

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL/ORGANIZATIONAL/RETIRING BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** President Cory Robinson, Jon Northrup, Tyler Akins, Ashley Kucera, Ray Hauser, Elementary Principal Zach Hasselbrink, Secondary Principal Clay Harrold, Superintendent, Chris Petersen, and Board Secretary Julie McWhirter

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sue Atkinson; Fran DeVore

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the annual organizational board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** Kucera moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- III. Review of Fiscal Year End 2024 Depository Statements:** Board members reviewed the 2023-24 fiscal year.
- IV. Unfinished Business:** None
- V. Adjournment:** Akins moved, seconded by Northrup, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the regular November meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Election of Board President:** Akins moved, seconded by Northrup, to nominate Cory Robinson for School Board President; no one brought forth any additional nominations. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- III. Approval of Agenda:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- IV. Adopt Procedures, Date, and Time for Regular Board Meetings:** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to continue to use Robert's Rules of Order for all board meetings and to meet on the third Wednesday of the month with 6:00 p.m. being the normal meeting time for all regular scheduled meetings. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- V. Approval of Consent Items:** Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$55,948.12 and minutes of the October 16, 2024 board meeting as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- VI. Correspondence:** None.
- VII. Public Forum:** Sue Atkinson expanded on the email she previously sent to board members.
- VIII. Business Items:**

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- A. PRINCIPALS' REPORT:** Each month, principals, Rob Luther and Zach Hasselbrink, share upcoming events or events from the past month.
- B. COOP AGREEMENT WITH COLFAX-MINGO FOR 2025 GIRLS SOCCER SEASON:** Kucera moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the COOP Agreement for Baxter girls' athletes to join the Colfax-Mingo high school soccer team for the 2024-25 soccer season, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- C. BOARD POLICY CODE 701.5 SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM-NEGATIVE ACCOUNT BALANCES:** Board Policy Code 701.5 School Lunch Program-Negative Account Balances was amended to include collection service guidelines for negative family accounts, as recommended. This meeting will serve as the first reading of this board policy.
- D. K-12 LAU PLAN FOR SERVING ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL):** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the 2024-25 K-12 LAU Plan for ELL (English Language Learners), as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- E. PERSONNEL:** Kucera moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve a resignation from Paula Boike as wrestling cheer sponsor, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- Akins moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve a contract for Kyle Stribe as assistant high school boys' basketball coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- F. Open Enrollment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve an open enrollment application in from Breanna Grider for her son, Cayden, to attend Baxter CSD in the 2025-26 school year, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- G. FACILITIES/GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION:** The school sign on the south side of the building will be moved to the northwest elementary entrance to act as a safety deterrent as recommended by officials from Homeland Security. Van Maanen Electric will provide the electrically hook up and Oskam Signs will install a digital display on both sides of the sign allowing staff to operate the sign remotely.
- H. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:** Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to approve an overnight stay in Des Moines on November 30 for the drill/dance team. They will compete at the state's drill team competition, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Superintendent Petersen outlined the next step for the SRO position that the Jasper County Sheriff will employ, is to sign a 28E agreement with the Sheriff's office. The district will purchase SRO services from the Sheriff's office. The Jasper County Sheriff will partially fund the SRO position from a grant.

Board members discussed the current terms of the Tuition Reimbursement Program. They will offer any recommendations to the administration at next month's board meeting.

District leaders and board members are reviewing website hosting companies to update the district's website. A decision on which company to use is expected at next month's board meeting.

Next week is the annual IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards) convention in which all board members, the superintendent, and the board secretary/business manager will attend.

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The Iowa Department of Education just released The Iowa Student Performance Profile. Administration will discuss the findings in detail at the December meeting

- IX. Adjournment:** Akins moved, seconded by Northrup to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:04pm p.m. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The Annual Organizational/Retiring and regular November board meetings minutes will be presented for approval at the regular December board meeting.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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