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. A motion was made by Jack Jordan to amend the agenda as follows:
      V. New Business C. Approval of the 2014-15 Corporation Calendar;
      Chuck Klockow seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.
   
   B. The meeting was called to order by President Jordan. Those present included: Board members – Jill Hassel, Todd Stuckman, Chuck Klockow, and Sheila Kelty; Superintendent Russ Mikel; staff members and patrons. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered by Chuck Klockow.
   
   C. A motion was made by Todd Stuckman to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Jill Hassel; motion carried.
   
   D. Chuck Klockow moved to approve claims 120 through 184 as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheila Kelty. Motion carried 5 – 0.
   
   E. Mr. Mikel presented the General Fund Comparison.
   
   F. Visitors were welcomed.
   
   G. 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 District Leadership team, composed of 5 committees, is leading the district accreditation process that will take place next year. They will work to complete the AdvancED internal review. All staff, certified and classified, are being asked to serve on one of the 5 committees, each committee will conduct a review of their assigned AdvancED standard. The internal reviews will conclude in the spring, this information will be combined with parent and stakeholder surveys. They will then complete the formal reports for the external review team that will visit our school around February of next year. This is the first time BPS applies for district accreditation. The Applies Skills window of the ISTEP+ has been extended due to all of the weather related cancellations this year. The testing window will run from March 3rd-21st. We are planning on testing on March 11th, 12th and 13th. The 3rd grade student will then complete the online IREAD 3 test on March 18th. This will give a few days to complete make-up tests before the March 21st deadline. The 3rd-8th grade students will participate in a pilot assessment this year, the CoreLink assessment will test the students’ college and
career readiness skills. They will complete a 30 minute language arts assessment and a 34 minute math assessment. The tests will consist of a variety of pilot questions from the test bank. The schools will be provided with data based on the schools' performance, the students will not receive individual scores or feedback on this pilot assessment. This week the schools are showing their support for Mrs. Neeley as she continues her battle against lung cancer. Teachers who donate $5 may participate in Jeans Week and on Thursday students and staff will show their support by wearing their “b Strong” t-shirts. All proceeds raised will be donated to Karen to help offset the cost of her medical expenses. Thank you to Jenn Ecenbarger for planning the week of activities to support Karen Neeley.

2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that due to the various closures in the last month and a half the Baccalaureate/Commencement will occur on the afternoon of Sunday June 8th. The 8th grade orientation was well attended on February 6th. The IDOE End-of-Course Assessments began for the Mid-Winter Testing Window on 2/11/14. There will be a HS Choir Concert in the Bowen Auditorium at 6:30 on Thurs 2/20. The South Bend Medical Foundation Bloodmobile will be here on Wed 2/19 for a blood drive. The new End of Term #2 will be on Friday 2/28 and there will be a convocation for the Special Olympics-“Champions Together” that day.

III. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations –
Chuck Klockow moved to accept the following resignation as presented:
   1.1 Barbara Gardner—Cafeteria Account Secretary
   Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chuck Klockow moved to accept the following resignation as presented:
   1.2 Bonnie Tomlinson—Cook/Cashier
   Sheila Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.

2. Transfers – none
3. Reassignments – None
4. Change in Status – None
5. New Contracts –
   Jack Jordan moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:
   5.1 Jill Zeltwanger—MS Swim Club Coach
   5.2 Jeff Fitch—HS Track Assistant Coach
   5.3 Tricia Cripe—HS Track Assistant Coach
   5.4 Stephanie Pittman—HS Track Assistant Coach
   5.5 Eric Hudson—HS Track Assistant Coach
   5.6 Kristy Rupert—HS Track Assistant Coach
   5.7 Jenni Andrews—HS Softball Assistant Coach
   5.8 Tabby Teall—HS Softball Assistant Coach
   5.9 Brita Miller—HS Girls Tennis Assistant Coach
   5.10 Rob Coffel—HS Baseball Assistant Coach
   5.11 Keith Philips—HS Boys Golf Assistant Coach
   Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried, 5-0.

6. Leave Requests—
   Jack Jordan moved to accept the following leave request as presented:
   6.1 Patricia Dann—Leave without pay 3/5/14 through 3/7/14
   Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.
7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI
   9.1 Samantha Thompson—6th Grade Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach
   9.2 Dean Huppert—HS Volunteer Softball Coach
   9.3 Jerry Smith—HS Volunteer Girls Tennis Coach

IV. OLD BUSINESS
V. NEW BUSINESS
A. Mr. Kris Smith from Copiers-Plus gave the board an update on the copier/printer contract we have with his company.

B. Todd Stuckman moved to approve the Transfer of Appropriation Resolution as presented. Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

C. Jack Jordan moved to approve the 2014-15 Corporation Calendar as presented. Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD
A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday March 4, 2014 at 6:30 PM High School Media Center
B. The ISBA 2014 Spring Region Meeting will be held on Wed 3/26 at Christos in Plymouth; Dinner and Program.
C. Mr. Mikel announced his formal retirement to be June 30, 2014

VII. ADJOURNMENT
A. There being no further business, Sheila Kelty moved for adjournment 7:30 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.
B. Upcoming Board Meetings
   The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on March 4, 2014 at 6:30 PM.