

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 17, 2024
6P.M.**

PRESENT: President Cory Robinson, Jon Northrup, Tyler Akins, Ashley Kucera, Ray Hauser, Superintendent, Chris Petersen, and Board Secretary, Julie McWhirter.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Atkinson

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

II. Approval of Agenda: Akins moved, seconded by Northrup, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

III. Approval of Consent Items: Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$391,098.83 and minutes of the June 19, 2024 regular board meeting as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

IV. Correspondence: Thank you to the Spohnheimer family for the very generous donation completely funding the purchase of sound shells for the music department. We greatly appreciate it.

V. Public Forum: Sue Atkinson shared additional information on an email she sent earlier to board members.

VI. Business Items:

A. Membership on the Board: Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the continuation of a five-member board which currently consists of the following members: President Cory Robinson, Jon Northrup, Tyler Akins, Ashley Kucera, and Ray Hauser. Motion carried (5y-0n).

B. Approve Level I & II Investigator for Student Abuse (*tabled from last month to verify who the current Level II investigator should be*): Akins moved, seconded by Kucera to approve Jasper County Sheriff's Office Detective, Kira Lazenby as Level II Investigator and Sara Tiedje, school nurse, as the Level I Investigator for the 2024-25 school year, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

C. Annual Review Board Policies: 400-600's: The board members will start to review the policies in this series for possible revisions and will further review the 400's-600's series prior to the August meeting as part of the annual policy review.

D. Open Enrollment: Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve an open enrollment application from Victoria Lea Crawmer for her daughter, Gentry Jolea Downing, from Newton CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

E. Personnel: None

F. Safety and Security: Superintendent, Chris Petersen updated board members on the recent meeting with the Jasper County Sheriff's office and the City of Baxter representatives regarding a fulltime SRO (School Resource Officer) and a grant to fund the position.

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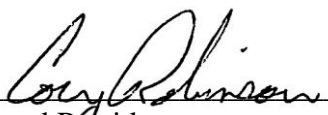
G. Facilities, Grounds, & Transportation: Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the concrete repair/replacement bid, for Phase I of III of a district concrete project, from Midwest Foundation Repair for \$3,551.39, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Akins moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve the bid, to demo old bleachers and the installation of new bleachers on the west side of the east gym, from TownsEnd Company for \$61,034, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

H. Superintendent Report: Mr. Petersen informed board members of hiring an additional coach/sponsor for extra-curricular, athletic activities when participation numbers equal or exceed 14 participants to one coach. He shared this year's Legislative Priorities and explained the possible impacts to the district. Board members discussed and shared their top five priorities of 22 for Mr. Petersen to pass on to IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards), and ultimately, our legislators. Admin has had two *Lunch and Learns* for new district teachers. Mr. Petersen introduced the subject of year round contracts for principals as administrative and district needs trend in that direction. More Iowa school districts are moving to year round principal contracts with paid vacation to allow for administrative meetings throughout the entire year. After investigation, Mr. Petersen recommended that the company, selling the classroom door handles with inside locks, install them rather than having district staff install them. The awarded safety and security grant is funding the purchase and installation. He also informed board members of an addition error in the number of hours and days attending for students and staff on the 2024-25 district calendar. The correction does NOT result in any changes to a start or end date for the 2024-25 school year.

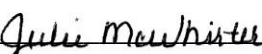
VII. Adjournment: Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

At the regular August board meeting, board members will approve the July board meeting minutes.



Board President

8/21/2024
Date



Board Secretary

8/21/2024
Date