

BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 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 – 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 Chuck Klockow.
- B. A motion was made by Todd Stuckman to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded by Jill Hassel; motion carried.
- C. Chuck Klockow moved to approve claims 981 through 1083 as presented. The motion was seconded by Frankie Merritt. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- D. Mr. Mikel presented the General Fund Comparison.
- 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 staff of BEMS started the year off in GROOVY style with the theme of the Corporation Breakfast on August 22nd and a celebration in the afternoon celebrating their outstanding 2011 ISTEP+ scores, they made tie dyed t-shirts for staff to show their excitement and are looking forward to a Groovy year. The 2nd grade and grades 5-8 took the NWEA fall testing; this will provide valuable data on the students in the language arts and math content areas. They will take the test again in the spring which will provide a growth measure for all tested students. The current enrollment for K8 is 947 students, this is down just a little, the last two outgoing 8th grade classes were 116 and 115. The current Kindergarten class is 105 and 1st grade is 92, thus a slight decrease in enrollment. We currently have 23 transfer students in the K8 building with only one student transferred out of the Bremen District. Several of the extra-curricular teams are already practicing and ready to get kick off their seasons, those being football, volleyball and cross country. Both the Middle School and K-5 Open House nights were well attended and he appreciates the support from the parents each year. We have an incredible staff and they are ready to provide the students with the best possible education.

2. Mr. Jennings reported the BHS Athletic Department held an informational meeting for all BHS athletes and their parents. We have 31 students attending the Elkhart Career Center this year, while over 500 students are attending Bremen High School. The Guidance Department held an information meeting for seniors and their parents on August 29th. There will be an informational meeting for all Sophomores/Juniors and their parents on Mon. Sept. 19th in the Bowen Auditorium at 7:30 PM. Fifteen young ladies competed for the title of Bremen's Distinguished Young Woman honors with Jenna Pfeiffer being named the winner on August 20th. On Sept 9th the "Colts in Motion" show will be at BHS. The NWEA Testing will begin on Tues Sept 6th for all Freshmen. Homecoming week will begin Monday Sept 19th.
3. Mrs. Shambarger presented the report on the current activity with the Technology Department.
4. Mrs. McKenzie/Mrs. Box will present their presentation on the Reading/Writing program at the next board meeting on September 20th.

III. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations –
Jack Jordan moved to accept the following resignation as presented:
 - 1.1 Amber Lawmaster—2nd Grade Team LeaderChuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.
2. Transfers –
Jill Hassel moved to accept the following transfers as presented:
 - 2.1 Elizabeth Hite—Special Education Instructional Assistant
 - 2.2 Norma Hubert—Cook
 - 2.3 Sarah Gilmer—K8 Instructional AssistantChuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.
3. Reassignments – None
4. Change in Status – None
5. New Contracts –
Jack Jordan moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:
 - 5.1. Ashley Collar—K8 Instructional Assistant
 - 5.2 Jennifer Ellsworth—K8 Instructional Assistant
 - 5.3 Amber Gensinger—K8 Instructional Assistant
 - 5.4 Kindra Garey—K8 Instructional Assistant
 - 5.5 Brenda Herrera—K8 Instructional Assistant
 - 5.6 Angie Sinkovics—K8 Instructional Assistant
 - 5.7 Nichole Walter—K8 Instructional Assistant
 - 5.8 Debra Watts—K8 Instructional Assistant
 - 5.9 Courtney Flinn—Special Education Instructional Assistant
 - 5.10 Ashley Good—Special Education Instructional Assistant
 - 5.11 Ashley Manges—K8 Media Center AssistantTodd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0

Frankie Merritt moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:
 - 5.12 Chris Pearish—Lunch Assistant
 - 5.13 Amy Lechlitner—Late Bus SupervisorJill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried.

Jill Hassel moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:

5.14 Stacey Newsom—2nd Grade Team Leader

Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chuck Klockow moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:

5.15 Matt Moyer—MS STUCO Advisor

5.16 Rob Palmiter—MS Academic Super Bowl Coach, Social Studies

5.17 Amber Lawmaster—7th Grade Volleyball Volunteer Coach

5.18 Amanda Starceвич—MS Cross Country Volunteer Coach

5.19 Larry Martin—HS Volunteer Football Coach

5.20 Kyle Feldman—HS Boys Soccer Volunteer Assistant

5.21 Leslie Callander—HS Girls Soccer Volunteer Assistant

5.22 Ericca Thornton—MS Volunteer Cheer Coach

Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.

*Board decided to have a list of volunteers for FYI only-no board approval necessary.

6. Leave Requests—

Todd Stuckman moved to accept the following leave request as presented:

6.1 Amber Reed—Unpaid Leave of Absence

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

7. Terminations—None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Greg Miller gave a presentation and review of the insurance for BPS.

B. Mr. Troy Holmes gave a report on Extreme Heat/Extra-Curricular Activities

C. Mr. Mikel updated the board on the Strategic Planning—Targets and Goals.

D. A motion was made by Jack Jordan to approve the Pay App #1 to Barton-Coe-Vilamaa for the 2011 reroofing project. The motion to approve was then seconded Todd Stuckman; motion carried.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday September 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 9:02 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on September 20, 2011.

Jack Jordan, President

Todd Stuckman, Vice President

Jill Hassel, Secretary

Frankie Merritt, Member

Chuck Klockow, Member

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