

Regular Board Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 @ 12:00 PM
(Hosted by Food Service/Maintenance)
Reconvene @ 5pm Administration

Present: James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman.

Mr. RunningFisher called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, June 9, 2026 Administration Conference Room; Facilities Committee Meeting Thursday, June 11, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room; End of Month Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, June 30, 2026 Noon Only Big Sky Colony.

STAFF RECOGNITION: by Reid Reagan: Aaron McLean, Abigail Klauk, Calvin Racine, Daryl Butterfly, Dion SpottedEagle, Francis LazyBoy, George Grandchamp, George Hall, Loren Croff, Michelle Guardipee, Korrina Kennedy, Ron Curtis, Weston MadPlume, William Lawrence, James Russell, Raymond DayRider, Roland Riley.

STAFF RECOGNITION: by Daliana Grant: Carla Trombley, Tyleesha MadPlume, Marcus SlowBear, Brent StillSmoking, Taraceda Gallagher, Joanne StillSmoking, Carlita NoRunner, Charlotte Flammond, Ron MadPlume, Stephanie Blackman, Ashley Blackman, Holly NoRunner, Kimberly Walker, Cecilia Morris, Kylie Farmer, Tom McKay, Brennyn RunningCrane, Bonnie McKenney, Teri DeRoche.

Maintenance Presentation: Mr. Reagan provided a slide show of the construction phases of the new Food Service/BNAS building.

Food Service Presentation: Ms. Grant provided an informational handout to the board that contained summer lunch program schedule, lunch menus, as well as various forms that are required to be completed, she gave a brief overview of each form. She provided a slide show of various activities through out her department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ms. Bullshoe to approve the Regular Board Minutes 5-26-26. Second by Ms. Madman. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the agenda with the following change: the change of the dollar amount of one of the coaches on the hiring of BMS coaches 2026-2027. Second by Ms. YellowOwl. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Classified staff member provided public comment on her concerns on the recent decisions of summer employment.

Mr. RunningFisher acknowledged the following building reports: Stamiksiitsiikin BullShoe Elementary-Racquel Little Plume; Browning Elementary-Jessica Racine; Napi Elementary School - Sicily Bird; Browning Middle School-John Salois; Kukyoossin-Brittany Burns; Browning High School - Sandi Campbell; Babb Elementary - Jennifer Wagner; Big Sky-Glendale Colonies - Rebecca Rappold; Buffalo Hide Academy - Charlie Speicher.

Superintendent Report: *No board discussion. No public participation.*

Blackfeet CPS Verbal Update- Mialynn Spoonhunter: Superintendent Rappold stated that Mialynn was unable to attend she did provide Assistant Superintendent LaFromboies-Wagner a text. She stated that in the message she sent it stated that she is bringing a forensic interview training to the community and would like to offer it to the school counselors. They do not have any dates at this time as they are still in the planning stages, she is inviting both Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to the council meeting on June 16, 2026 where she will present to the council with all of the partners present.

Gear Up Specialist Position #2: Superintendent Rappold stated that the Gear Up Specialist Position #2 for the last 2 years. The position is funded by the grant and have sufficient funds in the grant to cover it and would like to hire it for next year. She stated that the position would be advertised, and that she brought this forward as an item of information to update the board.

Driver's education Verbal Report-Angie Pepion & Britney Shooter: Ms. Shooter and Ms. Pepion updated the board on the drivers ed program. They also explained to the board that they wanted to create the fee to ensure the students filled their obligation to the program and not to create a barrier for anyone and once they completed the course, they would receive their money back. There was lost of discussion on the fee for the future cohort. The board agreed to bring the fee back to the board in a future meeting allowing them time to draft a plan.

Staff Attendance and Summer Contracts: Superintendent Rappold updated the Board on staff attendance and the status of summer contracts. She provided Board members with a handout that included staff attendance data, district calendars for February 2026 through May 2026, and a copy of the certified staff collective bargaining agreement. Superintendent Rappold reviewed and explained the information contained in these documents. The Board engaged in discussion regarding staff attendance, summer contracts, and the information presented.

Recess: 6:47 p.m.

Reconvene: 6:56 p.m.

Student Attendance Update-Jen Wagner: Assistant Superintendent LaFromboise-Wagner provided the Board with an update on student attendance. She also presented information regarding attendance incentives, including items purchased at each school and the amount of funds expended for those purchases. The Board and principals in attendance engaged in discussion regarding student attendance and the information presented.

HR Status Report 6-9-26: Ms. Sinclair reported on current vacant positions throughout the district. At the elementary level, the district is seeking to fill three PCA positions, one Teaching Assistant position, three 2nd Grade teacher positions, six 3rd Grade teacher positions, two 4th Grade teacher positions, three Special Education teacher positions, one Music teacher position, one Dean of Students position, and one Shop teacher position. She also noted that a recommendation for a 6th Grade Health/Physical Education teacher will be presented at the next Board meeting.

At the secondary level, vacancies include one ELA teacher, one ELA/Reading teacher, two Science teachers, one Math teacher, two Special Education teachers, and one Teaching Assistant. Ms. Sinclair also reported that the district is still working to place the Attendance Clerk position on a future Board agenda. She further noted that interviews were conducted for the Math teacher position at BHA, and a recommendation for that position is expected to be presented at the next Board meeting.

District-wide vacancies also include a YHDP Case Manager and a GEAR UP Coordinator. In Food Service, the district is seeking a director and six Assistant Cooks. In Maintenance, there is a vacancy for a Skilled Technician, and efforts continue to fill the Secretary position. In Transportation, the district is seeking five 9-month Bus Drivers and one 12-month Bus Driver.

Coaching Update: *No board discussion. No public participation.*

Resignations: Superintendent Rappold accepted the following resignations: Dewey Skunkcap, 9-month Bus Driver, Transportation Department, Effective 6-2-2026; Samantha Linke, ELA Teacher, Browning High School, Effective 6-3-2026; Kristy CalfRobe, Gear-Up Coordinator, BHS, Effective 6-25-2026.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Syuna Hawkins-Assistant Principal BullShoe Elementary 2026-2027 (\$95,210.00); Verlin Whiteman-BMS Native Players Club Sponsor 2025-2026 (\$660.00); BMS Coaches 2026-2027 (\$36,000.00). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Motion by Mr. LaFromboise to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Shylon Stewart-BHS Boys Freshmen Basketball Coach 2026-2027 (\$3,900.00); Riley SpoonHunter-BHS JV Boys Basketball Coach 2026-2027 (\$4,600.00). Second by Ms. Bullshoe. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Kerry Doplal-Kerry Doplal- Speech-Language Pathologist 2026-2027 SY (\$89,945.00). Second by Ms. Bullshoe.

Mr. Evans asked whether the individual was providing services in person. Superintendent Rappold responded that the individual works virtually on a daily basis and is present in the district one to two times per month. *No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Contract Service Agreements: Mr. Evans motions to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background check: Ee Gah Kii Maht Student Workers, (Elementary) Summer 2026 (\$3,645.60); Mishayla CalfBossRibs-Ee-Kah-Ki-Maht Adult Worker (Elementary) Summer 2025-2026 (\$1,568.00). Second by Mr. LaFromboise. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background check: Ee Gah Kii Maht Student Workers (Secondary) Summer 2026 (\$4,253.20); Lisa Aimsback-CSA Ee-Kah-Ki-Maht-Adult Worker (Secondary) Summer 2025-2026 (\$2,744.00). Second by Mr. Evans. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background check: Keesha Guerrero-Gobert to provide support to BNAS Curriculum (\$5,040.00); Aiyahna Green to provide support to BNAS Curriculum (\$5,040.00); Colleen Wilson-CSA Mentor Program Coordinator 2026-2027 SY (\$5,000.00). Second by Mr. LaFromboise. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance

LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Out of State Travel: None

In State Travel: None

Approvals: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following: Extended Contract-Michelle Calf Tail-Extended Contracts- Leadership Week Instructional Planning 2026-2027 SY (\$1,402.40); Extended Contract-Ashley Bull Calf-Math Planning Week, Elementary 2026-2027 SY (\$1,498.80); Elementary School Student Attendance Agreement – East Glacier School District #50 2025-2026; Approval of the Proposed IDIQ Term Contract from LPW Architecture (\$65,000.00). Second by Ms. Madman. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Motion by Ms. Madman to approve the following: Extended Contract-Leadership Week Instructional Planning-Secondary 2026-2027 (\$6,568.40). Second by Mr. Gallup. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following: Extended Contracts- Leadership Week Instructional Planning-Coordination 2026-2027(6,464.00); Extended Contracts Leadership Week Instructional Planning-Instructional Coaches 2026-2027 (\$17,176.80); Extended Contracts-Leadership Week Instructional Planning 2026-2027 (\$15,025.20); Extended Contracts-Math Planning Week 2026-2027 SY (\$19,212.80); Brandy Bremner-Correction to Contract Modification (\$13,113.00); Amended BPS Certified Union Contract, 2025-2028; Professional Development Plan Approval and PD Offerings 2026-2027 SY; BPS Teacher Mentoring Handbook 2026-2027 SY; Interstate Alarm, Commercial Alarm Services Agreement-Software License 2026-2027 (\$24,324.00); Student Attendance Agreements – Cut Bank School District #15 2025-2026; Student Attendance Agreements – Heart Butte School District #1 2025-2026; Student Attendance Agreements – Valier School District #18 2025-2026; Purchases Over \$10,000.00; District Claims Checks #444567-#444666; #91868-#91877 (\$229,928.64); Student Activities Claims #706783-#706785 (\$1,222.44); Additional Pays 6-9-26. Second by Ms. Bullshoe.

Mr. LaFromboise asked on the professional development plan approval is the majority of the committee teachers? Superintendent Rappold stated yes, the SBE committee is primarily driven by teachers and instructional coaches who are also certified teachers, she also explained that the committees come to the board every year for approval. *No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Personnel: None

Legal Issues: None

Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Second by Mr. Evans. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Kristy Bullshoe, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl Madman voting for.

Respectfully submitted:

_____Melanie HeavyRunner, Board Secretary

_____James RunningFisher, Board Chairperson

_____Sandra Rivas, District Clerk