

Regular Board Minutes (Draft)
Wednesday, March 29, 2017 @ 5:00 p.m.
Buffalo Hide Academy

The noon session started at 12:00 pm with no quorum. Present: Wendy Bremner, Brenda Croff, Velden Calica, James Evans.

Matthew Johnson recognized staff for being talented, resourceful and supportive; and students for being leaders, having positive attitudes, and working hard. Parents were recognized for going above and beyond every day supporting the students and staff. Nikki Hannon and Charlie Speicher presented from the counselor's corner; Troy Atchison presented on computer science/geometry/coding, Greg Klauk presented on modern technology, Jason Krane and Matthew Johnson presented on classroom demonstration re: training, learning, instruction, persuasive writing, independent learning, guided learning, authentic literacy, cultural relevancy. Nick Rink presented on traditional arts & crafts. Students talked about working with 4-year old students, mentoring other students, and the food pantry. Matthew Johnson presented information on restorative justice - practice in schools using the circle process. The presentations concluded with a talking circle facilitated by Nick Rink at 2:30 p.m.

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

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

Ms. Bremner thanked the Academy director and staff for the noon presentations.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the regular board minutes of 3/7/17 with no changes. Second by Mr. Conway. All in favor/Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove high school recognitions Olivia Hall and John LongTimeSleeping; move Audit Presentation to beginning of discussions; remove from hiring Ansel Traynor, Track Coach-BMS 2016-2017 (\$860.00). Second by Mr. Evans. All in favor/Motion carried.

Public comment: None.

Student Recognitions: Mr. recognized the following writing assessment students who performed at the top of their grade level on their writing assessments: Amber Walker, Peyton Peterson, JazeeAnn Flammond, Richard Augare, Kleigh Little Dog, Leah Wipf, John Hofer, Kaelee Coursey, Susan Connelly, Maya Sun Rhodes, Travis Hofer, Breanna Polk, Jessica Wipf, McKenna Magee, Jaida Bynum, Jhett Valandra, Isaac Fleming, Dylan Running Crane, Braelee Crawford and Berry Running Crane.

Matthew Johnson recognized Stacy Edwards at the March 29 board meeting. Ms. Edwards was commended for being a very positive person, for always being available to staff and a great resource for the district.

Matthew Johnson recognized transportation for supporting many of the activities in the school district, i.e. lights on after school, toy drive, all night NY's eve party, all night after prom activities. They donate buses & drivers, help clean up after activities, chaperone kids, and make sure all are safe. Mr. Johnson stated that there is no other program or building in the district that has given more to the kids than transportation.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Building Reports: Ms. Bremner acknowledgement the following building reports: child Nutrition/Warehouse/Copy Center-Lynne Keenan, Maintenance-Richard Sanchez, Transportation-Wayne Hall and Technology-Everett Holm. No discussion.

Superintendent's Report

2015-2016 Audit Presentation: Bob Denning stated that this is a state and federal audit and there were no comments on the federal audit which is very good. This report has been submitted. Mr. Denning thanked Stacy Edwards for everything and noted that the audit went very well. His goal is to say whether the audit was fair or not fairly stated to the public. The district had problems with the payroll and claims clearing fund in 2014, it is out of balance with the county in the amount of \$260,000.00. Mr. Denning noted that the county says the school has more money than they claim. Mr. Denning speculated as to why this problem exists and stated that the county treasurer's office has financial stresses, posting errors in their records, and stated that the amount the county shows is incorrect. Mr. Denning stated that this fix is difficult because the fund is a clearing fund which means every check written goes through this fund and also stated that he could write a computer program that takes both sides and matches the checks; if the mistake is on the schools side, the school pays for the program but if on the county side, the county pays for it. Mr. Denning stated that another school district in Glacier County pulled their money out of the county because of these issues. Mr. Gallup stated that it does not solve the schools problem because all funds have to clear through the county and suggested that the best solution is for the district to work with the county fix the problem. Mr. Conway didn't feel that the district balanced with the county for several years. Mr. Denning felt that this problem happened in 2014 and it is the only black mark in the opinion. The problem does not affect the district or any federal grants or OPI. Mr. Rouse felt that someone has to go back through the reports and clear this up. Mr. Denning stated that the school does not have a lot of clout at the county and the county says the school has to balance with the county; the county won't go back that far to fix things. This will stay on the audit until fixed. Mr. Rouse stated that it is not simple to say the district will take the \$260,000 and put it in an account. Mr. Denning stated that if the county made the mistake, they write the check to the district. Other comments: 1) still having problems with documentation on the credit cards; the district needs to have the credit card receipts. This problem has continued for 3 years. 2) Food service inventory is counted every 3 months but it is not compared to anything and is not effective. There is a significant amount of food in the inventory. 3) still having problems with student activity receipting; fund raisers don't have supporting documentation, beginning cash is not signed off, gate receipts are not signed off. 4) There were errors in the trustee's report. Tony Wagner asked if the district can use the credit card receipts that are emailed. Mr. Denning stated that it is better than not getting any receipt at all. Other boards have made the charges come out of individuals' pockets if they don't bring in the receipts. Mr. Rouse noted the corrective actions on page 84 where some staff will be cut off of credit card use until they get their receipts turned in. 5) Fundraisers do not include supporting documents. Mr. Denning explained that for a bake sale, the advisor shows the starting cash, how much they made and how much goes to business office; gate receipts use tickets to support the amount of money made. Mr. Rouse stated that all fundraisers are approved by him and all funds are deposited into an account with student activities. They use the cash register receipt for concessions. Ms. Edwards stated that there is no accountability on cash sales for candygrams and the district will have to invest in a program which is expensive. Mr. Denning stated that the accounting is very difficult for people in and out of the coolers and warehouse too but there is a system with a scan card that turns a camera on inside the cooler. Lynne Keenan stated that the warehouse has documentation for getting in and out of coolers. Mr. Denning asked if she balances the inventory back to the purchase. Ms. Keenan stated that they were doing that then they were asked to put in an inventory system. Mr. Conway asked if Mr. Denning could attend a facility meeting to discuss city property. Mr. Denning stated that he has been directed by the district judge to put everything on hold, which means he can't sell, he can't payoff and make sure assets are safe; he does have to send out W2's and 1099's. Mr. Denning stated that he can submit the schools request to the judge and he will let the district know if the judge decides to liquidate.

NAFIS Report: Board members voiced concern with the uncertainty of how much schools will be cut. \$54 billion for military has to come from somewhere and the school may be cut 10% up to 16%. 80 programs have been cut. They met with the Under Secretary for DOE; education will be cut. The Head Start is in jeopardy. The presidents' skinny budget shows a 10% cut. Mr. Conway, Mr. Running Fisher felt the district should prepare for the worse. Mr. Conway and Mr. Calica shared information for disabilities workshop, understood.org, which is an online resource for parents with disabilities. Ms. Bremner stated that the district has to be smart and be prepared for the cuts, not only in IA, but state level and federal cuts. Ms. Bremner stated that she attended the food service presentation and there was a lot of stuff discussed about ending childhood hunger and the national school food service. Ms. Bremer stated that she brought up the complaint about small portion sizes and they are aware that this does not work for us but BPS is doing what they are supposed to do. Ms. Bremner suggested that food service

have a share table in the school kitchens. Lynne Keenan stated that she does offer the share table during the school year and summertime, if they want it. They also offer fruits and veggies to the kids. Mr. Gallup stated that he is a Federal Relations Outreach committee member and will be attend the FRO meeting which is on the agenda for approval because Indian lands need to be represented.

Acknowledgement of ExxonMobil Education Alliance Grant: Jennifer Wagner noted that BES has received at least 10 boxes or more of books. No discussion.

Personnel Update 2016-2017: Jason Andreas stated that contract renewals for certified staff were returned yesterday.

Resignations: Superintendent Rouse accepted the following resignations: Megan Adams, Movin' & Groovin' for Health Improvement Sponsor, Effective 2-25-17; Brian Weatherwax, Bus Driver-Transportation, Effective 3-21-17; Sandra Rivas, Accounting Clerk (Personnel Benefits), Administration, Effective 3-31-17; Brian Harrell, 2016-2017 Browning Middle School Track Coach, Effective 3-24-17; Colleen Wilson, Elementary Teacher-Napi Elementary, Effective 6-30-17; Janice McCormick, SPED Teacher, KW-Vina, Effective 6-9-17; Jay McGraw, Elementary Teacher-Glendale Colony, Effective 6-9-17; Katie Barcus-Kuka, Elementary Teacher-Browning Elementary, Effective 6-9-17 and Narsis Reevis, Napi Elementary 4th-5th Grade GBB Coach, Effective 3-24-17.

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: Keith Running Crane, Teacher Assistant-Napi; Certified Elementary Contract Renewal-Heather Buchanan 2017-2018 (\$57,508.00); Certified Elementary Contract Renewal-Nathan Ziegler for the 2017-2018 (\$36,992.00); Starla Cassidy, Girls Basketball Coach, Babb 2016-2017 (\$430.00); Alonzo Grant, 4th-5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach-Napi 2016-2017 (\$430.00); Leo Kennerly, 4th-5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Napi 2016-2017 (\$460.00); Larry Robison, 4th-5th Grade GBB Coach, Napi 2016-2017 (\$430.00); Ansel Traynor, Track Coach-BMS 2016-2017 (\$860.00) and Ross DeRoche, Track Coach-BMS 2016-2017 (\$860.00). Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. Board discussion: Mr. Calica asked why the person ranked 3rd is being recommended. Jason Andreas stated that it does not mean that person is number 3. Ms. Bremner requested that the board be more informed of the process at another time. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: Marlin Wippert, Assistant Wrestling Coach-BHS 2016-2017 (\$2,270.00); Kimma Flamond, Assistant Cook-High School and Certified Contract Renewal-JoAnne Grandstaff 2017-2018 (\$57,349.00). Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. Board discussion: Mr. Evans asked why Mr. Wippert was not hired and the wrestling season is over. Tony Wagner explained that he was left off of the hiring list. Mr. Wagner is working with the HR Secretary on forming a google doc list so that they are able to keep better track of coaches being hired. Also Mr. Wagner will only hire fall and winter high school coaches in the spring of each year and elementary coaches will be hired a month and a half from the event date. Too many elementary coaches hired the previous spring are resigning for medical reasons, going to school, etc. All in favor/Motion carried.

Contract Service Agreement: Motion by Mr. Conway to approve a contract service agreement pending successful background check for Karen Salisbury-Early Warning System (EWS) Data Project (\$585.00). Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve Board of Trustees, Federal Relations Outreach Meeting in Washington, DC (\$2,673.73). Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for: Jill Mattingly, State CRAR Area Spring Games, Great Falls, MT.; Jill Mattingly, Jessica Racine-Oppositional, Defiant, Disruptive Children Adolescents-Non-medication Approaches Seminar in Missoula, MT (\$554.13 ea) and Jeri Matt, Title III Conferences in Helena, MT (\$165.00). Second by Ms. Croff. Motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Running Fisher and Ms. Bullshoe opposed.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve Jimi Champ and Katie Boyce, 100,000 Word Club Sponsor (\$258.00 ea) and Student Attendance Agreement-Cut Bank, MT 2016-2017. Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following items 1 through j. Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. Board discussion: following discussion over the cost of the ISBC Membership dues and the district not knowing what services they get for the membership of \$6,720.00. Mr. Conway withdrew his second and Ms. Croff withdrew her motion to approve. A new motion was made by Ms. Croff to approve the items a - d: Substitute Eligibility Roster 2016-2017; 2017-2018 AVID Agreement; 2017-2018 School-Based Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT) and Mental Health Services Agreement (Altacare of Montana); 2017-2018 SCST-Altacare Mental Health Services and Memorandum of Agreement Between Blackfeet Honor Your Life Program, Blackfeet Tribal Health, and Browning Public Schools. Second by Mr. Conway. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Running Fisher to approve Indian School Board Caucus Dues FY2018 (\$6,270.00). Second by Mr. Gallup. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion failed 0-8 with all trustees opposed.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: Staff Appreciation 2016-2017; Purchases Over \$5,000.00; District Claims Report Check #414454 - #414654 (\$372,598.34); Student Activities Claims Report Check #702474 - #702773 (\$2,975.10) and Additional Pays-Payroll. Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. by Mr. Gallup. Second by Ms. Croff. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Wendy Bremner, Board Chairperson

_____ Stacy Edwards, District Clerk