

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2023
6P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the February meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** Northrup moved, seconded by Meyer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- III. Approval of Consent Items:** Meyer moved, seconded by Northrup, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$208,874.08 and minutes of the January 18, 2023 board meeting as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- IV. Correspondence:** None.
- V. Public Forum:** None.
- VI. Business Items:**
 - A. PRINCIPALS' REPORT:** Each month, principals, Rob Luther and Zach Hasselbrink, share upcoming events or events from the past month.

Congratulations to the monthly recipients of the Capturing Kids Hearts awards. For junior high, they were Holden Dee and Taylor Iverson; for high school they were Bree Hopkins and Grace Gruis; and the staff member was Whines Boaz, PE teacher. Congratulations are in order for high school student athletes, Callyn Bishop, Ruger Kincaid, and Aiden McFadden. They qualified for the state wrestling meet. The conference co-champ, high school basketball girls' team will play in the regionals semi-final round on Friday night. The conference champ, high school boys' basketball team earned a one seed (the first in Bolt history) in districts, earning a first round bye; and the ability to host the second and third rounds. The Large Group Reader's Theatre speech team received all 1 scores at the state speech competition, earning them a top in the state award and will perform at the All-State Speech Festival at Iowa State University. Parent teacher conferences will be held next week.

The winter FAST screening has wrapped up for elementary students with increasing benchmarks. Second through fifth grades are 78% proficient while Kindergarten and first grades are 80% proficient in math. 80% is the goal to reach. 71% of the proficient second through fifth grade readers grew to their expected levels. 74% of those readers are proficient. Teacher leaders who recently returned from a professional development conference in Minneapolis, MN, shared with other district teachers what they learned about assessments and proficiency scales. Gifted and Talented teacher, Allison Bartholmey shared enrichment activities for those students reaching mastery in the standards. Elementary students were rewarded with a game of BINGO in their monthly awards assembly after practicing the art of listening for the month. Students engaged in an hour of crafts, STEM activities, play, and

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friendship building activities during their Winter Festival. This hour of student activity allowed teachers time to catch up on work or collaborate with fellow teachers.

As a celebration for the last three years of hard work for the elementary teachers, admin, and students to be removed from the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Comprehensive designation, the Iowa Department of Education will spotlight Baxter Elementary by visiting the school. They will discuss with the teachers, the experience, the growth, and collaboration which has resulted in no further designations.

- B. FYR 2021 District Audit:** Northrup moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve the 2020-21 District Audit Report, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n). The district audit was delayed due to extenuating circumstances with the auditing company.
- C. Resolution to approve 101% Budget Guarantee:** Northrup moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the Resolution for the 101% Budget Guarantee for the 2023-24 district budget, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Resolution: *“RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Baxter Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2023-24 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.”*

Roll Call: Yeas: Northrup, Meyer, Kunkel, Tichy, Robinson
Nays: None

- D. Approve Title I Program for the 2023-24 school year:** Meyer moved, seconded by Kunkel, to approve the continuation of the Title I program for the 2023-24 school year, as requested. We now complete the Title I application in May of each year for the following school year. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- E. 2023-24 District Calendar:** Tichy moved, seconded by Kunkel, to approve the Baxter Community School District 2023-24 School Calendar, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- F. Open Enrollment:** Meyer moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve an open enrollment application from Anthony and Courtney Meyer for their daughter, Hayden, to attend Baxter CSD, in 2023-24, from the Colfax-Mingo CSD, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The district also received paperwork for Jaiden Cunningham, to continue to attend Colfax-Mingo CSD after a recent move into the Baxter district.

G. Personnel: None

- H. Facilities/Grounds/Transportation:** Northrup moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve a bid for concrete to be poured at the baseball and softball concession stands at the sports complex, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- I. Superintendent’s Report:** Dr. Clapper continues to work with county leaders to increase inter-county communications in events of emergencies. She attended with the business manager the annual district budget workshop for the 2023-24 district budget. The facility safety assessment report has been received which will allow the district to apply for a grant to address any facility safety and security concerns.

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J. Closed Session (as allowed by Chapter 21, Section 21.5(1)(k), of the Code of Iowa (to discuss information contained in records in the custody of a governmental body that are confidential records)): Meyer moved, seconded by Tichy, to enter into Closed Session as allowed by Chapter 21, Section 21.5(1)(k), of the Code of Iowa. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Board members entered into closed session at 7:01pm.

Meyer moved, seconded by Northrup, to come out of closed session at 7:42pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

XI. Adjournment: Meyer moved, seconded by Tichy, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The regular February board meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the regular March board meeting.

Board President

Date

Board Secretary

Date