

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 2024
6P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Hansen, Maintenance Director; Marie Van Beek, City Librarian

I. Call to Order: President Robinson called the May meeting to order at 6:00 P.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: Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$138,207.60 and minutes of the April 17, 2024 regular board meeting, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

IV. Correspondence: This week, we celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week by celebrating all district staff. Thank you to the PTO, BEDCO, and everyone who helped celebrate each day. District admin also gave staff a late start day on a normal, professional development, late-start Monday. May is board appreciation month. Superintendent, Dr. Clapper thanked the board members for their commitment and support, recognizing the time it takes to volunteer for this position.

V. Public Forum:

VI. Business Items:

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS: Each month, principals, Rob Luther and Zach Hasselbrink, share activities during the past month.

B. Library Discussion: City Librarian, Marie Van Beek shared participation numbers, open hours, and positives of having the city library housed in the school as well as challenges with security. After some brainstorming, we believe we can mitigate security issues that may arise due to the city library being inside the school.

C. Safety and Security Update (Follow Up from Last Month): Cory Robinson updated board members concerning the conversation new superintendent, Chris Petersen had with the Jasper County Sheriff regarding sharing an SRO and grant opportunities to fund the partnership. A meeting with the district, the sheriff's office, and the city of Baxter will be scheduled in the coming weeks to get everyone on the same page.

D. 2024-25 Soccer Program Participation: Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the discontinuation of the district soccer program due to lack of participation and the conference in which the district belongs not recognizing the sport as a sanctioned sport. Motion carried (5y-0n).

E. 2024-25 District Calendar: Kucera moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the Baxter Community School District 2024-25 District Calendar, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

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- F. 2024-25 28E AGREEMENTS:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the continuation of 28E agreements with the following districts: Nevada CSD for transportation director and librarian; Colfax-Mingo CSD for librarian, curriculum director, and elementary guidance counselor; PCM for librarian; GMG CSD for maintenance director; and to add a 28E agreement with GMG CSD for superintendent, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- G. 2024-25 GAS AND DIESEL BIDS:** Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera to table the approval of the 2024-25 gas and diesel bids until the June board meeting in an effort to obtain a viable number of bids in which to select, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- B. 2024-25 Bread and Milk Bids:** Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera to approve the bread bids from Pan O Gold; and milk bids from Anderson & Erickson for the next fiscal year, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- H. OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Kucera moved, seconded Hauser, to approve an open enrollment in application, for this year, from Thomas and Kaylan McCord for their son, Miles, to dual enroll from home school for extracurricular activities only. Open enrollment applications in, for the 2024-25 school year, from: Rebecca and Scott Jochems for their son, Colton, from CAM-Ia Connection Academy, resident district is Lynnville-Sully CSD; Kayla and Adam Singletary for their son, Grayson; Alissa and Trever Riley for their daughter, Eliana; and Harley Hansen for her son, Greyson; and Nicole Lepley for her son, Carter; and Taylor Julander and Marty Osmundson for their son, MacArthur Osmundson, all from Newton CSD. Applications in from Ashley Daily for her daughters, Elena and Emma; and Brittany and Josh Tucker for their daughter, Finley; and Kalie and Michael Holloway for their daughter, Hadley all from Colfax-Mingo CSD, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Board members reviewed an open enrollment out application from Caitlin Jo Neisen for her son to continue at Beaver Creek-Johnston CSD after a recent move into our district.

- I. Grounds, Facilities, & Transportation:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve an upgrade to the door access and a maintenance fee of \$50/year/card beginning July 1, 2024, as recommended. The Wellness Center received a donation to put towards the upgrades in security and equipment. Motion carried. (5y-0n).

While the summer projects list was provided, no bids were available so the summer projects were not approved in this board meeting. Once the bids are available, board will take action.

- J. Board Policy:** Clapper provided board members with a list of the board policies updated throughout the current year.
- K. Superintendent's Report:** Clapper shared the plans for the end of the school year and graduation activities.
- L. Personnel:** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins to approve a resignation from Bri Crook as instructional coach, tech co-director, and newsletter publisher, as requested. Motion carried. (5y-0n).

Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser to continue the In-House substitute teacher assignment for next school year. Motion carried. (5y-0n).

Northrup moved, seconded by Akins to approve contracts for Kayla Mason as MS Science teacher; and a one year contract for Bill Funnemark as HS Science teacher, as requested. Motion carried. (5y-0n).

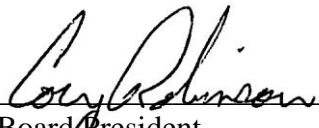
M. Closed Session (as allowed by Chapter 20, Section 20.17(3), of the Code of Iowa for strategy in the collective bargaining negotiating process): In case you would like to speak about the TSS funding privately.

Kucera moved, seconded by Northrup, to go into closed session at 8:44pm as per Iowa Code Section 20.17(3), for strategy in the collective bargaining negotiating process. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to come out of closed session at 9:44pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

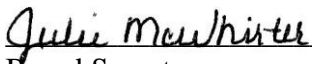
VII. Adjournment: Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The regular May board meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the regular June board meeting.



Board President

6/19/2024
Date



Board Secretary

6/19/2024
Date