

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2026-27 PROPOSED BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 15, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Atkinson

- I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the 2026-27 Proposed Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. 2026-27 Budget Hearing:** Board members reviewed the proposed budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year.
- III. Adjournment:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

- I. Call to Order:** Board President, Robinson called the regular April board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- III. Approval of Consent Items:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$93,538.46 and minutes of the March 25, 2026 regular board meeting, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- IV. Correspondence:** None
- V. Public Forum:** None
- VI. Business Items:**
 - A. Principals' Reports:** Zach and Clay will provide brief reports on elementary and secondary activities during the past month.
Mr. Harrold shared the DCAP (District Career and Academic Plan) for the board's review.
 - B. Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, Dated June 4, 2019, and Levying a Tax for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, Dated June 4, 2019:** Akins moved, seconded by Morphey-Rapp, to approve a \$200,000 prepayment on the Series 2019 GO Bonds in the 2026-27 District Budget, as recommended. Making this prepayment will save the district \$72,000. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Resolution Reads:

WHEREAS, the Baxter Community School District (the "District") issued \$5,725,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, dated June 4, 2019 (the "Series 2019 Bonds"), \$4,625,000 of which are currently outstanding; and of which \$200,000 are now

being called for redemption on May 1, 2027, which are described in Schedule A attached to this Resolution (the "Redeemed Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, at this time, it is in the best interest of the District to levy a tax for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027, which is sufficient to call and redeem the Redeemed Bonds on May 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Series 2019 Bonds which mature after May 1, 2027 may be called in whole or in part on any date beginning on May 1, 2027, from any funds regardless of source, in any order of maturity and within annual maturity by lot by giving 30 days' written notice of redemption to the registered owner of the Bonds, the terms of redemption to be par plus accrued interest to the date of call, such notice to be deemed completed upon transmission to the owner of record of the Bond at the address shown on the books of the Registrar; and

WHEREAS, selection by lot will be necessary to select bonds to be called among the bonds which mature May 1, 2039; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to call and redeem the Redeemed Bonds. NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

Section 1. That the Redeemed Bonds are hereby redeemed as of May 1, 2027.

Section 2. UMB Bank, N.A., West Des Moines, Iowa, in its capacity as Registrar, Paying Agent and Transfer Agent, is hereby authorized and directed to cause notice of such redemption to be given not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of redemption by written notice to the registered owner of the Redeemed Bonds. Piper Sandler & Co., as Dissemination Agent for the District, is hereby authorized and directed to provide electronic notice of such redemption to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board at <http://emma.msrb.org/>. On or before May 1, 2027, the Treasurer shall deposit with the Paying Agent \$200,000 to call and redeem the Redeemed Bonds described in Schedule A attached to this Resolution, such call and redemption to be effective May 1, 2027 pursuant to the terms of the Series 2019 Bonds. All liability for interest on the Redeemed Bonds shall cease, terminate, and be completely discharged as of May 1, 2027 as provided in Section 6(b) of the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the Series 2019 Bonds.

Section 3. There is levied upon all the taxable property of the District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, \$200,000 which when collected shall be deposited with the Paying Agent. The Paying Agent is authorized and directed to call and redeem the Redeemed Bonds on May 1, 2027.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of April, 2026.

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

- C. 2026-27 Proposed District Budget:** Akins moved, seconded by Plunkett, to approve the 2026-27 District Budget as proposed to keep the current tax rate of 18.54/\$1000 assessed value. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

- D. Board Policy Code 406.01 Licensed Employee Compensation:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to forego a second reading and approve Board Policy Code 406.01 *Licensed*

Employee Compensation, as updated to reflect changes in the salary schedule for teachers as it relates to the Master Contract. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- E. Board Policy Code: 503.09 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices:** Admin recommends a change to Board Policy Code *503.09 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices* to include the entire day- passing times and lunch breaks- in the “instructional time.” This reading will serve as the first reading of this policy with the recommended changes. The second reading and vote will occur in the May board meeting.
- F. Participation in IASB Safety Group Insurance Program:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the continuation of membership in the IASB Safety Group Insurance Program in the 2026-27 fiscal year, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- G. Iowa School Finance Information Services:** Akins moved, seconded by Plunkett, to approve the continuation of membership with ISFIS in the 2026-27 fiscal year, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- H. Approve Seniors for Graduation:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the following 2026 Seniors for graduation:, pending successful fulfillment of all graduation requirements, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- I. Open Enrollment:** Akins moved, seconded by Morphey-Rapp, to approve an open enrollment out application from Keagan Johnson for his daughter, Gracelynn Prunty, to continue attending Iowa Virtual Academy (Clayton Ridge) after a recent move into our district, effective immediately, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- J. Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation:** None.
- K. Superintendent’s Report:** Mr Petersen shared the current student fees and substitute teacher fees. He updated board members on the current legislation progression as it relates to the district. Board members will discuss a stipend for those teachers teaching college credit courses in district. Board members have tentatively agreed to match funds for a new gym sound system, providing a Jasper County Community Foundation grant be awarded. The Baxter Educational Foundation has also agreed to match funds.
- L. Exempt Session** (as allowed by *Iowa Code Chapter 21.9, Employment Conditions Discussed: To discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees not covered by the collective bargaining law*): Akins moved, seconded by Morphey-Rapp, to enter into Exempt Session at 7:38pm to discuss salaries of Classified Staff and Administration. Motion carried (5y-0n).
Roll Call:
AYES: Morphey-Rapp, Akins, Plunkett, Hauser, Robinson
NAYS: None
- Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to exit Exempt Session at 8:54pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).
Roll Call:
AYES: Morphey-Rapp, Akins, Plunkett, Hauser, Robinson
NAYS: None
- M. Personnel:** Akins moved, seconded by Rapp, to approve a 3.25% increase in salary for Classified staff which includes, para-professionals, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, and cooks, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve a 3.25% increase in salary for Administration, which includes principals, the superintendent, and business manager/board secretary, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve resignations from Dan Samson as HS assistant football coach; from Ryan Travis as HS assistant football coach; from Sydnee Rose as secondary special ed teacher, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Akins moved, seconded by Rapp, to approve a contract for Bryce Hubert as HS assistant baseball coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

N. Closed Session *as allowed by Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(i), To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.*

Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve entering into closed session to evaluate the Superintendent at 8:56pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve exiting closed session at 9:25pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Roll Call:

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

NAYS: None

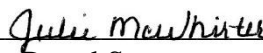
VII. Adjournment: Akins moved, seconded by Plunkett adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried (5y-0n).

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



Board President

5/20/2026
Date



Board Secretary

5/20/2026
Date