Bremen Public Schools Mission Statement

The Bremen Public School community works collaboratively to provide a safe, nurturing environment where students are empowered academically and socially to succeed 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 February 7, 2012 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Chuck Klockow; motion carried.

C. Frankie Merritt moved to approve claims 150 through 230 as presented. The motion was seconded by Todd Stuckman. Motion carried 5 – 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 the ISTEP+ materials have arrived and will be sorted and distributed as needed for testing to begin on Tuesday, March 6th. All tests must be completed and ready to ship back to the state by March 154th. They are anticipating another year of outstanding scores. The PBIS committee continues to make process. They have developed a behavior matrix and a voice levels chat to be used throughout the building. The focus will be on teaching and reviewing our expectations with all for the students. The consistency in the language and expectations should make it easier for ht students to understand and follow. There will be a smorgasbord professional development day on March 29th. There has been a Google docs sent to the staff looking for presenters. Once the presenters are all in place the teachers will be given a list of presentations that they may attend on Thurs March 29th. Thy type of professional development was very well received last year; it is a great way to share information that has been obtained through workshops and other trainings.

   2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that on Tuesday February 7th BPS conducted a wave of disaster drills including; tornado, “lock down” and earthquake. BHS hosted the South Bend Medical Foundation’s Bloodmobile on February 17th. There were three wrestlers that competed in the Semi-State competition on Saturday 2/11 with one advancing to compete at the State Tournament on Saturday 2/17; Abraham Hall won the State Title on Saturday in his division as well.
as the Mental Attitude award for the entire state of Indiana. 120 Members of the Band, both MS and HS, participated in the District Solo & Ensemble Contest in Kokomo on February 11th. On Tuesday 2/21 the ECA testing began for Algebra, English, and Biology. On Thursday February 23rd there will be a Band Concert in the Bowen Auditorium in the evening. The COMPASS Diagnostic Testing will be held on Tues February 28th for selected Juniors. The second term exams will be held on Thurs 3/1 and Fri 3/2 with the first day of the 3rd term on Tues 3/6. Monday 3/5 will be a teacher record day for the High School Only. On Friday 3/2 there will be Convocation on “Internet Safety for Teens” in the AM. On the evening of Tuesday March 3rd the Phone-a-thon for the Dollars for Scholars will take place.

3. Special Needs & Student Services Departments reported on the use of technology within their departments.

III. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations –
Frankie Merritt moved to accept the following resignations as presented:
   1.1 Martin Huber—HS Girls Basketball Head Coach
   1.2 Bob Holmes—HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
   1.3 Sabrina Wickens—BEMS Yearbook Sponsor
   1.4 Debra Watts—K8 Instructional Assistant
Todd Stuckman seconded 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 Maria Hutchinson—K8 Instructional Assistant
   5.2 Ben Yeo—K8 Instructional Assistant
   5.3 Tabby Sauter—HS Softball Assistant Coach
   5.4 Jenni Andrews—HS Softball Assistant Coach
   5.5 Eric Hudson—HS Track Assistant Coach
   5.7 Jeff Fitch—HS Track Assistant Coach
Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried 5-0
*5.6 Recommendation was withdrawn.

6. Leave Requests—None
7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI
   9.1 Steve Pittman—6th Grade Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach
   9.2 Stephanie Pittman—HS Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
   9.3 Kristy Rupert—HS Volunteer Assistant Track Coach

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS
A. Policy Waivers
   1. Policy 621—Extracurricular Field Trips
      1.1 A motion to waive Policy 621: for the BPS Band for a trip to Chicago May 25-27 was made by Frankie Merritt, Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.
Policy 620—Class Field Trips
1.2  Jill Hassel moved to waive Policy 620: for the 7th Grade to attend Camp Eberhart April 12-13, 2012, Jack Jordan seconded motion; motion carried 5-0.

B. Jill Hassel moved to approve the 2011-14 Strategic Plan as presented based on progress reports every four months, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.

C. Per the first reading of the following Policies:
   a. 590.1—Chemical Management
   b. 660—Vehicle Idling
   c. 397—Animals in the Classroom
   d. 513—Board of Finance
   The Board will review the policies for the next two weeks.

D. Recognition from Dr. Tony Bennett regarding BHS as a 4 STAR School was presented.

E. A motion to approve the MS Tennis Program as presented by Troy Holmes, based on a one year trial, was made by Chuck Klockow, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD
A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday March 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM
B. Review the Fundraising Policy 712 at the next Board Meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 8:47 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.
B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on March 6, 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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º MUTUAL RESPECT   º   CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY   º   GREAT EXPECTATIONS