Bremen Public Schools Mission Statement

The Bremen Public School community works collaboratively to provide a safe, nurturing environment where students are inspired academically and socially to reach each one’s potential in life.

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hassel. Those present included: Board members – Todd Stuckman, Chuck Klockow, and Sheila Kelty; President Jack Jordan was absent; Superintendent Dr. Jim White; staff members and patrons. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered by Chuck Klockow.

B. A motion was made by Chuck Klockow to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Todd Stuckman; motion carried.

C. A motion was made by Sheila Kelty to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014 Executive Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Jill Hassel; motion carried.

D. Todd Stuckman moved to approve claims 917 through 1028 as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheila Kelty. Motion carried 4 – 0.

E. Visitors were welcomed.

F. There were no patrons with comments concerning the Agenda Items.

II. STAFF REPORTS

A. Staff Reports—

1. Mr. Larry Yelaska reported to the board that the BEMS Open House dates have been set, MS will be Wednesday, August 13, 2014 from 6:00-7:00 PM and the K-5 on Thursday, August 14, 2014 from 6:00-7:00 PM. They are very excited to welcome the returning and new students to the start of the 2014/2015 school year. The Summer AR program was very successful again this year. The Bremen Public Library was very helpful as in years past in assisting in making this program beneficial for students in the community. Students were able to take all of their AR tests at the library during the months of June and July. There were 105 students that took at least 1 test during the summer months. There were a total of 56 students qualify for the summer AR bowling party. They enjoyed 2 hours of bowling and raffles prizes as a reward for their outstanding efforts this summer. The top reader had 174 points this summer, this is more than many students earn during the course of the school year. Also there were 21 students who doubled their reading goal, great job by all. The fall sports began their practices this week, this year all athletic students will receive an athlete permit prior to participating. This permit will be given to their coach to indicate that all of their paperwork and physicals are completed and on file in the office. Good luck to all our athletes and
coaches. The Bremen Kiwanis Kids Triathlon was a huge success this year. There were over 80 athletes that completed the course on July 19th. The school community’s support of this event is very much appreciated. The event required more than 70 volunteers on the day of the race. Thank you to all the volunteered to help.

2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that approximately two-dozen students completed their online exams for their Indiana Online Academy course credit on July 23rd -24th, 2014. Friday August 1st was the first day of school at The Crossing in Nappanee. BHS online registration will open on Wed., Aug. 6th. The Distinguished Young Woman Pageant will take place in the Bowen Auditorium on Saturday August 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Laptop distribution will take place in the Lion Den on Thurs., Aug. 14th from Noon-7:00 PM and again on Friday August 15th from 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM for students in grades 7-12. The first day for school for those attending the Elkhart Area Career Center is Friday 8/15/14. The first day for BHS classes is Monday, August 18th.

III. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations –
Chuck Klockow moved to accept the following resignations as presented:
   1.1 Mindi Blosser—Kindergarten Teacher
   1.2 Robert Palmiter—7th Grade Social Studies Teacher
   1.3 Tina Northern—Director of Special Services
   1.4 Courtney Hepler—Special Ed Instructional Aide
   1.5 Lyndzee Stickles—Instructional Aide
Sheila Kelty seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. Transfers —none
3. Reassignments – None
4. Change in Status – None
5. New Contracts –
Jill Hassel moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:
   5.1 Melonie Mendoza—Breakfast Assistant/Cook
   5.2 Mindy Thompson—Carry-up/Cafeteria
   5.3 Pennie Paul—Lunch Assistant
   5.4 Michelle Ballinger—BHS Volleyball Assistant Coach
   5.5 Larry Martin—MS Head Football Coach
   5.6 Natalie Foreman—Special Ed Instructional Aide
   5.7 Stacy Taylor—ENL Instructional Assistant K-12
   5.8 Ashlyn Wilcox—ICE Student Administrative Assistant-part time
   5.9 Kendall Koontz—Bus Driver
Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried, 4-0.

6. Leave Requests—None
7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI
   9.1 Mark Ingole—HS Football Volunteer Assistant Coach

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. The 2015 Budget was presented to the Board.
B. Chuck Klockow moved to approve the 2014-15 Elkhart Area Career Center Agreement as presented. Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

C. The results of the 2012-13 Teacher Evaluation Survey were presented to the Board.

D. There was discussion about the evaluation of Sodexo Contract, it was tabled to the next meeting for further discussion.

E. An update on the negotiations was presented to the Board.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD
A. Next Regular Board Meeting—Tuesday August 19, 2014 at 6:30 PM High School Media Center

B. There will be an Executive Board Meeting on Tuesday August 12th at 5:30 PM in the Administration Office.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
A. There being no further business, Sheila Kelty moved for adjournment 7:20 PM. Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on August 19, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

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Jack Jordan, President             Jill Hassel, Vice President

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Todd Stuckman, Secretary           Sheila Kelty, Member

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Chuck Klockow, Member

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º MUTUAL RESPECT     º CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY     º GREAT EXPECTATIONS