

BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 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 Chuck Klockow.
- B. Todd Stuckman moved to amend the agenda as follows:
 - 1. III Personnel, A., 6, 6.2 Karmen Leeper one unpaid day.
Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0
- C. A motion was made by Jill Hassel to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2011 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded by Frankie Merritt; motion carried.
- D. Chuck Klockow moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011 Regular Session Board meeting. Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried.
- E. Frankie Merritt moved to approve claims 271 through 426 as presented. The motion was seconded by Chuck Klockow. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- F. Mr. Mikel presented a General Fund Comparison Report showing 77% of appropriation remaining.
- G. Visitors were welcomed.
- H. There were no patron comments concerning the Agenda Items.

II. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Staff Reports
 - 1. Mr. Yelaska reported that Kindergarten Round Up took place on Thursday, April 14th with 102 students registered. The future students were assessed through the AIMSweb test as well as observed and evaluated by the Kindergarten teachers while the parents listened to a presentation. Then next and final ISTEP+ testing window for this school year will begin on Monday April 25th and run through Wednesday May 4th. The 8th grade students will take this assessment online for the first time, the students completed an online practice test on March 30th and ran very smoothly and the students were able to practice

using all of the online testing tools, many of the students shared that they prefer to test on the computer. Individual scores are usually released in late summer, the AYP information should be received by late September or early October. The BPS staff will hold a Professional Development Smorgasbord during Thursday morning collaboration time, where staff members and colleagues have volunteered to present topics. The various topics to be presented are: 10 Tips on Advanced Google Searches, 20 Web Sites in 30 Minutes, The “Behavioral Side” of the Rtl Pyramid, Class Blogs, Databases 101, Engagement/Motivation, Identification of Specific Learning Disabilities, Moodle and So...Where are we with High Ability?

2. Mr. Jennings shared with the Board that students in grades 6-12 participated in the Indiana Drug Prevention Survey on March 28th. Bremen Public Schools participated in the “2011 Great Central US Shakeout” Earthquake Drill on Tuesday April 19th. BHS will participate in the Regional Academic Super Bowl Competition on Tuesday April 19th. The 5th annual Lion King Contest will be held in the Bowen Auditorium on Thursday April 21st at 7:00 p.m. The NWEA Testing will begin for Freshmen on Monday April 25th. Tuesday May 3rd the Advanced Placement Spanish test will be given and on Wednesday May 4th the Advanced Placement Calculus test will be given. A special Thank You to BHS Special Needs Teachers, Andrea Ailes and Lori Hundt for the timely completion of the Annual Case Reviews for all Special Needs Students. Hope Jordan was presented with the prestigious Lilly Scholarship and ISHAA Cato Memorial Scholarship. This is the 5th consecutive year that a student from BHS has received the Lilly Scholarship and 3rd consecutive year for a BHS student to receive the IHSAA Cato Memorial Scholarship. Three members of the Basketball Teams were recognized as “All-Conference” by the Northern States Conference, they are Lerin Studt, Brittany Pittman and Ben Hueni.
3. Mr. Rohde gave a presentation on “Technology in the Math Department”.

III. PERSONNEL

- A. 1. Resignations –
 - 1.1 Chuck Klockow moved to accept the resignation of Kyle Hanyzewski as the High School Varsity Basketball Coach, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.
 - 1.2 A motion was made by Frankie Merritt to accept the resignation of Brenda Parks as the High School Job Coach, Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.
 - 1.3 Jill Hassel moved to accept the resignation of Aislinn Zentz as the K-12 Mental Health Therapist, Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.
 - 1.4 A motion to accept the resignation of Shawna Davenport as K-5 Assistant Principal was made by Frankie Merritt; Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.
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. Stephanie Fish—K8 Part Time Instructional Aide
 - 5.2. Merridith Scott—K8 Volunteer Track Coach
 - 5.3. Dick Strehler—K8 Volunteer Track CoachTodd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

6. Leave Requests—
A motion to accept the following leave was made by Frankie Merritt:
 - 6.1 Jan Reed-Leave without pay
 - 6.2 Karmen Leeper—Leave without payChuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.

7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—
Jill Hassel moved to accept the following retirement as presented:
 - 8.1 Faye Dumph—2nd GradeTodd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.
The Board would like to thank Faye for 42 years of service to the school district.

IV. POLICY

- A. Waiver of Policy #621 (Extra-curricular Trips)—Matt Sutton made a short presentation of the “Rock the Boat” Band Performance Cruise—3/31/12 – 4/6/12, the Board needs more information on Insurance and Liability on this request.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Mikel gave an update on the sale of the Koontz House.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The 2011/2012 Elementary/Middle School Handbook was presented for the first reading. The second reading will take place at the May 3rd Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Mr. Mikel informed the Board on updates on the Strategic Planning process.
- C. An update on the Classroom Innovation Competitive Grant was given by Mr. Mikel.
- D. Mr. Mikel updated the Board on the Teacher Evaluations.

VII. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD

- A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday May 3, 2011 at 7:00 PM.
- B. Information regarding the Indiana School Board Associations 2011 Spring Regional Meetings was shared with the Board.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 8:15 PM. Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.

- B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on May 3, 2011.

Jack Jordan, President

Todd Stuckman, Vice President

Jill Hassel, Secretary

Frankie Merritt, Member

Chuck Klockow, Member

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