

BROCKTON SCHOOL DIST. 55 & 55F

BROCKTON, MONTANA

August 8, 2023 - Tuesday

5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Brockton School Board of Trustees was held August 8, 2023 at the Administration Building in Brockton, Montana. Present were Trustees, Sammy Nygard, Terry Rattling Thunder, Olivia Johnson, Wilfred Lambert, and Rae Jean Belgarde. Also present were Superintendent, Josh Patterson, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director Rae Anne Edmisten, and District Clerk, Ron Shanks .

Absent:

Visitors: Nancy Steele and Beth Ketcher

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Sammy Nygard at 5:34 P.M.

Public Comment: No Comment

Principal Report:

- Kindergarten Round up - 4 students enrolled as a result of the Kindergarten round up. Delight and I talked about trying to do the Kindergarten round up at the end of the year, encouraging summer school for students as a small type of preschool experience and continuing to do the normal roundup in August. ● Our new counselor (Angela Cheek) is getting students registered for classes starting with upper classman.
- Teachers are getting their classrooms ready for students.
- Teachers are getting the supplies that they requested at the end of last year. ● Made some changes to the entryway. Changed the location of the TV so it doesn't cover the Brockton Warriors painted on the wall. Made an accent wall going down the stairs. The TV will showcase the Weekly Update Video, Our school goals and other announcements.
- Teachers have been getting training this week in our Math, Science, Reading and Champs.
- Last room is being painted. Floors are on track to be finished.
- Bus safety evacuation drills will happen during the first half week of school.

Athletic Director's Report

- Parent/Athlete meeting Thursday at 6pm, Meet the Coaches, learn the updated policies
- Summer program wrapped up on July 31, 2023

- Varsity practice begins on Aug 11, 2023 for athletes that have their physical and concussion forms turned in. ● Jr. High practice will be Aug 16, 2023 for athletes that have their physical and concussion forms turned in.

Clerks Report

Motion was made by Rae Jean Belgarde to approve July 25, 2023 School Board Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Olivia Johnson. Motion carried 5/0.

A motion was made by Rae Jean Belgarde to approve the July Bills. Motion was seconded by Wilfred. Motion carried 5/0.

New Business

1. Classified Salary Matrix

Tabled last board meeting. Discussion over the compensation for Food service manager including the duties required. A motion was made by Rae Jean to increase the matrix for food service manager to starting wage \$20.00 per hour. Motion was seconded by Olivia. Motion carried 4/0 1 abstained

2. Football Coaches

Superintendent Patterson recommended hiring Toby Youpee as head football coach and Howard Blackdog as assistant football coach. Wilfred made a motion to hire Toby Youpee as head football coach and Howard Blackdog as assistant football as recommended by superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Olivia. Motion carried 5/0

3. Policy 2nd Reading 2158

Olivia made a Motion to accept Policy 2, #2158 as read. Motion was seconded by Wilfred. Motion carried 5/0

4. Policy final reading #1650

Wilfred made a Motion to accept Policy #1650 as read. Motion was seconded by Olivia. Motion carried 5/0

5. Student Handbook

Superintendent Patterson recommended accepting the student handbook as submitted. Wilfred made a Motion to accept the student handbook as recommended by Superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Olivia. Motion carried 5/0

6. Staff Handbook

Superintendent Patterson recommended accepting the Staff Handbook as submitted. Wilfred made a motion to accept the Staff Handbook as recommended by superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Olivia. Motion carried 5/0

7. 7-12 Library Project

Superintendent Patterson recommended a 7th-12th grade Library Project. Approx. cost \$40,000 to be completed by AWE Interior Design. Wilfred made a Motion for the 7th-12th

grade Library Project as recommended by superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Olivia. Motion carried 5/0

8. Main Entrance Bid

Superintendent Patterson recommended accepting the Main Entrance Bid for \$500,000 by A Plus Construction. Rae Jean made a motion to accept the Main Entrance bid for \$500,000 by A Plus Construction as recommended by superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Wilfred. Motion carried 5/0

9. Auditor

Superintendent Patterson recommended hiring Denning, Downing and Associates as Auditors to complete audits for years 20-21,21-22 and 22-23 school years. Wilfred made a motion to hire Denning, Downing and Associates as recommended by superintendent Patterson to complete audits for years 20-21,21-22and 22-23 school years

10. FY 24 School District Budget

Superintended Patterson recommended accepting FY 24 School District Budget. Olivia made a motion to accept FY 24 School District Budget as recommended by Superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Wilfred. Motion carried 5/0

Superintendent Report

Teacher Training & Classroom Prep

Training and classroom preparations are currently underway and will continue up until Tuesday, August 15th. Students' first day of school will be Wednesday, August 16th.

Open Positions

Our current open positions are: High School Science. The position will remain advertised until filled.

Late Teacher Arrivals

Due to international travel and Visa issues, the arrival of our new P.E. teacher and new High School English teacher will be delayed. We hope to have both teachers sometime by or before the end of the month. I'm am working closely with the immigration agency to stay informed of any status updates. We will use substitutes to fill the positions until they arrive.

Facility Projects

Work continues on the playground. Barring any delays, it should be ready for the first day of school. The sprinkler system on the football field has been repaired (replaced some residential sprinkler heads with commercial grade sprinkler heads) and suggestions for future improvements were offered by the technician.

County Transportation Meeting

The meeting will be this Thursday, the 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the County Court House. I don't foresee any issues related to our school transportation.

State Office of Public Instruction Representative (OPI)

A representative from OPI will be visiting our schools on Thursday, August 17th. These visits, typically monthly, serve to monitor our progress toward improving student outcomes and eventually exiting comprehensive status in the Junior High and High School. Schools that fail to meet state standards and that fall within the bottom 5% of schools, in terms of student performance, are placed on comprehensive status and monitored regularly. Although our student achievement and graduation rate have improved over the past two years, we still have more work to do in order to exit comprehensive status.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further Business Wilfred made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Rae Jean.
Motion carried 5/0

Clerk, Board of Trustees

Chairman, Board of Trustees