

**BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 15, 2011  
Lion's Den—Bremen High School**

Bremen Public Schools Mission Statement

The Bremen Public School community works collaboratively to provide a safe, nurturing environment where students are empowered academically and socially to succeed in life.

**I. OPENING OF MEETING**

- A. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Stuckman. Those present included: Board members – Jill Hassel, Todd Stuckman, Frankie Merritt and Chuck Klockow; Superintendent Russ Mikel; staff members and patrons. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered by Jack Jordan.
- B. A motion was made by Frankie Merritt to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded by Todd Stuckman; motion carried.
- C. Chuck Klockow moved to approve claims 1409 through 1496 as presented. The motion was seconded by Jill Hassel. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- D. Visitors were welcomed.
- E. There were no patrons with comments concerning the Agenda Items.

**II. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Staff Reports—
  - 1. Mr. Larry Yelaska reported to the board that on Friday November 11 BEMS recognized Veteran's Day with a middle school assembly. A special thank you to guest speaker Mr. Mike Martin, the students were able to gain a greater appreciation of our freedom and the service of all of our Veterans. The PTO is sponsoring the first annual Turkey Feather Contest, students and staff are able to purchase (paper) turkey feathers, the staff member that receives the most turkey feathers will have the honor of wearing a turkey costume on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, this is a fun way to raise money for our computer lab. In order to raise funds to be donated to the F.O.P Shop With a Cop program that services Bremen students each year the staff will have a Jeans Week the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>, each teacher will pay \$5.00 to have the option to wear jeans to school each day of this week as well as the student will have a Hat Day on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, they will each pay \$1.00 for the privilege of wearing a hat during the school day. Window 1 of the instructional calendar has been completed. Teachers continue to do a great job of providing focused instruction, assessing student performance and providing enrichment/remediation lessons based on data. The 8 Step Process has been expanded to include math in the elementary building and science and social studies in the middle school. Success Period lessons are provided 3 days a week in the middle school and 4 days a week in the K-5 building.

2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that staff was trained on the topic of “The Common Core Standards on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Freshmen and Sophomores were administered the Explore & Plan Assessments. “The Beverly Hillbillies” was well-performed by BHS students at three different performances. BHS hosted several events; IHSAA Volleyball Semi-state on Oct 29<sup>th</sup>; IHSAA Sectional Football Finals, of which Bremen came out the Champs; Financial Aid Meeting for students & parents; Fall Band Concert; and Fall Choir Concert. There were 9 BHS students that participated in the District Honor Band Concert @ North Judson High School on November 13<sup>th</sup>. On Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> BHS football team traveled to Wheeler to compete in the IHSAA Football Regional. Bremen was crowned Regional Champs and will travel to Ft. Wayne to take on the Bishop Luers HS, kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 PM. Finals for the first term of the 2011/12 school year will be held on Wed 11/16 and Thurs 11/17 with the first day of the second term on Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>. Tuesday November 22 BHS will host the Red Cross Bloodmobile
3. The Math & Science Departments reported on the use of technology within their departments.

### **III. PERSONNEL**

1. Resignations –  
Frankie Merritt moved to accept the following resignation as presented:
  - 1.1 Ashley Good—Special Education Assistant  
Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.
2. Transfers – None
3. Reassignments – None
4. Change in Status – None
5. New Contracts –None
6. Leave Requests—  
Jack Jordan moved to accept the following leave request as presented:
  - 6.1 Angela Keller—Leave Without Pay  
Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.
7. Terminations—None
8. Resignations—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI—None

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion to waive Policy 620: Class Field Trips for the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Wander Indiana trip was made by Jill Hassel, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.
- B. Frankie Merritt moved to approve the payment of Pay App #2 to Korellis Roofing for 2011 Reroofing. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.
- C. Mr. Tom McKaig gave a presentation on behalf of Neola, Jill Hassel withdrew her motion to proceed with this company.

- D. A discussion was held concerning the date for the December Regular Session Board Meeting to be held, it was decided to hold the meeting on Tuesday December 6, 2011. There will only be one Regular Session Board Meeting in December.
- E. Chuck Klockow moved to decline the BEA Grievance, Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0. Board member Frankie Merritt abstained from the vote.

**VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD**

- A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:00 PM in Lion Den.
- B. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce Readiness—Handout

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 9:00 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

- B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on December 6, 2011.

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Jack Jordan, President

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Todd Stuckman, Vice President

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Jill Hassel, Secretary

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Frankie Merritt, Member

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Chuck Klockow, Member

**BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS CORE VALUES**

° MUTUAL RESPECT ° CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY ° GREAT EXPECTATIONS