

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Board President, Jon Northrup, Cory Robinson, Debbie Meyer, Colette Kunkel, Kim Tichy, Superintendent Mickolyn Clapper, Secondary Principal, Rob Luther, Elementary Principal, Zach Hasselbrink, and Board Secretary, Julie McWhirter

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Atkinson; Chris Roby; Tace Clarke, Food Service Director

- I. Call to Order:** Board President, Northrup called the regular September board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** Meyer moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- III. Approval of Consent Items:** Tichy moved, seconded by Meyer, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$202,771.71 and minutes of the August 17, 2022 regular board meeting, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- IV. Correspondence:** None
- V. Public Forum:** Sue Atkinson elaborated on an email earlier sent to board members.
- VI. Business Items:**
 - A. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:** Each month, principals, Rob Luther and Zach Hasselbrink, share activities during the past month.

Homecoming was recently held with the Student Council organizing the events throughout the week which included the Hollywood theme. Activities included dress up days, powder puff football, academic Bolt Battles, Bolt Relays, pep rally, and crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen. This year's King and Queen were Carson Scroggins and Abby McReynolds, respectively. Elementary participated in Homecoming activities with their own dress up days; and activities organized by PE teachers, Mrs. Boaz and Mr. Stribe.

With over one-third of the secondary teaching staff being new to the district but not new to the profession, they bring much experience with them which is always welcome. This year is the first year for the extra-curricular Academic Decathlon which requires students across the learning spectrum to participate. We have an impressive sixteen students participating in football cheer. Professional development is off to a good start this year at the building; district, teaching and PLC levels. The district now includes a Success Coordinator as a part of the intervention team; this new position to the district is to provide another resource for students who may be at risk in various ways such as academically or social-emotionally. The annual survey to determine connectedness of students to other students and/or staff was recently sent to students.

This summer, Guidance Counselor, Amanda Hoffman provided an additional 40 hours of counseling to students in a "drop-in" environment. Considering its first year, Mrs. Hoffman rates the resource a huge success with 42 student visits which included 17 student re-visits.

Matthew Treadway, Education Specialist with Solution Tree, recently spent time with our elementary collaborative teams to provide more specific guidelines in using tracking systems and data to make decisions and course redirects in student education paths. 78% of the 96% of the

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elementary students screened in math with the FAST screener reached the proficiency benchmark. This is up 5% from last year. While the increase in proficiency is what the district strives for, the goal is for all students to be proficient.

- B. 2021-22 NUTRITION REPORT:** Kunkel moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the 2021-22 Nutrition Report, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Food Service Director, Tace Clarke, requested clarification on feeding those students whose lunch accounts have met a negative balance threshold. Board members agreed to continue to provide all students with meals regardless of the lunch account balance. Additionally, district admin will reach out to non-profit organizations for donations in helping those families with their negative account balances.

- C. APPROVE REQUEST FOR ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2021-22 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT:** Meyer moved, seconded by Kunkel, to approve the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid from the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee), for (\$55,213.29), for the 2021-22 school year due to the special education deficit, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- D. APPROVAL OF DISTRICT LAW FIRM:** Tichy moved, seconded by Kunkel, to approve the annual request to name Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., as the official law firm of the district, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- E. 28E AGREEMENTS:** Tichy moved, seconded by Meyer, to approve a 28E agreement with GMG CSD for a Human Resources position, which will provide operational sharing funding to the district from the Department of Education, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Tichy moved, seconded by Kunkel, to approve a 28E agreement and Memo of Understanding with the City of Baxter for a SRO (School Resource Officer) which will provide operational sharing funding to the district from the Department of Education, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The SRO will spend at least 20% per school week in the district and at events, as requested by the district. Official police business will take precedence over the hours of the SRO, if applicable.

- F. ANNUAL CITY-SCHOOL COLLABORATION MATCH OF \$5000:** Meyer moved, seconded by Kunkel, to approve the annual city-school collaboration match of \$5,000 to be utilized for future joint city-school projects, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Superintendent, Dr. Clapper, visited with the city mayor about the City of Baxter matching funds. He will discuss this with the city council and reply to the district admin after their next meeting.

- G. 2022-23 DISTRICT ENROLLMENT:** Dr. Clapper shared initial certified enrollment numbers with board members. Certified enrollment count day is October 1, each year.

- H. OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Meyer moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve an open enrollment out application from Eric Padget, for his daughter, Corryn, to attend Roland-Story CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Meyer moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve open enrollment applications in from Travis Henderson, for his daughter, Lilly, to attend Baxter from East Marshall CSD; and from Aimee

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Elliott, for her daughter, Kaylee Noga, from Newton CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- I. PERSONNEL:** Tichy moved, seconded by Kunkel, to approve a resignation from Janessa Boley as Co-Head HS Volleyball Coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Additional Co-Head Coach, Jordynn Wesselink, will move to Head HS Volleyball Coach.

Meyer moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve contracts for Dana Bucklin as assistant HS Volleyball coach; and Jeremy Moffit as head HS baseball coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- J. REVIEW BOARD POLICIES 700-1000s:** Kunkel moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve the review of Board Policies 700-1000's with revisions, as recommended. This reading will serve as the second and final reading of the policies. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- K. FACILITIES, GROUNDS, AND TRANSPORTATION:** None to report.

- L. BCSD EQUITY PLAN:** Tichy moved, seconded by Kunkel to approve the Baxter CSD Equity Plan, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- M. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Clapper reminded board members of the annual board conference in November. President, Jon Northrup, updated board members on the recent delegate meeting.

- VII. Adjournment:** Meyer moved, seconded by Tichy, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The regular September board meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the regular October board meeting.

Board President

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Board Secretary

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