

BROCKTON SCHOOL DIST. 55 & 55F

BROCKTON, MONTANA

January 18, 2022 - Wednesday

5:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Brockton School Board of Trustees was held January 18th, 2023 at the Administration Building in Brockton, Montana. Present were Trustees, Sammy Nygard, Terry Rattling Thunder, Olivia Johnson, and Rae Jean Belgarde. Also present were Superintendent, Josh Patterson, Principal Joshua Reed, Athletic Director Milt Apple and District Clerk, Ron Shanks

Absent: Wilfred Lambert

Visitors: - Erin Solemn and Rae Anne Edmonsten

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Sammy Nygard at 5:30 P.M.

Public Comment: Rise Meeting; April 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Billings  
Principal Report:

December Attendance and Enrollment (165)  
Perfect Attendance Incentives —JMG  
Frappes — Junior Class (Fridays) JanuarNewsy  
Winter NWEA Fall and Winter Comparisons

Athletic Director's Report

MHSA Meeting — News

- z/ Proposal #1 — Private School Multiplier (withdrawn) y/ Proposal #2 — Amendment to Cooperative Sponsorship (passed) v/ Proposal #3 — Appoint a committee to study Boys/Girls Lacrosse (failed)
- / Proposal #4 — Appoint a committee to study E-sports (failed)

Varsity Basketball

- Boys Records: Overall = 1-9; Conference = 0-3
- Girls Records: Overall = 1-9; Conference = 0-3
- Upcoming Games: Friday, January 20 @ Plentywood (3:30/5:00:/6:00/7:30) Saturday, January 21 vs F/L(1:30/3:00:/4:00/5:30)  
Friday, January 27 @ Frazer (6:00/7:30)  
Saturday, January 28 @ Bainville (TBA)

Elementary Basketball

- Hosted MonDak this past Saturday; Both boys/girls won
- Upcoming Jamborees: Saturday, January 21 @ Culbertson (9:00/10:15)  
Saturday, January 28 @ Bainville (TBA)

Saturday, February 4 @ Plentywood  
(TBA) Saturday, February 11 @ Bainville (TBA) Football  
➤ 6 Man Football excepted for the Eastern Conference

Locker room use for elementary with Coach supervision.

#### Clerks Report

Approved December 13, 2022 School Board Meeting Minutes. Motion was made by Olivia to approve December 13, 2023 School Board Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded by Rae Jean. Motion carried 4/0

Approve January Bills: Motion was made by Olivia to approve the January Bills; Motion was seconded by Rae Jean. Motion Carried 4/0

New Business: 1. Hire  
History Teacher  
Tabled

#### 2. Hire Science Teacher

Superintendent Patterson recommended hiring LeAnne Stangland as the Science Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Olivia made a motion to hire LeAnne Stangland as recommended by Superintendent Patterson as a Science Teacher for 2023-2024. Motion was seconded by Rae Jean. Motion carried 4/0

#### 3. Hire Paraprofessional

Superintendent Patterson recommended hiring Thomasine Thomas as a Paraprofessional. Rae Jean made a motion to hire Thomasine Thomas as recommended by Superintendent Patterson as a Paraprofessional. Olivia seconded the motion. Motion carried 4/0

Superintendent Patterson recommended hiring Adam Grainger as a Paraprofessional. Rae Jean made a motion to hire Adam Grainger as recommended by Superintendent Patterson as a Paraprofessional. Motion was seconded by Olivia. Motion carried 4/0

#### 4. Hire Assistant Clerk

Superintendent Patterson recommended hiring Amy Heller as assistant district clerk. Rae Jean made a motion to hire Amy Heller as recommended by Superintendent Patterson as the Assistant District Clerk . Olivia seconded the motion. Motion carried

#### 5. Classified Staff Termination

Superintendent Patterson recommended terminating Misty Yellow Hammer's employment with Brockton Schools. Olivia made a motion as recommended by Superintendent Patterson terminate Misty Yellow Hammer' employment. Motion was seconded by Rae Jean. Motion carried 4/0

#### 6. Out of District students

. No action

#### 7. North wall Project

Superintendent Patterson recommended repairing the north wall of the gymnasium by installing metal siding to protect the mortar from degradation caused by weather. Approximate

cost \$60,000. Olivia made a motion for the North Wall Project as recommended by Superintendent Patterson. Motion was seconded by Rae Jean. Motion carried 4/0  
Superintendent Report:

#### Locker Room Project

Locker rooms are finished with the exception of the permanent heater which is on back order. Completion of the coaches' office and officials' room is on schedule for completion by the end of January.

#### Kitchen

The new range and double oven were installed on the 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Gym HVAC, Gym Seating, and School Building Entrance

Discussions with the grant writer and architect continue. I hope to update the Board on the progress of our Renew America's School Grant application at that time as well (regarding energy upgrades including the gym HVAC). Once we have all this information, I will present recommendations and the Board can then decide how to proceed regarding projects.

#### Impact Aid & District Spending Freeze

The omnibus bill passed and Impact Aid received an increase in funding that was more than expected. We anxiously await the first disbursement of funding. Long story short, the District should be in a more comfortable financial position soon. 2022 Year in Review Accomplishments Facility/Campus:

- Completion of teacher housing project
- Completion of high school bathrooms and tech equipment room renovation
- Completion of campus fencing project
- Completion of phase one and two of E-rate technology infrastructure upgrades • New kitchen range and double oven
- New front doors
- New Score Board and Scorer's table
- Replacement of all broken windows
- Relocation of school library
- New small handicap bus
- Repair of school chair lift
- New playground basketball hoops Student Achievement:
- Increase in Kindergarten and First Grade Math & Reading scores
- Senior class graduation rate (80%)
- Increase in student enrollment (+20)
- Increase in schoolwide student attendance rate (87-90%)

#### 2022 Year in Review Accomplishments Continued ...

##### Staffing:

- Hired Business Manager
- Hired Assistant Principal
- Hired Elementary School Counselor
- Hired Reading Specialist
- Hired one upper and lower Elementary Teacher (4-6 Math & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) • Hired Bus Driver

- Hired many teacher's aides, kitchen staff, and custodial staff • Added one more full-time HPDP Mental Health Specialist
- Partnered with FPCC for High School Native American History Class

## Future of the District (Goals)

### Facility/Campus:

- Completion of locker room/coach's office/official's room renovation eminent
- Application for grant to address school energy needs including gym HVAC, all exterior doors, front entrance vestibule and maybe more...
- Application for grant to address gym seating, new concession room, guest locker room, additional classrooms, and storage
- Begin Front Entrance renovations (possibly in May using remaining ESSER grant funds)
- Repair recently purchased trailer for possible Head Start Program or teacher housing
- Repair and chip seal parking lot and paint spaces (may conflict w/ front entrance project)
- Install new swings and address playground safety requirements
- Repair and overlay asphalt on playground basketball court (depends on funding)

### Student Achievement:

- Maintain or increase Math & Reading scores K-1
- Increase Math & Reading scores in grades 2-8
- Maintain or increase schoolwide attendance rate
  - Increase high school attendance rate
- Maintain or increase senior class graduation rate
- Increase cohort graduation rate
- Increase high school ACT scores

### Staffing:

- Hire additional SPED Teacher
- Hire 7-12 grade History Teacher
- Hire high school Science Teacher
- Hire positions to replace retirees/those leaving for other schools/work
- Hire Assistant Clerk
- Hire part-time Bus Driver
- Hire more teacher's aides for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Track emergency licensed teachers progress toward certification.

## Locker Room Project

New locker room completion goal is January 3<sup>rd</sup>; our first day back in school after the Holidays. Plumber has installed 95% of the fixtures, Electrician has about 15% remaining. Temporary heaters have been installed due to back order of permanent

heating. Completion of the Coaches' office and officials' room has been pushed back to the end of January

#### Kitchen

The new range and double oven were installed on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### Gym HVAC & School Building Entrance

Discussions with the grant writer and architect continue. I hope to update the Board on the progress of our new

#### Renew America's Schools grant

This Federal Grant focuses on energy upgrades. I hope to work with a professional grant writer, Robie Culver, to apply for the grant in order to replace all of the school building's exterior/interior doors, improve our current geothermal HVAC system, replace all the ceiling tiles in the building with more energy efficient tiles, fix the roof leak on the north side of the gym, and repair/replace the gym HVAC (maybe use instead of ESSER). Grant awards are expected to range from \$500,000 to \$15,000,000 and require 5% match from the District.

#### Impact Aid & District Spending Freeze

Ron and I are enacting a spending freeze for nonessential District purchases and new, non-granted funded projects. Our Impact Aid voucher has been held up due to the contentious Federal election season and the failure to pass a continuing resolution, defense spending bill, or omnibus bill. Our estimated voucher amount is approximately \$1,300,000; however, the total is usually dispersed in two or three installments. My discussions with our lobbyists suggest that the folks on Capitol Hill will move to pass a bipartisan bill of some kind soon and that we will likely receive a voucher no later than the end of January.

With no further Business Olivia made a motion to adjourn. Motion second by Rae Jean. Motion carried 4/0

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Clerk, Board of Trustees

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Chairman, Board of  
Trustees