

Special "Virtual" Board Minutes (Draft)

Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.

Administration Conference Room

Present: Donna Yellow Owl-Chair, James Evans. Virtual/Teleconference: Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup. **Absent:** Kristy Bullshoe, Mistee RidesAtTheDoor, Wendy Bremner.

Ms. Yellow Owl called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the Agenda with no changes. Second by Ms. TallWhiteman. Motion passed with Donna Yellow Owl, James Evans, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Public Comment: None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Homecoming & Senior Night Plans 2020-2021: Ms. Yellow Owl clarified that senior night and homecoming are two different events and are not held on the same night. All fall sports who have seniors will have a senior night, normally at the last game of their sporting activity. Ms. Yellow Owl acknowledged that BHS senior student is in the audience to make public comment and has submitted a letter with 56 senior names attached asking to allow them to attend the homecoming game and a second letter from another high school senior asking that the school board allow the high school seniors to attend the last game of the season. Ms. Yellow Owl stated that the last game of the season is in October and is senior night. Ms. Yellow Owl and school administration attended a tribal committee meeting in charge of Native American Heritage Day which is the same day as the school homecoming and the school was asked for health and safety reasons, to hold off from finalizing any Homecoming plans until Monday after the BTBC meet. The BTBC will have decided at that time what their plans are for the reservation and the school board should honor the decision of the BTBC. Ms. Yellow Owl stated that the school board will address these requests further following information received from the tribe. Senior student, Angel Kennerly, asked the school board to give consideration for the senior class, or the ones on the list, to attend the Homecoming game on Friday. Ms. Kennerly stated that the seniors don't want to feel selfish but feel that they should be allowed to attend some activities because they don't know how the school year will play out or if school will even be back in session this school year. Ms. Kennerly state that everyone would work together on this and the students will follow all rules or they would be asked to leave the game. Ms. Yellow Owl thanked the senior class and Ms. Kennerly for speaking out for her class but stated that things today are very unfair because the COVID virus is throughout our state and affecting the whole country. Ms. Yellow Owl stated that the school board does want seniors to have as many opportunities as can be provided but they also need make decisions for everyone's safety. Ms. Kennerly stated that the list includes football players, cheer, etc. and the request would be for all activities outdoors which are safer than indoor activities. Ms. Yellow Owl stated that the school board will make a final decision regarding this request following the BTBC meeting on Monday and Ms. Kennerly will be notified of decision following the meeting.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Each Senior & Fall Sport Athlete/Coach/Cheer/Manager two (2) Guests for Senior Night during Home Game: Motion by Mr. Evans to table to Allow Each Senior & Fall Sport Athlete/ Coach/Cheer and Managers two (2) Guests for Senior Night during Home Game. Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Ms. Yellow Owl noted that this item is tabled until Monday following the BTBC decision. Depending on the tribe's decision, the school can move forward on this and in 4-weeks if things change, the board will change the requirements or request of the senior class. Ms. Yellow Owl noted that this item is only to approve 2-special guests. Mr. Evans felt that the school should move forward and make this decision and change only if there are changes that affect the sports at the time of the last home game. Mr. Gallup noted that the board can vote on it but the tribal ordinance says no more that 25 people in a group. Ms. Yellow Owl stated that football only has 6-7

seniors (x2) and including managers/cheerleaders is under 25. Motion passed with Donna Yellow Owl, James Evans, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Temporary Wage Increase for Crystal Tailfeathers, Business Manager Duties 2020-2021 (\$341.60): Motion by Ms. Croff to approve Temporary Wage Increase for Crystal Tailfeathers, Business Manager Duties 2020-2021 (\$341.60). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Ms. Yellow Owl noted that the Ms. Tailfeathers will be recommended as temporary district clerk at the next board meeting. Ms. TallWhiteman asked who will be signing checks. Superintendent Hall stated that Linda Baker and Ms. Yellow Owl will sign checks. Motion passed with Donna Yellow Owl, James Evans, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Denning & Downey, Cash Reconciliation 1/1/20 through 8/31/20 (\$27,000.00): Motion by Mr. Evans to approve Denning & Downey, Cash Reconciliation 1/1/20 through 8/31/20 (\$27,000.00). Second by Mr. Gallup. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Superintendent Hall stated that there was a discrepancy in the cash balance and the bank of \$503,000.00 and stated that Denning & Downey says it is a software problem. Denning & Downey will work on this and hope to have finished in 2-3 weeks. Ms. Croff asked if there is anyone else who can do this cash reconciliation. Superintendent Hall stated that this needs to be done asap in order to finalize and approve the TFS. Ms. TallWhiteman stated that \$503,000.00 is a significant discrepancy and did not feel that this is not a software problem; BPS puts the information into the program. Ms. TallWhiteman asked if the superintendent is saying that no one was looking at the statements and balancing the accounts each month and stated that it all has to add up and this looks like we have not been adding up for months. Ms. TallWhiteman stated that if BS is not adding up at the end of each month, then it is a problem at the end of the year and felt that the district needs to hold people accountable. Superintendent Hall stated that the auditor feels the software is one of the reasons and they feel the district should reconcile by hand, using excel; the discrepancy started in January when funds were moved to the bank. Ms. Yellow Owl noted that \$503,000.00 does not put BPS in the red and also stated that she does not agree with Denning & Downey about the software; BPS has used Blackmountain software for quite some time now as well as other school districts and local utility companies and they do not have this problem. Ms. Croff felt that BPS should have another auditing firm. Mr. Gallup stated that he feels Denning & Downey is trustworthy and stated that they will come back and tell BPs where the problem is and move forward with the right corrections. Ms. TallWhiteman stated that it is of the utmost importance to balance these accounts in our business office. No further discussion. Motion passed with Donna Yellow Owl, James Evans, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Motion by Ms. TallWhiteman to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Second by Mr. Evans. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Donna Yellow Owl, Board Chairperson

_____ Stacy Edwards, District Clerk