

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

BROCKTON SCHOOL DIST. 55 & 55F

BROCKTON, MONTANA

June 14th, 2023, Wednesday

5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Brockton School Board of Trustees was held June 14th, 2023 at the Administration Building in Brockton, Montana. Present were trustees Sammy Nygard, Terry Rattling Thunder, Olivia Johnson, RaeJean Belgarde, and Wilfred Lambert. Superintendent Josh Patterson was also present.

Absent: Business Manager/Clerk Ron Shanks

Visitor: Heather Youpee, Beth Ketcher, Josh Rios, Troy Sundhein

OPEN MEETING

1. Call to Order: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Sammy Nygard at 5:41

2. Public Comments: None

3. Principal Report: Mr. Cummins gave an update on summer school session #1 attendance and student progress. He also discussed a field trip incentive to the Williston Splash Park for students with 80% attendance during Summer School Session #1.

4. AD Report:

- Pre-Season Practices lessened to 8 for sports except Football is still 10 and Golf is 2.
- Return to play after injury, if preseason practices are complete, student athletes will now complete half of the preseason practices so 4 for most sports and 5 for football.
- Transfer students, if they have required practices in at old school, need to complete 4 practices with the new team.
- Team Coaching Rule Change: Coaches may now work with teams the Tuesday after Memorial Day, eliminating waiting until June 1st rule. ● Proposed changes:
 - Football reclassification rubric will be presented.
 - Post-Season basketball official selection is being proposed to a weighted system instead of current system.
- Track: Balance Divisional qualifiers for state meet, each division will be equal with N-6, S-6, E-6 and W-6 ● Golf proposed Divisional teams will pay for required markers meals whether or not they send markers as well as 4 Teams/20 individuals being sent to state and can still pre-qualify with 85 boys 100 girls.
- Cross Country State set minimum time as b25 g 30, class C is proposing b22 g27 for state meet.
- Dues and Deadlines: Dues invoices will be sent out July 1 in the amount of \$150/school, will be sent to AD and Superintendent.
- Discussion started to realign Volleyball to be the same districts as Basketball and Track.
- Basketball: the new fouls rule will be in effect this year, still waiting to hear finalization on the charge circle requirement.
- Rules books for each sport are going to be digital, if we want actual books we need to request from MHSA.
- All coaches, even volunteer coaches, have to complete the Fundamentals of Coaching for \$35 every 5 years.
- Other Athletic Information:
 - Football Equipment is starting to arrive.

- June 19th — 21st: Gym will be closed to everyone for resurfacing of floor
- Basketball teams are playing in summer tournaments. Boys played in Poplar last weekend and Girls played in Williston.
- This weekend both Basketball teams are headed to Glendive.
- All teams have been encouraged to work with athletes this summer. So far, Volleyball and Girls and Boys Basketball have coordinated workouts.

5. Clerk Report:

- April 4th Regular Board Meeting Minutes: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the April 4th Regular Board Meeting minutes. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. ●
 April 25th Special Board Meeting Minutes: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the April 25th Regular Board Meeting minutes. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. ●
 May 8th Regular Board Meeting Minutes: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the May 8th Regular Board Meeting minutes. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. ●
 May 30th Special Board Meeting Minutes: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the May 30th Regular Board Meeting minutes. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- June Bills: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the June bills. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joe McGeshick-First Voices program with FPCC: Joe McGeshick was unable to attend the meeting. The item was tabled by Chairman Sammy Nygard.
2. Business Manager and Assistant Clerk Contracts: Mr. Patterson recommended a 3% raise for Ron Shanks (Business Manager) and a 5% raise for Amy Heller (Assistant Clerk) for the FY 24 contract year. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson's recommended raises for the Business Manager and Assistant Clerk's FY 24 contracts. Oliva Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Transportation Director Contract: Mr. Patterson recommended a salary of \$32,000 for John Granger (Transportation Director) for the 2023-2024 school year. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson's recommended salary for the Transportation Director's 2023-2024 school year contract. Oliva Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Teacher Employment: Mr. Patterson recommended the hire of Annie Taylor for the K-12 Art Teacher position. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson's recommendation to hire Annie Taylor for the 1-12 Art Teacher position. Oliva Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Classified Employment: Mr. Patterson recommended the hire of Mr. Royce Spotted Bird Sr. for the position of assistant day-shift custodian pending a satisfactory background check. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson's recommendation to hire Mr. Royce Spotted Bird Sr. for the position of assistant day-shift custodian pending a satisfactory background check. Oliva Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
 Mr. Patterson recommended the hire of Mr. Natron Long Hair for the position of substitute custodian pending a satisfactory background check. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson's recommendation to hire Mr. Natron Long Hair for the position of substitute custodian pending a satisfactory background check. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Patterson recommended the Board rescind Heather Youpee's 2023-2024 contract offer. After brief discussion, the item was tabled by Chairman Sammy Nygard.

6. Gym Floor: Mr. Patterson recommended the Board approve the cleaning, stripping, and waxing of the gym floor by Western Sports Floors for the price of \$5,929.92. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson's recommendation to allow Western Sports Floors to clean, strip, and wax the gym floor for the price of \$5,929.92. Oliva Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Froid Superintendent Service: After brief discussion, the item was tabled by Chairman Sammy Nygard.
8. Post Legislative Session Required Policy Updates: Mr. Patterson recommended the Board approve all of MTSBA's required school board policy updates that apply to the following policies: 1005FE Proficiency Based ANB, 1006FE Fund Transfers for School Safety, 1009FE Teacher Recruitment and Retention, 1400 Board Meetings, 1700 Uniform Complaint Procedure, 2132 Student and Family Privacy Rights, 2140 Guidance and Counseling, 2167 Correspondence Courses, 2168 Distance Learning, 2332 Religion and Religious Activities, 2450 Indian Education for Ali, 2600 Work Based Learning, 3110 Entrance/Placement/Transfer, 3120 Compulsory Attendance, 3121/3121P Enrollment and Attendance, 3141 Non-Resident Enrollment, 3226 Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation, 3233 Student Use of Buildings, 3235 Video Surveillance, 3310 Student Discipline, 3413 Student Immunizations, 3510 School Sponsored Activities, 3550 Student Clubs and Groups, 4410 Relations with Law Enforcement, and 8301 District Safety. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve all of Mr. Patterson's recommended school board policy updates. Oliva Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board completed the first reading of MTSBA's new required policy # 1650 regarding Public Charter Schools.

Superintendent Report:

Current open positions for next school year are: Science (maybe) and junior high (maybe). Mr. Patterson was able to get a verbal commitment from an Art teacher who graduates from Western at the end of the summer.

Playground work has started. Final drawings and building plans for the Main Entrance renovation are nearly complete. Sheridan Electric will not be able to install the football field lighting until next spring.

Of the students anticipated to return for the 2023-2024 school year, 12 High School, 5 Junior High, 7 Upper Elementary, and 12 Lower Elementary students (6 - Speech only) will receive special education services (36 total). An additional SPED teacher, Ms. Kristine Eblacas, has been hired to assist Ms. Ketcher with the case load.

Mr. Patterson attended the Rose,,Valley Special Education Coop conference in Glasgow on Wednesday, June 7th and the Indian Impacted Schools of Montana annual conference in Helena on Friday, June 9th. Both trainings were enlightening and the information learned will benefit the School District.

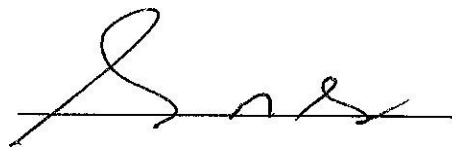
During the past school year, several students took History and Science courses online through Edgenuity, a Montana approved online course provider. In total, 126 half credit courses were taken. Of that number, 73 courses were passed with a score of 70 or better, 23 were passed with a score between 60 and 69, and 30 were failed with a score below 60. While not perfect, the program benefited the majority of students as 74% achieved passing scores. The School District attorney states that the District can only drug test students participating in activities. With that in mind, the Board needs to decide whether or not it wishes to continue with testing. The District could consider randomly testing all student participants once during the activity. For those who test positive, the District could follow-up with an additional test after 4 weeks to determine readmittance into the activity. Or, the District could not test at all and only test those who administration has reasonable suspicion of being under the influence. The District also needs to determine if there should be school based consequences for those caught in possession of drugs, both on and off campus, or if law enforcement-based consequences are sufficient.

With no further business, RaeJean Belgarde made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Oliva Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

-- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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Clerk, Board of Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Oliva Johnson", written over a horizontal line.

Chairman, Board of
Trustees