

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 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; Diane Deeter

I. Call to Order: President Robinson called the October meeting to order at 6:00 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 \$122,908.31 and minutes of the September 17, 2025 regular board meeting, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

IV. Correspondence: None.

V. Public Forum: Sue Atkinson shared a handout.

VI. Business Items:

A. PRINCIPAL REPORTS: Zach and Clay will give brief reports on elementary and secondary activities.

Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to approve s student out of state trip to the FFA National Convention held October 29 through November 1, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

B. 2025-26 DISTRICT ENROLLMENT: Mr. Petersen shared certified and open enrollment numbers with board members. The enrollment data date deadline was October 1. While districts around Baxter CSD seem to be declining in enrollment, he was happy to report the district's *certified* enrollment, which is the *resident* student enrollment, increased by two.

C. PARTICIPATION IN IOWA DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM: Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the continuation of the IASB state approved testing program for bus drivers for the 2026 calendar year, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

D. SIAC COMMITTEE: Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the following 2025-26 SIAC (School Improvement Advisory Committee) members: Community member Nancy Foreman; parents Jennifer Anderegg, Lindsay Bethards, Jerrica Mortensen; students Alyvia Burdess, Colton Moffitt; elementary teachers Wyatt Eide, Casey O'Roake, elementary guidance counselor, Jill Halter; elementary principal, Zach Hasselbrink; secondary teachers Kayla Mason; secondary guidance counselor, Travis Dee; secondary principal, Clay Harrold; board members Ray Hauser, Ashley Kucera, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- E. OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to approve an open enrollment in application from Cody and Katie Daugherty for their son, Cade, from Newton CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- F. FACILITIES, GROUNDS, & TRANSPORTATION:** Mr Petersen updated board members that HVAC controls have been switched to Woodman Control Company from Johnson Controls.
- G.** Northrup moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the installation of a historical marker provided by Baxter Chamber of Commerce, as recommended. The sign will be placed on the south side of the district building on an existing cement slab. Where the district sign formerly was set, which is now on the north side of the building. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- H. PERSONNEL:** Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to approve resignations from Ian Thomson as HS assistant boys track coach; and Amanda Moorman as basketball cheer coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Hauser moved, seconded by Northrup, to approve contracts for Ian Thomson as HS boys head track coach; and Carly Williams as MS girls head wrestling coach pending proper certification, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- I. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** The PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy) is up for vote in the November 4, 2025 general election. The district is asking for an approval for the continuation of the levy. The continuation will NOT increase tax burdens; however, it does provide much needed funding for school buses, technology, facility maintenance which keeps the district viable against other districts.

Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera, to approve the board goals presented by Mr. Petersen, which will closely align with administrative goals. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The annual school board convention is scheduled for November 20.

Data from the annual Iowa School Performance Profile (the district “report card”) will be provided at next month’s board meeting.

Integration of school board policies to the Simbli application, which is a more user friendly environment, is nearing completion.

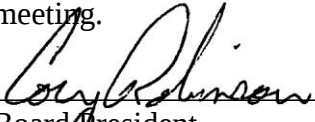
He also provided a “snap shot” of absenteeism as it related to the four-day school week in contrast to the same respective date last year. Early numbers indicate a steady to slight decrease in absenteeism in students and staff. While still a bit early in the school year, admin anticipates numbers to continue to decrease. An additional measuring stick will be used at or about semester end.

In light of October being National Principals’ month, Mr Petersen thanked principals Mr. Hasselbrink and Mr Harrold for their day-to-day commitment to students, staff, and district.

Annual Board Work Session will be held on March 2 and March 4.

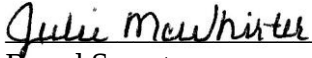
- VII. Adjournment:** Akins moved, seconded by Northrup, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

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



Board President

11/19/2025
Date



Board Secretary

11/19/2025
Date