

Regular Board Minutes (Draft)
Tuesday, October 8, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.
Administration Conference Room

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the regular board minutes of 9/26/19 with no changes. Second by Ms. TallWhiteman. All in Favor/Motion passed.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. Bremner to approve the agenda with changes: Approvals: change the total cost of the Loader to \$80,000.00; move all recognitions to the next board agenda 10/30/19 @ 5:00 p.m. Second by Mr. Evans. All in favor/Motion passed.

Public Comment: Ms. Yellow Owl stated that the meeting is subject to the provisions of the Montana Open Meeting Law under Section 2-3-103 and Browning School Policy #1441 for Public Participation at Board Meetings: Enoch Wipf, Big Sky Colony German Teacher, thanked the school board for supporting their request to share costs in building a new playground, which is finished, and thanked the school board and administration for hiring teachers and teacher aids. Mr. Wipf thanked Ms. Natasha Siliezar, Mr. Willie Sharp and Superintendent Hall for all their support.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Building Reports: Ms. Yellow Owl acknowledged the following building reports: KW Vina Building-Tonia Tatsey, Browning Elementary-Sheila Hall, Napi Elementary-Sicily Bird, Browning Middle School-Angela Tatsey, Browning High School-Jennifer Wagner, Babb Elementary-Billie Jo Juneau, Colony Reports-Natasha Siliezar, Alternative Schools Report-Matthew Johnson and Special Education-Maureen Stott. Ms. Bremner stated that she appreciates William Buffalo Hide for going above and beyond teaching and helping students with sexual trauma which is high in the Browning community. Ms. TallWhiteman stated that KW Vina brought in community members to teach the young boys that it is not nice to bully boys that have long hair and stated that it is important to teach them what it means in their culture. Ms. TallWhiteman felt that cultural identity should be taught across the board. Ms. Yellow Owl stated that she is impressed with Maureen Stott, Special Education Director, on her positive interactions with students, staff and families. No further discussion.

Superintendent's Report

SAMSHA Grant Update: Superintendent Hall presented a video by Jason Andreas on the Spookinaapi Project grant and the Good Medicine program and stated that Robert Hall, B-NAS Director, gave the grant its Title. The grant is \$1,458,000.00 that will be scheduled over a 5-year period. The grant will provide preventive instruction for opioids, alcohol, and marijuana. The stats assigned to the Good Medicine program will be applied to this program to deal with attendance and mental health issues. The program performance is linked to the Youth Risk Behavioral (YRB) survey that is conducted every other year. Jason Andreas will be work with Matthew Johnson on the grant. Ms. Bremner stated that she is glad to see that the district is utilizing the Good Medicine staff and felt that they should keep in mind risk factors for delinquency and what causes it, and drug abuse, etc. as those are variables they point to, but other factors are informational social control which is the values of our culture; the breakdown of those are strong factors. Ms. Bremner also felt that we need to recognize that our community is very unique. BPS is doing a good job of putting the culture into our curriculum and we cannot forget that giving them their identity back is important. No further discussion.

Superintendent's Update: Superintendent Hall stated that there was a big article about turf and cancer; BPS can use a different turf, and the length of endurance on it is 9-years. Ms. Yellow Owl noted that this item is on this agenda for discussion because she was not sure how many board members were able to make the facilities

meeting on Thursday and she wanted all board to be informed. Mr. Evans felt that all board members should research what comes with using turf, i.e. concussions, rug burns, etc. No further discussion.

Discuss Contract for Construction Project Inspector 2019-2020: Tim Peterson from LPW, stated that the cost for the inspector will be paid out of LPW's budget and they will hire the inspector. LPW has reached out to Les Munro for this position. Mr. Evans asked if this something that is a good idea; like the "fox watching the hen house". Mr. Gallup stated that Les Munro will be liaison between the contractor and Tim Peterson and also stated that this is not the schools deal. Ms. Yellow Owl felt that having someone on site will protect the school. No further discussion.

NAFIS Conference Update: Mr. Gallup was invited to meet with NW states and South Dakota on construction; they want one individual from each state to attend meetings; the meetings will continue into the spring. Browning Schools is safe at 85% budget; the infrastructure bill was approved; \$1 billion increase in impact aid. Nafis had a great motivational speaker, John Draper. The board and superintendent agreed to invite Mr. Draper to Browning orientation next school year. The Body and the Brain session was very good; learned that kids need to be allowed to move around in classrooms because it makes it easier to learn and stay focused. Ms. Yellow Owl will have a presentation/activity on this at the next board meeting. The Hill meetings were very positive. Senators pushed Article VI of Indian Nations; their responsibility to meet needs of schools, mental health, first aid, etc. and they were open to the need for resource officers. Great Falls School attended the Montana delegation meeting and talked about making the Little Shell tribe federally recognized and they also spoke on behalf of Impact Aid. The Board thanked Robert Doore, Jr., for his support. Because Mr. Doore made all the arrangements for the group to attend the football game, he asked that each person attending donate their money back to Kari McKay for getting them into the football game with great seats and onto the field. Mr. Doore is a great diplomat for the Blackfeet. No further discussion.

Second Reading New Policy #3601 Student Data Privacy Agreement & 3601F contract and terms: No discussion.

Review 4000 Series Policies: Ms. Yellow Owl stated that she does not see anything specific about the Immersion classes in Policy #4020, Accreditation and Curriculum Development. Superintendent Hall will add this information for the 3rd reading. Ms. Bremner felt that Curriculum Guides, lines 38-41 is cookie cutter policy and should be more creative. Superintendent Hall will add information for the 3rd reading. No further discussion.

HR Status Update: John Salois stated that most of the changes are from hiring/approvals from the last board meeting; BHS is still looking for a senior English teacher.

Coaching Status Updates: no discussion.

Resignations: Superintendent Hall accepted a resignation from Edith Wagner, Head Coach-Speech, Debate & Drama-BHS Effective 10-2-2019. No discussion.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hiring pending successful background check/drug tests: Geri Burke, KW Vina Teacher Assistant; Ansel Traynor, Athletic Coordinator-BMS 2019-2020 (\$4,080.00); Steven Arnoux, BMS Football Coach 2019-2020 (\$860.00) and Cinnamon Crawford, Professional Technical 2019-2020 (\$52,048.00). Second by Ms. Bremner. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve hiring Cinnamon Crawford, Professional Technical 2019-2020 pending successful background check/drug test. Second by Mr. Gallup. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Contract Service Agreements: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background checks: Custom Educational Consulting, LLC-KW Vina 2019-2020 (\$2,500.00); Cheri Dauphinais, Certified Tutor-21st Century Tutoring Program 2019-2020 (\$4,872.00); Andrea Sangray, Certified Tutor-21st Century Tutoring Program 2019-2020 (\$4,872.00); Mistyne Hall, Certified Tutor-21st Century Tutoring Program 2019-2020 (\$4,872.00); Damita Begay, Classified Tutor-Napi-21st Century Tutoring Program 2019-2020 (\$2,668.00); Sara Kuka, Classified Tutor-21st Century Tutoring Program 2019-2020 (\$2,668.00); Brenda Guardipee, 1st Aid-CPR Class for Napi Elementary Staff 2019-2020 (\$1,050.00); Stipend for 1st Aid/CPR Training for Napi Elementary Staff 2019-2020, see list (\$1,100.00); Suzanne Weekes, Registration Services-Babb 2019-2020 (\$168.00). Second by Ms. Bremner. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Motion by Ms. Bremner to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background checks: Travis Miller, Certified Tutor - 21st Century Tutoring Program 2019-2020 (\$4,872.00) and Joe Jessepe, Classified Tutor-21st Century Tutoring Program 2019-2020 (\$2,668.00). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve a contract service agreement pending successful background check for JoRae Rattler, Part Time Families in Transition Liaison 2019-2020 (\$8,250.00). Second by Ms. TallWhiteman. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Out of State Travel: Motion by Ms. Bremner to approve out of state travel for Angela Heavy Runner, Tracy Momberg, Jodie Goss, Apple-ConnectEd Leadership in Phoenix, AZ (School Related Leave Only). Second by Mr. Evans. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve out of state travel for Brenda Johnston, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC (\$218.08). Second by Ms. Bremner. Public participation/Board discussion: Mr. Evans asked what this trip is for. John Salois stated that this is for the Montana Writing Project and Ms. Johnston has attended this event for the past 5-years or more. Ms. Yellow Owl asked to have a presentation on this event for the school board. No further discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve staff development for Jeri Matt, Sicily Bird, William Heubsch, Toni Tatsey, Sheila Hall, Angela Heavy Runner, Edith Wagner, Genevieve Bragg Wilson, Andrea Evans, Nicole Whitney, Elisha Kennedy, Victoria, McClellan, Tracy Momberg, Racquel Littleplume, Jason Krane to attend the Plain Talk Literacy Con'f. in New Orleans, LA (\$2,715.34 ea). Second by Ms. Bremner. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

In State Travel: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for Tonia Tatsey, Corrina Guardipee-Hall, Montana Conference of Education Leadership (MCEL) in Billings, Montana (\$585.68). Second by Ms. Bremner. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following in state travel: Cohrie Lorenzo, Koby Harwood, Wes Wells, Nathaniel Bird Rattle, Desirae Flammond-Bus Driver Training in Malta, MT (\$292.50 ea); Everett Armstrong, Cross Country Divisional Tournament in Hamilton, MT (\$271.90); Everett Armstrong, William Heubsch, Divisional Volley Ball Tournament in Dillon, MT (\$586.36 ea); Everett Armstrong, GBB BBB Tip Offs in Missoula, MT (\$283.32) and Corrina Guardipee Hall, Matthew Johnson, Higher Education Consortium at MSU-

Northern in Havre, MT (\$280.40). Second by Ms. Bremner. No public participation. No board discussion. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Approvals: Motion by Ms. Bremner to approve to Create Napi Cross Country Coach Position. Second by Mr. Evans. Public participation/Board discussion: Mr. Evans asked if there are that many kids participating in Cross Country. Everett Armstrong stated yes. Motion passed 5-0 with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, James Evans, Rae TallWhiteman, Brian Gallup voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: Clubs & Sponsors 2019-2020 (\$15,152.00); Create NEW Clubs 2019-2020 (\$13,352.00); Substitute Eligibility Roster 2019-2020; District Committees 2019-2020 (\$130,422.24); Request Full Tuition for School Psychologist Scholarship for Gustavo Garces (\$35,000.00); Amend Hours for Supper Program Cook Positions to 1.0 FTE; Compensation for Emergency Closure September 30, 2019 (\$52,935.82); Compensation for Emergency Closure September 30, 2019 (\$52,935.82); Compensation for Emergency Closure September 30, 2019 (\$52,935.82); Increase Blackfoot Bus Route Mileage by 2.8 miles 2019-2020 SY; Hartley's School Bus, Purchase 2 Route Buses (\$157,250.00); Change Order #1-Hannon HVAC - Exhaust Hoods-BHS (\$2,856.32); Emergency Purchase - Loader from Titan Machinery (\$80,000.00); Purchases Over \$10,000.00; District Claims Check #421967 - #422110 (\$458,216.93); Student Activities Check #703979 - #703997 (\$6,305.55) and Additional Pays/Payroll. Second by Ms. Bremner. Public participation/Board discussion: Mr. Evans stated his disagreement with the district supporting full tuition when the scholarship was already approved for ½ tuition. Mr. Gallup agreed. Stating half tuition was \$17,500.00 and one (1) year leave of absence. Superintendent Hall stated that Mr. Garces then asked for full tuition and noted that she did meet with the Union and they agreed to offer full tuition. Mr. Gallup stated that if this is supported then the district will have to do the same for everyone. Mr. Gallup noted that there will be another school psychologist on board as soon as OPI approves the emergency certification and after that the position is not a big emergency any longer because both positions will be filled. Mr. Gallup stated that this is a lot of money (\$35,000.00) plus Mr. Garces will have one (1) year off. Superintendent Hall stated that Mr. Garces will come back and work for the district for 6-years for full tuition. Mr. Gallup stated he supports ½ tuition and asked if this can be modified. Superintendent Hall stated that it cannot be modified right now and also noted that others will have to be given full tuition; Mr. Garces knows that ½ tuition was already approved and that the board does not have to agree with the union. Mr. Garces can only request one (1) year at a time. Superintendent Hall stated that the MOU passed between BFT and the board for full tuition at the September 26, 2019 board meeting. No further discussion regarding tuition. Mr. Evans asked about the bus purchase and asked if the district can sale the buses outright. Wayne Bullcalf stated that Hartleys did not want to give the district much on the coach bus, however since transportation is purchasing another bus, they did give us a trade. Mr. Bullcalf stated that they could not find a sale for the coach bus. Mr. Evans suggested talking to the firefighters. No further discussion regarding buses. Ms. Yellow Owl asked about the Heritage books costing over \$14,000.00 to print and asked who is selling the books. Superintendent Hall stated that the Heritage books did sale out and Jim McNeely has been volunteering and selling the books. Mr. McNeely would push the sales more if the district was paying him, but they are still making money. Stacy Edwards stated that the website is up and running and Teresa Roland takes care of processing and mailing the books out when there is a purchase on the website. The books being printed is the Blackfeet Reservation book and it was created by Lithia printing and Thomas Printing is recreating the book; The Napi stories are separate and not as expensive. Ms. Bermner stated that she is happy to see all the new clubs in the schools and asked what the Varsity club is. Everett Armstrong stated that if you go to different schools, you will see a shrine of past athletes where they are a part of the sports banquets, giving speeches, etc. Ms. Bremner asked if a club and sponsor are not on this list can they still be a club. Mr. Armstrong stated yes. Ms. Bremner has spoken to the sponsors and the students and they want to be involved year-round raising money and asked if they can they be a sport club and raise money outside of their sport season. Stacy Edwards stated that they did do that with the football club last spring and anyone can be involved. Mr. Armstrong stated that he has to check rules with MHSA on this. Superintendent Hall asked Mr. Armstrong to let her know what the outcome is. Ms. Yellow Owl asked what is "two is better than one" club. Mr. Armstrong stated that it is sort of a warrior movement in Arlee for suicide prevention. Marley Morgan approached BHS to get it implemented here. No further discussion. Motion passed with Donna Yellow Owl, Wendy Bremner, Rae TallWhiteman voting for items and Brian Gallup and James Evans voting against Full Tuition for School Psychologist Scholarship for Gustavo Garces (\$35,000.00).

Motion by Mr. Evans to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Second by Ms. Bemner. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted:

_____ Carlene Adamson, Board Secretary

_____ Donna Yellow Owl, Board Chairperson

_____ Stacy Edwards, District Clerk