

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPOSED 2026-27 DISTRICT CALENDAR  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026  
6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** President Cory Robinson, Zach Morphey-Rapp, Tyler Akins, Alyssa Plunkett, Ray Hauser, Principals, Zach Hasselbrink and Clay Harrold, Superintendent, Chris Petersen, and Board Secretary, Julie McWhirter

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sue Atkinson; Natalie Moorman, Chair of Hometown Pride and Community Visioning Committee, Brad Hier and Joann Maxwell, Community Visioning Committee, and Jeff Jensen, Trees Forever Field Coordinator.

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the 2026-27 Proposed District Calendar to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Proposed 2026-27 District Calendar:** Board members reviewed the proposed 2026-27 District Calendar, as presented.
- III. Adjournment:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:01p.m. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the regular February board meeting to order at 6:01p.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:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$264,400.50 and minutes of the January 21, 2026 regular board meeting as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- IV. Correspondence:**
- V. Public Forum:** Sue Atkinson provided a handout.
- VI. Business Items:**
  - A. Community Visioning Group:** The Hometown Pride and Community Visioning Committees presented the Baxter feasibility study recently completed, and provided information on, potentially, collaborating on additional grant opportunities.
  - B. Principal Reports:** Each month, principals, Zach Hasselbrink and Clay Harrold, share activities during the past month.
  - C. Board Policy Code 103 Long Range Needs Assessment Annual Review:** Hauser moved, seconded by Morphey-Rapp, to approve and waive the second reading of Board Policy Code 103 Long Range Needs Assessment, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

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- D. 2026-27 District Calendar:** Morphew-Rapp moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the Baxter Community School District 2026-27 District Calendar, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- E. Resolution to approve 101% Budget Guarantee:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the Resolution to approve 101% Budget Guarantee, as recommended by industry leaders. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**Resolution:** *“RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of BAXTER community school district, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2026-27 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.”*

Roll Call:

AYES: Morphew-Rapp, Akins, Plunkett, Hauser, Robinson

NAYS: None

- F. Approve Title I Program for the 2026-27 school year:** Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp to approve the 2026-27 Title I Program, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- G. Resolution of the Board of Education Approving the Application for Applying for a Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the Resolution of the Board of Education approving the application for Applying for a Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant, as requested by Greg Pickett, technology coordinator. Motion carried (5y-0n).

***“RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVING THE APPLICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR COMMUNITY BETTERMENT GRANTS FROM PRAIRIE MEADOWS:***

*WHEREAS, Prairie Meadows has Community Betterment grant funds available that target Arts and Culture, Economic Development, Education and Health and Human Services, and*

*WHEREAS, the Board of Education is supportive of these applications for the betterment of their district, and*

*WHEREAS, all applications from the School District will be submitted to Prairie Meadows by the February 28, 2026 deadline,*

*‘NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Baxter Community School District Board of Education that the following Community Betterment Grant Applications are to be submitted to Prairie Meadows for the February 28, 2026 deadline.’”*

Roll Call:

AYES: Morphew-Rapp, Akins, Plunkett, Hauser, Robinson

NAYS: None

- H. Open Enrollment:** Hauser moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp to approve open enrollment applications to attend Baxter CSD for the 2026-27 school year from: Karen Finch for her daughter, Brylyn, and from Nicole Birkenholtz for her daughter, Ellie, from Newton CSD. From Mike Holloway for his son, Hank, and from Jennifer Curry for her son, William, from Colfax-Mingo CSD. From Brent and Jess Elliott for their children Jacob and Analise, and

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from Kayla Wilke and Dustin Wilkie for their children, Charlotte, Isla, and Lucy, from Collins-Maxwell, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- I. Personnel:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve resignations from DeAnn Bishop as Instructional Coach, Jordynn Wesselink as head varsity volleyball coach, and Chad Maxwell as head MS girls' basketball coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Hauser moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve contracts for Treyton Travis as assistant MS track coach and Justin Smith as assistant HS track coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve an Early Retirement package as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- J. Facilities/Grounds/Transportation:** District leaders will obtain bids for the replacement of the safety flooring in the weight room.

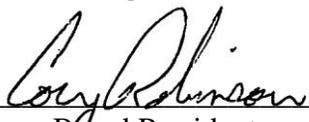
Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the roof bid from Central States Roofing to replace sections 11, 12, 13, and 14, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Akins moved, seconded by Plunkett, to approve the bid from Sheply Construction to update/remodel the restrooms at the Voc Ag building, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

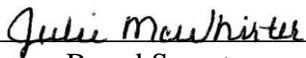
- K. Superintendent's Report:** Mr Petersen updated board members on the latest in the Legislature that could potentially affect the district. He provided preliminary results of the recent Four-Day Week Survey. Board members will delve into the results during the upcoming work session. Mr Petersen reminded board members of the newer certified district budget timelines and the upcoming board work sessions.

- XI. Adjournment:** Akins moved, seconded by Plunkett to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The regular February board meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the regular March board meeting.

  
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Board President

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Board Secretary

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3/26/2026  
Date