

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Brockton School District Office  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
5:30 p.m.

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

**Also Present:** Superintendent Josh Patterson, District Clerk Cheri' Nygard, Grace Wood

**1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO FLAG**

Chairman Sammy Nygard called the meeting to order at 5:38 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.

**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 track and golf.

Wilfred Lambert here at 5:44 p.m.

**3C Superintendent Report – Josh Patterson**

Mr. Patterson reported on a State Legislative Update, progress with BTA negotiations, the OPI School District Report Card, Sheetrock ceiling installed in HS boy's bathroom, the main entrance project, window replacement. The Superintendent also reviewed his May schedule.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the April 8, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the Elementary and High School Districts #55-55F Warrants and Claims as presented. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the March 2025 Student Accounts Financial Report. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**5. PERSONNEL – RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, & HIRES****5A Hires – Resignations**

Mikayla Yuzicappi	Paraprofessional	Mikaila Youpee	Paraprofessional
Jerrid Mudgett	Substitute Custodian/Kitchen	Merites Segubiense	Sophomore Co-Advisor
Annie Taylor	JH/Elem Assistant Track Coach – 04/11/2025		

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the resignations as presented. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**5B Hires – Classified**

Administration recommended the board hire Melody Bear Paraprofessional for the 2025/2026 School Year, Earl Price as a Substitute Activity & Route Driver and Margaret Mix as a Substitute Activity & Route Driver pending satisfactory background checks.

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve to hire the classified staff as presented, pending satisfactory background checks. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**5C Hires – Extracurricular – 2025-2026 School Year**

Emerson Young	Assistant Golf Coach
Sunny DeCoteau	JH/Elem Assistant Track Coach – 04/12/2025

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to hire Emerson Young as the Assistant Golf Coach and Sunny DeCoteau as the JH/Elem Assistant Track Coach to finish out the season. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**5D Hires – Substitutes**

Administration recommended the board hire Mikayla Yuzicappi as a Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional pending satisfactory background checks.

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to hire Mikayla Yuzicappi as a Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional pending a satisfactory background check. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**5E – Summer School Staff 2025**

Administration recommended to hire the following Summer School Staff for Summer School that runs from May 27 - June 27, Monday – Friday from 8:30 – 2:30 p.m. 5 weeks for grades K-11.

RaeAnne Edmisten	Summer School Admin	Bernadette Wind	Substitute Teacher
Delight Santos	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher	Joel Segubience	Substitute Teacher
Marites Segubiense	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	Morning Star Foote	Substitute Secretary
Beth Ketcher	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	Noreen Lone Bear	Food Service
Sunny DeCoteau	7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	Caleb Track	Food Service
Garnet Dionaldo	Substitute Teacher		

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to hire the Summer School Staff 2025 as presented. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

## **6. ADULT SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM DISCUSSION**

For the past couple summers, the district has received grant funding to operate an adult summer food program. There is no grant funding available to operate the 2025 adult summer food program and continuation of the program will require District funding.

The Board held discussion on whether to continue the program at the District's expense or discontinue it. The consensus from the board was to not operate an adult summer food program due to financial reasons.

## **7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> READING OF POLICY 7405 – PROCUREMENT CARDS**

Administration recommended the board approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy 7405 – Procurement Cards as presented in the board packet.

**Motion:** Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Policy 7405 – Procurement Cards. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

## **8. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO UPDATE POLICY 2510 – SCHOOL WELLNESS**

Administration recommended the board approve to update Policy 2510 – School Wellness.

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve to update policy 2510 – School Wellness. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

## **9. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AMEND POLICY 5120-P(1) – HIRING PROCESS AND CRITERIA – FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECK, FINGERPRINT AND INFORMATION HANDLING PROCEDURE**

Administration recommended the board approve to amend POLICY 5120-P(1) – Hiring Process and Criteria –Federal Background Check, Fingerprint and Information Handling Procedure. The Criminal Justice Information Systems have updated some of their required policies and the district is required to comply.

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve to amend Policy 5120-P(1) as presented. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

## **10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES**

Administration recommended to approve the following resolution for membership application in the Montana High School Association for the 2025-2026 School Year:

Brockton High School of Brockton, Montana, hereby makes application for membership in the Montana High School Association (MHSA) for the school year 2025-26 in accordance with Article 1, Section (1) of the MHSA By-Laws, and appoints the Association as its representative in interscholastic activities for the current school year. The Board of Trustees adopts and agrees to comply with the rules and regulations of the MHSA as presently contained in its official MHSA Handbook, and acknowledge receipt of a copy of such handbook in effect. It is understood that each member school is entitled to one vote on any resolution presented to the Association membership.

Administration also recommended to approve payment of Annual Dues of \$2,500, Concussion Insurance of \$66, and Liability Catastrophe plan insurance of \$302.

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert To approve the MHSA Resolution for Membership, Annual Dues, and concussion and liability insurance for 2025-2026 school year. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MASBO CONFERENCE TRAINING FOR INCOMING SUPERINTENDENT**

The MASBO Summer Conference will be held June 10-13 in Great Falls. Incoming Superintendent Loverty Erickson is requesting the board approve her travel and time to be able to attend the conference. A schedule of trainings is attached.

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve travel and comp time for Loverty Erickson to attend the MASBO conference in June 2025. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**12. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FOR TRUSTEE CANDIDATES ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

Cheri' Nygard, Clerk, issued the certificates of election and administered the oath of office to Rae Jean Belgarde and Sammy Nygard.

**13. ANNUAL ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**12A** Call for nominations and election of a Chairperson to serve during the ensuing year

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Ms. Johnson to nominate Sammy Nygard as Board Chair. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Four for, Mr. Nygard abstained. Motion carried.

**12B** Call for nominations and election of a Vice Chairperson to serve during the ensuing year

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Ms. Johnson to nominate Wilfred Lambert as vice-chair. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Four for, Mr. Lambert abstained. Motion carried.

**12C** Appointment of Clerk

**Motion:** Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Ms. Johnson to appoint Cheri' Nygard as Clerk. No further discussion.

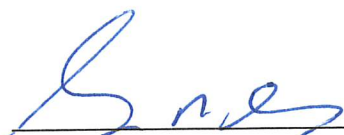
**Vote:** Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

**14. ADJOURN**

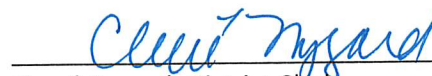
**Motion:** Made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. No further discussion.

**Vote:** Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Sammy Nygard, Board Chair



Cheri' Nygard, District Clerk