

Browning Public Schools  
**Board Agenda Request**  
Meeting to Be Held: 9/12/23



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**Recognition:**   ☐ Students                      ☐ Staff                      ☐ Parents  
**Information:**   ☐ Building Report                      ☐ Old Business                      ☐ Superintendent's Report  
**Action:**   ☐ Resignation                      ☐ Hiring                      ☐ Contract Service Agreements  
                    ☐ Travel Out-of-State                      ☐ Travel In State                      ☒ Approvals  
                    ☐ Termination                      ☐ Legal Matters                      ☐ Other:  
This action request pertains to   ☐ Elementary (only)                      ☒ High School/District Wide

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**Date:**      8/30/2023

**To:**      Corrina Guardipee-Hall  
                 Superintendent

**From:**   Toni Tatsey  
**Title:**    KW/Vina Principal

**Subject:** Request to name KW Bergan/Vina Chattin Elementary as Stumitsikitsikin Elementary

**Description:** Proposing to name the two buildings KW Bergan and Vina Chattin as 1 Elementary.

**Financial Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.):** N/A

**Attachment(s):** Request letter, Bullshoe Sister page and meaning of Stumitsikitsikin.

**Approval:** Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Board Action:**   ☐ N/A (Info)    ☐ Approved    ☐ Denied    ☐ Tabled to: \_\_\_\_\_

August 31, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Toni Tatsey, am representing the Bullshoe (Stumitsikitsikin) Family for our request in naming the KW Bergan/Vina Chattin buildings to Stumitsikitsikin Elementary. Our Family has a lot of history in the two buildings. The Bullshoe sisters; Joan, June, Carmen, and Doris were icons in the Browning Public School system. For many years June Bullshoe-Tatsey was a principal at KW, as was Carmen Bullshoe-Marceau at Vina. Their two sisters Joan Bullshoe-Kennerly and Doris Bullshoe-OldPerson worked alongside them as classroom teachers and for two years Doris was also a principal at KW. The family paved the way for future generations as many of their children, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren have also been educators for Browning Public Schools. We can not forget their beloved Mother Lillian Henualt-Bullshoe who was a cook at KW and retired from there. Their Father Francis Chief Bullshoe also served on one of the first Browning School Boards.

Out of respect for the Bergan and Chattin families we would like the buildings to remain the Bergan wing and Chattin wing. Thank you for your consideration and honor of our beloved Mother/s, Aunt/s, Grandmother/s, Great grandmother/s and Greats.

Respectfully,

Toni Bullshoe-Tatsey  
& Family of the Bullshoe Sisters



### JOAN BULLSHOE KENNERLY

Mrs. Kennerly has fifteen years of teaching experience in the Blackfeet and Northern Cheyenne public school systems. She was the first runnerup for the 1972 Montana Teacher of the Year. She received her B.S. in education at Northern Montana College and her M.A. in education at Arizona State University. She is principal of the K. W. Bergan School in Browning, Montana.



### JUNE BULLSHOE TATSEY

Mrs. Tatsey is a Blackfeet Indian with twelve years experience in teaching in the public school system on the Blackfeet Reservation. She received her B.S. in education from Northern Montana College and is working on her M.A. in guidance and counseling.



### CARMEN BULLSHOE GUARDIPEE

Mrs. Guardipee is a Blackfeet Indian with thirteen years teaching experience. She has had one year experience in guidance and counseling on the Blackfeet Reservation. She received her B.S. in education from Northern Montana College and her M.A. in guidance and counseling from the University of South Dakota and the University of Montana.



### DORIS BULLSHOE OLD PERSON

Mrs. Old Person has thirteen years experience teaching in the Blackfeet Public School System. She has specialized in remedial reading and has supervised extra curricular activities. She was invited to speak at the 1970 Conference on International Teacher Education at the University of Lethridge, Alberta, Canada. She received her B.A. in education from Arizona State University.

# Stumitsikitsikin

## "BULLSHOE"

Originated from the buffalo bull. When the Indians use to make long journeys, they made their moccasins from the neck of the buffalo bull which was very strong and could endure much hard use.

The name Bullshoe was given, which means endurance.

