



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BROCKTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 & 55F
May 9, 2023 Tuesday
5:30 P.M.**

I. OPEN MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome Visitors/Staff

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

III. PRINCIPAL REPORT

IV. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

V. CLERK REPORT

Approve April 4, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Approve April 25, Special School Board Meeting Minutes
Approve May Bills

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Swear in Terry Rattling Thunder for 3-year term as trustee
2. Organize the Board (Chair & Vice Chair)
3. Appoint the Clerk
4. Joe McGeshick – First Voices Program with FPCC
5. Hire Administrators for FY 24
6. Hire AD
7. Hire Teachers for FY 24
8. Hire classified staff for FY 24
9. Hire Summer School Teachers & Staff
10. Approve FY 24 – FY 25 Collective Bargaining Agreement
11. Approve Resignations
12. Approve Terminations
13. MHSA Dues & Fees
14. MCA Dues

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

BROCKTON SCHOOL DIST. 55 & 55F

BROCKTON, MONTANA

May 9th, 2023, Tuesday

5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Brockton School Board of Trustees was held May 9th, 2023 at the Administration Building in Brockton, Montana. Present were trustees Sammy Nygard, Terry Rattling Thunder, and Wilfred Lambert. Superintendent Josh Patterson was also present.

Absent: Business Manager/Clerk Ron Shanks, trustee Olivia Johnson, trustee Rae Jean Belgarde,

Visitor: Sunni Hilde, Wayan Bear

OPEN MEETING

1. Call to Order: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman, Sammy Nygard at 5:35 P.M.

2. Public Comments: Sunni Hilde inquired about the District's uniform complaint procedure. Mr. Patterson told her that he would provide her with a copy that she could pick up at the District Office.

3. Principal Report: Spring NWEA - Over 50 Students improved by 10 points or more; Senior and 8th Grade Graduation Ceremonies - May 19th, 2pm and 6pm; Valedictorian - Hally Eder; Salutatorian - Lucy Hart; Ark Field Trip, Monday, May 15th (trip earned for NWEA Score Improvement); Amtrak Field Trip for 4th-6th Grades is Wednesday, May 17th; Pioneer Museum Field Trip in Glasgow for K-3 is Tuesday, May 23rd; Athletic Awards Banquet is Monday, May 22nd at 6pm; Spring Cleanup Day is Tuesday, May 23rd (for 4th-12th Grades); Last day of school is May 24th (Noon Release); Final Student Awards assembly is May 24th at 9am (Community Invited); Field DAY also May 24th (for K-8) and 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (for grades 9-12); Summer School sessions are Monday, June 5th – Friday, June 16th (8:00 a.m. – Noon) and Monday, July 10th – Friday, July 21st (8:00 a.m. – Noon)

4. AD Report: HS Track Districts today @ Lambert; HS Track Divisional – May 18 @ Lambert; HS Track State – May 25 – 27 @ Laurel; JH Track District – Friday, May 12 @ Fairview; Fall/Winter sports schedules complete except for JH Basketball; AD Meeting – Monday, May 22; Class C Caucus – Red Lodge – June 4 – 6. Chairman Nygard thanked Mr. Apple for his years of service as AD, Coach, and Teacher for Brockton School District.

5. Clerk Report: Tabled for next Board meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Swear in Terry Rattling Thunder for 3-year term as trustee: Terry Rattling Thunder was sworn in.

2. Organize the Board: Wilfred Lambert made a motion to nominate Sammy Nygard for the position of Board Chair. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 2/0.

Wilfred Lambert made a motion to nominate Olivia Johnson for the position of Vice Chair. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

3. **Appoint the Clerk:** Wilfred Lambert made a motion to appoint Ron Shanks for the position of School District Clerk. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.
4. **Joe McGeshick – First Voices Program with FPCC:** Tabled
5. **Hire Administrators for FY 24:** Mr. Patterson recommended the promotion of Mr. Evan Cummins to the position of K-12 Head Principal. Wilfred made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson's recommendation for the position of K-12 Head Principal. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Mr. Patterson recommended the promotion of Ms. RaeAnne Edmisten to the position of K-12 Assistant Principal pending verification of her enrollment in an educational leadership program that would satisfy Montana licensure requirements for the endorsement of K-12 administrator. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson's recommendation for the position of K-12 Assistant Principal. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

6. **Hire Activities Director:** Mr. Patterson recommended the hire of Ms. RaeAnne Edmisten to the position of School District Activities Director. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson's recommendation for the position of School District Activities Director. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.
7. **Hire Teachers for FY 24:** Mr. Patterson recommended the hire of Mrs. Marites Kho Segubiense for the position of 3rd grade teacher; Ms. Krystle Ann Quinones for the position of 4,5,6 teacher; Mrs. Daisy Ramirez for the Position of high school English teacher; and Ms. Angela Cheek for the position of Elementary School Counselor. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to hire all of Mr. Patterson's recommendations for the teaching positions described. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.
8. **Hire Classified Staff for FY 24:** Mr. Patterson recommended the extension of employment for the 2023-2024 school year to: JayLynne Allen (Kindergarten Para), Lacey Lone Bear (1st grade Para), Natalie Read Eagle (2nd grade Para), Kori Good Bird (3rd grade Para), Heather Youpee (4,5,6 grades Para), Star Foote (Office Assistant), Melissa Belgarde (Head Cook), Norma Big Crow (Assistant Cook), Noreen Lone Bear (Assistant Cook), Caleb Track (Assistant Cook), Henery Lone Bear (Head Janitor), James Parker (High School Janitor), Dee Crowe (Junior High/Elementary Janitor), Russ Parker (Maintenance), and Nichole Lone Bear (Secretary)

Wilfred Lambert made a motion to hire all of Mr. Patterson's recommendations for the classified positions described with the exception of Head Cook. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Wilfred Lambert made a motion to hire Mr. Patterson's recommendation for Head Cook. Sammy Nygard seconded the motion. Motion carried 2/0 (Terry Rattling Thunder Abstained from the vote).

9. **Hire Summer School Teachers & Staff:** Mr. Patterson recommended the hire of the following teachers for summer school positions: Maria Lourdes (K-6 SPED), Beth Ketcher (SPED), Delight Santos (K-3), Brittny Marchwick-Wix (4-6), RaeAnne Edmisten (7-12), Jessica Pipe (7-12), and Evan Cummins (Admin). Wilfred Lambert made a motion to hire all of Mr. Patterson's recommendations for the summer school teaching positions described. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

- 10. Approve FY 24 – FY 25 Collective Bargaining Agreement:** Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the FY 24 – FY 25 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Brockton Teacher’s Union (BTA). Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.
- 11. Approve Resignations:** Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve the resignations of Brittny Marchwick-Wix and Jessie De Leon. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.
- 12. Approve Terminations:** Mr. Patterson recommended the immediate firing of Jalin Johnson (High School Janitor), Sunni Hilde (SPED Para), and Wayan Bear (SPED Para). Wilfred Lambert made a motion to terminate the employment of all of the individuals recommended by Mr. Patterson. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.
- 13. MHSA Dues & Fees:** Mr. Patterson recommended the District offer Basketball, Football, Cross Country, and Track for Boys and Basketball, Volley Ball, Cross Country, and Track for Girls. The Montana High School Assassination Dues and Fees apply to the number of sports offered by a school district, catastrophic insurance, and concussion insurance. Chairman Nygard requested that Golf be added as an offering for both boys and girls. Mr. Patterson amended his recommendation to include Golf as an offering for both boys and girls. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson’s recommendations as it applies to MHSA Dues and Fees (\$2,500). Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.
- 14. MCA Dues:** Mr. Patterson recommended that the District cover the cost of its head coaches to become members of the Montana Coaches Association. Members of the association are provided free personal liability insurance coverage, free admission to most Montana high school sporting events, and opportunities for training and professional development. The cost is \$35 per coach. Wilfred Lambert made a motion to approve Mr. Patterson’s recommendations as it applies to MCA Dues and Fees. Terry Rattling Thunder seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Superintendent Report: Current open positions for next school year are: Elementary, Art, and PE teachers. Mr. Patterson is working with FPCC to explore potential partnerships including fulfilling our History Teacher needs. He intends to have all open positions filled by the end of the school year.

On night of Wednesday, April 26th, a pipe burst in the new teacher housing unit located at 300 3rd Street and flooded the crawl space. One of the sewer lines was also disconnected. The unit is still under warranty with the home manufacture as well as our worksite contractor. Mr. Patterson has filed a claim with the District’s insurance company and they have sent an adjustor out to the site for assessment. Water has been restored to the unit. All work should be covered by warranties. In the event that work is not covered, our insurance should cover the majority, if not all of the remaining balance.

Mr. Patterson hopes to begin work on the Main Entrance renovation this summer. He also plans to hire a summer crew to continue campus clean up as well as interior painting. The new playground swings and basketball hoop will also be installed this summer.

IIE is a J1 Visa sponsorship agency. These Visas can be extended up to 5 years, at which time the teacher must return to their home country. On behalf of the District, Mr. Patterson signed an agreement with IIE and has worked to uphold our end of the bargain; however, IIE claims that they will no longer be able to extend Visa sponsorship to one of our teachers due to an October, 2022, directive from the US Department of State. Mr. Patterson has reached out to Gabriella Blatt in Senator Tester’s office and the Senator’s office is actively working on this issue for the District. In addition, Mr. Patterson has also reached out to our School District Attorney, Larry Martin, for assistance. Mr. Martin is in the process of drafting a letter on the District’s behalf to send to IIE informing them that we will be considering all our legal options regarding this situation.

With no further business, Wilfred made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Terry. Motion carried 3/0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

Clerk, Board of Trustees

Chairman, Board of Trustees