

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
 Meeting To Be Held: January 29, 2020



Recognition: Students Staff Parents

Information: Building Report Old Business Superintendent's Report

Action: Resignations Hiring Contract Service Agreements

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 This action request pertains to Elementary (only) High School/District Wide

Date: January 22, 2019

To: Corrina Guardipee-Hall
 Superintendent of Schools

From: John Salois
Title: Director of Human Resources

Subject: Hiring: BHS Family Consumer Science Teacher

Description: Jennifer Lafromboise-Wagner is recommending the following for hire:

- ✦ Lester Johnson III. MA+10/6 + \$2,000.00 for an earned Doctorate as per the Master Contract 2018-2021

Financial Impact: Per Certified Salary Schedule MA10/6 \$55,815.00 pro-rated for late start January 31, 2020 (85 Days) \$25,370.00 + \$2,000.00 for an earned Doctorate as per the Master Contract 2018-2021= **\$27,370.00**

Attachment(s): Hiring Selection Report/2019-2020 Pro-rated Contract

Superintendent Action: Approved Denied Deferred Initial & date: _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: N/A (Info) Approved Denied Tabled to: _____



Browning Public Schools Hiring Selection Report

Position FCS Teacher		Applicant Recommended Lester Johnson III	
Department/Location BHS		Supervisor Jennifer Lafromboise-Wagner	
Type of Position Certified Teacher	Starting Date January 31, 2020	Term 187 Days-prorated to 85 days	

Recruiting. Date Posted: 10/30/19 Re-advertised: N/A Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Comments:

No.	Applicants Name (Alphabetical by Last Name)	Date Application Received	Minimum Requirements Met?	Date Interviewed
1	Lester Johnson III	1/13/2020	Yes	1/16/2020

Interview Committee	Title	Name	Title
Jennifer Lafromboise-Wagner	BHS Principal		
Maureen Stott	SPED Director		
June Matt	Secondary Music Teacher		

Recommendation:			
Dr. Johnson is qualified to teach culinary arts and has been certified by OPI. He is aware of the OLWEUS program which is implemented at BHS, has experience working with Native American students. He has also worked in in suicide prevention and drug/alcohol prevention programs for adolescents. He currently holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, a Masters in Adult, Community and Higher Education, and a Bachelor's in English.			
Drug test		1/8/2020	Yes
State & Federal Criminal background check		1/9/2020	Yes
Tribal Background check		1/9/2020	Yes

Salary: \$55,815.00 prorated to \$25,370.00 + \$2000 **Placement:** MA/10 **Contract Days:** 187 Days-prorated for late start

Prepared by: John E. Salois Date 12/31/19 Approved by: _____ Date: _____

MA10/6 plus Doctorate: prorated

Browning Public Schools
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
TEACHER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT (2019-~~2020~~)



THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into pursuant to §§ 20-4-201 and 20-4-301 MCA this 29th day of January 2020, by and between the Board of Trustees, Glacier County School District No. 9, Browning, Montana (hereinafter “School District”) and **Lester Johnson III** (hereinafter “Teacher”).

WITNESSETH

1. **Employment:** The School District agrees to employ the Teacher and the Teacher agrees to teach and perform related professional services, as and where assigned by the Superintendent, for a period of not less than 83 days of classroom instruction commencing on January 31, 2020. In addition to the classroom instruction days, there will be a maximum of 2 days for pupil orientation, teacher in-service training, parent-teacher conferences, and teacher checkout for a total of 85 days. Such days are according to the teacher adopted Academic Calendar, including school make-up days.
2. **Compensation/Benefits:** In consideration for the Teacher’s services, the School District agrees to pay the Teacher the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$25,370.00) plus Two Thousand Dollars Compensation for an Earned Doctorate (\$2,000.00) for a total of Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$27,370.00) prorated from \$57,815 (\$55,815.00 plus \$2,000)** payable in thirteen (13) equal installments. The Teacher’s salary will be paid at the rate stated above per annum, less deductions required by law, and such other deductions as may be mutually agreed upon. Should any salary payments under this contract be incorrect, the School District shall be entitled to reduce the salary amount to the proper level and to recover any prior overpayments. In no event will the School District be obligated to increase the salary amount, unless otherwise required by the Master Contract Agreement. The Teacher shall be entitled to benefits and leave provided in the Master Contract Agreement as applicable.
3. **Notice:** This contract shall serve as notice of election or reelection to the Teacher for the above-referenced school year, and unless the Teacher shall accept, sign and return this contract to the office of the District Clerk *twenty (20) calendar days*, of his/her acceptance of this contract and failure to notify the Board of Trustees shall be regarded of conclusive evidence of his/her non-acceptance of this contract and employment/continued employment with Glacier County School District No. 9.
4. **Performance/Termination:** This contract is signed by the Teacher with the full intention of fulfilling the same. In the event this contract is terminated by application of state law prior to the expiration of its terms, the contract sum shall be prorated on the basis of the number of contract days performed in the school year. Substantial and material nonperformance of this contract may be referred to the State Board of Public Education as set forth in paragraph 11, below.

5. **Teacher Obligations:** The Teacher will be required to comply with the provisions of State and Federal laws pertaining to the duties of teachers; to comply with all rules, regulations and policies of the Board of Trustees, copies of which are on file in the offices of the District Superintendent and the Building Principal and which are made a part hereof by reference; and to faithfully observe and execute the directives of the District Superintendent and the Building Principal.
6. **Teacher Certificate:** It is understood that the Teacher either holds a valid teaching certificate under the laws of Montana, or will have obtained such a certificate within sixty (60) calendar days after Teacher begins to perform services under this contract (§ 20-4-202, MCA); otherwise, this contract shall be void.
7. **Governing Law/Articles:** The rights and obligations of the parties to this contract shall be governed by (1) the laws of the state of Montana; (2) those policies which have been approved and adopted by the Board of Trustees, copies of which are on file in the offices of the District Superintendent and the Building Principal and which are made a part hereof by reference; and (3) to the extent required by law, any Master Contract Agreement between the Board of Trustees and the exclusive representative of the Teacher.
8. **Modification:** This contract shall not be modified or altered except in writing and signed by both parties.
9. **Notices:** All notices shall be directed to the parties at their respective address, last below written, or such other address as either party may specify in writing to the other party.
10. **Severability:** If any term or condition of this contract shall be found invalid, void or unenforceable, the remaining terms and conditions shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.
11. **Liquidation of Damages:** A teacher not facing discipline or discharge at District # 9, Glacier County, Browning, Montana, will be released from their teaching contract provided the teacher makes payment for liquidated damages to the school district prior to release on the following schedule. The date the teacher sets forth as their release date (last day of employment - date of separation) is controlling on the following schedule.
 - A. The teacher shall provide a minimum of two (2) weeks (14 calendar days) notice. If the teacher fails to provide a minimum of two (2) weeks advance notice, the teacher's release date (last day of employment date of separation) will move forward to provide two (2) weeks' notice on the following schedule.
 - B. A teacher wishing to be released from this contract before June 20th pays no liquidated damages.
 - C. A teacher wishing to be released from this contract starting June 20 through July 20, will pay 3% of the Teacher's salary as liquidated damages.
 - D. A teacher wishing to be released from this contract after July 20th and/or during the school year will pay 8% of the Teacher's salary as liquidated damages.
 - E. The parties agree the school district incurs costs that are impractical or extremely difficult to fix when a teacher breaches a contract. Liquidated damages are to cover these.

F. Jurisdiction and enforcement of this provision is through the District Court, Glacier County, Cut Bank, Montana, with the teacher being liable for all fees under the above schedule, court costs, interest, reasonable attorney fees of the school district and other actions the court deems appropriate. The court also has jurisdiction to award interest on any amount due and other actions the court deems appropriate.

If the above conditions have been met, the Board shall accept the resignation of a teacher under contract and shall not attempt to have the teacher's certification revoked or suspended. This whole section applies to all bargaining unit members with no exceptions and/or waivers.

12. **Execution:** This contract shall not be deemed a binding agreement until executed by the Chairperson/Vice Chairperson and Clerk of the Board of Trustees and returned by the teacher within the time limits set forth in paragraph 3 above.

The wages, days, hours, benefits and/or working conditions stated herein are subject to and controlled by Master Contract Agreement between the Board of Trustees and the exclusive representative of the Teacher.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto cause this agreement to be duly signed in original and copy on the day and year first above written.

TEACHER

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9

By: _____

By: _____

Chair, Board of Trustees

SSN: _____

ATTEST:

Folio/Certificate No: _____

By: _____

Mailing Address:

District Clerk
P. O. Box 610
129 First Avenue S. E.
Browning, MT 59417

