

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Brockton School District Office
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
5:30 p.m.

Present: Board Chair Sammy Nygard, Trustee Terry Rattling Thunder, Trustee Olivia Johnson, Trustee Rae Jean Belgarde, Trustee Wilfred Lambert, Superintendent Josh Patterson, Principal Evan Cummins, Assistant Principal RaeAnne Edmisten, Activities Director Emerson Young and District Clerk Cheri' Nygard
Also Present: Jim Dahlberg

1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Sammy Nygard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS / PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Members of the audience are encouraged to briefly address the trustees on an issue that is not on the agenda. The Chair of the Board will seek comments from the audience on significant items as they occur. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order.

2A Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

3. REPORTS – Information

3A Principal Report – Evan Cummins

Student attendance was reviewed and reported that attendance was down a little this month. The district has started to put names on Yondr pouches resulting in less damage. Behavior incidents were reported at 3 ISS, 4 detention, 4 OSS and 11 ISS. Parent Teacher conferences were good. ASVAB testing was completed. There will be turkey bingo on the 24th and the Christmas program on the 17th. Walk through information was presented with goals for next time.

3B Athletic Director Report – Emerson Young

The Volleyball team ended season at the district tourney in Plentywood. They played well and are excited for next year as the team is returning a lot of students. Football and Cross Country are also returning many students for next year's season. High School basketball starts on November 21st. Junior High Boys and girls started their season. The Basketball Classic flyer was received on Saturday and will be a 3 day tourney in Billings, Dec 5-7. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Billings hotel.

3C Superintendent Report – Josh Patterson

The main Entrance is about 95% complete with a key card system to be installed. Every other door in the building will be locked and the Gym entrance will be open for activities. The Library bookshelves have been installed. Brockton would like to set up a presentation to the tribal board about school progress and will contact Rena Lambert to get that set up. The NIISA Conference is coming up on December 9-10. We haven't received any Impact Aid funds yet and we might not get any until March. We will need to go to DC in the spring and lobby for Impact Aid.

4. CONSENT ITEMS – Board Action

Motion: Made by Mrs. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the October 9, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the Elementary and High School Districts #55-55F Warrants and Claims as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mrs. Belgarde to approve the student accounts financial report for September 2024. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

5. PERSONNEL – RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, & HIRES

5A Hires – Certified Staff

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to hire Dennis Pierce as a 7-12 Grade Special Education Teacher. He is able to start January 6, 2024. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

5B Hires – Classified Staff

Motion: Made by Mrs. Belgarde and seconded by Ms. Johnson to hire Sunni Hilde as a Paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

5C Hires – Substitutes

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to hire Andrea Shields as a substitute teacher. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

5D Hires – Extracurricular

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve to hire the extracurricular staff as follows with no further discussion:

Annie Taylor	Co-Jr. High/Elem Cross Country Coach
Evan Cummins	Co-Jr. High/Elem Cross Country Coach
Ceejay Black Dog	Game Worker
Marissa Iron Leggins	Game Worker
Howard Black Dog	Volunteer JH Boys Basketball Coach
Sunny DeCoteau	Girls Assistant Basketball Coach
Helen Ketcher	Senior Sponsor

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

6. MONTANA YOUTH CHALLENGE POLICY DISCUSSION

The board discussed policy language regarding the Montana Youth Challenge program. Sample language from other school districts was reviewed. There were three main questions, do they participate in ceremony? do they get a Brockton diploma? do they get both? The board consensus was that they

would need to complete MYC program of study, pass the Hiset before class graduation date and could waive the 20 credits and allow participation and get a Brockton diploma, be 16 years age or older and receive an endorsement from the Brockton School Board. A policy will be brought to the next meeting.

7. PURCHASE APPROVAL REQUEST

Motion: Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve a purchase from Will's Office World for file cabinets for archiving records in the amount of \$14,177 and a purchase order to purchase custom graphic bus wrapping for the new activity bus that may exceed \$5,000. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

8. PAYROLL ADVANCE POLICY

Motion: Made by Wilfred and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve a payroll advances policy for issuing payroll advances for the following special occasions only: funerals or medical emergencies for immediate family, senior graduation, and state tournaments. Payroll advances would also be capped at a maximum of \$700 per occasion and must be paid back entirely at the next regularly scheduled pay period and pre-approved by the Superintendent. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING SENIOR STUDENT HONORS FOR RETURNING SENIOR STUDENT –EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION POSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTIONS 2-3-203(3), MCA.

The board considered whether or not to allow graduation honors for a second-year senior.

Chairman Nygard called for executive session at 6:32 p.m. as the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy and the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure.

The meeting was called back to order at 6:41 p.m.

Motion: Made by Ms. Jonson and seconded by Mr. Lambert to table the agenda item until the next meeting. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING EARLY KINDERGARTEN STUDENT ENROLLMENT - EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION POSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 2-3-203(3), MCA.

The district received a request for an early kindergarten student enrollment.

Chairman Nygard called for executive session at 6:41 p.m. as the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy and the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure.

The meeting was called back to order at 6:43 p.m.

Motion: Made by Mr. Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve the early kindergarten student to enroll in the district due to exceptional circumstances. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

11. MTSUIP MULTI-DISTRICT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT RENEWAL

The current Montana School Unemployment Insurance Program (MTSUIP) member agreements are 30 years old and are now obsolete. The MTSUIP Bylaws were revised and approved by the membership effective July 1, 2024. To be aligned with the Bylaw changes, new participation agreements are required of the MTSUIP membership.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to approve the updated MTSUIP participation agreement. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (IPP)

The board reviewed the Indian Policies and Procedures.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Belgarde to approve the Indian Policies and Procedures as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

13. ELIMINATE POLICY FORM 4330-F(2): COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES – BROCKTON WEIGHT ROOM RENTAL AGREEMENT

Superintendent Patterson recommended the board eliminate “Policy Form 4330-F(2): Community Use of School Facilities - Brockton Weight Room Rental Agreement” as there has been new policy adopted and this form is outdated.

Motion: Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to approve to eliminate “Policy Form 4330-F(2): Community Use of School Facilities - Brockton Weight Room Rental Agreement.” No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

14. ADJOURN

Motion: Made by Ms. Belgarde and seconded by Mr. Lambert to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. No further discussion.

Vote: Five for, none opposed. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Sammy Nygard, Board Chair



Cheri Nygard, District Clerk