

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 25, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: President Cory Robinson, Board members: Zach Morphey-Rapp, Alyssa Plunkett, Ray Hauser, Principal, Clay Harrold, Superintendent, Chris Petersen, and Board Secretary, Julie McWhirter. Board member, Tyler Akins and Principal, Zach Hasselbrink were absent due to prior commitments.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms Sue Atkinson; Mrs Lena Clapper; Mr and Mrs Brennede

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the Proposed Property Tax Levy Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.
- II. 2026-27 Proposed Property Tax Levy:** Superintendent Chris Petersen explained how changes in assessed valuations effect taxes even if the tax rate stays the same. The district intends to keep the tax rate the same for the 2026-27 District Budget.
- III. Adjournment:** Hauser moved, seconded by Rapp to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm. Motion carried (4y-0n).

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the regular March board meeting to order at 6:10p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** Hauser moved, seconded by Plunkett, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- III. Approval of Consent Items:** Hauser moved, seconded by Plunkett, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$85,435.84 and minutes of the February 18, 2026 board meeting as presented. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- IV. Correspondence:** None.
- V. Public Forum:** Sue Atkinson shared a printout on AI (Artificial Intelligence).
- VI. Business Items:**
 - A. Principals Reports:** Each month, principals, Zach Hasselbrink and Clay Harrold, share activities during the past month.
 - B. Open Enrollment:** Hauser moved, seconded by Plunkett to approve an open enrollment in application from Dustin and Kayla Wilkie for their daughter, Charlotte, to attend Baxter CSD immediately from the Collins-Maxwell CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

Hauser moved, seconded by Rapp to approve open enrollment in applications for the 2026-27 school year from Bonnie Purk for her daughter, Eva; from Keriann Hansen, for her daughter Lena, to dual enroll for extra-curricular activities; and from Danielle and Kip Foglesong for their daughter, Isabelle, to attend Baxter CSD from Colfax-Mingo CSD; from Jordan Cunningham and Makenzie Raridan for their daughter, Harper Cunningham; from Micah and Patrece Cope for their son, Thomas, from Newton CSD but most recently home schooled;

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from Shielow Tucker for her daughter, Brynnlee Zierke; from David Edwards for his daughter, Faith Bonnett; and from Reeva Symmonds for her son, Huxley, to attend Baxter CSD from Newton CSD; from John and Darci Damman, for their children, Jane and Jenna, to dual enroll for extra-curricular activities from West Marshall CSD; from Rebekah Emgarten and Gabriel Emgarten for their children Lukas and Ruby to attend Baxter CSD from Collins-Maxwell CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

Hauser moved, seconded by Rapp, to deny open enrollment applications in from Rebekah Emgarten and Gabriel Emgarten for their daughter, Eliza, from Collins-Maxwell CSD; and from Koby Reisner for his son, Dean, from BCLUW, due to lack of programming space in the Special Ed Program, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

Hauser moved, seconded by Plunkett, to approve open enrollment out applications from Wyatt Johnson for his sons, Lucas and Wesley, to Waukee CSD; and from Crystal Kerr for her daughter, Kollyns, to Bondurant-Farrar CSD, from Baxter CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

C. Personnel: None.

D. Facilities, Grounds, & Transportation: Hauser moved, seconded by Rapp to approve the Push Pedal Pull quote to replace the weight room flooring as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

Plunkett moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the quote from Iowa Flooring Covering to replace the music room carpet with the recommended option of rolled carpet or carpet tiles, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

Hauser moved, seconded by Rapp, to approve the purchase of a 2024 ford Transit 350 XLT 12 passenger van from Shottenkirk Chevrolet, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

E. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Petersen updated board members on the activity at the State Capitol as it pertains to the education industry, and Baxter CSD specifically. He also gave an update on the recent Radon testing which is now required of school districts every five years.

F. BEA Initial Proposal to Baxter CSD for 2026-27 Negotiations: Plunkett moved, seconded by Hauser to accept and approve the initial proposal from the Baxter Education Association (BEA) for the 2026-27 fiscal year which includes changing from a step/lane salary schedule to a pool schedule which will continue to honor teachers' tenure as well as an allotment for those with a Master's education. Motion carried (4y-0n).

G. Exempt Session (as allowed by Chapter 20, Section 20.17(3), of the Code of Iowa for strategy in the collective bargaining negotiating process): Board members did not need to go into Exempt Session since they accepted and approved BEA's initial proposal.

H. Baxter CSD Initial Proposal to BEA for 2026-27 Negotiations: The district accepted and approved BEA's initial proposal as recommended.

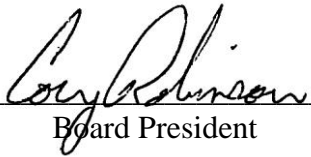
I. 2026-27 Master Contract: In anticipation of the acceptance of the BEA's initial proposal, the board secretary/business manager prepared the 2026-27 Maser Contract to reflect the initial proposal.

Hauser moved, seconded by Rapp, to approve the 2026-27 Master Contract, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

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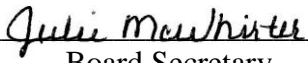
XI. Adjournment: Hauser moved, seconded by Rapp to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm. Motion carried (4y-0n).

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



Board President

4/15/2026
Date



Board Secretary

4/15/2026
Date