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Sue Hegland



Incumbent Sue Hegland was the only person to file a petition for election to the Brandon Valley Board of Education.

She will begin her second, three-year term at the Board of Education meeting in July.

In an interview with Jill Meier-BV Challenger she stated that during her next term on the board it is her intention to continue to support the teachers and staff so they can prepare every student to learn and communicate effectively throughout their lives.



TRANSPORTATION



Regular bus passes are now required for students who reside within five miles of their attendance center and are priced at \$75 per semester with a family maximum of \$175. This is \$0.43 per ride. Passes purchased more than two weeks before the first day of school, before August 1st this year, will have the students scheduled to ride the first day of school, August 19th. Passes purchased AFTER August 1st, those students will not be allowed to ride until August 26th (one week later).

We are planning to remain open until 9:00 p.m. the days of July 30, July 31 and August 1st in an effort to assist people who work during the day to come in and buy bus passes.

The fee for open enrolled students is \$150 per semester and the fee does not contribute to the family maximum. Families can avoid the increased fee and purchase a regular bus pass by arranging for their student(s) to be picked up and dropped off at a stop within their attendance center boundary.

For purposes of determining the five-mile distance to school, the transportation department uses the most direct route between the pickup point and the attendance center. If you have a question about bus pass requirements, please call the transportation department at 582-3514 for assistance.

The Brandon Valley School District has entered into a collaborative agreement with Interlakes Head Start for the 2014-2015 school year. Eligible Head Start preschool children will be integrated into the district's current early childhood special education program located at Brandon Elementary. Parents interested in the program should contact Interlakes Head Start, 334-2808.

Brandon Valley School District Calendar 2014-2015

Tue., Aug 19	First Day of School
Mon., Sept 1	Labor Day - No School
Mon., Oct 6	Conference-Elementary/HS
Tues., Oct 7	Conference-MS
Fri., Oct 10	Inservice-No School
Mon., Oct 13	Native American Day-No School/Comp Day
Tues., Oct 21	End of First Quarter
Tue., Nov 11	Veteran's Day-No School
Thurs.-Fri., Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving-No School
Tue., Dec 23	End of Second Quarter
Wed. - Mon., Dec 24-Jan 5	Winter Break-No School
Mon., Jan 5	Workshop-No School
Mon., Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day-No School
Mon., Feb 9	Conference-MS
Tues., Feb 10	Conference-Elementary/HS
Fri., Feb 13	Comp Day-No School
Mon., Feb 16	President's Day-No School
Fri., March 12	End of Third Quarter
Fri., March 13	Snow Day-No School if unused
Thu., March 19	Snow Day-No School if unused
Fri., March 20	Inservice Day-No School (move to 19th if needed)
Fri. - Mon., April 3 & 6	Spring Break-No School
Sun., May 17	Graduation
Wed., May 20	Last Day of School-End 4th Quarter
Thu., May 21	Workshop

Teacher of Year 2014

Matt Christensen - Brandon Valley High School English teacher was named Teacher of the Year 2014 with Dawn Leenderts-Special Education - Fred Assam Elementary and Pam Eitreim - Brandon Elementary-Grade Four were runners up.

Other well-qualified candidates included Stacia Ericsson-BVMS, Cindy Feyereisen-BVMS, Jesse Gladis-BE, Deb Kresak-BVHS, Jonathan Peters-FAE, Kraig Presler-BVHS and Kris Sellers-BE. Congratulations go to all the nominees!



Retired Staff 2014

Gail L. Bauer - VSE - SpEd EA



Pam K. Eitreim - BE - Grade Four



Dean L. Pierson - BVHS - Math



Jim Wenzlaff - Groundskeeper



CONGRATULATIONS



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The Brandon Valley UPFRONT depicts and discusses programs that are in progress in the Brandon Valley Schools and are of interest to all members of the community. Additional copies are available upon request. Community suggestions and contributions to its contents are invited.
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