee for Early Resignation-Lester Johnson, III 2022-2023 (\$4,033.11). Second by Mr. Evans. *Board discussion:* Mr. Conway asked when is the Board going to stop giving people the 8% back and felt it needs to stop because there are so many. Mr. Gallup stated the board has only denied one in two years and noted this is from last year. Mr. Conway suggested to follow the contract agreements starting this fall. Mr. Bremner asked if this person gave advance notice. Sandra Rivas stated no, he only gave one day notice. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for all except Mr. Bremner and Mr. RunningFisher voted opposed to approving the 8% Waiver Request for Lester Johnson.

Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve the following items: Substitute Eligibility Roster 2023-2024; Contract Amendment-Tamara Guardipee, Transfer to McKinney Vento (\$630.71); Supper Program Site Supervisor Position Change to 12 Month (260 day); 2024 Election Judges; Kathy Broere, Tele-Mental Health Services 2024-2025; Amend 2024-2025 Academic Calendar; Heart Butte School Requests to Enter District #9 on BIA Little

Badger Route #1 2024-2025 SY; Heart Butte School Requests to enter District #9 on BIA Old Agency Rte #2, 2024-2025 SY and On-Schedule Routes-Buses-Mileage for 2024-2025. Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

There were no Personnel or Legal Issues.

Motion by Mr. Evans to adjourn at 5:56pm. Second by Mr. Conway. Motion passed with Brian Gallup, Donna YellowOwl, Steve Conway, James Evans, Michael Hoyt, Lockley Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman, James RunningFisher voting for.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Brian Gallup, Board Chairperson

_____ Sandra Rivas, District Clerk

Dyo, f on calendar is changed because of tournaments. Yes
If a person has credentials and lives here should we look at him.
Corrina these two indiv already knows our students
James do we go out to bid. Corrina no.
James kids love telehealth and cannot be replaced with a person.
Steve seems like we need more and we should give our other people a chance.
James yes, okay with this person but if we need more.
Corrina trying to get more mental health for kids through grants.

5:56 pm james/steve