

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BROCKTON SCHOOL DIST. 55  
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BROCKTON, MONTANA  
August 12th, 2024, Monday  
5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Brockton School Board of Trustees was held August 12th, 2024 at the Administration Building in Brockton, Montana. Present were trustees Sammy Nygard, RaeJean Belgarde, Wilfred Lambert, and Olivia Johnson. Superintendent Josh Patterson, Principal Evan Cummins, Assistant Principal RaeAnne Edmisten, and Activities Director Emerson Young were also present.

Absent: Trustee Terry Rattling Thunder

Visitor: Beth Ketcher and Taylor Day

1. **OPEN MEETING**

**Call to Order:** With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Sammy Nygard at 5:31 P.M.

2. **Public Comments:** None

3. **Principal Report:** Mr. Cummins shared that a school shuttle from poplar was confirmed with Tribal transportation. He also spoke about a number of successful teacher and staff trainings that have taken place in preparation for the new school year, and confirmed that the building is ready to receive students.

3. **AD Report:** Mr. Young updated the Board on the progress of required MHSA coaches training. He also shared that a coaches meeting has been scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and that fall sports practices would begin after school on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

4. **Clerk Report:**

- July 16<sup>th</sup> Regular School Board Meeting Minutes: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the July 16<sup>th</sup> Regular School Board Meeting minutes. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Special School Board Meeting Minutes: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the July 31<sup>st</sup> Special School Board Meeting minutes. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
- July Bills: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the July bills. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Out of District Students:** Taylor Day requested the Board consider her Kindergarten age child, referred to as "Student A," for enrollment in Brockton School District. Trustees engaged in a brief discussion with Mr. Cummins. Mr. Patterson then recommended that the Board permit "Student A" to enroll in Barbara Gilligan Elementary school within the Brockton School District. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to permit "Student A" to enroll in Barbara Gilligan Elementary school within the Brockton School District. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

With no representative present to represent the next out-of-district student applying for enrollment within the Brockton School District, referred to as “Student B,” Mr. Patterson recommended the Board vote to go into executive session. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to go into executive session. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. The room was then cleared of visitors and the Board went into executive session at 5:41 p.m.

Wilfred Lambert made a motion to come out of executive session at 5:44 p.m. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Olivia Johnson then made a motion to deny the request of “Student B” to enroll one of the schools within the Brockton School District. Wilfred Lambert seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

2. **Student Handbook 2024-2025:** Mr. Patterson shared that the only change from the previous student handbook was a revision to the student cell-phone policy. He explained the Junior and Senior High Schools, grades 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, would be moving to a “phone-free space” philosophy. Continuing, Mr. Patterson described a process in which students would place their cell phones into a secure “Yondr pouch” and keep them in said pouch until the end of the school day when they would be unlocked. Mr. Patterson expressed that he felt the move to a phone free space in the Junior and Senior High would improve student focus, time on task, academic performance, and social wellbeing. After some discussion, Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Student Handbook. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.
3. **School Board Policy Updates:** Superintendent Patterson presented the following recommended new policy supplemental forms for the third and final reading: 4330F2 (School Gymnasium and Weight Room Community Use Agreement), 3141F (Out-of-District Attendance Agreement), and 3416F3 (Designation/Acceptance to Administer Medication). Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the third and final reading of the recommended new policy supplemental forms. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## **Superintendent Report:**

### **Facility Projects & Maintenance**

#### Main Entrance

Mr. Patterson shared that work is nearing completion on the sidewalks, entryway ramp, and flagpole area of the exterior of the main entrance. He explained that most of the current work is on finishing the roof on the new entryway. Mr. Patterson stated that he believes the workers will break through the exterior brick wall and begin door/window installation soon.

#### Library (7-12)

Superintendent Patterson shared that furniture arrangement will take place within the next 2 weeks, and that installation of the new shelving will take place sometime in September.

#### Football Field Lights

Superintendent Patterson shared the only items left to complete the football field light project is for Sheridan Electric to finish meter installation, turn on the power, and aim the lights.

### **Open Positions**

Mr. Patterson shared that all open positions have been filled; however, the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA/Social Studies teacher and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade SPED teacher will be arriving later in the year.

**Superintendent Patterson's Schedule**

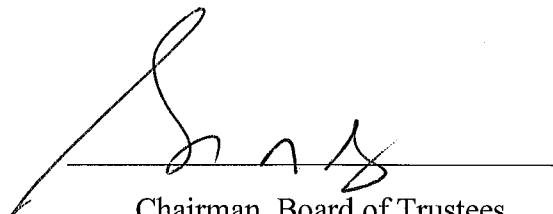
Mr. Patterson shared his schedule for the month of August.

With no further business, Wilfred Lambert made a motion to adjourn. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 P.M.



Clerk, Board of Trustees



Chairman, Board of Trustees