

Regular Board Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

Administration Conference Room

Present: James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan.

Mr. RunningFisher called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER: Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room *Adopt Final Budget*; Facilities Committee Meeting Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room; Staff Orientation Breakfast Monday, August 17, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. Food Service Arbor; Community BBQ Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Napi Football Field; First Day of School Thursday, August 20, 2026; Special Board Meeting Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room; Next Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room; Policy Committee Meeting Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room; Facilities Committee Meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Administration Conference Room; NAFIS 2026 Fall Conference September 20, 2026 - September 22, 2026 Washington, DC; MCEL Conference October 14, 2026-October 16, 2026 Billings, MT.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the agenda with the following changes: Maurinda Bull Plume – BMS Teacher Assistant, was moved to the High School District to be approved as a BHS Teacher Assistant, Melanie Upham – BHS Teacher Assistant, was moved to the Elementary District to be approved as a BMS Teacher Assistant and the removal of Consideration of Parent/Guardian Request for 2026-2027 Napi Student Enrollment from the agenda. Second by Mr. Evans. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Building Reports: Mr. RunningFisher acknowledged the following building reports: Stamiksiitsiikin BullShoe Elementary-Racquel Little Plume; Browning Elementary School - Jessica Racine; Napi Elementary School - Sicily Bird; Browning Middle School - John Salois; Kukyoossin-Brittany Burns; Browning High School - Sandi Campbell; Babb Elementary - Jennifer Wagner; Big Sky-Glendale Colonies - Rebecca Rappold; Buffalo Hide Academy - Charlie Speicher.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Rappold said that there were a couple of transfers. August highlights are principals returning, working on finalizing the budget, trustee's financial summary as well as the completion of the audit that is nearing the close.

Ms. YellowOwl requested the board get a schedule of any games scheduled for Browning Middle School for this fall. They are getting a lot of calls and questions. Superintendent Rappold assured her that they would ask Mr. Hall to get one to them.

HR Status Report: Elementary level we are needing two instructional coaches, 7 grade PE health instructor and a home school coordinator. Secondary level we need a family consumer science teacher, ELA/Reading teacher. PCOP we need a YHDP manager, food service we need an assistant cook,

maintenance we need a skilled tech and at transportation we need 4 bus drivers.

Coaching Season Worksheet: *No board discussion. No public participation.*

Resignations: Superintendent Rappold accepted the following resignations: Doreen DeRoche, Assistant Cook, Napi Elementary, Effective 7-23-2026; Maurice St. Goddard, Football Coach, Napi Elementary, Effective 7-27-2026; Marlin Blackwolf, Football Coach, Napi Elementary, Effective 8-4-2026.

ITEMS OF ACTION

Hiring: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Beth Augare-BES Teacher Assistant; Melanie Upham-BMS Teacher Assistant; Patrick Armstrong Jr.-Dean of Students-BMS 2026-2027 (\$66,756.00); Rick Hoyt-BMS Athletic Coordinator 2026-2027 (\$10,500.00); Marlin Blackwolf-BMS Football Coach 2026-2027 (\$1,500.00); RaeAnne Heavy Runner-BMS Volleyball Coach 2026-2027 (\$1,500.00); Sarah Flamond-BMS Volleyball Coach 2026-2027 (\$1,500.00); Traylyn Kennerly-BMS Volleyball Coach 2026-2027 (\$1,500.00); Jessica Shell-Assistant Cook Bullshoe Elementary; Tayshaun RedHead-Napi Assistant Cook; Cody Cruz-BMS Assistant Cook. Second by Ms. YellowOwl.

Mr. LaFromboise asked if Browning Middle School would have more than one coach for football. Superintendent Rappold assured him that we have more hired, with this hire we currently have 3 coaches hired. *No public participation.* Motion passed with Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Maurinda Bull Plume-BHS Teacher Assistant; Sarah Gallagher-Horn, BHS Attendance Clerk; Denise Mason-Assistant Boys Soccer Coach-BHS 2026-2027 (\$2,700.00); Adrien Wagner-Head Speech and Debate Coach-BHS 2026-2027 (\$5,700.00). Second by Mr. Evans. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following hires pending successful background check/drug test: Danielle RedHead-Assistant Cook Supper Program; Lyle Omeasoo, Maintenance Technician-Electrician. Second by Ms. Yellow Owl. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

Contract Service Agreements: Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following contract service agreements pending successful background check: Daniella Rinehart-Tele-Mental Health Services 2026-2027 (\$45,600.00); Robin Tachetti-Physical Therapy Services 2026-2027 (\$61,540.00). Second by Mr. Evans. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

Out of State Travel: Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve the following out of state travel: Board of Trustees, Assistant Superintendent & 2 BHS Students-2026 NAFIS Fall Conference Washington, DC (\$5,592.57 est. each). Second by Mr. Evans. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

In State Travel: Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following in state travel: Kellen Hall-Montana Western A Pre-Season Meeting, Missoula, MT (\$568.77). Second by Mr. Evans. *No board discussion. No*

public participation. Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

Motion by Mr. Gallup to approve the following in state travel: Board of Trustees & Superintendent-2026 MCEL Billings, MT (\$1,038.08 est. each). Second by Ms. YellowOwl.

Mr. Evans asked if there was going to be a lot of good information. Superintendent Rappold stated that they have not released the agenda yet but the IISM meeting will be held at MCEL and MTSBA hosts great sessions. *No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

Approvals: Motion by Mr. Evans to approve the following items: Extended Contract- Math Planning Week 2026-2027 (\$887.16). Second by Mr. LaFromboise. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to approve the following items: Extended Contract-Certified Staff to Teach Summer Drivers' Ed Class 2025-2026 (\$8,020.60); Extended Contract-Jennifer Tatsey, SBE 2026-2027 (\$2,132.80); Browning High School Gym Roof (MSGIA). Second by Mr. Evans.

Mr. LaFromboise asked if the Extended Contract – Certified Staff to Teach Summer Drivers' Education Class 2025–2026 (\$8,020.60) was for the individuals who had already been teaching the class. Superintendent Rappold stated that it was and explained that the district had not calculated enough hours for the second session. The instructors were paid for the first session based on the hours that had been approved; however, the district had not anticipated the second session. Both sessions have now been completed.

Mr. Evans asked if the program would now become a class. Superintendent Rappold stated that it would be an after-school program, as both instructors are full-time special education teachers.

Superintendent Rappold stated that Ms. Rivas has been working with MSGIA regarding the contractor previously approved by the Board. The contractor has had very little communication with the district and has not completed the contract. The district has paid the contractor half of the \$33,000 bid, including \$10,000 for materials that are currently in his possession. The contractor indicated that he would not be able to return and complete the project until November, which would be too late.

Superintendent Rappold stated that the proposal is to move forward with a local contractor. Mr. Reagan has already been in contact with the previous contractor regarding the pickup of the materials, and the contractor has given the district permission to retrieve them.

MSGIA has approved covering the majority of the cost of the new proposal due to the significant difference in cost. The district will be responsible for the deposit, the remaining balance of the original half-down payment, and the \$9,600 previously paid for materials. Superintendent Rappold stated that the district's estimated out-of-pocket expense will be approximately \$6,400. *No public participation.* Motion passed with James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for James RunningFisher abstaining from Browning High School Gym Roof (MSGIA).

Mr. Evans motions to approve the following items: Substitute Eligibility List 8-11-26; The adoption of the Elementary and High School Budgets for the 2026-2027 school year; Extended Contract-CORRECTION SBE, Leadership Week and Curriculum & Planning-Coordination 2026-2027 for Brittany Burns (\$9,076.30); District Claims Checks #444950-#445032; #91676-#91698 (\$978,791.89); Student Activities Claim Checks #706841 (\$970.16); Additional Pays 8-11-26. Second by Ms. YellowOwl.

Superintendent Rappold stated that she and Ms. Rivas are requesting that the Board table the adoption of the Elementary and High School Budgets for the 2026–2027 school year. She explained that state law allows for final budget adoption by August 25, 2026, which is the date of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Superintendent Rappold explained that the reason for the request is that OPI did not open the Trustee Financial Summary System and the budget system until August 6, 2026, which is later than the usual opening in July. OPI experienced complications that delayed access to the systems. The district is also still finalizing revenue entries with Ms. Anderson to complete the budget process. We will bring the budget spreadsheets back to the special board meeting for review and then at the regular board meeting on August 25 we should be ready to adopt the final budget.

Mr. Evans and Ms. YellowOwl removed their motion and second.

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Motion by Mr. Gallup to table the adoption of the Elementary and High School Budgets for the 2026-2027 school year. Second by Ms. YellowOwl. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

PERSONNEL: None

LEGAL ISSUES: None

Motion by Ms. YellowOwl to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Second by Mr. Gallup. *No board discussion. No public participation.* Motion passed with James RunningFisher, James Evans, Terrance LaFromboise, Donna YellowOwl, Brian Gallup, Cheryl MadMan voting for.

Respectfully submitted:

_____Melanie Heavy Runner, Board Secretary

_____James RunningFisher, Board Chairperson

_____Sandra Rivas, District Clerk