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 Chuck Klockow; member Frankie Merritt was absent; Superintendent Russ Mikel; staff members and patrons. A prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered by Jill Hassel.

B. A motion was made by Chuck Klockow to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2012 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Jill Hassel; motion carried.

C. Jack Jordan moved to approve claims 1529 through 1623 as presented. The motion was seconded by Todd Stuckman. Motion carried 4 – 0.

D. Visitors were welcomed.

E. 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 Tuesday 11/20 was Diigo Day at BEMS; Steve Gall was in the teacher’s lounge to help teachers create a Diigo account. This is a web tool that is a great way to collect and organize instructional websites; these websites can then be shared by the entire staff. This is an example of another step they are taking to prepare for implementing 1:1 initiative in the BEMS. The PTO sponsored the second annual Turkey Feather Contest, students and staff were able to purchase (paper) feathers for 25 cents each to place on their favorite staff member’s turkey. There were two winners this year, Mrs. Walters was the winner in the Elementary building and Mr. Moren was the favorite in the Middle School. Their willingness to wear the Turkey costume to greet the students this week was very much appreciated, thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraiser which collected $646 for the PTO. Bremen Elementary-Middle School will have a Jeans Week for staff during the week of November 26th; teachers are asked to donate $5.00 for wearing jeans all week. There will also be a Hat Day for the students, they will be asked to pay $1.00 for the privilege of wearing their hat during the school day. All of the proceeds will be donated to the F.O.P. Shop with a Cop program. This program services Bremen students each year.
2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that BHS hosted three voting precincts for the General Election on Tues November 6th. There were 209 fall sports athletes that were recognize at the annual fall sports awards program on 11/7. During the Term Exam Days of Nov 14th & 15th the entire BHS faculty participated in Apple Training. All students attended a Camfel Multi-Media Convocation on Wed 11/14 and the traditional Thanksgiving Convocation occurred on November 19th. On Tues 11/20 BHS hosted a Red Cross Bloodmobile in the Lion Den. Thanksgiving vacation begins on Wed 11/20; however EACC students will still have classes that day. On November 29th and 30th the Sophomores will participate in hearing tests in the nurse’s office. Bremen Public Schools will serve as the waiting area for the Annual Holy Walk in Gym B on Fri 11/30 and Sat 12/1. The Distinguished Young Woman (Junior Miss) Pageant will take place on Sunday December 2nd in the Bowen Auditorium.

3. Sodexo presented the Executive Summary Report to the Board.

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 contracts as presented:
   5.1. Jenny Meyer—HS Science Club Sponsor
   5.2 Don Harrison—HS Swimming Assistant Coach
   5.3 Krishne Williams—K8 Media Center Aide

   Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. Leave Requests—None
7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI
   9.1 Steve Pittman—7th Grade Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach
   9.2 Matt Gilley—HS Volunteer Wrestling Coach
   9.3 Tony Gilley—HS Volunteer Wrestling Coach

IV. OLD BUSINESS
V. NEW BUSINESS
A. Policy Waivers
1. Policy 706—Student Attendance
   1.1 A motion to waive Policy 706: for Bremen High School Students presented by Nate Mckeand, was made by Jack Jordan, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

B. IABA Report from Jack Jordan focused on three main concepts 1) Funding for Schools, 2) Teacher Evaluation and 3) College & Career Readiness.

C. Jill Hassel moved to approve the receipt of a donation of supplies ($6,342 in value) made by 3M for BEMS, Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.
VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday December 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM

B. 12-12-12 Marshall County Community Foundation—Handout

C. $9 Million Teacher Excellence Grant

D. Sponsored by Sodexo—Corporation Christmas Dinner will be December 3rd at Nelson’s in Wakarusa—Charlie Adams will present the “Power of Positive Thinking”.

E. Reminder – Work Session on Monday Nov. 26th @ 6:00 PM in the Administration Office

F. Non-tested update by Mr. Mikel

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. There being no further business, Chuck Klockow moved for adjournment 8:00 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings

Monday November 26, 2012 Work Session

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on December 4, 2012.

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Jack Jordan, President        Todd Stuckman, Vice President

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Jill Hassel, Secretary        Frankie Merritt, Member

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Chuck Klockow, Member

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