

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BROCKTON SCHOOL DIST. 55
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BROCKTON, MONTANA
June 18th, 2024, Tuesday
5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Brockton School Board of Trustees was held January 16th, 2024 at the Administration Building in Brockton, Montana. Present were trustees Sammy Nygard, RaeJean Belgarde, Terry Rattling Thunder, Wilfred Lambert, and Olivia Johnson. Superintendent Josh Patterson was also present.

Absent: Ron Shanks (Business Manager)

Visitor: Beth Ketcher

1. **OPEN MEETING**

Call to Order: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Sammy Nygard at 5:33 P.M.

2. **Public Comments:** None

3. **Principal Report:**

- Attendance
 - K-2 19 have shown up and attendance is at 75%
 - 3-4 16 have shown up and attendance is at 73%
 - 5-6 4 have shown up and attendance is at 75%
 - 7-12 8 have shown up and attendance is at 71%
- School Property Ban - There was a group of 5 boys who broke our backboard at approximately 3:50 pm on Wednesday 6/12/24. On Thursday we filed a police report. As part of their report we gave video footage and names of the 5 students involved. Police were particularly concerned about the student who actually threw the rock that shattered the backboard. As a school, we tried to contact parents via phone with only one successful contact at this time. On Friday we sent out certified signature notifications of the ban until Aug. 13th. This will give us grounds for trespassing if students violate the ban
- Our first session summer school incentive trip will take place on Saturday. Students who have attended at least 8 of the 10 days will watch Inside Out 2 at Wolf Point at 10 am with pop and popcorn.
- On Thursday I will be attending CPI training to renew my training certificate so I can train our staff and can get their blue cards. This covers de-escalation tactics and restraining holds that we can legally use as a last resort to protect students and staff.
- Summer School Sessions
 - Summer School 1st Session June 10-21st
 - Summer School 2nd Session July 8th-20th

3. AD Report:

- Mr. Patterson reviewed his trip to the Class C AD Conference in Great Falls. He relayed details on the topics of discussion and voting measures that may impact the school district.

4. Clerk Report:

- May Bills: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the May bills. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Teacher Employment:** Superintendent Patterson recommended the Board hire Dr. Nelson Caday for the school's open History teacher position. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Superintendent Patterson's recommendation to hire Dr. Nelson Caday to fill the role of History teacher for the school. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- 2. Beth Ketcher Request:** Ms. Ketcher requested that the Board allow her to help the Luster School District by doing part-time, as needed, Special Education Teaching for Luster. Brockton would still remain her primary place of employment and her first priority. Beth asked that the Board allow her to take unpaid leave no more than one day per month, if needed, to preform the Special Education related services for the Luster School District. RaeJean Belgarde made a motion to approve Beth Ketcher's request and allow her to take unpaid leave no more than one day per month, if needed, to perform the Special Education related services for the Luster School District. Wilfred Lambert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- 3. Audit Results 2021-2023:** Superintendent Patterson presented the District's Audit reports for the years 2021-2023. No catastrophic issues were revealed during the audit; however, several improvements were recommended by the Auditors. This was information only and not an item requiring Board action.
- 4. Audit Contract:** Superintendent Patterson presented two bids for Audit services; one from Denning, Downey & Associates and one from WIPFLI. After a few brief questions from trustees and subsequent discussion, Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the less expensive of the two bids for Audit services; the bid from WIPFLI. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- 5. School District Action Plan:** Superintendent Patterson explained that further revisions of the Action Plan were needed before seeking Board approval and requested the item be tabled. Sammy Nygard made a motion to table the item; school district action plan. Wilfred Lambert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6. School Board Policy Updates:** Superintendent Patterson presented required updates to existing policy and required new School Board policies for the following: 2132 (Instruction Student and Family Privacy Rights), 3110 (Students Entrance, Placement, Transfer), 3121 (Students Enrollment and Attendance Records), 5325 NEW (Personnel Breastfeeding), 8110 (Noninstructional Operations Bus Routes & Schedules), 8121 (Noninstructional Operations District-Owned Vehicles), 8132 (Noninstructional Operations Activity Trips), and 8502 (Noninstructional Operations Construction and Repairs). Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the required updates to existing School District policy as well as the required new School District policies as presented by Superintendent Patterson, including recommendations for language options. Olivia Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Patterson presented one existing School District policy required for termination; 7008 (Nonresident Student Attendance Agreement). Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the required termination of policy 7008. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Patterson presented the following recommended new policy supplemental forms for first reading: 4330F2 (School Gymnasium and Weight Room Community Use Agreement), 3141F (Out-of-District Attendance Agreement), and 3416F3 (Designation/Acceptance to Administer Medication). RaeJean Belgarde made a motion to approve the first reading of the recommended new policy supplemental forms. Wilfred Lambert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Report:

Facility Projects & Maintenance

Main Entrance

Superintendent Patterson shared that work continues on the exterior of the main entrance. Concrete sidewalk removal has been completed on the north side of the building and new concrete sidewalks on that side of the building will be poured soon. Installation of the light-up sign will begin in the next 2 weeks. He estimates that the project is still on pace to meet the August 1st goal for completion.

Library (7-12)

Superintendent Patterson shared that furniture acquisition continues, and that a final meeting with the book shelf manufacturer took place today. He is hoping that installation of the new shelving will take place in early July.

Football Field Lights

Superintendent Patterson shared that the installation process had been delayed, but he had been assured that it would begin soon.

School Vehicles

All the school vehicles have been repaired and are back in regular operation.

2023-2024 Student Achievement

Superintendent Patterson reviewed the overall performance of students at the Elementary, Junior High, and High School levels. He highlighted both gains in student performance and areas needing more improvement.

Superintendent Patterson's Schedule

Mr. Patterson shared his schedule for the month of June.

With no further business, Wilfred Lambert made a motion to adjourn. RaeJean Belgarde seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Clerk, Board of Trustees

Chairman, Board of Trustees



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Sign Up Sheet

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