

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 26, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Atkinson; Christy Wiebbecke

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the Proposed Property Tax Levy Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. 2025-26 Proposed Property Tax Levy:** Business Manager, Julie McWhirter, explained how the tax levy rate relates to the Supplemental State Aid rate set by legislature each year and the local taxpayers.
- III. Adjournment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:06pm. 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 6:06p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, 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 \$81,274.09 and minutes of the February 19, 2025 board meeting as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- IV. Correspondence:** The district received a very generous donation from the Northrup family to put towards the Voc Ag classroom/workspace updates.
- 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, Zach Hasselbrink and Clay Harrold, share activities during the past month.
 - B. SRO (School Resource Officer):** Kucera moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the 28E Agreement with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office including the payment schedule of \$45,000 for 2025-26, \$47,500 for 2026-27, \$50,000 for 2027-28, and \$52,500 for 2028-29, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
 - C. FYR 2023 District Audit:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the 2022-23 District Audit, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
 - D. Open Enrollment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins to approve open enrollment applications in from Janell Richardson, for her daughter, Jenner, to continue attending Baxter CSD after a recent move to Colo-NESCO CSD.

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For the 2025-26 school year from Brittney Humke for her son, Madden; from Brook Burford for her daughter, Lilian Otto; from Chasity Delgado for her daughter, Nayely Aswegan; from Jennifer Anderson for her son, Pete; and from Nick and Lynsey Ludwig for their daughter, Caroline, all from Newton CSD.

For the 2025-26 school year from Jennifer Curry for her son, William, from Colfax-Mingo CSD, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- E. Personnel:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser to approve resignations from Fran DeVore as secondary math teacher and cheer sponsor; Ed Wilson as secondary special ed teacher; and Zach Hasselbrink as head HS boys basketball coach, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Kucera moved, seconded by Akins to approve Treyton Travis as a volunteer golf coach; and Rebecca Jochems as a volunteer coach for MS and HS softball.

Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser to approve contracts for Chad Worthington for this year as assistant MS baseball coach. For the 2025-26 school year, Carly Williams as Voc Ag teacher and FFA sponsor; Mackenzie James as secondary math teacher; Kristi Cook as secondary special ed/at risk teacher; Ian Thomson as head cross country coach; Josh Wells as assistant cross country coach, pending proper certification; Zach Hasselbrink as Activities Director and head HS football coach; and Amanda Moorman as marketing/social media/website designer, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- F. Facilities, Grounds, & Transportation:** Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser to approve the bid from Central States Roofing of \$22,750 for the replacement of Section 20 of the roof, as presented. Elevate Roofing also bid the project. Hawkeye Flat Roof Solutions did not bid. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera, to table the bus purchase until the August board meeting. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the concrete work bid from Midstate Solutions, LLC of \$7,120, as recommended. A bid from KJM Concrete also submitted a bid; Jasper County Construction did not bid the project. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Board members discussed future housing options for Voc Ag classes as well as funding for the project. Viable options include using the multipurpose building for the Voc Ag classroom and bringing down a portion of the existing Voc Ag building. Board members do not believe updating the existing Voc Ag building, as it stands, is a viable option. Additionally, board members have directed admin to implement an in house voc ag program that focuses primarily on agriculture given that courses such as industrial tech, and mechanics can be provided to students from DMACC.

- G. Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent, Chris Petersen updated board members on the status of the activity fund indicating the possibility of reducing/sharing some programs due to lack of participation, little revenue, and expenditures increasing. He freshened the board members' memories of the 2025-26 4-day school week calendar, as it will be approved in April's board meeting.

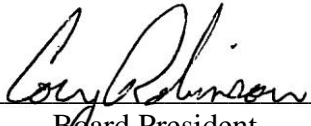
Board members have directed admin to combine the director of maintenance/buildings/grounds with the transportation coordinator position for the 2025-26 fiscal year in efforts to continue to reduce inefficiencies in positions.

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Mr Petersen gave a legislative update as it pertains to the past deadline of setting the Supplemental State Aid rate; and how it is effecting the district's budget. He also shared the possibility of an increase in operational sharing funds for the SRO position.

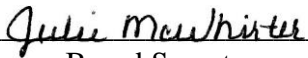
- XI. Adjournment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

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



Board President

4/16/2025
Date



Board Secretary

4/16/2025
Date