BREMEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2012
Lion’s Den—Bremen High School

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 April 17, 2012 Regular Session Board meeting. The motion to approve was then seconded by Todd Stuckman; motion carried.

C. Frankie Merritt moved to approve claims 563 through 629 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 congratulations go out to Luke Schmucker for being the winner of the BEMS D.A.R.E. essay contest; Luke will be honored at the Marshal County D.A.R.E. banquet on May 3, 2012. Luke’s essay made it clear that all of our 5th graders learned valuable lessons through the program; Chief Hassel’s commitment to the program and our students is very much appreciated. On Monday 4/23 the science teachers of BPS along with several other surrounding schools began working on building their readiness and end of course assessments. Each content area will spend five days working collaboratively with the other school corporations to develop these important assessments. This also gives the teachers a chance to explore and discuss the new common core standards. There will be one elementary teacher selected through an application process to pilot an IPad 1:1 program in their classroom during the 2012/13 school year. The selected teacher would have a set of IPads and charging cart in their room for the entire school year. The IPads would have wireless internet capability and would be used to enhance the current curriculum. This pilot program would be in addition to the current cart of IPads that is shared through a sign up calendar in the building. There will be no financial obligation for the IPads as they would utilize
the IPads that are currently owned by BPS.

2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that on April 17th The Math & Science Academic Super Bowl Teams placed 2nd at the North Judson Regional. The Concert Band earned a superior rating in Group 1—the highest degree of music difficulty—at the ISSMA Organizational Contest at Concord High School on April 21st. The freshmen class completed the NWEA testing on April 26th. Saturday May 5th the Swing Choir will hold its Spring Concert at 7:30 PM in the Bowen Auditorium. BHS will host Primary Elections in the Bowen Auditorium Lobby all day on Tues May 8th. The Academic Awards Program will be held for both BHS and EACC on Thurs May 10th at 7:00 PM. ECA testing for English 10 will begin on May 14th and for Biology 1 and Algebra 1 on May 21st. This year’s Prom will be held at The Back Forty in Bourbon on Saturday May 19th. BHS will hold its Recognition Day on Wed 5/23 in the AM with the Annual Lion Olympics in the PM. Bremen High School will host the Red Cross Bloodmobile on Thurs 5/24 for the full day in the Lion Den.

III. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations –
2. Jack Jordan moved to accept the following resignations as presented:
   1.1 Patsy Foster—Breakfast Student Supervisor
   1.2 Sarah Gilmer—SWOOP Aide
   1.3 Laura Watts—Fall Drama Production Sponsor
Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried

Jill Hassel moved to accept the following resignation as presented:
1.4 Angela Balsley—Director of Special Services
Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried. 5-0

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 Fonda Gladieux—Cafeteria Assistant
   5.2 Joe Ruple—HS English Teacher
   5.3 Matthew Sutton—HS Fine Arts Department Chairperson
Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Jack Jordan moved to accept the following new contracts as presented:
5.4 Kyle Hanyzewski—HS Government Summer School Teacher
5.5 Laura Watts—HS Economic Summer School Teacher
5.6 Patti Davis—HS Health Summer School Teacher
5.7 Mark Yoder—HS Physical Education I Summer School Teacher
5.8 Gary Hudson—HS Algebra IB Summer School Teacher
5.9 Jennifer Heiter—HS Themes in Literature Summer School Teacher
5.10 Mischell Browning—HS Biology IA Summer School Teacher (1/2)
5.11 Kevin Ecenbarger—HS Biology IA Summer School Teacher (1/2)
Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried. 5-0

6. Leave Requests—
   Frankie Merritt moved to accept the following leave request as presented:
   6.1 Laura Watts—Maternity Leave 8/22/12-10/19/12
Chuck Klockow seconded the motion; motion carried.
Jill Hassel moved to accept the following leave request as presented:

6.2 Janet Miller—Unpaid Leave 5/15/12-5/21/12
Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI—None

IV. OLD BUSINESS
There was discussion on One-to-One/Text Book Rental. Mr. Mikel presented a comparison of current status and a pay off plan.

V. NEW BUSINESS
A. Policy Waivers
   1. Policy 621—Extra Curricular Trip
      1.1 A motion to waive Policy 621: for Bremen High School Band/Swing Choir to NYC 3/31/13-4/5/13 (Spring Break) was made by Chuck Klockow, Jill Hassel seconded the motion; motion carried 4-1 Todd Stuckman opposed.

B. Jack Jordan moved to approve the donation from former BHS FACS teacher Mildred “Mick” Tyler Bell’s Estate to BHS. Frankie Merritt seconded the motion; motion carried.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD
A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday May 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM

B. Jenna Meister spoke to the board concerning student safety and communication issues.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 9:15 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on May 15, 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