

**BPS Facilities Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 18, 2025**  
**Administration Conference Room**

**Present:** James RunningFisher, Donna YellowOwl, Rebecca Rappold, Reid Reagan, Les Munro Wayne BullCalf, Jennifer Wagner, Melanie HeavyRunner, Sandra Rivas, Tim (virtual), Mike Gueiff (virtual), Belinda Turley.

Meeting was called to order @ 5:12 p.m.

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

**BHS Stadium:** Discussion on grass seeding, removal of rocks and weed around the baseball field. Mr. Reagan stated that he requested from the contractor to see the seed mix and all he was told was that it was a weed free seed mix. He was wanting to see any native grass that would grow without water. Mr. Munro stated that the grass was hydro seeded. Mike Gueiff stated that some was drill and some hydro, they drilled everything and then came back and tried to hydro seed the stuff that basically got damaged over the winter season. Tim suggested on holding back on the \$10,000 on the baseball field and have them come back in.

There was discussion about mowing there. Superintendent Rappold informed Tim and Mike that because of the weeds that are there, there needs to be some weed mitigation on their part, otherwise it will sit all winter and it will blow around. She suggested mitigation in the fall and reseed in the spring. Mike stated that they should not be sprayed they should be mowed. He asked if they want them to mow it or want them to hire someone to mow it. They did knock it down once and it should have been started 3 months ago. Superintendent Rappold stated that it has been on our facilities agenda for months and we have been talking about it. Superintendent Rappold stated that it was the responsibility of Sletten to mow.

The chain link fence in front of the dugouts is a lesser gauge than the chain link fence around the field. It is 8-gauge chain link and the dugout is half of that. Sletten will pull that off and replace it with 8-gauge. The risers between the bottom of the bleachers and concrete, the height is not consistent, it is a safety concern. Tim stated that they talked about adding a step but it seems to be more of a tripping hazard. Ms. YellowOwl stated that it is a safety issue and it needs to be fixed someday. Tim stated that they would meet back on site and come up with a solution and come up with a better option.

**Food Service Building-** The thermostat is not installed for heating. The wiring is there we just need a thermostat installed. The exterior thresholds do not go across the depth of the door. Mike stated that the thresholds come with the door package so he is unsure why they are different. Mr. Munro will send Tim pictures of the thresholds.

The ventilation heat systems in the garage were brought to Roger's attention. Mr. Munro stated that the units are the ones right by the overhead doors on the interior overhead doors, there is leakage on there and was going to have Morrison-Maierle take a look at it when they came up to do their final inspection. Tim stated that what they are talking about was they didn't have fresh air ducted to them. Morrison-Maierle said with the occupancy and that it is in this big open garage that they would meet code as is. The mechanical contractor was saying the he didn't want to run more duct work up into the metal roof. Tim asked them to give him something in writing and so far, he has not received that, he will remind them that we need that.

The door going into the warehouse from the garage is still not working properly. Mr. Reagan stated he cleaned the sensor and it is still doing that. Mr. Munro stated that he informed Mr. Reagan anything else should now be a warranty problem and not on the punch list. Ms. YellowOwl stated that it shouldn't be a warranty issue, we haven't signed off on it yet, fix it right, then we sign off. Superintendent Rappold stated that we need to add it to the punch list, we are going to have warranty issues in the next year.

Mechanical engineers need to reinspect the flues on the heating units in the bay tares. They are leaking in the cold weather. The way the exhaust boxes work, they are thinking that those things can actually intake some snow and when they are not in use, they may intake some moisture and then in use melt the moisture out. That needs to be looked at with the design group, not sure if it is a real problem but it looked like it could be.

The trim around the building is loose and needs to be secure or it is going to get tore off. Mr. Munro suggested using grout or brick to secure the trim to something. Mike Gueiff stated that they will look at it again and maybe seal down with an adhesive.

**Bullshoe Connector-** The rail was installed and now just the security window left. Superintendent Rappold asked if the fence has been ordered. Reed stated that he had Montana Fence come look at it over the summer and they still have not made it out to fix it.

**BMS-** The roof tech was there last Thursday seen problems areas, he took sample of one of the seams to do a test, it may have been overheated on installation. We are still waiting to hear back from him. John Bullcalf a local roofer patched the leaks he could see. The membrane roof system is loose over the gym area. Mr. Reagan brought up the issue about the loose material across the middle of the roof, he said that is how they are with rubber membrane roofs.

Superintendent Rappold provided an overview of cash to Mr. Running Fisher and Ms. YellowOwl for future projects. She also stated that she would like to look at purchasing 5 trailer houses, repairing the trailer in Babb, possibly purchasing a former employee's trailer house already in the trailer court who also has a lot by KW Bergan which may also be a possible purchase. There was a lengthy discussion, Mr. RunningFisher and Ms. YellowOwl recommended this be put on the board agenda for further discussion with the rest of the board.

**Babb Trailer-** Needs new stairs front and back, the floors are buckled. Superintendent Rappold suggested that we get someone out there to get an estimate and see what all needs to be repaired.

**Teacher Trailer Court Empty Lots-** Superintendent Rappold stated that she would like to purchase some trailer houses to put on these lots and use as rentals for BPS staff. She also stated that the trailers are on sale, she will bring this to the board for discussion. She stated that it doesn't make sense to have 5 empty lots and put up a \$20 million apartment complex by the new building.

**Stadium Well-** The well has been drilled, just needs to be developed with electricity and pump. The well is pumping 18 gallons a minute. Mr. Munro stated that we are needing to get a cost for the second phase. It is about 60-80 feet from the well to where we will need to plug into electricity. Mr. RunningFisher stated a rough estimate is about \$9.00 a foot to lay a one-inch water line and that is not including the material. They are going to put this out for bid.

**Napi Kitchen Floor-** Superintendent Rappold stated that we are bringing the proposal to the board. If approved we are looking at doing it over Christmas break.

**BHS Gym Roof Update-** No Discussion

**Custodial & Maintenance Staff Discussion (due to increased square footage of facilities)-**

Superintendent Rappold reached out to MSGIA and got the square footage, Mr. Reagan and Superintendent Rappold will compare that to where we were previously as well as look at the expectations and responsibilities of the facilities and maintenance department which is now combined

into one department. They will make some decisions on what they want to bring to the board for staffing so we can maintain the facilities that we have.

**BES Greenhouse-** Superintendent Rappold stated that the greenhouse needs to be cleaned out so we can start utilizing. Reid will put that on his list for his crew to get to.

**Facility Deep Clean (Napi basement, teacher trailer court, schools, school yards, Babb yard ect.)-**

**Napi-** Superintendent Rappold stated that we need to get the Napi basement cleaned out, there is a lot of stuff down there. There is Tech stuff, business office stuff, as well as other stuff. We would like to get that cleaned out as much as possible. We may need to get some dumpsters as well as get someone in and do shredding. She also stated that it may be a next summer prioritization but we need to be thinking ahead. On the business side we will need to advertise the destruction of records.

**Teacher Trailer Court-**Superintendent Rappold also stated that the teachers trailer court needs to be cleaned up and some parameters need to be set. She suggested getting a big dumpster for a week, send the tenants a letter about clean up. If they do no clean up and we have to we will send them a bill. We will also need to check with solid waste to see what can and cannot go in the dumpster.

**Babb-** Babb yard there is a fence that is falling down, the metal posts need to be taken out as well as the barb wire. The shed that is closest to the road, we need to find out who owns it. It was suggested that we go see Blackfeet Utilities. Superintendent Rappold stated that it doesn't look like it has been utilized and it probably just needs to come down.

**BMS-** Need permanent garbage cans that can be anchored in, and get Mr. Salois to set expectation for both students and staff as well as making sure that things that don't get picked gets picked up.

**BES Gym Entrance-** Garbage cans need replacing by the gym. The ones there are old and some are broken.

**20 Year master plan update (priority projects)-** Superintendent Rappold stated that they have been working on it and had a bit of a standstill over the summer. They are getting it closer, there are a couple of things that they are waiting on. In the last plan there was some birth demographics for enrollment down the road, they are still working on securing those from the state and tribe. There was a section in the plan about each school facility on how our structures are different in terms of childcare and our schools where structured differently than they were in the plan and as well as us having the stadium now. She stated that they will update those facilities and sections in the plan. They will also get some input from the principals as to what they feel needs to be done in each building throughout the course of the next 20 years. They also will be looking at how we can maintain the facilities that we have.

Mr. RunningFisher asked if there was going to be any consideration to a new school in the 20-year master plan. Superintendent Rappold stated that with all the remodels that have taken place we would not want to do anything with those buildings. With the elementary schools you already had a lot of community input about Napi when that was being considered. Ms. YellowOwl stated that she wouldn't say that we would not use that building but maybe build a new one and use Napi for something else. Mr. Munro stated that they had structural engineers go through it and they told them it would be good for another 50-60 years. They have discussed Browning Elementary being a problem, the whole east side of the building you open the cupboards and heating units you can see dirt as well as smell damp dirt. The building has never been redesigned for elementary students when the high school moved out. Ms. Wagner stated that it really needs a connector so that the students can go to the cafeteria without having to go outside. Superintendent Rappold stated that it is not designed for an elementary school.

**Other Items of Discussion:** Mr. Bullcalf Transportation Director is requesting 2 stop signs be installed behind the high school at the bus line up on the upper-level parking lot. He is also requesting authorized personnel only sign be installed on the new road from the High School to the new BNAS/Food Service building as well as a speed limit sign. Superintendent Rappold informed Mr. Bullcalf that Ella and himself can look for the signage they need, just make sure the speed limit sign says the school zone speed limit. It was suggested that on the new road the sign say authorized vehicles only.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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