

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL/RETIRING BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Atkinson, Zach Morphew-Rapp

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the board 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 (4y-0n).
- III. Review of Fiscal Year End 2025 Depository Statements:** Board members reviewed the fiscal yearend, June 30, 2025 bank statements.
- IV. Unfinished Business:** None
- V. Review and Acceptance of Abstract of Election:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the Abstract of Election for two seats; 264 votes were for Zach Morphew-Rapp; and 346 votes were for incumbent, Cory Robinson for 610 total votes, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- VI. Adjournment:** Northrup moved, seconded by Kucera to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried (4y-0n).

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OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Atkinson, Carly Williams, FFA sponsor, students Harley Cross and Klaire Shanks.

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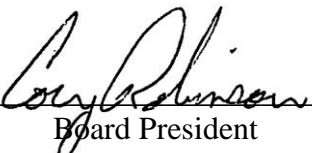
President Robinson thanked Jon Northrup for his 19 years and countless hours of commitment in serving the district. His experience and knowledge will be greatly missed.
- II. Oath of Office:** Incumbent, Cory Robinson and Zach Morphew-Rapp were administered the oath of office.
- III. Election of Board President:** Akins moved, seconded by Kucera, to nominate Cory Robinson for board president. No further nominations were brought forth. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- IV. Approval of Agenda:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- V. Adopt Procedures, Date, and Time for Regular Board Meetings:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to continue to use Robert's Rules of Order for all board meetings and to meet on the third Wednesday of

"Teaching for today and tomorrow, one student at a time."

the month with 6:00 p.m. being the normal meeting time for all regular scheduled meetings. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- VI. Approval of Consent Items:** Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$187,196.40 and minutes of the October 15, 2025 board meeting as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- VII. Correspondence:** The district received a very generous donation of \$1000 to put towards meal accounts for those families needing a little extra support. District personnel appreciate the donor's consideration.
- VIII. Public Forum:** Sue Atkinson shared a handout with board members and administration.
- IX. Business Items:**
- A. PRINCIPALS' REPORT:** Each month, principals, Rob Luther and Zach Hasselbrink, share activities during the past month.
- Ms Carly Williams, FFA sponsor and FFA student members gave a presentation and answered questions about their recent trip to the annual FFA convention in Indianapolis, IN.
- B. PERSONNEL:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve a contract for Lilie Vansice as assistant MS girls' basketball coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- C. OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Kucera moved, seconded by Akins, to approve an open enrollment in application from Kelsey Reed for her son, Jaxon, after a move into the Colfax-Mingo district, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- D. FACILITIES/GROUNDS/TRANSPORTATION:** Mr. Petersen updated board members on the installation of the History of Baxter sign, and more specifically, of Baxter Community School. The district has purchased a new double convection oven for the food service department.
- E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Petersen updated board members on the SIAC meeting which was held prior to the board meeting. Along with other Jasper County schools and EMS departments, the district is transitioning to a new emergency protocol called "I Love You Guys." In light of the Thanksgiving holiday, students will have school on Monday, November 24. Board members will attend the annual school board convention tomorrow, November 20.
- X. Adjournment:** Kucera moved, seconded Hauser, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The Retiring Board and organizational/regular November board meetings minutes will be presented for approval at the regular December board meeting.



Board President

12/17/2025
Date



Board Secretary

12/17/2025
Date