

**BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 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 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 Frankie Merritt.
- B. A motion was made by Jill Hassel to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded by Frankie Merritt; motion carried.
- C. Frankie Merritt moved to approve claims 1084 through 1165 as presented. The motion was seconded by Todd Stuckman. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- D. Visitors were welcomed.
- E. 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 September 8th a teacher from every grade level received training on the new Dashboard system. Teachers have entered their 3rd week of formative data into the system and will be able to view ISTEP+ results, NWEA scores, AIMSweb data as well as other important information, this system will be a great tool as they continue to analyze and use data to guide instruction. BEMS is very proud of Emily Molden for receiving the 2011 Bremen Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Award; she was selected for the award based on her leadership skills in the classroom, on the playing field, and in life. They began conducting teacher evaluations with the pilot group using the new evaluation tool; this tool has a focus on improving teacher performance. All teachers will be evaluated using the new evaluation tool during the 2011/12 school year.
 - 2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board of some testing's that has taken place in the High School, NWEA and LAS Links. As well many staff members have participated in the ACT Assessment Training and the McREL Training. The Guidance Department held an informational meeting with the parents of sophomores and juniors on September 19th. On Wednesday September 21st there

will be an International Day of Peace Rally in the Lion Den at lunch time as well as the Homecoming Bonfire at the Baseball field at 9:00 PM. Homecoming will take place on Friday with the annual Powder-Puff Football Game, Varsity Football Game VS. Laville followed by the Homecoming Dance. Thanks to the efforts of Bremen students and football fans, approximately \$4,600 was raised for New Prairie student, Lauren Pokuta (who was severely injured in a car accident) during the week of the New Prairie football game on September 2nd, what a “Caring School Community” we have at Bremen. The unofficial enrollment at BHS is 505 students.

3. Mrs. Cynthia McKenzie and Mrs. Janet Box reported on the Reading/Writing programs.
4. The Language Arts Department reported on the use of technology within their department.

III. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations –
Jack Jordan moved to accept the following resignations as presented:
 - 1.1 Stephanie Schrome—Cafeteria Cook
 - 1.2 Matt Moyer—Academic Super Bowl Coach (Interdisciplinary)Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.
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 Merridith Scott—HS Swim Coach
 - 5.2 Marcy Porter—Academic Super Bowl Coach (interdisciplinary)
 - 5.3 Natalie Moser—Lunch AssistantFrankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0
6. Leave Requests—
Frankie Merritt moved to accept the following leave requests as presented:
 - 6.1 Nancy Starke—Leave Without Pay
 - 6.2 Beth Lockwood—Leave of AbsenceTodd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.
7. Terminations—None
8. Resignations—None
9. Volunteer’s—None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. There was discussion concerning the Strategic Planning.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion to waive Policy 587: Rental Fee’s Waived for the Irish Aquatics was made by Jack Jordan, Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.
- B. Sodexo presented its Review Report.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD

- A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday October 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM
- B. Public Hearing for 2012 Budget

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 9:27 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.
- B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on October 4, 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