

Browning Public Schools
Board Agenda Request
Meeting to Be Held: 9/15/26



Recognition: ☐ Students ☐ Staff ☐ Parents
Information: ☐ Building Report ☐ Old Business ☐ Superintendent's Report
Action: ☐ Resignations ☐ Hiring ☐ Contract Service Agreements
☐ Travel Out-of-State ☒ Travel In State ☐ Approvals
☐ Termination ☐ Legal Matters ☐ Other:
This action request pertains to ☐ Elementary (only) ☒ High School/District Wide

Date: 9/10/26

To: Board of Trustees
Browning Public Schools

From: Rebecca Rappold
Title: Superintendent of Schools

Subject: In State Travel: MT Reads Teacher Literacy Grant Presentation-Bozeman, MT

Description: Requesting approval to travel to Bozeman, Montana, to present at the MT Reads Grant Teacher Literacy Presentation.

Financial Impact: \$694.36

Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.) 126/226.90.160.2320.582

Attachment(s): Hotel Confirmation

Superintendent Action: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Deferred Initial & date: _____

Comments: _____

Board Action: ☐ N/A (Info) ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled to: _____

BROWNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Leave Report/Travel Request

Employee Name Rebecca Rappold
Building Administration

Employee # _____
Substitute Name _____

LEAVE REPORT

<u>Date of Leave</u> <u>9/28-9/29/26</u>	<u>Hours</u> <u>16 hrs</u>	<u>Type of Leave</u> <u>SR</u>
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Employee Signature _____ Date _____

☒ **Approved; Condition upon the specific leave being available for the specific employee** ☐ **Not Approved**

Principal/Supervisor _____ Date _____

TYPE OF LEAVE

AN Annual	PL Personal Leave	ALWO Approved Leave W/O Pay
SL Sick Leave	JD Jury Duty (attach verification)	ULWO Unapproved Leave w/o Pay
*EX/SR Extra-Curricular/School Related	NG National Guard	SWP Suspended w/Pay
	FN Funeral _____	SWOP Suspended w/o Pay

(Master Contract Relationship)

***If taking School Related/Extra-Curricular Leave only, In or Out of District, you MUST list Conference Agenda, Name, Location TRAVEL REQUEST. (If receiving payment for EX/SR leave please fill out entire form completely) Conference/Workshop MT Reads Teacher Literacy Grant Presentation (Attach Brochure/Agenda)**

Location Bozeman, MT

Departure Date 9/28/26

Return Date 9/29/26

Departure Time 7:00 am

Return Time 9:30 p.m.

Transportation: ☒ Personal Vehicle

Mileage 534 @ \$0.76= \$405.84

☐ District Vehicle

PerDiem 2 Days @ \$51= \$102.00

☐ Professional Development

☒ **Registration** PO# _____
☒ **Hotel** PO# _____ = \$186.52
☒ **Other** PO# _____ Airfare= \$ _____

Submit Receipts on return for Taxi/Shuttle/Parking/Luggage Sub Total \$694.36

Check Total \$507.84

Budget 126.90.160.2320.582(70%) \$486.05
226.90.160.2320.582(30%) \$208.31

Employee Signature _____ Date _____

Principal/Supervisor _____ Date _____

Superintendent Signature _____ Date _____

White-Payroll

Yellow Acc.-Payable

Pink-Employee

Goldenrod-School Site



Rebecca Rappold <rebeccar@bps.k12.mt.us>

Educator Preparation Panel

4 messages

Gott, Rachel <rachel.gott@mt.gov>

Tue, Aug 18, 2026 at 4:36 PM

To: "rebeccar@bps.k12.mt.us" <rebeccar@bps.k12.mt.us>

Good afternoon, Rebecca,

I hope you are well and your school year is shaping up well.

I am reaching out today to see if you would be interested in participating in a panel and table discussions with Educator Prep Programs. One of the goals of the MT Reads Grant is to establish partnerships with our Teacher Preparation programs in the state in an effort to work toward better alignment between university prep and district expectations in literacy instruction. Toward that effort, I am hosting a two-day summit with Educator Prep Programs to work toward a shared understanding and setting some goals for working together. On the second day, we are asking for some administrators to participate in a panel discussion and then small group table discussions with professors. Would you have any interest in participating in this? I recognize that this would be a long drive for a half day event and understand if it won't work. I will pay for your travel, meals and hotel out of grant funds if you are interested.

The summit is taking place in Bozeman, and the panel will be on September 29. I believe the schedule that day will be from 9-1. We haven't finalized panel questions, but I included some examples of questions we are looking to ask during the panel. This might help you decide whether or not you would be interested. This is obviously fully optional, and I completely understand if it won't work.

If you can't participate, but have another administrator that you think would be a good fit, I'd be open to considering them as well.

Example Questions:

1. Describe the literacy work currently occurring in your school or district.
 - What instructional frameworks, initiatives, or priorities are shaping literacy instruction?
 - How are evidence-based reading practices integrated into your MTSS framework?
2. In what areas have preservice teachers demonstrated strong preparation?
 - Which knowledge, instructional practices, or professional dispositions do they consistently bring to the classroom?
 - Can you share specific examples of where candidates were well prepared to support student literacy learning?
3. Where have you noticed opportunities for growth?
 - Are there concepts, instructional practices, or assessment skills that candidates appear less prepared to implement?
 - Can you provide examples of situations where additional preparation would have been beneficial?
4. How have these gaps been addressed in your school or district?
 - What coaching, mentoring, professional learning, or collaborative supports have helped bridge these areas?
 - Are there experiences that could be incorporated into educator preparation programs to better prepare future candidates?
5. Looking ahead, what are the most pressing challenges facing new educators in literacy instruction?
 - What knowledge, skills, or experiences will be increasingly important over the next several years?

- What recommendations would you offer faculty as they continue refining educator preparation programs to align with the Science of Reading?

Let me know if you think this might work.

I hope you have a super start to your new year!

Rachel



Rachel Gott, PHD

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Confirmation # 384805 **BWR Tier:** **Date/Time Booked** 9/10/2026 2:54:03 PM
CRS Conf # BW 736899605-01

Guest Name	Rappold, Rebecca	Arrival Date	9/28/2026
Address		Departure Date	9/29/2026
City/State/Postal	,	Adults/Children O/U	1 /0 /0
Phone	4063382715		
Email	melanieh@bps.k12.mt.us		
Room Type	Standard King, Inside Facing		
	- N/S		
Late Arrival Gtd By	Credit Card		
Room Rate	Date	Rate	
	9/28/2026	\$169.00	
Total Stay W/Tax	\$186.52		
Deposit Amount Required	\$0.00		
Deposit Amount Paid	\$0.00		
Deposit Amount Due			
Deposit Due Date			
Guarantee Policy	GTD		
Cancellation Policy	24H		
Group Name			
Special Requests & Packages			
Information			

NOTICE: I agree this hotel will not be responsible for lost\missing items or for damaged\theft to any property. I agree to the liability for all charges to rooms that will be rented.

I understand the hotel reserves the right to enter each room on a daily basis to check for cleanliness, maintenance, and any other purpose deemed necessary.

I understand this hotel is Non-smoking and that there will be a fine of \$150 for any violation.