

BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 3, 2011

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 President Jordan. Those present included: Board members – Todd Stuckman, Jill Hassel, 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 April 19, 2011 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded by Todd Stuckman; motion carried.
- C. Jill Hassel moved to approve claims 427 through 492 as presented. The motion was seconded by Jack Jordan. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- D. Mr. Mikel presented a General Fund Comparison Report showing 67% of appropriation remaining.
- E. Visitors were welcomed.
- F. There were no patrons with comments concerning the Agenda Items.

II. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports
 - 1. Mr. Yelaska reported that the ISTEP+ testing has been completed, the 8th grade online testing version went very well, they had a few issues with login and the test freezing in the middle of the session but overall they were able to complete the test and appeared to perform well. The 3rd-7th grades were assessed with the paper/pencil version and the teachers reported a strong effort from all students. A special thank you to the entire staff who have spent countless hours preparing the students throughout the school year. The APR (AdvancEd Report) has been submitted and we will have a visit from Phil Metcalf on Friday May 13th who will interview the administration, school improvement team and a group of teachers from the building. After the visit we will be informed if we have been granted full accreditation. The Middle School, 2nd Grade and students identified as high ability students participated in the NWEA testing. Also any students that have enrolled in Bremen since the last testing session in the fall. The Middle School will use the testing for some scheduling purposes and to help guide instruction. The 2nd grade test data will be used to screen students for the high ability program. K-5 students will also complete the spring AIMSweb assessment in May.

2. Mr. Jennings shared with the Board that selected staff members heard a presentation on The Common Core Standards by Dr. Schauna Findlay, the IDOE Director of Curriculum & Instruction on April 18th. The freshman class participated in the NWEA testing for the second time this year on April 26th-27th. The 24th Annual Student Leadership Breakfast Ceremony honoring 20 staff and 100 students took place on April 28th. On Tuesday May 3rd some students participated in the Advanced Placement Spanish Test. The Advanced Placement Calculus Test will be administered on Wednesday May 4th. The BHS Social Studies Academic Super Bowl Team will compete in the State Competition at Purdue on Saturday May 7th, they finished with the third highest score in the state during the Regional Competition that was held on April 19th, team members include: Amy Seifer, Mason Williams, Kyle Anderson, Tyler LaFlash and Mikhala Kaseweter. The High School will hold an Internet Ethics and Safety convocation on Monday May 9th, as well as a Pre-Prom convocation with Luke Pamer, a Fairfield HS student talking about safe driving (from a personal perspective) on Monday May 16th. The Academic Awards Program will be held on Tuesday May 10th in the Bowen Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. BHS is going to host the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Friday May 13th. Mr. Jennings would like to offer a special thank you to the two Student Teachers that have been with us during the second half of the school year, Aaron Engbrecht (Business) and James Kemble (Ag). Two BHS students (Breann Felton, Dental Health and Adriana Fernandez, Health Occupations Professional Portfolio and Dental Health) have earned the opportunity to compete in the National Skills USA competition in Kansas City, MO June 20-24th after qualifying in the State Competition on April 16th.
3. Mr. Berger presented Technology in the Agriculture Department to the Board.
4. Mr. Jennings and the Tech Department presented Technology Infrastructure and Equipment Purchase Proposal to the Board.

II. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations –
Frankie Merritt moved to accept the following resignation as presented:
 - 1.1 Barb Gingrich—Cafeteria
Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried
2. Transfers – None
3. Reassignments – None
4. Change in Status – None
5. New Contracts –
Frankie Merritt moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:
 - 5.1. Randi Brooke—HS Job Coach
 - 5.2 Laura Watts—HS Fall Drama Director
Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0

Jack Jordan moved to accept the following Summer School contracts as presented (pending sufficient student enrollment in each course) 6/6 - 7/1, 2011:

 - 5.3 Laura Watts—Economics
 - 5.4 Kent Reed—Government (2 weeks)

- 5.5 Kyle Hanyzewski—Government (2 weeks)
- 5.6 Patti Davis—Health
- 5.7 Mark Yoder—Physical Education
- 5.8 Gary Hudson—Algebra IB (2 weeks)
- 5.9 Andrew Rohde—Algebra IB (2 weeks)
- 5.10 Connie Newcomb—Themes in Literature
- 5.11 Jennifer Heiter—Themes in Literature

Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0

6. Leave Requests—

A motion to accept the following leave was made by Frankie Merritt:

- 6.1 Shawna Davenport-Leave without pay

Jill Hassell seconded the motion; motion carried.

7. Terminations—None

III. POLICY

A. Policy Waiver

- 1. Policy #621

Jill Hassell moved to accept the following waiver request as presented:

- 1.1 5th Grade to the Notre Dame Observatory

Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.

Jack Jordan moved to accept the following waiver request as presented:

- 1.2 Cheerleader Camp in Warsaw (2 nights/3 days)

Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

Chuck Klockow moved to accept the following waiver request as presented:

- 1.3 Band Trip Spring Break 2012

Jill Hassell seconded the motion; motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Jack Jordan moved to approve the 2011/2012 Elementary/Middle School Handbook as presented, Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Mr. Mikel presented a handout to the Board regarding an update on Strategic Planning.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Jill Hassell moved to accept the \$500 donation to the HS Athletic Department that was made by the Irish Aquatics and MAPSC program, Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

B. Jill Hassell moved to approve the HS Textbook Selection Recommendation as presented, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

C. A motion to approve the Transfer of Funds Resolution was made by Jack Jordan, the motion was seconded by Chuck Klockow; motion carried.

D. Jack Jordan moved to accept the proposal for the BPS lunch and breakfast price increase for K-12. Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.

V. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD

- A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday May 17, 2011 at 7:00 PM
- B. ISBA Spring Regional Meeting will be May 18th, Jill, Chuck, Frankie, Russ and Jack will be attending.
- C. Mr. Mikel presented an update on the Koontz House, the title work has cleared.
- D. The latest version of the BPS brochure was presented.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 10:05 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on May 17, 2011.

Jack Jordan, President

Todd Stuckman, Vice President

Jill Hassel, Secretary

Frankie Merritt, Member

Chuck Klockow, Member

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