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, Chuck Klockow, and Sheila Kelty; Superintendent Russ Mikel; staff members and patrons. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered by Jill Hassel.

A motion to amend the agenda was made by Jack Jordan.

V. New Business: C—Approval of 7th Grade Team Fieldtrip
Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. A motion was made by Jill Hassel to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2013 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 October 1, 2013 Executive Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Chuck Klockow; motion carried.

D. Jack Jordan moved to approve claims 1345 through 1418 as presented. The motion was seconded by Sheila Kelty. Motion carried 5 – 0.

D. Mr. Mikel presented the General Fund Comparison.

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 Friday October 11th was the end of the 1st quarter, report cards were emailed home today 10/15. Teachers also have hard copies of the report cards to hand to parents during the Parent/Teacher Conferences, they will also give the parents a copy of their child’s ISTEP+ report and the NWEA assessment results. Students in grades 4th-8th will be encouraged to participate in an iMovie contest that will focus on honoring our veterans. There are two contests, one for the 4th and 5th grades and the second for the Middle School
students. The top three videos will be shown during a school assembly. This will be a great way for our students to honor our veterans, learn more about the importance of Veterans Day and demonstrate their iMovie skills. Once again BEMS would like to thank the TCI Credit Union for a donation of $1,200 again this year. The money will be used to purchase raffle prizes for each quarter. We will give away three prizes every quarter one to a student in K-2, one to a 3rd-5th and one to a 6th-8th grade student. The prizes for the first quarter will be Kindle Fire HD devices. We will conduct Project Based Learning training for the K-5th grade teachers of the high math groups. Mrs. Tracy will lead the training with the teachers on October 30th. On Oct. 24th & 31st the teachers will participate in our Smorgasbord Workshop sessions. There will be 5 sessions presented by our staff with different sessions each week allowing staff to attend two different sessions. The sessions offered are: Google Apps for Education, Project Based Learning, LanSchool, Technology Accessibility Features, and Edmodo Quizzes.

2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that Kidder & Co filmed a promotional video at Bremen Schools on October 2nd. The ENL Leadership Team gave a presentation to K-12 Faculty on October 3rd. Friday 10/18 is Fall Break for BHS, there will be no school on that day. On Monday Oct. 21st Dave Parnell will give a presentation to all of BHS-“Evils of Ignorance: The Face of Meth”. School safety week will begin on Monday October 28th. There will be a Financial Aid Night for parents in the Lion Den on Tues 11/5 at 7:00 PM. Term #1 Exams will begin on Wednesday Nov. 6th with Friday Nov. 8th being a record day with no school that day for BHS students. Monday November 11th will be the first day of Term #2.

III. PERSONNEL
1. Resignations – None
2. Transfers – None
3. Reassignments – None
4. Change in Status – None
5. New Contracts – Chuck Klockow moved to accept the following new contract as presented:
   5.1 Janelle Leeper—Special Education Instructional Assistant
   Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried, 5-0.
6. Leave Requests—None
7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement— None
9. Volunteer’s— None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS
A. A motion for approval of the adoption of the 2014 Budget, CPF and Bus Replacement Plan as presented was made by Jack Jordan, Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. A public hearing of the Superintendent Proposed Salary took place. Sheila Kelty moved to adjourn the hearing, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried, 5-0.
C. Jill Hassel moved to approve the 7th Grade Fieldtrip as presented, Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD
A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday November 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM High School Media Center

B. ISBA Regional meeting 10/16/13, will depart at 5:30 PM, those attending are Jack Jordan, Sheila Kelty, Chuck Klockow and Bruce Jennings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
A. There being no further business, Sheila Kelty moved for adjournment 8:23 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings
   The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on November 5, 2013.

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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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