

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Brockton School District Office
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Present: Board Chair Sammy Nygard, Trustee Wilfred Lambert, Trustee Terry Rattling Thunder, Trustee Rae Jean Belgarde

Absent: Trustee Olivia Johnson

Also Present: Superintendent Josh Patterson, Assistant Principal RaeAnne Edmisten, Principal Evan Cummins, District Clerk Cheri' Nygard, Activities Director Emerson Young, Leona Colvin, Grace Woods, Beth Ketcher, Bernadette Wind, Kristine DeJesus, Merites Segubiense

1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Sammy Nygard called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Members of the audience are encouraged to briefly address the trustees on an issue that is not on the agenda. The Chair of the Board will seek comments from the audience on significant items as they occur. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order.

2A Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

Rae Jean Belgarde present at 5:35 p.m.

3. REPORTS – Information

3A Principal Report – Evan Cummins

Mr. Cummins reviewed attendance, Yondr pouch update, discipline, and events this month and next.

3B Athletic Director Report – Emerson Young

Mr. Young reported on the basketball season, spring sports and MHSAA update. Leona Colvin shared that a couple weeks ago, they held a Reader's Theatre for 4th graders and every one of them participated.

3C Superintendent Report – Josh Patterson

Mr. Patterson reported on legislative updates regarding significant advances in school funding, key property tax relief initiatives and other additional legislative initiatives benefiting schools. He also reported that the district received a grant of \$2,370 to help purchase an Accelerated Reader subscription, school building door and window replacement plans, district office repairs, Impact Aid and NAFIS training and March 2025 schedule.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve the February 11, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

Administration recommended the termination of employee Courtney Grey Bull.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to terminate Courtney Grey Bull's employment with the district. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

8. RENEWAL OF CERTIFIED STAFF FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

The administration recommended the rehire of the following certified staff as listed for the 2025-2026 School Year.

8A Tenured Staff Renewal

Ray Barron	Sunny DeCoteau	Kristine De Jesus
Helen "Beth" Ketcher	Delight Santos	Bernadette Wind
Grace Wood		

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to renew the tenured staff as recommended. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

8B Non-Tenured Staff Renewal

Chelo Abello	Frilie Alparque	Nelson Caday
Angela Cheek		Luz Dejano
Garnet Dionaldo	Kristine Eblacas	Edna Hermida
Daisy Ramirez	Amecia Ray Mamigo	Joel Segubience
Marites Segubiense		

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to renew the non-tenured staff as recommended. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

8C Offer of Tenure

Loweda Diocos	Sharon Acson	Leona Colvin
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Motion: Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to renew and offer tenure to Loweda Diocos and Sharon Acson and Leona Colvin as recommended. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

8D Emergency Authorized Educators

In accordance with the Administrative Rule of Montana 10.57.107, if a school district that has exhausted all possibilities and remains unable to hire a licensed educator may request to utilize the emergency authorization process. If granted, the Emergency Authorization of Employment allows the district to employ a non-licensed person to teach in that subject area. The district must provide evidence of their due diligence to fill the position with a licensed educator, as well as evidence of the non-licensed person's academic qualifications or significant experience related to the subject area. The authorization is valid for one year and is non-renewable.

Annie Taylor	William Sorteberg
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Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to renew the Emergency Authorized Educator staff as recommended. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

consideration for the 2025-2026 school year for a total of \$4,135.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to approve the 2025-2026 Montana School Board Association dues. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Administration recommends the board approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented. A motion is needed.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 'PROM, DANCES, AND OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS' LANGUAGE FOR STUDENT HANDBOOK

Administration recommended the board approve the 'Prom, Dances and Other Social Events' language into the Student Handbook as presented in the board packet.

Motion: Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the 'Prom, Dances and Other Social Events' language into the Student Handbook as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF JMG CONFERENCE STUDENT TRAVEL TO HELENA – April 23-24, 2025

The High School JMG Group and Sponsor request approval to attend the JMG Spring Conference in Helena on April 23-24, 2025.

Motion: Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the JMG Conference Student overnight travel to Helena. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

17. ADJOURN

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Sammy Nygard, Board Chair


Cheri' Nygard, District Clerk