

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: 8/14/18



Recognition: Students Staff Parents

Information: Building Report Old Business Superintendent's Report

Action: Resignation Hiring Contract Service Agreements

Travel Out-of-State Travel In State Approvals

Termination Legal Matters Other:

 This action request pertains to Elementary (only) High School/District Wide

Date: 8/6/18

To: **Board of Trustees**
 Browning Public Schools

From: Corrina _____
Title: Superintendent

Subject: **Indian School Board Caucus Dues FY2019**

Description: Membership Dues (Period 2018-2019).

Financial Impact: \$6,382.50

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.): School Board Budget

Attachment(s): Invoice/Letter

Approval: Superintendent's Office/Finance/Personnel as applicable (Initial) _____

Comments: _____

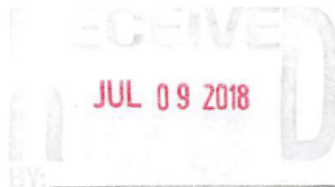
Board Action: N/A (Info) Approved Denied Tabled to: _____



MONTANA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION
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STE 301
HELENA, MT 59601

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BROWNING SCHOOL DISTRICT
 P O BOX 610
 BROWNING, MT 59417



Invoice Number: 34344
 Invoice Date: 6/18/18

	Amount
INDIAN SCHOOL BOARD CAUCUS DUES FOR FY 2019 (Due 7/1/19)	6,382.50
Final Partial Master Card? Y N Card# _____ Vendor# _____ PO# _____ AMT PD \$ _____ Date/Initial _____	
<i>Please contact Karla Smerker at 442-2180 should you have any questions.</i>	
Check No:	
Total Invoice Amount	6,382.50
Payment Received	
TOTAL	6,382.50
Customer ID: BROWNING SD	



The Value of Membership in the Indian School Board Caucus (ISBC)

MTSBA's Indian School Board Caucus (ISBC) serves as a vital statewide group whose focus is to address and meet the unique needs of each American Indian student served by Montana's public schools. ISBC provides insight to the Association on matters that impact American Indian children educated in local reservation public schools as well as non-reservation public schools serving American Indian students. Aligned with the Montana Constitution and the Montana inspired Indian Education for All Act, the ISBC promotes and enhances relationships and understanding between those school districts serving predominately American Indian student populations and those school districts serving few American Indian students.

The following represents some of the significant initiatives of the ISBC:

- Organized over 25 years ago, the ISBC has vigorously and effectively enhanced the work of school boards serving American Indian student populations.
- The ISBC represents American Indian School Boards and American Indian students in all school districts in its advocacy before the Montana Legislature. It appears before both Interim and standing committees during regular sessions. It is a visible and important partner in the Day of Advocacy and Caucus Day on the Hill.
- The ISBC Caucus played an instrumental part in the forming of a legislative platform in regard to funding for one of the most important pieces of legislation in recent history, MTSBA's Funding Resolution (Resolution #1) endorsed by the entire membership at MCEL calling for a multi-disciplinary group of trustees, business managers, and administrators representing all MTSBA caucus groups (AA, A, B, C, Independent Elementary and American Indian) and collaboration with MREA, SAM, and MASBO to continue with its global look at funding for Montana's Public Schools.
- The ISBC has sponsored national prominent expert speakers focused on American Indian issues of importance at MCEL. In 2012, the ISBC sponsored a visit by the Executive Director of the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools. Last year the ISBC clinic on cultural impacts on American Indian children had standing room only attendance.
- The ISBC meets three times a year during critically active times of the year for statewide impact including the annual meeting at MCEL, April meeting in conjunction with the MIEA and a June meeting in conjunction with the MTSBA platform building Delegate Assembly and Leadership Symposium.
- The ISBC sponsors the July Summer Symposium each year (this year scheduled in Polson on July 18 and 19 with a focus on student safety and security). This Symposium is free of charge to all participants and is a great opportunity for statewide discussions on developing the full potential of each child in every public school in Montana.
- The ISBC has recently become a primary sponsor of MCEL joining four other underwriters. The ISBC Board sees this move as one to further expand the membership of ISBC, to solidify ISBC's presence at MCEL, to further ISBC's mission to educate and celebrate our American Indian heritage, and to ensure that each

Montana student, irrespective of race, color, religion, etc., has access to educational excellence leading to individual student success.

- And probably best of all, the hard work on the part of the ISBC Board members to enable our American Indian children to have a “front and center” presence through their opening ceremony performance at MCEL has had a dramatic impact on our statewide membership. This special part of MCEL has become a favorite among those that have the benefit of being a part of this amazing performance to celebrate the cultural heritage of our American Indian Peoples and Tribes.

The critical issues survey commissioned by the MTSBA in August of 2017 revealed that the economic circumstances of families with children was a significant issue facing Montana’s public schools. In order to continue its work on behalf of each American Indian child being served by Montana’s Public Schools, the ISBC needs a commitment from every school district in Montana regardless of whether you serve 1 American Indian student or hundreds. The value of ISBC cannot be overstated – it is vital to the success of each American Indian child.

Thank you in advance or your support of ISBC and its initiatives.

Respectfully,

Iris Kill Eagle
Yancey Beston
Linda Hansen
Sherry House
Rich Jansen

Robert McLean
Josh Seaton
Wilma Tyner
Jessica-Fetter Wilson
William Backbone