

BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES July 19, 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 Vice President Stuckman. Those present included: Board members – Todd Stuckman, Jill Hassel, Frankie Merritt and Chuck Klockow; Superintendent Russ Mikel; staff members and patrons. President Jack Jordan was absent. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered by Russ Mikel.
- B. Todd Stuckman moved to amend the Agenda to add the following:
III Personnel A. 1.4 Shane Lowry—MS Art teacher resignation.
Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.
- C. A motion was made by Frankie Merritt to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2011 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded by Todd Stuckman; motion carried.
- D. Jill Hassel moved to approve claims 735 through 841 as presented. The motion was seconded by Chuck Klockow. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- E. Mr. Mikel presented a General Fund Comparison Report showing 50% of appropriation remaining.
- F. Visitors were welcomed.
- G. There were no patrons with comments concerning the Agenda Items.

II. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports
 - 1. Mr. Yelaska reported that he would like to express his appreciation to the Bremen Public Library for their support with the Summer AR Program so that the students can take their tests at the library while our server is down this summer. There were over 100 applicants for the various positions that were available in the K-8 building; we are excited to begin to work with the new staff members that were selected by the committee. The new teachers will begin with a New Teacher Orientation starting August 8th; they will also be part of the teacher evaluation pilot group that we are participating in for the state. We would like to thank the school board on behalf of the parents, students and teachers for adding these positions this year. The state released the ISTEP+ results to the public on July 13, 2011, Bremen Elementary/Middle school did a great job again this year. The Official AYP results will not be released until September or October.

2. Mr. Jennings shared with the Board that the High School Administrators received CPI and CPR training over the summer. For the first time BHS will be offering online registration as well book fees can be paid online buy using credit/debit cards. Online registration will begin on Monday August 8th. Also on the 8th the new teachers will begin Their New Teacher Orientation. Those participating in the pilot program MCREL Teacher Evaluation will have training on August 11th & 12th. The first day of class for those attending the Elkhart Career Center will be Tuesday August 16th. The High School Office will offer Registration with assistance to the online process on the following dates and times: 8/18 from noon till 6 PM, 8/19 from 8 AM to 4 PM and 8/22 from 9 AM to 4 PM. BHS will host the Junior Miss Pageant on Saturday August 20th in the Auditorium. Tuesday 8/23 will be the first day for students for the 2011-12 school year.
3. Mr. Unsicker gave an update on the Sodexo Maintenance program. There will be an Annual Executive Review at the August 2nd Board Meeting.

III. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations –
A motion to accept the following resignations was made by Jill Hassel:
 - 1.1 Ryan LeCount—MS Social Studies Teacher
 - 1.2 Janet Box—7th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - 1.3 Beth Huppert –MS Volleyball Coach
 - 1.4 Shane Lowry—MS Art Teacher
 Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.
2. Transfers – None
3. Reassignments – None
4. Change in Status – None
5. New Contracts –
Chuck Klockow moved to accept the following new contract as presented:
 - 5.1. Emily Tracy—K-5 Assistant Principal
 Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0

Frankie Merritt made a motion to accept the following new contracts as presented:

- 5.2 Jenny Campbell-Part Time Mental Health Therapist
- 5.3 Merridith Scott—3rd Grade Teacher
- 5.4 Ryan Eakins—MS Social Studies Teacher
- 5.5 Samantha Holmes—1st Grade Teacher
- 5.6 Martin Andrews—5th Grade Teacher
- 5.7 Angie Keller—5th Grade Teacher
- 5.8 Marcy Porter—6th Grade Part Time Language Arts Teacher
- 5.9 Melissa Hullinger—Part Time Instructional Assistant
- 5.10 Kamila Haeck—Cafeteria Assistant
- 5.11 Andrew Rohde—Alternative Education Advisor Algebra A&B and Geometry A&B
- 5.12 Connie Newcomb—Alternative Education Advisor English 10A, English 10B, English 12A and English 12B
- 5.13 Laura Watts—Alternative Education Advisor for Economics & Government

- 5.14 Mindi Slone—Alternative Education Advisor English 11A and English 11B
 - 5.15 Kevin Ecenbarger—Alternative Education Advisor Biology A&B
 - 5.16 Kyle Hanyzewski—Alternative Education Advisor for US History A and US History B
 - 5.17 Jeff Fitch—MS Cross Country Coach
 - 5.18 Janet Box—8th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - 5.19 Romulus DePalma—HS Football Volunteer Assistant
- Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.

- 6. Leave Requests—None
- 7. Terminations—None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Jill Hassel moved to approve the High School Textbook Rental Fees as presented, Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.
- B. An update of the Strategic Planning was presented and a work session has been scheduled for August 16th to proceed with the planning.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD

- A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday August 2, 2011 at 7:00 PM
- B. Budget Calendar for 2012
- C. ISTEP & Scores

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 8:10PM. Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.
- B. Upcoming Board Meetings:
The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on August 2, 2011.

Jack Jordan, President

Todd Stuckman, Vice President

Jill Hassel, Secretary

Frankie Merritt, Member

Chuck Klockow, Member

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