

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Brockton School District Office
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Present: Board Chair Sammy Nygard, Trustee Terry Rattling Thunder, Trustee Wilfred Lambert

Absent: Trustee Rae Jean Belgarde, Trustee Olivia Johnson

Also Present: Superintendent Loverly Erickson, Evan Cummins, Emerson Young, Cheri' Nygard, Beth Ketcher, Pamala Big Eagle

1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO FLAG

Chairman Sammy Nygard called the meeting to order at 5:36 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 Athletic Director Report – Emerson Young

Mr. Young reported on summer Class C Caucus meeting in Butte. Tribal flags have been hung in the gym. The Student Activity Handbook has been updated per MHSA guidelines.

3B Principal Report – Evan Cummins

Mr. Cummins reported on the optional professional development training August 4-8. There were around 16-18 of 24 teachers attending. Professional development training was for reading, literature, math, tribal resiliency, classroom management, de-escalation strategies, and Dibels. Grades 4-5-6 struggled last year in a rotating class schedule and so the administration made the decision to go back to homeroom teachers and it seems to be going well.

3C Assistant Principal Report

Ms. Edmisten submitted a report on summer school and the Into Reading/Into Literature professional development training with the teachers August 4-8.

3D Superintendent Report – Loverly Erickson

Superintendent Erickson reported on her recommendations for the board meeting items, recognized and thanked individuals for their work with the Brockton Schools, ambitions this school year to make Brockton a premier technology school on the reservation, e-grants training updates on Title grants, upcoming travel for an Impact Aid workshop in Billings later this week, Native American history presentation, summer projects, and bus route review. The school will hold a buss evacuation drill on Friday. Plans are being made for a board member facility walk-through. There are structural issues in the elementary. Discussion was held about getting the football field bleachers installed.

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve the June 10, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting minutes. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

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

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve the May, June and July 2025 Student Accounts Financial Report. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

5. PERSONNEL – RETIREMENTS, RESIGNATIONS, & HIRES

5A Resignations

Royce Spotted Bird Custodian

Marquel Roberts Paraprofessional (effective 05/09/2025)

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to accept the resignations as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

5B Hires – Classified

Administration recommended the board hire Aden DeMarrias as Assistant Cook and Immanuel Winsor as Custodian for the 2025/2026 School Year pending satisfactory background checks.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve to hire Aden DeMarrias as Assistant Cook and Immanuel Winsor as Custodian for the 2025/2026 School Year pending satisfactory background checks. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

5C Hires – Substitutes – 2025-2026 School Year

Administration recommended the board hire Melissa Belgarde as a Substitute Cook & Substitute Custodian for the 2025/2026 School Year pending satisfactory background checks.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Nygard to hire Melissa Belgarde as a Substitute Cook & Substitute Custodian for the 2025/2026 School Year pending satisfactory background checks. No further discussion.

Vote: Two for, none opposed, Terry Rattling Thunder abstained. Motion carried.

5D Hires – Extracurricular – 2025-2026 School Year

Delight Santos Bus Monitor

Luz Dejanio Assistant Volleyball Coach

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to hire Delight Santos as the Bus Monitor and Luz Dejanio as the Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2025-2026 School Year. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK RESERVATION AND THE TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING ITS HEALTH PROMOTION DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Superintendent Erickson recommended the board approve the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding between Brockton School District and the Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and the Tribal Health Department, including its Health Promotion Disease Prevention program.

The MOU has been updated since last reviewed by the board.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve the 2025-2026 Memorandum of Understanding between Brockton School District and the Assiniboiné and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation and the Tribal Health Department, including its Health Promotion Disease Prevention program. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 STUDENT ACTIVITY HANDBOOK UPDATES

Administration recommended the board approve the 2025-2026 Student Activity Handbook updates.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve the 2025-2026 Student Activity Handbook as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK UPDATES

Administration recommended the board to approve the 2025-2026 Student Handbook.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve the 2025-2026 Student Handbook as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2025-2026 STAFF HANDBOOK UPDATES

Administration recommended the board to approve the 2025-2026 Staff Handbook.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve the 2025-2026 Staff Handbook as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASING STUDENT ATHLETE INSURANCE FROM STUDENT ASSURANCE SERVICES

Superintendent Erickson recommends the board approve to purchase a student athlete insurance for \$2,500 for the 2025-2026 school year from Student Assurance Services. The insurance is a Sports Coverage for Middle & High School Student Athletes.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve to purchase student athlete insurance from student assurance services for \$2,500 for the 25/26 school year. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

11. INDEPENDENCE BANK SIGNATURE AUTHORITY UPDATES

Administration recommended the board approve to add Holly Colgan and Loverly Erickson as a signatory to the Brockton Student Account Checking Account with Independence Bank and to remove Josh Patterson and Amy Heller.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder approve the designated signers for all Brockton School District accounts to Cheri' Nygard, Holly Colgan, and Loverly Erickson and to remove all other signers. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

12. PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2025-2026

The administration would like to recommend to renew the Property & Liability Insurance for 2025-2026 with the Montana Schools Property and Liability Insurance Plan (MSPLIP) in the amount of \$67,748 (increase of \$1,402).

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve to renew the Property & Liability Insurance for 2025-2026 with the Montana Schools Property and Liability Insurance Plan (MSPLIP) in the amount of \$67,748. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

13. OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS TO ENROLL IN BROCKTON

The District Administrator submits to the Board of Trustees a list of students who are recommended for enrollment.

CT042526	OD042526	ON042526	SN062526	CS092526
YL092526	OK102526	BC112526	BT122526	CT122526
MA082526	LL082526	DL122526		

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to approve for 13 out-of-district student attendance agreements to enroll in the Brockton School District. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

14. OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS FOR BROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS TO ATTEND IN CULBERTSON

The District Administration submits to the board OUT-OF-DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS FOR 2025-2026 for students from Brockton School District requesting to attend school in the Culbertson School District.

BL072526	BS102526	BS042526	BT062526	BC042526
BF052526	BJ072526	BK052526	BL022526	BM042526
BH022526	CA082526	CE062526	CJ082526	CT092526
DT012526	DD112526	DD072526	DS052526	ER082526
GC082526	GJ102526	SL052526	PL122526	RK062526
RV022526	SM052526	SN032526	TE102526	WA062526
WT092526	ET122526	CJ052526	CC052526	

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to acknowledge out-of-district student attendance agreements for Brockton School District students to attend in Culbertson. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

15. TEACHER HOUSING DISCUSSION

Discussion was held regarding Teacher Housing. A meeting will be held in the near future to discuss concerns and processes. No action was taken.

16. 2025-2026 BUDGET ADOPTION AND BUDGET PRESENTATION

The 2025-2026 Elementary and High School Budgets were presented.

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Mr. Rattling Thunder to adopt the 2025-2026 Elementary and High School Budgets as presented. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed Motion carried.

17. ADJOURN

Motion: Made by Mr. Lambert and seconded by Ms. Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. No further discussion.

Vote: Three for, none opposed. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Sammy Nygard, Board Chair



Cheri' Nygard, District Clerk

