

BROCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICTS 55-55F

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Brockton School District Office

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

5:30 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 2024-2025

Sammy Nygard, Chair

Wilfred Lambert, Vice-Chair

Rae Jean Belgarde, Trustee

Olivia Johnson, Trustee

Terry Rattling Thunder, Trustee

Board of Trustees meetings are held to officially conduct school district business, as governed by Montana law. Trustees are responsible for key decisions, some of which include hiring employees, reviewing negotiated agreements, approving new curriculum or changes to existing curricula, and paying of monthly expenses.

Board meetings are held in public but are not public meetings. The meetings are designed to give everyone the opportunity to participate in seeing how the Brockton trustees facilitate school business.

If you'd like to address the trustees on any matter, please raise your hand during the public comment period of the agenda. This will allow the Chairperson to recognize you and to guarantee you the opportunity to address the board. There are federal and state laws that must be followed when addressing the board to protect the privacy of individuals and to conduct business in an orderly manner.

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5. PERSONNEL – RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, & HIRES

5A Resignations

Josh Patterson Superintendent – effective 06/30/2025

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

7. 2024 TRUSTEES RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION

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

9. INTERVIEW SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE – LOVERTY ERICKSON

10. CONSIDER OFFER OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH CONTRACT

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The Board of Trustees is requested to consider the consent items of the minutes, warrant registers and claims against the district, and student accounts report, as presented. A motion is needed

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Administration may bring a recommendation to hire additional staff and all hires will be pending satisfactory background checks.

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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. A copy of the draft agenda for the summit is included in the board packet and a motion is needed.

7. 2024 TRUSTEES RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION

The trustees must pass a resolution stating: 1) the date of the election; 2) the purpose of the election; 3) whether the election will be by mail or poll; 4) the voting locations and boundaries for each location, if there are multiple locations within a district (if changed from a previous school election the new locations must be specifically noted); and 5) the time the polls will open, if before noon. The trustees do NOT have to set levy amounts at this time; however, they must be set in time for the clerk to certify the ballot (not less than 30 days before the election). The resolution must be delivered to the county election administrator within 3 days of passage but it