

**Regular Board Minutes (Draft)**  
Wednesday, June 26, 2019 @ 5:00  
Administration Conference Room

**Present:** Donna Yellow Owl-Chair, Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards, Kristy Bullshoe, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman. **Absent:** Wendy Bremner, James Evans.

Ms. Yellow Owl called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mr. Edwards to approve the Regular Board Minutes of 6/11/19 and Special Board Minutes of 6/13/19 with no changes. Second by Ms. Bullshoe. Motion passed.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Mr. Edwards to approve the board agenda with the following changes: remove Angela Heavy Runner, BMS Principal 2019-2020 and Arlan Edwards, Student Support Coordinator 2019-2020 from hiring; remove Anna Armstrong, Mentoring Service for new Teacher 2018-2019 from Contract Service Agreements. Second by Ms. Croff. Ms. Yellow Owl noted that she will change the order of the agenda and will take action items first. Motion passed.

**ITEMS OF ACTION**

**Hiring:** Motion by Mr. Edwards to approve the following hiring pending successful background checks/drug tests: John Parente, BHS Guidance Counselor 2019-2020 (\$59,290.00) and Sienna Speicher BHS Counselor 2019-2020 (\$51,503.00). Second by Ms. TallWhiteman. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 6-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards, Kristy Bullshoe, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman voting for.

Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following hiring pending successful background checks/drug tests: Irene Augare, Special Education Teacher 2019-2020 (\$38,675.00) and Adrien Wagner, Music Teacher-.5 fte BHS/.5fte BMS .5 fte 2019-2020 (\$37,136.00). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 6-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards, Kristy Bullshoe, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman voting for.

**Contract Service Agreements:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background check for Arlene Wippert & BES Staff, Innovative Grant Training and Stipends 2019-2020 (\$12,920.00). Second by Mr. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 6-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards, Kristy Bullshoe, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman voting for.

**Out of State Travel:** None.

**In State Travel:** None.

**Approvals:** Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following items: Contract Modification-Sheila Hall, Browning Elementary Principal 2019-2020 (\$12,263.00); Contract Modification-Jennifer Lafromboise Wagner 2019-2020 (\$4,243.00); Contract Modification-Shawnee Momberg, Certified Teacher-Lane Change, 2019- 2020 (\$2,003.00); Extended Contract-Theodora Weatherwax, Star Base Summer STEM Camp 2018- 2019 (\$773.12); Extended Contract-Michelle Harrell, Inventory Technology Equipment, Prepare Chromebook Carts, Prepare Tech Needs for 2019-2020 (\$1,402.00); Extended Contract-Nathan Stone, College Prep Planning 2018-2019 (\$1,005.00). Second by Mr. Edwards. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 6-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards, Kristy Bullshoe, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman voting for.

Motion by Mr. Edwards to approve the following items: Extended Contract-Cinnamon Crawford, College Prep Planning 2018-2019 (\$1,107.00); Extended Contract-Charlie Spiecher, Student Scheduling-WBHA (\$1,636.40); Extended Contract-Chris Lewis, Student Scheduling-WBHA (\$1,300.00); Change High School Business Position

to Math Intervention; Change High School Dean of Students to High School Assistant Principal. Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. *Board discussion:* Ms. TallWhiteman stated that she hopes making these position changes at the high school fixes the problems. No further discussion. Motion passed 6-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards, Kristy Bullshoe, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman voting for.

Motion by Ms. Croff to approve the following items: Contract Modification-Everett Armstrong, Activities Director 2019-2020 (\$4,427.00); Contract Modification-Jennifer Ehlers, Lane Change 2019-2020 (\$1,008.00); Create School Psychologist Position; Create School Based Therapist Position; Substitute Eligibility List 2018-2019; Amend Policy #5120 Recruitment and Selection; Consulting Agreement-Edie Knoke, Business Office Support Training, Accounting, Payroll, Budgets, TFS for 2018-2019 (\$4,297.64); Interstate Alarm Annual Commercial Alarm Services Agreement 2019-2020 (\$16,278.00). Second by Mr. Edwards. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 6-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards, Kristy Bullshoe, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman voting for.

Motion by Mr. Edwards to Open & Award Bid for Ventilation in High School Home-Economics Classroom. Bids were opened by Dixie Guardipee, Facilities Secretary. Ms. Guardipee noted that there is not minimum bid amount listed. Wes Hannon HCSVR bid \$64,000.00 and B&L Pumping bid \$79,000.00. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 6-0 to award the bid to Wes Hannon and if he declines, the bid will go to B&L Pumping with Donna Yellow Owl, Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards, Kristy Bullshoe, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman voting for.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following items: Purchases Over \$10,000.00 – None; District Claims Check #421152 - #421311 (\$821,961.80); Student Activities Claims Check #703801-#703826 \$14,660.72; Cancelled Checks #703753-#703799 and Additional Pays-Payroll. Second by Ms. Croff. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 6-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Brian Gallup, Jess Edwards, Kristy Bullshoe, Brenda Croff, Rae TallWhiteman voting for.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Yellow Owl read provisions of the Montana Open Meeting Law under Section 2-3-103, MCA. Jennifer Wagner stated that while in Bozeman, earning her superintendent certification, she read about best practices and interactions between board and superintendent. A school district cannot have high academics without good up to date facilities. Ms. Wagner reviewed the BPS 20- year plan and everything in the BPS 20-year plan, which ends in 2021, aligns with the text book. A guest speaker for one of the classes stated that Browning Schools is a forerunner in the State of Montana. Ms. Wagner stated that the playground for KW, BES, and Napi is in the 20-year plan and she is proud to have been part of that and thanked the school district and school board for all they do. Ms. Yellow Owl asked to have the 20-year plan placed on the facilities agenda to revisit soon and also to look at the items not completed or are near completed.

Melinda Juneau stated she wants to read a statement from Billie Jo Juneau. Ms. Yellow Owl asked if this is a personnel issue and noted that the board cannot hear this under public comment. Ms. Juneau met with Mr. Salois and declined to make comment.

Kristy Bullshoe asked to make public comment as a concerned parent and stated that she makes decisions based on making sure our kids are safe. Ms. Bullshoe stated that if there is reasonable suspension about staff being under the influence of alcohol or drugs and driving our kids she wants policy enforced. Ms. Bullshoe feels that policy has fell to the wayside and wants this issue addressed. Superintendent Hall stated that the district is working on this and also will be drug testing subs every year. Board agreed that it is reasonable to drug test every year.

### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**Building Reports:** Ms. Yellow Owl acknowledged the following building reports: Building Reports: B/NAS Recognitions/Verbal Presentation, Child Nutrition-Warehouse-Copy Center Report, Curriculum & Instruction, Attendance Report, Parent-Community Outreach-Childcare, Activities, Technology Department, Transportation Department, Maintenance-Facilities-Construction Department. *Discussion:* Ms. Yellow Owl asked about the

MHSA rules that were adopted and if any will affect BPS and also the schedule being rearranged. Everett Armstrong stated that those were for camps and does not apply to swimming, track, pole vault, etc. Mr. Armstrong noted that he will need another position for track in pole vault; schedules and start time for volleyball were agreed to start at 4:15 pm; they reviewed schedules to make sure all are on the same page. Ms. Yellow Owl requested that Mr. Armstrong have the uniform rotation schedule, for the new school year, brought forward for board review in his next report. Mr. Armstrong stated that the inventory shows that there are not very many football helmets left and he is trying to find out where this equipment is. It was noted that before a coach gets paid, at the end of the sport season, all equipment should have been returned to the school. Mr. Armstrong stated that he will be working on the inventory as soon as his budget is in place. Myndi Gallagher-Horn, Bob Miller, and himself are calling the football players from the past season and asking for the helmets. Jennifer Wagner stated that there was theft where a helmet and/or jersey were taken; that room needs new locks. Mr. Gallup stated that policy and procedure is in place and the helmets are most likely with the kids and felt that parents, public, and kids need to know that BPS cannot afford to operate this way. Ms. Croff asked Jeri Matt about guided math framework and stated that her report is very informative. Ms. Matt reviewed 2018-2019 state assessments: WIDA, MontCas Science CRT, Smarter Balanced (SBAC), ACT.

Jess Edwards and Kristy Bullshoe left meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Croff asked if all district security vehicles have GPS and if the district could add them to all the security vehicles. Everett Holm, Dixie Guardipee and William Kennedy monitor the vehicles with GPS on request or if information is in a security report. Jeri Matt noted that this year MCLP gave innovative awards of \$18,000 to BES, KW, VC, BMS and WBHA received \$10,000. Ms. Matt stated that the OPI Consultatns provided a lot of guidance to the district and has helped strengthened what BPS is doing as a district and added a principal component for support.

### **Superintendent Reports**

**Superintendent Update:** Superintendent Hall stated that she will present the district attendance in July. Ms. Croff stated that she is concerned about the attendance report. Superintendent Hall stated that everyone worked hard on the 698 students with over 40 absences and focusing on these students, caused problems in other areas. Superintendent Hall stated that the district needs someone like Billie Jo Juneau to help build family school relationships. The district received a \$1.4 million 5-year grant from 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We haven't heard on the other grants yet. The district has lost 5 students to suicide over last few years and there are a lot of grants available for prevention and Lester Johnson will be on the next agenda for a new grant. Superintendent Hall presented "Circle of Care" idea for students in need. (Call All, Respond Everyone).

**Book Donations BES:** Jennifer Wagner stated that BES received a large number of free books that will be given out next year to all and some will be on the Bookmobile. A thank you card will be sent from the school board and administration

**HR Status Update:** Mr. Salois noted the candidate for Kindergarten declined the position. All grades and all positions are listed and Mr. Salois has met with all principals and verified positions. Superintendent Hall stated that last year at this time there was 30 open positions and this year the number is down to 14. No further discussion.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Second by Ms. Croff. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Donna Yellow Owl, Board Chairperson

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

