

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

hosted by Transportation (Reconvene @ 5:00 p.m. Administration)

Present: James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner.

There was no quorum at the noon meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Transportation; Board of Trustee Election Tuesday, May 5, 2026 Administration Conference Room; Staff Appreciation Friday, May 8, 2026 at 12:45 p.m. Browning Middle School; Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room (Reorganization Board of Trustees); Facilities Committee Meeting Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room; Graduation Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

STAFF RECOGNITION: Francis Wayne BullCalf recognized the following staff members: Iris Begay, Nathaniel BirdRattler, Jamie BullCalf, Lisa BullCalf, Joseph Bullshoe, Edward Burke, Cheyenne Devereaux, Kimma Flamond, Brenda Guardipee, Koby Harwood, Philip Higgins, Brad IronPipe Jr., Summer Kennerly, Roland Kennerly, Aarie MadPlume, Duane ManyHides, Charlie OldChief, Dewey Skunkcap, Crystal Upham, Ella Wall, Wesley Wells.

TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATION: Francis presented to the board some of the want and needs at Transportation. One of the items was a ¾ ton pickup to pull the food trailer in the summer, the previous vehicle they used in no longer in working order. He also stated that the Transportation Department does not have enough charters. The MCI's that they have they do not make parts for them anymore. He also stated that they do not get much for them as a trade in. Superintendent Rappold suggested putting them out to surplus with a minimum bid of \$10,000.00.

Wayne also stated that in the early fall and mid spring they are looking at 14 trips per day including sports, which is taking most of their drivers. He is requesting that we put a limit to around 7 buses per day except for Fridays. Superintendent Rappold asked if Transportation would include her in their spreadsheet for the daily trips so she can look them over to know how many are scheduled.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the Regular Board Minutes for 4/14/26. Second by Mr. Hoyt. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve the agenda with no changes. Second by Mr. Gervais. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Mr. RunningFisher acknowledged the following building reports: Child Nutrition-Copy Center-Warehouse - Dalaina Grant; Curriculum and Instruction - Rebecca Rappold; Parent, Community Outreach, FIT - Irene Augare; Blackfeet Language-Native American Studies - Robert Hall; Special Education - Belinda Turley; Gear Up Program - Kristy CalfRobe; Prevention & Wellness - Cinnamon Salway; Athletic Department-Student Activities-Kellen Hall; Technology Department - Travis Miller; Transportation - Francis Bullcalf; Maintenance/Facilities/Security/Construction - Reid Reagan.

Superintendent Report- Superintendent Rappold stated that they had an audit close out meeting on Friday of last week, they also did their field work. We are now at the halfway point on the fiscal year 23 audit and anticipate a closure on that in June. After that one is complete, we should be able to move through them rather quickly, 2023 was the next hard year after the 2022.

HR Status Report- At the elementary level we are in need of a PCA, 3 sped teachers, TA and an instructional coach. High School level we are in need of an ELA teacher, ELA/Reading teacher, science teacher, 2 math teachers including Buffalo Hide Academy, 2 sped teachers, TA, assistant secretary and attendance clerk. We are also in need of an assistant cook at the supper program, a sped adaptive physical ed person and still need 4 additional bus drivers.

Mr. Evans asked if the district was running a summer lunch program. Superintended Rappold stated that we are running a breakfast and lunch program just not the supper program, it is not a summer program through OPI.

Coaching Worksheet- *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.*

Resignations: Superintendent Rappold accepted the following resignations: Traylyn Kennerly-Assistant Cook, Napi Elementary, Effective 4-4-2026; Stormi Skunkcap-Personal Care Attendant, Browning Elementary School, Effective 4-28-2026.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Kristine Gutormson-Special Education Teacher-BES 2026-2027 (\$89,945.00); BreeAnna Polk-BMS Math Teacher 2026-2027 (\$48,474.00). *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following hire pending successful background check/drug test: Aarie MadPlume-9-Month Bus Driver. Second by Mr. Bremner. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Contract Service Agreements- Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following contract service agreement pending successful background check: Cindy Show-BPS 25-26 SY PELI language assessment for MT Reads Requirement, PK students (\$840.00). Second by Mr. Hoyt. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Out of State Travel: Motion by Mr Bremner to approve out of state travel for Babb Elementary School- Calgary Zoo 2025-2026 Calgary, Alberta. Second by Mr. Hoyt. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve out of state travel for BHS Students-Upward Bound Students College Trip 2025-2026, Spokane, Seattle and Portland (SR Leave Only). Second by Mr. Hoyt. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

In State Travel: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve in state travel for Kari McKay-Western A State Track 2025-2026, Laurel, MT (\$1,073.40). Second by Mr. Gervais. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Motion by Mr. Bremner to approve in state travel for Rebecca Rappold-IISM Board Meeting, Fairmont Hot Springs (\$692.52); Francis BullCalf-MAPT Transportation Training 2025-2026, Great Falls, MT (\$1,686.20). Second by Mr. Evans. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Approvals: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following: Elementary Summer School Teachers 2025-2026 (\$26,968.32). Second by Mr. Hoyt. *No Public Participation.*

Mr. Evans asked if we were running two sessions of summer school. Superintendent Rappold stated no, that we are running a four-week session in June. It will start the Monday after we get out of school and run through July 2nd, 2026. Summer school will be at the BES for the elementary students and at the Buffalo Hide Academy for the high school students. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Motion by Mr. Hoyt to approve the following: High School Student Attendance Agreement 2025-2026; Extended Contracts-Secondary Summer School Teachers 2025-2026 (\$25,814.40). Second by Mr. Bremner. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following: Angela Boyd-Contract Modification, Salary Change 2025-2026 (\$4,087.00); Angela Boyd-Contract Modification, Salary Change 2026-2027 (\$4,210.00); Amber Hinthier-Contract Modification, Salary Change 2025-2026 (\$1,500.00); Amber Hinthier-Contract Modification, Salary Change 2026-2027 (\$1,500.00); Correction to Academic Calendar 2026-2027 School Year; Lease Agreement between BPS and Native Connections Culture & Hope Program; District Claims Checks #91957-#91977; #444316-#444406 (\$248,093.84); Student Activities Claim Checks #706747-7#706755 (\$6,217.04); Additional Pays 4-28-26. Second by Mr. Hoyt.

Ms. YellowOwl asked if the corrections to the calendar could be pointed out. Superintendent Rappold stated we were short one day in the academic year. So, they met with the certified union and it was decided to have a remote learning day on the divisional tournament Friday instead of having no school and that will also be the staff wellness day.

Mr. Evans asked about the contract modifications for Amber Hinthier, they are both for this year, Superintendent Rappold stated that both of the ladies have a national board certification and we provide a \$1,500.00 stipend for that and one is for this year and one for next year and Amber submitted for her education credits and we did not account for them, so she had a lane change increase as well as the \$1,500.00 stipend. He also asked about the Native Connections Culture & Hope Program lease agreement. Superintendent Rappold informed him that it is Amber Williamson's program who had a lease agreement and she is preparing this month to move the triple wide modular unit on to the lot and so this is a renewal for that contract. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Personnel: None

Legal Issues: None

Motion by Ms. Yellow Owl to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m. Second by Mr. Gallup. *No Board Discussion. No Public Participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Thomas Gervais, Michael Hoyt, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Lockley Bremner voting for.

Respectfully submitted:

_____Melanie HeavyRunner, Board Secretary

_____James RunningFisher, Board Chairperson

_____Sandra Rivas, District Clerk