

**BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 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; Superintendent Russ Mikel; staff members and patrons. Board members Jack Jordan and Chuck Klockow were absent. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered by Russ Mikel.
- B. A motion to amend the agenda was made by Jill Hassel:
III. Personnel A. 9.1 to III. Personnel A. 5.8 Greg Williams
Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0
- C. A motion was made by Frankie Merritt to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Jill Hassel; motion carried.
- D. Jill Hassel moved to approve claims 1166 through 1235 as presented. The motion was seconded by Frankie Merritt. Motion carried 3–0.
- E. Mr. Mikel presented the General Fund Comparison.
- F. Visitors were welcomed.
- G. 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 Sarah LeCount did a great job with the College Go Week by encouraging the teachers to wear their college apparel as well as inviting the students to signing a card on the bulletin board stating what college they would like to attend in the future, a great way to get them thinking about college or career plans. The 3rd, 5th, and 6th-8th grade students are receiving keyboarding/technology lessons this year. Along with working on keyboarding they are receiving instruction on other technology skills. While the 1st, 2nd and 4th grade students are working on technology skills with Jennifer Ellsworth, and instructional assistant, once a week. For the first time BEMS is running the annual Book Fair which began on Monday October 3rd. Many individuals are helping to organize and run the fair this year, this is a great opportunity for our students to purchase some great books as the school earns money and books. The first round of the

observations for the new teacher evaluation pilot is in the process of being completed. This is providing some great feedback and will improve instruction. A major focus is on acknowledging teacher strengths and providing opportunities for staff development.

2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board of students voluntarily organized an “International Day of Peace Rally” in the Lion Den during lunchtime September 21st. The Marching Band competed in the Penn Invitational and the ISSMA District Contest @ Penn during the past two weeks. The PSAT and ASVAB Assessments for the Sophomores & Juniors will be held on Wed 10/12. Congratulations to Kailyn Weiss who received the Bremen Chamber of Commerce Youth Service Award on Sept 16, 2011. Both the boys’ & girls’ cross-country teams won the Marshall County Meet on September 29th, the boys’ tennis team won the NSC tournament and finished 2nd in the NSC standings for the fall season. The boys’ soccer team made history by being the first school in the Conference to be recognized as the NSC Champs. And the BHS football team remains undefeated and ranked 6th in the State.
3. Mrs. Balsley presented the Special Service Director’s Report.

III. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations – None
2. Transfers – None
3. Reassignments – None
4. Change in Status – None
5. New Contracts –
Jill Hassel moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:
 - 5.1 Brad Sterling—7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - 5.2 Matthew Miller—8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - 5.3 Shawn Campbell—HS Head Wrestling Coach
 - 5.4 Nick Spaid—HS Assistant Wrestling Coach
 - 5.5 Josh Hueni—Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
 - 5.6 Todd Graverson—Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
 - 5.7 Deb Chrisman—Cook
 - 5.8 Greg Williams—6th Grad Boys Basketball CoachFrankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0
6. Leave Requests—
Frankie Merritt moved to accept the following leave requests as presented:
 - 6.1 Tracie Vermillion—Leave of AbsenceJill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried.
7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—
Frankie Merritt moved to accept the following retirement request as presented:
 - 8.1 Susan Gooch—Kindergarten, thank you for your 20 years of service.Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried 3-0
9. Volunteer’s—FYI
 - 9.1 Greg Miller—HS Volunteer Assistant Swim Coach
 - 9.2 Mark Andrews—HS Volunteer Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
 - 9.3 Richard Strehler—6th Grade Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There was discussion concerning the Strategic Planning.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion to waive Policy 621: Extra Curricular Trip for the BHS Key Club Oct 28-30, 2011 was made by Jill Hassel, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.
- B. There was a Public Hearing on the 2012 Budget with no comments made.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD

- A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday October 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM
- B. Fall Regional Meeting in Plymouth @ Christo's 6:00 PM, Jack, Russ, Jill, Frankie and Todd to attend.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 8:51 PM. Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.
- B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on October 18 2011.

Jack Jordan, President

Todd Stuckman, Vice President

Jill Hassel, Secretary

Frankie Merritt, Member

Chuck Klockow, Member

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° MUTUAL RESPECT ° CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY ° GREAT EXPECTATIONS