

BROCKTON SCHOOL DIST. 55 & 55F

BROCKTON, MONTANA

September 12, 2023 - Tuesday

5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Brockton School Board of Trustees was held September 12, 2023 at the Administration Building in Brockton, Montana. Present were Trustees, Sammy Nygard, Terry Rattling Thunder, and Rae Jean Belgarde. Also present were Superintendent, Josh Patterson, Asst. Principal/Athletic Director Rae Anne Edmisten, and District Clerk, Ron Shanks

Absent: Olivia Johnson and Wilfred Lambert

Visitors:

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

Public Comment: No Comment

Principal Report:

- Finished first Fall NWEA Testing
- Had our first Emergency Evacuation Drill.
- Fall Sports are in full swing
- Dibels testing should be done this week.
- Warrior weekly update videos are happening weekly and gradually getting more student participation. .
- Hearing testing has been completed and speech schedule has been established with Samantha Ellerton.
- We have a contact person filling in for Truancy, Andrea Simmons
- PIR day was productive and focused on better utilization of our MTS5time.

Athletic Director's Report

- Football had 2 games, boys are working hard but have no wins yet.
- Volleyball has had 3 games and are hanging in there, but again have not won yet.
- Cross Country we have students that have already qualified for State and are off to a really good start.
- Jr High Sports, we have football, volleyball and cross country, again the CrossCountry runners are doing excellent

- AD Meeting was held, and up for discussion is the realignment of districts again. I am sharing that information with you.

I have attached the map that shows the divisional realignment. If this realignment gets approved, this change could occur in the school year 24-25

1. This realignment is being proposed to help simplify divisions, allowing class C to have one division for all sports.
2. Discuss this proposal with your community/board
3. Around the mid/end of October, each school will be asked to cast their vote.
4. The result of the vote will be brought to the MHSA meeting in November

- Proposed realignments are shown in the attached maps
Maps are color coded as to the proposed realignment

Clerks Report

Motion was made by Terry to approve August 8, 2023 School Board Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Rae Jean. Motion carried 3/0.

A motion was made by Rae Jean Belgarde to approve the August Bills. Motion was seconded by Terry. Motion carried 3/0.

New Business

1. Out of District students

Principle Cummins recommended to allow students A and D be admitted and is not recommending allowing students B and C for admittance into Brockton schools. Rae Jean made a motion to except Principle Cummins recommendations for out of district students A, B, C and D. Motion was seconded by Terry. Motion carried 3/0

2. Senior Trip Expectations

Tabled

3. Paraprofessional Employment

Superintendent Patterson recommended hiring Sunny Hide as a Para professional (2nd Grade). Rae Jean made a motion to hire Sunny Hilde as a para professional as recommended by Superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Terry. Motion carried 3/0

4. Substitute Employment

Superintendent Patterson recommended hiring Estelle bighorn, Lorna Drum and Azariah Bear (Custodian) as substitutes. Rae Jean made a motion to hire Estelle Bighorn as a Substitute and Azariah Bear as a Custodial Substitute as recommended by Superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Terry. Motion carried 3/0

5. Final Reading Policy # 2158

Rae Jean made a motion to accept policy #2158 as read (final reading). Motion was seconded by Terry. Motion carried 3/0

6. Play Ground Basketball Court

Superintendent Patterson recommended P. Donahue paving resurface the playground Basketball court. Submitted a bid for \$35,000.00 (low Bid). Terry made a motion to hire P. Donahue paving to resurface the playground basketball court as recommended by Superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Rae Jean. Motion Carried 3/0

7. Miscellaneous Fund for Rentals

Clerk Shanks recommended adding a miscellaneous fund account for the Districts rental property revenues. Terry made a motion to add a miscellaneous fund account for the Districts rental property revenues as recommended by Clerk Shanks. Motion was seconded by Rae Jean. Motion carried 3/0

8. Temporary Business Assistant

Superintendent Patterson recommended hiring Wanda Kirn as a Temporary Business Assistant. Terry made a motion to hire Wanda Kirn as a Temporary Business Assistant as recommended by Superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Rae Jean. Motion carried 3/0

Superintendent Report

Staffing Update

After communication with the immigration attorney, we are hopeful that the PE teacher will arrive soon and possibly before the end of the month. The T-12 para position is the only open classified position at this time.

Facility Projects

Playground upgrades were finished right before school started. A couple of the basketball hoops still need to be repaired and should be soon.

Work has begun on the Main Entrance renovation. At this point, excavation and foundation work have composed the bulk of activity. The frame of the new entrance should take form soon and the stairs are next on the demolition list. While the stairs are out of commission, the handicap ramp will be used to access the building. A sign will be posted directing students and visitors to use the ramp until the new steps are ready for use. Roose-Valley Special Services Coop

The first meeting for the Coop is at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13th in Wolf Point at the Sherman Inn. These meetings usually occur bimonthly. Topics discussed at these meetings focus on issues related to special education. HPDP Meeting

The monthly Health Promotion Disease Prevention (HPDP) meetings have resumed. This month's meeting is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. in Wolf Point at the Sherman Inn. Topics discussed at these meetings focus on issues related to student health and wellbeing.

NAFIS Conference

I will be traveling to Washington D.C. at the end of the week to represent our District at the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools (NAFIS) conference. There will be 2 days of meetings and trainings followed by a day at the Capitol meeting with our State Senators and Representatives. This is one of two conferences in which we are able to convey the importance of continued Federal support for impact Aid funding. Impact Aid funding accounts for about half of our annual budget. Without it, we would not be able to make facility improvements or maintain competitive teacher compensation.

CSI Conference

The Continuous School Improvement (CSI) conference will be at the Cottonwood Inn in Glasgow on Tuesday, September 26th. Topics discussed at this conference focus on efforts to improve student academic achievement, student attendance, and graduation rates.

TEAMS/AIM Conference

This conference will also be at the Cottonwood Inn in Glasgow on Wednesday, September 27th. The primary topic will be state reporting requirements and updates to how information is passed from school Districts to the State Office of Public Instruction. In addition to Ron and I, Angela and Nichole will also attend since they are partially responsible for inputting data that is extracted by the state,

ADJOURNMENT

Rae Jean made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Terry. Motion carried 3/0

Clerk, Board of Trustees

Chairman, Board of Trustees