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, Frankie Merritt; and Chuck Klockow; 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 Jill Hassel to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Frankie Merritt; motion carried.

C. Frankie Merritt moved to approve claims 993 through 1042 as presented. The motion was seconded by Chuck Klockow. 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 the administration and BEA are working together to find time slots for each grade to have a recess. The schedules should be completed soon and parents will be notified when a decision is finalized. Also he discussed the ISTEP scores by grade level, comparing this past year’s scores with the previous two years.

   2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that the fall sports practices began on July 30th and Marching Band Camp began on August 1st. In Tuesday August 7th the BHS Student Athlete Seminar will be held in the Bowen Auditorium at 7PM. The BHS office officially re-opened August 3rd, Online Registration will open on Monday August 13th. Every student at BHS will be assigned a MacBook Air for the upcoming school year as part of the school's One-to-One Computer Initiative. Laptops will be distributed during the following dates and times: Thurs Aug 16, 9AM till noon and 3PM till 6PM. Fri Aug 17 from noon to 3PM. All students will be required to have a parent or guardian attend with them. Students and parents may come anytime during the distribution windows and they only have to attend once.
Sessions start every 15 minutes and the entire process should take about an hour. The $56.50 insurance premium will be collected at this time. Students will NOT be allowed to take the laptop until this fee is paid in full. High School Registration and textbook rental collection will be held during the same dates and times mentioned above; however, parents/students are encouraged to register online. For the latest news and updates regarding the BHS 1:1 Technology Initiative visit www.bremen1to1weebly.com.

III. PERSONNEL
1. Resignations –
   Chuck Klockow moved to accept the following resignation as presented:
   1.1 Amber Reed—HS Spell Bowl Coach
   Jill Hassel 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 Shannon Verhaeghe—Bus Driver
   5.2 Nate Rosentrater—HS Boys Soccer Assistant Coach
   5.3 Connie Newcomb—HS ACP Dual Credit Speech Teacher
     (Part Time, Term #1-12 weeks)
   Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

6. Leave Requests—None
7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI
   9.1 Kyle Feldman—HS Boys Soccer Volunteer Assistant Coach
   9.2 Lindsay Berger—HS Girls Soccer Volunteer Assistant Coach
   9.3 Ben Hueni—MS Volunteer Football Coach
   9.4 Joe Rallo—HS Boys Tennis Volunteer Assistant Coach

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS
A. A motion to approve the 2012-13 Elkhart Area Career Center Agreement as presented, was made by Jill Hassel, Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. The Board Members representation at the 1-to-1 distribution will be as follows:
   1. Thursday August 16, 9 AM-12 PM will be Jill Hassel
   2. Thursday August 16, 3 PM-6 PM will be Chuck Klockow
   3. Friday August 17, 12 PM-3 PM will be Jack Jordan

C. Jill Hassel moved to approve the appointment of Mr. Dave Roush to the Board of Directors for the Building Corporation. Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0.

D. There was a presentation of the 2013 Budget, CPF and Bus Replacement Plan.
E. Frankie Merritt moved to approve the Resolution Adopting Adjustment Percentage for Property Tax Levies Associated with Retirement and Severance Obligations. Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried.

F. Jill Hassel made the motion concerning the Insurance Renewal to approve EMC plus increasing the data compromise to $100,000 and add Violent Event Response Coverage to the insurance package. Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD
A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday August 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM

B. Each board member will need at least 10 signatures for the Patron Petition/Refinancing, they will have from August 7th to the 21st to acquire such signatures.

C. Staff Breakfast will be August 20th.

D. The New Teacher Orientation is taking place this week, Aug 6th-10th.

E. There will be an Executive Session on Monday August 13th, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

F. There were several patrons with comments about the recess proposal.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 9:28 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on August 21, 2012.

Jack Jordan, President

Todd Stuckman, Vice President

Jill Hassel, Secretary

Frankie Merritt, Member

Chuck Klockow, Member

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