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 Jill Hassel.

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

C. Jack Jordan moved to approve claims 1132 through 1210 as presented. The motion was seconded by Jill Hassel. Motion carried 4 – 0.

D. Mr. Mikel presented the General Fund Comparison.

E. Visitors were welcomed.

F. There was one patron with comments concerning the 1-to-1 Agenda Item.

II. STAFF REPORTS

A. Staff Reports—

1. Mr. Larry Yelaska reported to the board that this year every certified teacher will need to be evaluated. The McRel tool will be used as follows in the K8 building: there are 61 certified teachers that will complete the self-assessment; meet with their evaluator for a pre-observation conference, mid-year and end of year goal review; and complete their summative evaluation. The tenured teachers that were part of the pilot program last year will have 2 formal observations where the ones not involved last year will have 3 formal observations. All certified staff will be categorized as either highly effective, effective, needs improvement or ineffective based on their summative evaluation combined with their data.

2. Mr. Bruce Jennings informed the board that the current enrollment at BHS is 494. Bremen High School has 41 new students that were not enrolled in BPS last year, 19 of these students reside outside of the Bremen School District. There are two foreign exchange students at BHS this year; one from South Korea and one
from Germany. The entire student body participated in a student orientation meeting on Wed August 22nd. As well each class had class meetings during the second week of school. The Guidance Department hosted a Parent/Student’ Information Night in the Bowen Auditorium on Wed 8/29, there will be a Sophomore/Junior Parent Information Night in the Bowen Auditorium on Wed 9/12 at 7:00 PM. The South Bend Medical Foundation Bloodmobile will take place on Fri 9/7 from 8 AM till 2 PM.

3. Corynne Lindsey and Lakyn Haro made a presentation to the Board with information concerning Edmodo.

4. Mrs. Shambarger presented her Technology Report to the Board.

III. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations –
   Jill Hassel moved to accept the following resignations as presented:
   1.1 Jamie Martin—HS Assistant Softball Coach
   1.2 Dawn Carpenter—Cafeteria Aide
   1.3 Fonda Gladieux—Cafeteria Aide
   1.4 Denise Haley—Cafeteria Aide
   1.5 Angie Sinkovics—Cafeteria Aide
   1.6 Jennifer Ellsworth—Instructional Aide
   1.7 Linda Huff—Kindergarten Team Leader
   1.8 Jon Molnar—6th Grade Team Leader

Frankie Merritt 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. Kelly Studt—6th Grade Team Leader
   5.2 Amber Lawmaster—Kindergarten Co-Team Leader
   5.3 Danielle Gantz—Kindergarten Co-Team Leader
   5.4 Kristi Monesmith—HS Spell Bowl Coach
   5.5 Sara Roggenbeck—Cafeteria Aide
   5.6 Stacy Escalante—MS Special Education Instructional Assistant

Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.

6. Leave Requests—None
7. Terminations—None
8. Retirement—None
9. Volunteer’s—FYI
   9.1 Matt Moyer—HS Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant
   9.2 Sara Moyer—HS Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant

IV. OLD BUSINESS
V. NEW BUSINESS
A. A motion to approve the Administration Contracts as presented was made by Frankie Merritt, Todd Stuckman seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Mr. Mikel presented a 4 year Historical Report on Transfer Students.

C. Busing of Transfer Students will be discussed at the October Board Meeting.

VI. OTHER MATTERS THAT CAME BEFORE THE BOARD
A. Next Board Meeting—Tuesday September 18, 2012 at 7:00 PM

B. There will be a Hearing on the Refinancing—September 18, 2012 at 7:00 PM

C. There will be an Executive Session to discuss Superintendent Evaluation.

D. The Petition Total was 77 signatures, which exceeds the required 50 signatures.

E. Mr. Mikel informed the Board after reviewing the different Administrative and Director Positions—there were two positions that seemed to be out of line and also the possibility of hiring a part-time secretarial position to assist in the STN Reporting and Payroll.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
A. There being no further business, Frankie Merritt moved for adjournment 8:55 PM. Jack Jordan seconded the motion; motion carried.

B. Upcoming Board Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on September 18, 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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