

**Regular Board Minutes (Draft)**  
Tuesday, September 13, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Administration Board Room

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

Ms. Bremner called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 8/31/16 and Special Board Minutes of 9/7/16 with no changes. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Mr. Gallup. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Mercedes Trombley showed a piece of artwork to the school board. Mr. Rouse suggested that the activities department, the high school, and superintendent's office share in purchasing the piece for the high school.

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**Building Reports:** Ms. Bremner acknowledged the following building reports for K.W. Bergan & Vina Chattin-Tonia Tatsey; Browning Elementary-Jennifer Wagner; Napi Elenentary-Sicily Bird; Browning Middle School-Julie Hayes; Browning High School-John Salois; Babb Elementary School-Billie Jo Juneau; Big Sky-Glendale Colonies-Billie Jo Juneau; Alternative Education-Matthew Johnson; Activities-Tony Wagner; Parent & Community Outreach Program-Carrie Hirst; NAS-MBI-Olweus-Billie Jo Juneau; Good Medicine Program-Kim McKay. *Discussion:* Mr. Evans requested more information on student attendance. Sicily Bird stated that there was an increase in student attendance after labor day and suggested that when the district reviews the academic calendar discuss the issue that kids don't come to school until after Labor Day. Jennifer Wagner stated that BES has incentives right away as does Napi to encourage students to be in school on the first day of school. Corrina Hall is working with the tribal law and order committee, the family judge and BPS on attendance and she has asked to have an article in the paper stating that BPS will be following the Tribal Resolution and Montana State Code on student attendance; flyers will be sent out as well and a packet will be developed to give to parents when making home visits. Parents will be served by a server when their student/s is absent after a certain number of days. There is a grant for truancy court that BPS will support and pursue. Kari McKay stated that they are doing home visits already and they have visited with parents about their student's good behavior too; Jolene Vance is doing home visits for chronically absent students. Ms. McKay stated that when students are asked why they are not in school it always comes back to not having clothes. Ms. Bremner noted that the district cannot prevent a homeless student from enrolling in school and asked that staff be made aware of this. The board thanked everyone for making ta special outreach to the families.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Rouse stated that he is receiving good messages for the beginning of the school year; the orange frog message is being carried forward. *Construction:* Mr. Rouse reported on the William Buffalo Hide construction is still in progress, i.e. need to stain concrete and put in better lighting; the Alternative Ed. Director's office will have windows that allow him to see in all directions. Matthew Johnson explained that they are discussing a new name for the academy and they have a recommendation of Buffalo Hide with the different rooms in the building named after tribal leaders, ex: EOP room, Eloise Cobell room, etc. There will be a wellness room with a sponge floor installed for exercising; there will not be any weights as this is more of a health and wellness program. The Playground project slowed down due to rain. The targeted date for completion of phase one is the first week of October. The new boilers are installed at BES; they are using space heaters for heat as the boilers are being installed; the testing will be done next week. The high school locker rooms almost done; BHS weight room looks great; auto-mechanic shop completion date is first week of October; the woodshop area is near completion and the wrestling room is complete. MQEC update is in the report for the board to review. Negotiations is

October 3, offers are in the report from both sides. Mr. Rouse stated that they cannot anticipate a timeframe for completion; this is not arbitration and could go on for a while.

**Resignations:** Superintendent Rouse accepted the following resignations: Amy Molenda, Cross Country Coach-Napi Effective 8/31/16; Robert Bremner, Football Coach-BMS Effective 9/1/16 and Delwin Calf Looking, Custodian/KW Bergan, Effective 9/6/16. *No discussion.*

### **ITEMS OF ACTION**

**Hiring:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug test: Jessica Racine-Assistant Principal/Napi Elementary 2016-2017( \$68,831.00 pro- rated); Amy Diem, Teacher-Browning Elementary 2016-2017 (\$50,150.00 prorated); Debra Avila, Teacher-Napi Elementary 2016-2017 (\$41,826.00 pro-rated); Kimberly Tatsey McKay, Cross Country Coach-Napi 2016-2017 (\$430.00). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Running Fisher and Ms. Croff opposed to hiring Jessica Racine, Assistant Principal/Napi Elementary 2016-2017.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve hiring Brian Suttle, Assistant Track coach-BHS 2016-2017 (\$2,642.00) pending successful background check/drug test. Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Croff to approve hiring Ashton Smith, Youth Mental Health Specialist-Good Medicine Program 2016-2017 (\$28,400.00 pro-rated from \$35,500.00). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Contract Service Agreements:** Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following contract service agreements (pending successful background check): Sandy Campbell, New Teacher Mentor 2016-2017 (\$500.00); Lenore Matt, Tutoring Services-De La Salle 2016-2017 (\$12,266.00); Gretchin McClintock, Tutoring Services-De La Salle 2016-2017 (\$12,266.00); Earl Tail, Provide Supervision for Ee-Gah-Ki-Maht Activities 2016-2017 (\$14,800.00). Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Running Fisher asked if the mentors are held accountable to anyone. Jason Andreas stated that the mentor is only compensated if they complete the school year; Ms. Bremner and Ms. Campbell are splitting the mentoring fee. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background check: David Old Chief, Provide Supervision for Ee-Gah-Ki-Maht Activities 2016-2017 (\$3,168.00); Joyce Watts, Provide Supervision for Ee-Gah-Ki-Maht Activities 2016-2017 (\$11,484.00); Leroy Yellow Horse, Provide Supervision for Ee-Gah-Ki-Maht Activities 2016-2017 (\$3,168.00); Waylon Bennett, Provide Supervision for Ee-Gah-Ki-Maht Activities 2016-2017 (\$11,484.00); Heidi BullCalf-21st Century Tutor Grades K-12 2016-2017 (\$14,400.00) and Dee Ann Kipp, School Safety Plan 2016-2017 (\$1,152.00). Second by Ms. Croff. No public discussion. *Board discussion:* Mr. Running Fisher asked how many hours it takes to complete a safety plan. Mr. Rouse stated that no one else has stepped up in the district and Ms. Kipp attends all the meetings in the district and she has met with all buildings and also does all the trainings in the community. Ms. Kipp has a lot of connections and involvement in the community. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion carried. No further discussion. Motion carried with Ms. Bremner and Mr. Calica opposed to approving a contract for Leroy Yellow Horse to provide supervision for Ee-Gah-Ki-Maht 2016-2017 and Mr. Running Fisher opposed to approving a contract for Dee Ann Kipp, School Safety Plan 2016-2017.

**Out of State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve out of state travel for Billie Jo Juneau, Olweus Bullying Prevention Training in Vancouver Washington. Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Mr. Rouse explained that HIS is paying \$4,200.00 if costs and Ms. Juneau will become a trainer. All in favor/Motion carried.

**In State Travel:** Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve in state travel for John Salois and Kari McKay, MCEL in Billings, MT (\$716.91 ea) and John Rouse, Jercy Matt, Tonia Tatsey, Jennifer Wagner-OPI Title I School Support; Training in Helena, MT (\$386.88 ea). Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

**Approvals:** Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following items: Extended Contract-Violet Sinclair, Instructional Planning 2016-2017 (\$735.84); Create New Position-Special Education Confidential Secretary (\$28,501.00 pro- rated from \$32,966.00); 2016-2017 Substitute Eligibility List; Olweus MOU-Blackfeet Tribal Health-Browning Public Schools-Blackfeet Tribal Business Council; Purchases Over \$5,000; District Claims, Check #412749 - #412903 (\$509,832.96); Student Activity Claims, Check #702359 - #702376 (\$10330.15) and Additional Pays/Payroll. Second by Ms. Croff. No public discussion. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans asked about the SpEd Confidential Secretary. Jason stated that SpEd is responsible to keep in line with state laws, filing, student records and he recommends the position be compensated accordingly. This position will become a professional – technical position. Mr. Rouse stated that the person in the secretary position now will transition into this position. Mr. Gallup stated that the next person will have to meet qualifications for the position. No further discussion. All in favor/Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Croff to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Second by Mr. Gallup. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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

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

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