

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 18, 2025
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; Ed Schmidt

I. Call to Order: President Robinson called the June meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

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

III. Approval of Consent Items: Northrup moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$91,308.12 and minutes of the May 21, 2025 regular board meeting, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

IV. Correspondence: Thank you to Bruce & Canice Connelly for their very generous donation of \$1000 to upgrade the HS Softball field off street parking area. Thanks to their donation, the district was able to regrade and resurface the area, and purchase and replace broken curb stops, reposition and repaint them. Also, a thank you to the family of Sam McWhirter for their generous donation to put towards the Voc Ag classroom update.

V. Public Forum: Sue elaborated on an email previously sent to board members.

VI. Business Items:

A. Community Visioning Discussion: Ed Schmidt provided information about grant funding for landscaping at the Sports Complex.

B. Approve Depository Bank for 2025-26: Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to approve State Savings Bank as the depository for the 2025-26 fiscal year not to exceed \$5,000,000, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

C. Approve Level I & II Investigator for Student Abuse: Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve Sara Tiedje, school nurse, as the Level I investigator and the Jasper County Sheriff's Office SRO as Level II investigator for the 2025-26 school year, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

D. Approve Resolution To Participate in the Storm Protection Fund, An Iowa Code Chapter 28E Entity and Chapter 670 Risk Pool: Akins moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve a Resolution to Participate in the Storm Protection Fund, An Iowa Code Chapter 28E Entity and Chapter 670 Risk Pool, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

RESOLUTION:

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STORM PROTECTION FUND, AN IOWA CODE CHAPTER 28E ENTITY AND CHAPTER 670 RISK POOL

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received the renewal information for wind and hail property insurance coverage; and

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WHEREAS, the deductible under the wind and hail coverage under the policy is a percentage of the value insured; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Protection Fund provides a means to manage and contain deductible costs associated with wind and hail insurance coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

1. *The Board of Directors authorizes the District to Join the Storm Protection Fund, and to pay all Contributions as required by the Storm Protection Fund.*

2. *Passed and approved this 18th day of June, 2025.*

Roll Call:

AYES: Northrup, Akins, Kucera, Hauser, Robinson

NAYS: None

E. Open Enrollment: None

F. Facilities, Grounds, & Transportation: Kucera moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve changing the HVAC controls from Johnson Controls to Woodmen's Controls and a 2025-26 Preventative Maintenance Proposal, also from Woodmen's, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The City of Baxter has asked the district if we are interested in asphalt millings, which in turn the district would use for district parking areas. Admin will continue to collect specifics about the product to ensure it is compatible to district needs. The millings will be donated from work on city streets this summer.

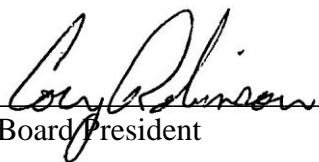
G. Personnel: Akins moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve a resignation from Kyle Stribe as MS football coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Akins moved, seconded by Northrup, to approve an MOU (Memo of Understanding) for Paige Bucklin to be the in-house substitute teacher; a contract for Tagen Douma as secondary PE teacher, strength & conditioning coach, and assistant MS football coach; Bryce Hubert as secondary social studies teacher; and Madison Omtvedt as secondary English teacher, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

H. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Petersen shared the first draft of an alternative path for those students who may be credit deficient through extenuating circumstances. He informed board members of a work-study program implementation at Baxter CSD. The new district website will launch on June 19. Early results show the possible impact of the approved 4-day school week with increased considerable employment pools for open teaching positions. The district has filled all open positions.

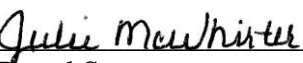
VII. Adjournment: Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:09pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

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



Board President

7/16/2025
Date



Board Secretary

7/16/2025
Date