

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2023
6P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Atkinson

I. Call to Order: President Robinson called the August meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. Approval of Agenda: Northrup moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve the agenda as amended. Item **B. 2022-23 BCSD Iowa School Performance Profile Update** is tabled until the November meeting each year due to the new timeline of information provided by the Iowa Department of Education. Motion carried (4y-0n).

III. Approval of Consent Items: Northrup moved, seconded by Kunkel, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$90,917.77 and minutes of the July 19, 2023 regular board, as presented. Motion carried (4y-0n).

IV. Correspondence: None.

V. Public Forum: Sue Atkinson shared more information on AI and an email she previously shared with board members.

VI. Business Items:

A. Principals' Reports: Each month, principals, Rob Luther and Jason Aker, share activities during the past month.

Over the summer, elementary teachers have been taking additional training on academic interventions and the core subjects. Elementary students will receive additional support in Phonics and phonic awareness. Summer school served 16 students this year while trying to eliminate the “summer slide” or the loss of learning over the summer months. Soon, Mr. Hasselbrink will have data on the effectiveness of summer school. The elementary has received a math fact fluency station grant which will be used in the fourth grade. The district has also received a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) cart grant which will increase STEM time for students. Elementary students may come the evening of August 22 to bring their school supplies, see their classroom, and meet their teacher before the start of school. They may also come to the district meet the teacher night on August 29.

B. 2022-23 BCSD Iowa School Performance Profile Update: This item was tabled to the November board meeting each year.

C. 2023-24 BCSD Professional Learning Plan: Dr. Clapper overviewed the Professional Learning Plan. For the first time, all district teachers will attend the two-day Iowa BEST (Behavioral, Equitable, Social-Emotional, Trauma-Informed Health in Schools) Summit.

- D. Review Board Policies:** Board members, Superintendent, and board secretary will continue to review board policies. This reading of policies is considered the first reading.
- E. 28E Agreements:** Northrup moved, seconded by Tichy, to approve a 28E agreement with GMG CSD to share a Maintenance Director for .2 FTE/, as presented. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- F. Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation:** Dr. Clapper thanked the custodial staff for getting the facilities ready for the new school year. We are still waiting on the go ahead from grant administrators for the school safety grant.
- G. Open Enrollment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Kunkel to approve open enrollment in applications from Mindy Kerwin, for her foster children, Auztyn Dominick and Mattyi Thomas, from Marshalltown CSD; Joshua and Pennie Cobler for their daughter, Payton, from Newton CSD; Trevor and Kristin Titus, for their children, Rilyn and Masyn, from Newton CSD; Alisha Weithers, for her daughter, Sophie, from Newton CSD; and from Harley Hansen for her son, Memphis, to continue to go to school here after a recent move into Newton CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- H. Personnel:** Tichy moved, seconded by Kunkel, to approve an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for an at-will, one year substitute teacher to be the first sub teacher assigned in the district, each day as needed, with first priority in the elementary building, as amended. The necessity of this position will be revisited each year at district budget approval time for the following year. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- I. Superintendent's Report:** All staff members are preparing for the new school year to start on August 23. Dr. Clapper reminded board members of the annual open house on August 29 from 6p-7:30p. This event allows students, parents, and community members to see the building visit with staff, see classrooms, etc. Dr. Clapper and Mr. Hasselbrink will attend a safety meeting soon to continue to learn about safety.

VII. Adjournment: Northrup moved, seconded by Tichy, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm. Motion carried (4y-0n).

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

Board President

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Board Secretary

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