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 President Jordan. Those present included: Board members – Jill Hassel, Todd Stuckman, and Sheila Kelty; Chuck Klockow was absent; Superintendent Russ Mikel; staff members and patrons. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered by Jack Jordan.

B. A motion was made by Sheila Kelty to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2013 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Todd Stuckman; motion carried.

C. A motion was made by Jack Jordan to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2013 Executive Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Sheila Kelty; motion carried.

D. Jill Hassel moved to approve claims 1593 through 1738 as presented. The motion was seconded by Todd Stuckman. Motion carried 4 – 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 D.A.R.E graduation for the 5th graders was held on Fri 12/6. The five homeroom winners read their essay during the assembly. Kelsey Lawmaster was the overall essay winner and will represent BEMS in the spring at the Marshall County D.A.R.E. banquet. We appreciate Chief Hassel’s efforts in meeting with our new students every year. The 3rd-5th grade students will present “An All American Christmas” music program on Thurs 12/19 at 7:00 PM. The PTO has organized the 2nd annual Breakfast with Santa that was held on Saturday Dec 14th. Parents and children enjoyed breakfast, craft projects, face painting and a photo with Santa. The K-5 teachers will receive training on the new Scott Foresman reading series that was adopted this year. The training will take place in January during two of the Thursday morning collaboration meetings. The reading components of the program and the technology pieces will be featured in the training.
2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that on Tues 11/26 BHS hosted the American Red Cross Bloodmobile. On Monday Dec 2nd all sophomores had their hearing tested. The Football program held their awards program on Monday 12/16 in the Bowen Auditorium. BHS will host the Annual Holy Walk event in Gym B on Fri 12/20 and Sat 12/21.

III. PERSONNEL
1. Resignations –
   Jack Jordan moved to accept the following resignation as presented:
   1.1 Andrew Rohde—HS Boys Tennis Coach
   Todd Stuckman 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 Shanna Walter—Lunch Assistant
   5.2 Ellen Danner—Part Time Cook
   5.3 Katie Hall—HS Cheerleader Coach
   5.4 Jamie Ove—5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
   5.5 Chris Devine—5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
   Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried, 4-0.

6. Leave Requests—
   Jack Jordan moved to accept the following leave request as presented:
   6.1 Melissa Hullinger—Leave without pay 1/6/14 through 4/18/14
   Sheila Kelty seconded the motion; motion carried, 4-0.

   Sheila Kelty moved to accept the following leave request as presented:
   6.2 Amber Lawmaster—Leave without pay 12/13/13 through 12/20/13
   Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

   Jack Jordan moved to accept the following leave request as presented:
   6.3 Molly Nunemaker—Leave without pay 12/18/13 through 12/19/13
   Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried.

7. Terminations—None

8. Retirement—None

9. Volunteer’s—FYI
   9.1 Bob Slabaugh—HS Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach
   9.2 Nate Berron—HS Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach
   9.3 Pavo Kent—MS Volunteer 5th/6th Grade Basketball Coach
   9.4 Scott Moren—MS Volunteer 5th/6th Grade Basketball Coach
   9.5 Travis Kincaid—HS Volunteer Wrestling Assistant Coach
   9.6 Kevin Carr—HS Volunteer Wrestling Assistant Coach
   9.7 Mike Shumkaer—HS Volunteer Wrestling Assistant Coach
   9.8 Brian Main—HS Volunteer Wrestling Assistant Coach
   9.9 Ben Wright—HS Volunteer Wrestling Assistant Coach
   9.10 Anthony Gilley—HS Volunteer Wrestling Assistant Coach
   9.11 Brooke Sherman—HS Volunteer Counselor Intern
IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS
A. A motion to adopt the updated Policy 591—Rainy Day Fund was made by Jack Jordan, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. There was a presentation of the Strategic Plan Measurements/Scorecard
   1. Commitment #1—Quality Education
   2. Commitment #2—Colleges & Career Readiness
   3. Jack Jordan moved to recommend to approve a $3,100 donation from the BEMS PTO to purchase Apple TV’s for the school. Sheila Kelty seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.
   4. Jill Hassel moved to accept the presentation of the new 2014/15 Course & Program Guide from the High School. Sheila Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD
A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM High School Media Center

B. There has been a PLTW Grant for 2.5 Million set up for the following 5 counties: St. Joe, Marshall, Fulton, Kosciusko, and Elkhart

VII. ADJOURNMENT
A. There being no further business, Sheila Kelty moved for adjournment 9:38 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings
   The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on January 14, 2014

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Jack Jordan, President                        Chuck Klockow, Vice President

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Jill Hassel, Secretary                        Sheila Kelty, Member

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Todd Stuckman, Member

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º MUTUAL RESPECT  º CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY  º GREAT EXPECTATIONS