

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2025
6P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Atkinson; SRO, Jasper County Deputy Sheriff, Josh Britton and John[ny Bolt]; Baxter Athletic Boosters reps, Betsy Damman and Jen Robinson; Don Akins

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 Hauser, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

III. Approval of Consent Items: Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$234,273.07 and minutes of the July 16, 2025 regular board meeting, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

IV. Correspondence: None.

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

VI. Business Items:

- A. Baxter Athletic Boosters:** At the request of the board, Baxter Athletic Boosters representatives, Betsy Damman and Jen Robinson shared information on upgrading/updating the football and track scoreboard at the sports complex; and future fundraising efforts. Board members agreed to their fundraising with a timeline of two years, beginning of 2027-28 school year, if enough funds have not been raised for the agreed to scoreboard, a scoreboard more conducive to the amount of funds raised will be purchased at that time.
- B. SRO Report:** Jasper County Deputy Sherriff and new Baxter School Resource Officer, Josh Britton and his Crisis K-9 dog, John[ny Bolt], introduced themselves to the board members. SRO Britton will provide the board members with quarterly reports, or more often if warranted, regarding safety and security throughout the district.
- C. Principals' Reports:** Each month, principals, Zach Hasselbrink, and Clay Harrold, share activities during the past month.
- D. Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Continuing to Levy and Impose a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax and Income Surtax:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve a *Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Continuing to Levy and Impose a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax and Income Surtax*, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The continuation of the voted PPEL generates ~\$50,000 for Physical Plant and Equipment items such as buses, mowers, equipment, technology, etc; and ~\$47,000 in Income Surtax for the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea: Northrup, Akins, Kucera, Hauser, Robinson

Nay: None

- E. Review Board Policies 400's-600's:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the review and revisions of board policies, as recommended. This reading will serve as the second and final reading. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- F. Review 2025-28 Strategic Plan:** Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve the 2025-28 Strategic Plan, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation: Mr. Petersen thanked the custodial staff for all of their hard work in getting the buildings and grounds ready for the new school year.

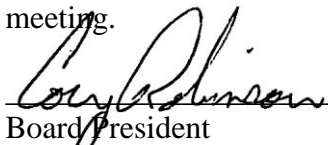
Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the purchase of a 2012 Bobcat Skidsteer S205 with bucket with approximately 2000 hours for \$21,000 in exchange for trading the district's skidsteer and small bucket for \$4000 for a total purchase price of \$25,000, from Nick Maher, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ferris ISX3300 40BV mower with 72" deck for \$18,999 from P & P Small Engines, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- G. Open Enrollment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve open enrollment applications from Samantha Jackson for her son, Khizar Innis; and from ShayeLyn Pickett and Benjamin White for their son, Adam, both from West Marshall CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- H. Personnel:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve volunteer coaches, Tom Handorf as MS/HS cross country coach; and Treyton Travis as HS football coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- I. Superintendent's Report:** Mr Petersen updated board members on back to school efforts across the district. He shared info on the recent annual subscription purchase from Simbli, which will electronically house the district's board policies and streamline the process for admin to adopt, review, and revise board policies. Mr. Petersen updated board members on the hiring process and increase in interests from applicants for the open positions. Noting that moving to a 4 day school week could be a significant factor in the interest as admin as received several "cold calls" inquiring of any open positions in the district. Additionally, we have a full time custodial position just open up in which we will be advertising.

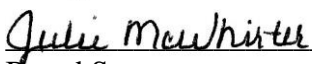
VII. Adjournment: Akins moved, seconded by Kucera, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The regular August board meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the regular September board meeting.



Board President

9/17/2025
Date



Board Secretary

9/17/2025
Date