

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Brockton School District Office
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Present: Board Chair Sammy Nygard, Trustee Olivia Johnson, Trustee Terry Rattling Thunder, Trustee Wilfred Lambert

Absent: Trustee Rae Jean Belgarde

Also Present: Superintendent Josh Patterson, Assistant Principal RaeAnne Edmisten, Principal Evan Cummins, District Clerk Cheri' Nygard, Activities Director Emerson Young, Lars and Kristina Mikkelsen, Beth Ketcher, Loverty Erickson

1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Sammy Nygard called the meeting to order at 5:32 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, discipline and events this month and next.
Terry Rattling Thunder here at 5:36 p.m.

3B Athletic Director Report – Emerson Young

Mr. Young reported that tournaments are coming up and teams are doing well and the school is planning for Senior Night and the Star Quilt ceremony.

3C Superintendent Report – Josh Patterson

Mr. Patterson reported on HB252 STARS Act, Main Entrance progress, Impact Aid Application has been submitted, enrollment concerns, accreditation, Civil Rights Data Collection, Indian Education Grant status, and his February 2025 schedule. The trust land report was set up with BIA and we did get this straightened out.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert. and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the January 21, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes and the February 4, 2025 Special School Board Meeting Minutes. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

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

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the student accounts financial report for December 2024. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

5. PERSONNEL – RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, & HIRES

5A Resignations

Josh Patterson Superintendent – effective 06/30/2025

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Johnson to acknowledge the resignation of Josh Patterson effective 06/30/2025. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT STUDENT TRAVEL TO THE 2025 RISE TRIBAL EDUCATION SUMMIT

The Student RISE leadership group & Student Council are requesting approval from the board for an overnight trip to Helena to attend the 2025 RISE Tribal Education Summit.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the travel request for the overnight trip to Helena to attend the 2025 RISE Tribal Education Summit. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

7. 2024 TRUSTEES RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION

Motion: Made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve a resolution calling for an election Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 by Poll Election for electing two (2) trustees for a three-year term at the Brockton School District Office from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. and appoint election judges as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

8. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING VISITOR AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT– EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION POSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-3-203(3), MCA.

It was determined that the matter of individual privacy is involved and Chairman Nygard closed the meeting for an executive session at 6:02 p.m.

Chairman Nygard called the meeting back to order at 6:09 p.m. No action taken.

9. INTERVIEW SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE – LOVERTY ERICKSON

Loverty Erickson was present to interview for the open Superintendent position.

10. CONSIDER OFFER OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Discussion from board regarding a Superintendent Contract offer to Loverty Erickson.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve to offer a one-year contract to Loverty Erickson for the Superintendent position and to give Cheri' Nygard, Clerk, authority to negotiate the final details and prepare the contract for a one-year term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 for \$110,000, housing, insurance, a \$1,000 reimbursable moving expense and to return the contract by February 18th. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH CONTRACT

The district received three proposals for Superintendent Search Services as follows:

- The Montana School Board Association (MTSBA) has submitted a detailed letter outlining their search process, along with a Contract for Services for the Board's consideration. MTBSA's base fee for these services is \$7,000 plus travel time. Additionally, there are optional services available that may incur additional fees. In addition, to ensure the best possible support for our District, MTSBA is happy to match any price quote from another firm or individual offering similar services.
- Elizabeth Kaleva of Kaleva Law Office has submitted a proposal outlining the process for the board's consideration of a superintendent search. The cost for this service is \$8000.00, plus expenses. She can bill by the hour (\$275.00) and if the amount does not exceed \$8000.00, you will pay only the amount billed. If it goes over \$8000.00, you will not pay more.
- Larry Martin of Felt Martin Law submitted a proposal for the board's consideration for Superintendent Search services and anticipate fees to be in the range of \$3,000 - \$5,000.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve a superintendent search contract with MTSBA in the event Loverty Erickson declines the Superintendent offer. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. No further discussion.

Vote: Four for, none opposed. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Sammy Nygard, Board Chair



Cheri' Nygard, District Clerk