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

B. A motion was made by Frankie Merritt to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2012 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded Todd Stuckman; motion carried.

C. Jill Hassel moved to approve claims 231 through 326 as presented. The motion was seconded by Frankie Merritt. Motion carried 4 – 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 Monday March 5th marked the ISTEP+ testing window opening. All students in grades 3rd-8th are participating in the testing window. The first day went very smoothly with only 10 students absent. The teachers and parents are all working well to have the students prepared and providing an optimal testing environment. The students were motivated to do their best and were ready to test Tuesday morning. The testing will conclude on Thursday March 8th. Many of the parents made a special breakfast for their children and encouraged them to do their best. The 3rd graders will take the IREAD3 test on March 19th; this is a new high stakes assessment. If a student does not pass the assessment they are required by the state to be retained in the 3rd grade. Students that do not pass the March 19th test will have one more chance in the summer before retention is mandated. There will be remediation offered for any of the students that do not pass the first round of testing.

2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that the ECAs were completed on
February 23rd. The exams for term #2 were finished on Friday March 2nd with the first day of term #3 on Tues March 6th. The COMPASS Diagnostics test for the Juniors was postponed for one week from Feb. 28th to March 7th. BHS held a convocation sponsored by the Indiana State Police on the topic of “Internet Safety for Teens” on March 2nd. The Academic Super Bowl Invitational was held at Winamac HS at 6:00PM on Tues March 6th. The Annual Dollars For Scholars Phone-A-Thon was held at BHS on Tues March 6th. The winter sports awards program will be held in the Bowen Auditorium on Thurs March 8th at 7:00 PM. Thursday March 15th will be the date for the annual Swartzlander Benefit Basketball Game with the Kiwanis Spaghetti Fundraiser before the game. On Friday March 16th BHS will host the 3rd Annual Dance Marathon for Riley Hospital in Gym A, Gym B and the Lion Den from 7:00 PM till Midnight.

III. PERSONNEL
1. Resignations – None
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—8th Grade Language Arts Teacher
   5.2. Marie Shoemaker—K8 Instructional Assistant
   5.3. Diane Ivin—K8 Instructional Assistant
   5.4. Jon Hershberger—HS Softball Assistant Coach
   5.5. Tricia Graverson—HS Track Assistant Coach
   Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.
6. Leave Requests—
   Jack Jordan moved to accept the following leave request as presented:
   6.1. Danielle Gantz—Leave without pay
   Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried.
7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI
   9.1. Caleb Martin—HS Track Volunteer Coach
   9.2. Rob Coffel—HS Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach

IV. OLD BUSINESS
A. After the second reading Jill Hassel moved to accept the following Policies as presented:
   1. 590.1—Chemical Management
   2. 660—Vehicle Idling
   3. 397—Animals in the Classroom
   4. 513—Board of Finance
   Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

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 MeKeand, was made by Frankie Merritt, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. There was discussion about Policy 712—Student Organization Fund Raising.

C. Todd Stuckman moved to accept the Tech. Committee’s recommendation and to move ahead for implementation August 2012, Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried 4-0.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD
A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday March 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM

VII. ADJOURNMENT
A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 10:00 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on March 20, 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