

**Regular Board Minutes (Draft)**  
Wednesday, November 29, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m.  
KW Vina Elementary

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

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 11/14/17 with no changes. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the agenda with changes: remove Raquel Vaile, Personal Care Attendant, KW Vina (\$12,216.16 pro-rated). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. All in favor/Motion carried.

**KW Vina Recognitions/Presentations:** Ms. Bremner thanked the KW Vina for their presentations at the noon session. Recognition of students: Kara Rutherford, Felix Vaile, AriAna Wells, Josey Aimsback, Morning Star Armstrong, Stawapsiksopa Crawford, Jordyn Gilham, Alexander MakesColdWeather, Ja'mya-lynn Rider, Morning Star Rider, Jalen Running Rabbit, Kash Spotted Bear, Skylee Stevens, Kaydence Stillsmoking, Josephine ArrowTopKnot, Sophia Bearchild, Sophia Bechel, Raylynn Boy, Rylen butterfly, Joshua Creemedicine, Kaylee Gobert, Audrey Madplume, Joseph MakesColdWeather, L'Rent New Breast; Community Members: Wendy Kennedy, Julie Sherburne, Jamie Evans, Frant & Emberlee Kipp, Dee Hoyt and Staff: Dee Ann Ingraham, Julene Rattler, Bonnie Roberts, Kori Walter, Melody Cobell, Shondell Blackman, Memoree Tatsey. Ms. Bremner stated that she felt encouraged by the Wonders program information as they are seeing improvement in reading, and also commended Ms. Tatsey for the school self evaluation of her buildings by administering a parent/student/staff survey on climate, safety, friends, communications, etc. Ms. Tatsey is already taking corrective actions to make improvements by implementing the "meet and greet program" at KW Vina.

**Public Comment:** None.

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**Building Reports:** Ms. Bremner acknowledged the following reports: Child Nutrition/Warehouse/Cpy Center-Lynne Keenan, Technology Department-Everett Holm, Curriculum/Instruction Department-Jeri Matt, Transportation Department-Wayne Hall, Maintenance Department-Kyle Coursey. *Discussion:* Wayne Hall stated that he will be changing school radios over to a high band system. Band is too low and costing to fix. Will have better coverage on the reservation. The change will be costly but needs to be done. He will request to use \$100,000.00 from bus depreciation funds. Mr. Hall will meet with tribe to put a repeater on Horn Ridge so that Babb has better coverage and there will be approximately 50 low band radios available. Mr. Hall noted that he does have an activity bus purchase on the agenda for approval with the trade-in of old activity bus. All route buses will be propane. Reid Reagan was welcomed as the new Facilities/Maintenance Director. Mr. Reagan stated that he has a well-rounded staff that is very resourceful. Ms. Bremner commended the KW Vina staff for their meet and greet service provided to staff and students and noted that it is working very well. Ms. Tatsey felt that the positive results of the survey taken where 93% of students feel safe, have a friend, etc. and 93% of parents feel positive safety in the building is due to the meet and greet program. This program has helped improve the school environment greatly. Jeri Matt gave an overview on instructional coaching and timelines and noted that instructional coach vs facilitator was chosen due to the #1 factor for learning is feedback which is provided by the instructional coaches. Ms. Matt reviewed training staff has taken with Jill Jackson which showed types of coaching, scheduling day, knowing what to coach and also training that shows data for what is working with our teachers. Ms. Matt stated that OPI is very complimentary with the BPS instructional coach program. Tonia Tatsey thanked the board for the coaches and stated that they are not there to tell teachers what to do but to help the teachers help the students. Roberta Kipp, Arlene Wippert, Sheila Hall, JoAnn Powell reported on tutoring, data strategies, curriculum classroom modeling, walkthroughs, data collection, observations, lesson plans, unit organizers and standards which all affect student achievement. Ms. Matt thanked the board for their support and for the professional development for teachers.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**BHS Senior Toy Drive:** Phillip SunRhodes, Jason TallWhiteMan, and Zack stated that the seniors serve 40 families (all with several children), make 80-100 food baskets, and each senior tries to donate \$20.00. They have asked for donations from the tribe and school programs. They have received donations from town pump, JOM, Toys for Tots, etc. and stated that anyone can help by giving items, food items, etc. Rae TallWhiteMan stated that Brenda Hoyt has been sponsoring this program since 2002 and noted that along with the previous seniors has built this program up and they have raised thousands of dollars. The seniors are doing a silent auction and they have sent letters to previous donors in order to serve more families this year.

**Superintendent Update:** Superintendent Hall reviewed October attendance for staff KW Vina total 78.9%; BES 45%; Napi 88%; BMS 93.5%; BHS 91%; WBH 91% and for students KW Vina 86.12%; BES 88.1%; Napi 90%; BMS 82.26%; BHS 81.8%; WBH 65%. Total student attendance for the month 84%. Mr. Salois stated that BHS has drops and also new students entering. Mr. Salois stated that the students that don't come back are students on OSS. Matthew Johnson stated that a lot of schools only allow students to come back at the beginning of semester, but BPS takes all of them back anytime. Total attendance for staff is 81.2%. Superintendent Hall will add in directors and administrators. Mr. Running Fisher thanked John Salois and Matthew Johnson for always finding a place for the kids. Superintendent Hall stated that Walking Shield will be in Browning on May 13 to give 1300 student exams and glasses. The nurses are registering all the students to be prepared. They will also examine adults. Superintendent has reached out to surrounding schools to meet on the IPPs has sent out emails but has not received any responses. A presentation has been made to the council. Ms. Bremner suggested that the district team up with surrounding schools to find funding to continue Project Aware. Superintendent Hall stated that BPS will be working on the new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant along with other schools to get more points. Egrant was just finalized. Superintendent Hall is still working on teacher housing. The second superintendent meeting, now called Pikuni Community Advisory Committee, was held at William Buffalo Hide. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7 at 4:00 pm in the administration building. BPS is working with the BCC Partnership Program and have student teachers placed in all schools. There only two teachers in the district that still need certification.

**Resignations:** The following resignations have been accepted by Superintendent Hall: Shantell Bird Rattler, Personal Care Attendant, Napi Elementary, Effective 11/20/2017 and Timothy Blackweasel, Custodian, High School, Effective 11/11/2017. No discussion.

### **ITEMS OF ACTION**

**Hiring:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Kimberly Loring, Personal Care Attendant, KW Vina (\$12,216.16 pro-rated) and Shainell Birdrattler, Personal Care Attendant, KW Vina (\$12,216.16 pro-rated). Second by Mr. Calica. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve hiring Karla Bird, Good Medicine Program Specialist 2017-2018 (\$30,465.00 pro-rated). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

**Contract Service Agreement:** Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve a contract service agreement for Waylon Bennett, After School Activities Assistants 2017-2018 (5,072.00) and Brenda Guardipee, 1st Aid - CPR 2017-2018 (\$310.00). Second by Mr. Running Fisher. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Ms. Bremner stated that feels the administration is getting close to creating positions which is the boards position, the board creates new positions. superintendent Hall stated that the board did create the Ee-Kah-Kii-Maht positions and this person is being hired on a contract service agreement. No further discussion. Motion passed 5-1 with Mr. Calica opposed.

**Out of State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve out of state travel for Brenda Kramer, What's New in Young Adult Literature in Anaheim, CA (School Related Leave Only), Robin Child, Richard Hagberg and 5 BHS Students, 2017 Intertribal Agriculture Youth Alliance Symposium in Las Vegas, NV (School Related Leave

Only). No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Gallup noted that he will vote on the trip to Las Vegas as it is a high school item. All in favor/Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve out of state travel for Brian Gallup NAFIS 2018 Winter Board of Director's Meeting in Palm Springs, CA (\$371.92). Second by Mr. Calica. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

**In State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for Angela HeavyRunner, MBI in Helena MT October 22-23, 2017 (\$302.02). Secnd by Mr. Running Fisher. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve in state travel for Tony Wagner, BBB-GBB Varsity in Missoula & JV in Pablo Tip Offs and Wrestling in Superior, MT (\$463.11). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

**Approvals:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: Substitute Eligibility List 2017-2018; Accept Donation: \$15,000.00 Town Pump Meals for Backpacks Grant; Purchase 2007 Blue Bird Activity Bus (\$127,500.00); Purchases Over \$10,000; District Claims Check #416684-#416733 (\$60,793.18); Student Activities Claims Check #701708-#703018 (\$5,92.53); Additional Pays/Payroll. Second by Mr. Galluup. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Running Fisher commended Wayne Hall for saving the district a lot of money by shopping around and working deals on bus purchases. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve Contract Amendment-Kimberly Tatsey McKay (\$11,580.00). Second by Mr. Gallup. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Superintendent Hall stated that this raise is through a grant and the amount is set by OPI. The grant has two (2) more years. Also included in the grant is the wages for the new position that Karla Bird was just hired for. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve Purchase Blackfoot Papers (\$30,885.00). Second by Mr. Bullshoe. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans felt that the board should wait to vote on this item until Mr. Conway is in attendance. Mr. Conway has stated in another meeting that he remembers the board has already bought all of these books. Superintendent Hall stated that the Blackfoot Papers has not been selling and hopes that Robert Hall can push this since there is a website now. Superintendent Hall has not been able to locate the signed contract for the purchase of the books. Jeri Matt stated that Adolph has a site where he is selling these books too. Ms. Bremner asked for a motion to table this item. Ms. Bullshoe removed her second and Mr. Evans removed his original motion and made a motion to table. Seconded by Mr. Calica. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion passed.

There was no personnel or legal.

Motion by Mr. Evans to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Second by Mr. Calica. All in favor/Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

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

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

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