

Regular Board Minutes (Draft)
Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Hosted by Babb Elementary
Reconvene at Administration Conference Room

Present: James RunningFisher-Chair, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Donna YellowOwl, Lockley Bremner, Michael Hoyt. **Absent:** Brian Gallup, Kristy Salway Bullshoe

Mr. RunningFisher called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Bremner to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 8/28/24 and Special Board Minutes of 9/3/24 with no changes. Second by Mr. Hoyt. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Donna YellowOwl, Lockley Bremner, Michael Hoyt voting for.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Mr. Gervais. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Donna YellowOwl, Lockley Bremner, Michael Hoyt voting for.

Student/Student Recognitions: Jennifer Wagner recognized staff and students at Babb Elementary: Allisandra Blackbird, Fayja Blackbird, Christopher Cassidy, Lillian Evans, Hadlee Fitzgerald, Talon Fitzgerald, Jaycee Flamand, Oceanna Gopher, Rilynn Gopher, Emma Hall, Jessa Johnson, Mia Potts, Dalcena Reid, Finley Wagner, Savannah Fitzgerald, Lori Vaile, Kim Walker, and Suzanne Augare

Presentations: Students presented posters for the Anti Bullying campaign and gave board members and administrators a tour of the Babb School.

Community Recognition: Ms. YellowOwl recognized Neil Bartleson for all that he does for the Browning Community.

Public Comment: None.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Building Report: Mr. RunningFisher acknowledged the following building reports: Stamiksiitsiikin Elementary-Tonia Tatsey; Browning Elementary School, Sheila Hall; Napi Elementary- Sicily Bird; Browning Middle School - Dennis Juneau; Browning High School - Sandi Campbell; Babb Elementary-Jennifer Wagner; Big Sky & Glendale Schools - Rebecca Rappold; Buffalo Hide Academy- Charlie Speicher. *Discussion:* Ms. YellowOwl stated that she had a few individuals approach her with concern about the comments that Browning Schools is broke and we cannot purchase proper sporting gear for sports; they did say where they heard it from and it is not true. BPS can purchase and supply gear for all sporting activities. Also, BPS is scheduling sporting events here and BMS is changing the games to be held at the other schools and not here. Ms. YellowOwl stated that unless there is an extreme emergency, she would like to see the games held here. Middle School football say they had to buy their own parts to hold the pads on their football uniforms. Superintendent Rappold stated that she will check into this right away. Mr. Bremner asked if there is a chance that it is a misprint on game location. Ms. YellowOwl stated no, we were to host the game here but for some reason the other person had an engagement and asked to have it at the other school. Mr. Evans stated he is not getting notice on the sports schedules. Board members asked to have the activities posted for all sports.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Rappold stated there is a transfer request to fill the Gear-Up Coordinator position; BECC/BPS Collaboration and Transition Planning 9/18/24; IPPs & Stakeholder input session 9/18/24; Nafis Conference 9/19-9/24/24; Indian Heritage Day 9/27/24; BPS Regular meeting 10/8/24. Strategic Planning will follow the 10/8/24 board meeting at 6pm and Boardmanship Training 10/9/24 @ 6pm.

HR Status Update: Stamiksiitsiitskin: 1-guidance counselor, family engagement Coordinator, TA; BES: Assistant Cook; Napi: SpEd Teacher; Napi: SpEd teacher for iTutor; BMS: Teacher, SpEd Teacher, SpEd TA, Custodian, Assistant Cook; BHS: Votech Teacher, Business Ed, ELA Teacher, Drivers Ed Teacher, SpEd Resource, SpEd Self Contained, Assistant Cook; BHA: SpEd Teacher; Childcare: TA; PCOP: Hiset tutor; Food Service: Flex Cook, Supper program head cook and Assistant Cook, Special Services Director, Transportation: mechanic, 3 bus drivers (9-month)..

Coaches Update: BHS: all VB positions are filled; all X-Country positions filled; Fall cheer are all filled; FB need 1 assistant coach and have 1 who may resign; Golf all positions filled; Girls Soccer all positions filled; Boys Soccer all positions filled; BBB need 1 assistant coach/have 4 applications; GBB need 2 assistant coaches/have 9 applications; BW all positions filled; GW need 1 assistant and no applicants; Winter Cheer need head coach and assistant/have 6 applications; Sp/Debate: all positions filled; spring 2025 Track: all positions filled; softball: need head coach and 2 assistants/have 4 applications; Baseball: need 1 assistant coach and no applications; Boys Tennis: need head coach and no applications; Girls Tennis: need head coach and no applications. Need 2 middle school football coaches. Mr. Evans asked how many kids per coach. Superintendent Rappold stated she has not seen any documentation or a procedure manual for this but what schools follow is for safety. Jennifer Wagner stated there are 42 VB players and 3 coaches; 52 basketball players and 4 coaches and 50 to 60 wrestlers and 2 coaches which does not make sense; FB has 6 coaches and the same number of kids as in other sports. Superintendent Rappold stated over the last few years an assistant coach was added to support lower grades to improve their skills in a sport and she has met with Kellen Hall, AD, and asked him not to fill the last position as the purpose of it was not happening. The additional FB coach is doing this in lower grades and had already been recommended for hire before the discussion with Mr. Hall. Mr. Evans stated concern that last year girls wrestling has 76 wrestlers and track had 90 kids and only a few coaches and there are only 24 cheerleaders and 2 coaches. Mr. Bremner suggested doing some cuts.

Resignations: The following resignations were accepted by Superintendent Rappold: Nathan DeRoche, Family Engagement Coordinator-Stamiksiitsiikin, Effective 8-26-24 and Kandis TalksDifferent, Teacher Assistant - BES, Effective 8-27-2024.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve hiring Elizabeth Coleman, Math Teacher .5FTE - BHS 2024-2025 (35,712.00) pending successful background check/drug test. Second by Mr. Bremner. *Discussion:* Superintendent Rappold stated Ms. Coleman is a returning retired teacher. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Donna YellowOwl, Lockley Bremner, Michael Hoyt voting for.

Contract Service Agreements: Motion by Mr. Bremner to approve Building, Department Mentor 2024-2025 (\$1,500.00 ea) pending successful background checks. Second by Mr. Hoyt. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Donna YellowOwl, Lockley Bremner, Michael Hoyt voting for.

Out of State Travel: None.

In State Travel: None.

Approvals: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: Position Change-Geraldine Gopher, Regular TA to Special Education TA; Wage Modification-Julius ManyHides, Certified Teacher 2024-2025 (\$6,989.00); Lane Change-Ashley Burd, Elementary Teacher 2024-2025 (\$9,490.00); Lane Change-Brittany Burns, Elementary Teacher 2024-2025 (\$8,996.00); Schools Cubed Education, Provide Support in Strengthening Systems and Structures 2024-2025 (\$17,200.00) and EL Student Attendance Agreements-Cut Bank 2024-2025. Second by Ms. YellowOwl. *Board discussion:* Mr. Evans asked about the teacher getting lane changes. Superintendent Rappold stated that these teachers submitted all documentation for their lane changes last spring

but were not brought forward for board approval. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Donna YellowOwl, Lockley Bremner, Michael Hoyt voting for.

Motion by Ms. YellowOwl motioned to approve the following items: HS Student Attendance Agreements-Valier 2024-2025; HS Student Attendance Agreements (2) -Anaconda, MT 2024-2025 and Lane Change-Greg Klauk, Certified Secondary Teacher 2024-2025 (\$4,968.00). Second by Mr. Gervais. *Board discussion:* Ms. YellowOwl stated she knows the law MCA 20-5-320 but this is a request from Anaconda. Superintendent Rappold stated that this is a request for a student from Browning who is in the youth center there. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Donna YellowOwl, Lockley Bremner, Michael Hoyt voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: Discussion/Possible Approval of Vendor Agreement with Heart Butte School District, No. 1; Substitute Eligibility Report 2024-2025; Business Office SOP's 2024-2025; Request for Approval and Collaboration on NSF ATE Grant Proposal 2024-2025; Bid Opening for District Vehicle Surplus 2024-2025: Sonny DeRouche, Silver Suburban \$1,300.00 and Brenda Guardipee, Red Van \$500.00; District Claims Check #441405 - #441411 (\$3,089,485.47); Student Claims, Check #705946-#705947 (\$1,556.25) and Additional Pays/Payroll 9/10/24. Second by Mr. Gervais. *Board discussion:* Superintendent Rappold stated that the Heart Butte Vendor Agreement is for BPS to provide meals to the students in HB School during their time of not operating in the school; it will be directly paid to BPS from Ht. Butte and could be a risk but there is a monthly agreement attached. Ht. Butte is down to 90 kids. BPS food service agrees they have the capacity to prepare and have meals ready. Ht. butte will pick the meals up daily. The Business Office SOPs have changes made after meeting with principals, directors and administration staff to make sure that all systems and procedures are in place; most changes are due to being more specific on system of controls which will help with audit controls. The changes on building reports, clarifying leave, requesting leave through frontline and verifying school related leave etc. have been aligned to business office SOPS as well. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Donna YellowOwl, Lockley Bremner, Michael Hoyt voting for.

There were no Personnel or Legal Issues.

Motion by Mr. Evans to adjourn at 5:24 pm. Second by Mr. Gervais. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Donna YellowOwl, Lockley Bremner, Michael Hoyt voting for.

Respectfully submitted:

Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

James RunningFisher, Board Chairperson

Sandra Rivas, District Clerk