

**BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 1, 2011  
Media Center—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 President Jordan. Those present included: Board members – Jill Hassel, Todd Stuckman, Frankie Merritt, Chuck Klockow; Superintendent Russ Mikel; staff members and patrons. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered by Russ Mikel.
- B. A motion was made by Frankie Merritt to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded by Jill Hassel; motion carried.
- C. Frankie Merritt moved to approve claims 1335 through 1408 as presented. The motion was seconded by Todd Stuckman. 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. Larry Yelaska reported to the board that on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> the parent teacher conferences for the K8 building took place and were well attended, this was a great opportunity for teachers and parents to strengthen their partnership to ensure student success. The K8 first quarter awards assemblies will take place November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Emily Tracy and Sarah LeCount are leading the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) committee at BEMS. This program is based on setting clear and consistent schoolwide expectations. These expectations are modeled and practiced frequently to promote positive behavior throughout the building; the students will be recognized for positive behavior. The committee is working on a matrix that will serve as a guideline for expected behaviors throughout the school day. This is an effective way to reduce discipline issues. There are over 30 teachers signed up to participate in a book study on *21st Century Skills; Rethinking How Students Learn*. This is a portion of the new teacher evaluation tool and will assist both teachers and administrators in meeting student needs in this area.

2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board of an all-school convocation occurred on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> to educate students on blood donations to the American Red Cross. On Wednesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be EXPLORE/PLAN assessments going on in Gym A and the Lion Den in the AM. The fall play “Beverly Hillbillies” will be presented Thursday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a financial aid meeting for parents/students on Monday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in room 327. Nine BHS students were chosen out of 300+ students who applied to participate in the 2011 Regional Honor Band Concert that will be held at North Judson High School on Sunday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. There were about 100 students chosen to participate, our nine are: Salvador Perez, Kristen Ahlenius, LaurieAnne Wickens, Zac Compton, Jack Jordan, Cole McCord, Ashley Cox, Kristopher Wickens, and Justin Niles—congratulations to all. The Fall Band Concert will take place on Tuesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup> and the Fall Choir Concert will take place on Monday Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **III. PERSONNEL**

1. Resignations – None
2. Transfers – None
3. Reassignments – None
4. Change in Status – None
5. New Contracts –  
Jack Jordan moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:
  - 5.1 Tina Haltman—3 hr. Lunch Assistant
  - 5.2 Don Harrison—HS Swimming Assistant CoachJill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0
6. Leave Requests—  
Chuck Klockow moved to accept the following leave requests as presented:
  - 6.1 Lindsay Hudkins—Maternity Leave, March 20, 2012-January 2013Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.  
  
Jill Hassel moved to accept the following leave requests as presented:
  - 6.2 Dawn Korra—1/2 Day Unpaid LeaveTodd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.
7. Terminations—None
8. Resignations—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI
  - 9.1 Mike Shumaker—HS Volunteer Wrestling Coach
  - 9.2 Zach Hundt—HS Volunteer Wrestling Coach

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. There was discussion concerning the Strategic Plan Commitments and Goals.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A motion to approve to pay \$8,921.30 to Korellis Roofing for the 2011 Reroofing project was made by Jack Jordan, Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.
- B. Frankie Merritt moved to approve the payment of \$2,255.61 (Invoice #2) to Barton-Coe-Vilamaa for the 2011 Reroofing project, Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

- C. There was a discussion with info presented for Neola of Indiana—Developing and updating Board Policies.

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

- A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday November 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM—Lion Den
- B. Teacher Evaluation due January 31, 2012.
- C. Compensation Discussion/Conversation
- D. Teacher Excellence Grant

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 7:55 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.
  
- B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on November 15, 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