

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING  
MARCH 27, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** President Cory Robinson, Jon Northrup, Tyler Akins, Ashley Kucera, Ray Hauser, Principals, Rob Luther and Zach Hasselbrink, Superintendent, Mickolyn Clapper, and Board Secretary, Julie McWhirter

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sue Atkinson; Justin Wiebbecke; teachers, Casey O’Roake, DeAnn Bishop; UES Solar and 413 Solutions reps, Vanessa Dittmer, Denver Williams; new superintendent, Chris Petersen; new secondary principal, Clay Harrold

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the Proposed Property Tax Levy Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. 2024-25 Proposed Property Tax Levy:** Business Manager, Julie McWhirter, explained the new regulation that requires an additional public hearing indicating the proposed property tax levy for the 2024-25 district budget; and how the tax levy rate relates to the Supplemental State Aid rate set by legislature each year.
- III. Adjournment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the regular March board meeting to order at 6:10p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- III. Approval of Consent Items:** Kucera moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$104,249.67 and minutes of the February 21, 2024 board meeting as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- IV. Correspondence:** None.
- V. Public Forum:** Sue Atkinson explained more about the previous email she sent to board members.
- VI. Business Items:**
  - A. Principals Reports:** Each month, principals, Rob Luther and Zach Hasselbrink, share activities during the past month.
  - B. Solar Presentation:** Representatives from UES Solar and 413 Solutions reviewed their solar power proposal. The district is exploring alternative power options.
  - C. Open Enrollment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to approve open enrollment in applications for 2024-25 from Breanna Grider and David Grider, for their child, Sebastian, from Newton CSD; from Amy and Thomas Foster for their son, Isaac from West Marshall; from John and Darci Damman for their daughter, Jane; and from Kenny Poage and Dana Poage for their children, Jaelynn Poage, Haidenn Poage, Kinnick Poage, Kenzie Wignall, and Kylah Wignall from BCLUW CSD, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

***“Teaching for today and tomorrow, one student at a time.”***

Theresa Beacher and Cliff Johnsen requested their son, Jack Johnsen, continue to attend Ames CSD. Jack attends Ames PK currently.

- D. Personnel:** Kucera moved, seconded by Northrup, to approve a resignation from Anna Brown as secondary teacher and coach/sponsor, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve a contract for Clay Harrold as Secondary Principal, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera, to accept the rescission of resignation from Kristin Luther, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- E. Facilities, Grounds, & Transportation:** Board members reviewed a quote for the replacement of door handles with inside locking door handles. This project will be included in the Safety Grant project rather than the relocation of the outdoor sign.

- F. Approve District Auditor:** Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to approve Nolte, Cornman, & Johnson, PC, as district auditors for the next three fiscal years beginning with FYR 2024, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- G. Superintendent's Report:** Administration has been working on staffing and transition plans for the new school year.

- H. BEA Initial Proposal:** The BEA (Baxter Education Association) provided their initial language only proposal.


- I. Closed Session:** (as allowed by Chapter 20, Section 20.17(3), of the Code of Iowa for strategy in the collective bargaining negotiating process): Akins moved, seconded by Northrup, to go into closed session at 7:33pm as per Iowa Code Section 20.17(3), for strategy in the collective bargaining negotiating process. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to come out of closed session at 8:26pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- J. Initial Proposal to BEA:** Board members did not decide on an initial proposal to the BEA due to initial funding amounts not available from the legislature.

- XI. Adjournment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:26pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

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

  
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Board President

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