

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
6P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Atkinson; community members, Bridger Claassen, Diane Hudson

I. Call to Order: President Robinson called the September 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 (4y-0n).

III. Approval of Consent Items: Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$175,288.07 and minutes of the August 20, 2025 regular board meeting, as presented. Motion carried (4y-0n).

IV. Correspondence: None.

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

VI. Business Items:

- A. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS:** This month, principal, Zach Hasselbrink shared elementary activities during the past month. Secondary Principal, Clay Harrold was absent due to a prior commitment.
- B. 2023-24 DISTRICT AUDIT:** Kucera moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the 2023-24 District Audit, as presented. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- C. 2024-25 NUTRITION REPORT:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the 2024-25 Nutrition Report, as presented. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- D. 28E AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF BAXTER FOR WORK EXPERIENCE:** Akins moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve a 28E Agreement with the City of Baxter for credit-receiving, student work experience, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- E. APPROVE REQUEST FOR ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2024-25 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT:** Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid from the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee), for (\$159,713.30) for the 2024-25 school year due to the special education deficit, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

This deficit is a result of continuing to add 1:1 paras as a requirement, and additional transportation requirements for those 1:1 students.

Roll Call: Yeas: Akins, Kucera, Hauser, Robinson

Nays: None

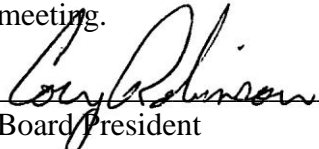
Absent: Jon Northrup

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- F. APPROVAL OF DISTRICT LAW FIRM:** Hauser moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., as the official law firm of the district, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- G. 2025-26 BCSD PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PLAN:** Mr Hasselbrink and Mr Petersen shared the newly acquired Atlas Rubicon platform, a leading curriculum management system.
- H. OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Akins moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve an open enrollment application from Lindsey Howe for her son, Eli Colungo, to continue to attend Baxter CSD after a move into Newton CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- I. PERSONNEL:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve a contract for Kaila Hudson as evening custodian; and Tagen Douma and Treyton Travis as volunteer HS boys' basketball coaches, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- J. FACILITIES, GROUNDS, AND TRANSPORTATION:** Mr. Petersen gave an update on the Voc Ag building renovation. He met with a company to walk through the building to confirm viability of the current structure. The company will also provide ideas on how to renovate the space.
- K. BCSD EQUITY PLAN:** Kucera moved, seconded by Hauser to approve the Baxter CSD Equity Plan, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- L. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** The start of the school year has gone fairly well. The initial concerns of daycare for Mondays have not come to fruition. In addition, the district addressed minor transportation issues for students to/from extra-curricular activities on Mondays.
The Iowa School Performance Profile (school report card) is now available online at the Iowa Department of Education's website. Any school board member nominees' paperwork is due to the Board Secretary, Julie McWhirter, by 5pm on September 18, 2025.

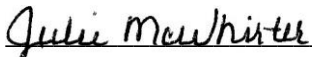
VII. Adjournment: Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. Motion carried (4y-0n).

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



Board President

10/15/2025
Date



Board Secretary

10/15/2025
Date