

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 20, 2026  
6P.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

**I. Call to Order:** President Robinson called the May meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**II. Approval of Agenda:** Akins moved, seconded by Rapp, 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 167,538.36, minutes of the April 15, 2026 regular board meeting, and the transfer of a \$30 balance in the dormant “Class of 2025” sub-account to the general activities sub-account, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**IV. Correspondence:** Thank you to Chad Birkenholtz and Outdoor Images for his generous labor and product donation for the lawn on the south side of the building. We celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8th. We want to recognize all of our staff for the important work they do for our community. On behalf of the entire district, admin thanked the Baxter Board of Education for their ongoing commitment to serving the Baxter Community.

**V. Public Forum:** Sue Atkinson shared more information.

**VI. Business Items:**

**A. Principals’ Reports:** Each month, principals, Zach Hasselbrink and Clay Harrold, share activities during the past month.

Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the out of state cross-country team bonding trip to Wisconsin Aug 3-6 to run trails, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**B. 2026-27 28E Agreements:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the 2026-27 28E Agreements, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**C. 2026-27 Gas and Diesel Bids:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the 2026-27 gas and diesel bid from Key Coop, as presented. New Century FS also submitted gas and fuel bids. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**D. 2026-27 Bread and Milk Bids:** Akins moved, seconded by Morphey-Rapp, to approve the 2026-27 bread bid from Pan O Gold; and the ‘escalator-clause’ milk bid from Anderson Erickson Dairy, as recommended. Martin Brothers also submitted bids. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**E. 2026-27 Student Fees:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the 2026-27 Student Fees as recommended. Registration fees will increase \$10 and continue to include the student activity pass; a \$ .10 increase to elementary lunches to bring the cost equal to secondary lunches; and a \$10 increase to the daily sub teacher pay to bring in line with surrounding districts, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**F. Schedule B Addition, Adding a Stipend for Dual Credit Course Teaching:** Hauser moved, seconded by Plunkett to approve the addition of a *1% of Base Salary/course/semester* stipend to the Schedule B in the Master Contract for teachers with a Master’s degree who teach a dual enrollment course, as recommended. Currently, DMAACC serves that need at a cost to the district. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**G. Board Policy Code: 503.09 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to table this item to the June board meeting to further process the proposed changes, as requested.

**H. Open Enrollment:** Akins moved, seconded by Plunkett, to approve open enrollment in applications from Jessica Kacena for her daughter, River, from West Marshall CSD, and from Collin and Lindsey Petruczenko, for their son, Thaddeus, from Ankeny CSD, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve an open enrollment out application from Destiny Shipp for her son, Angelo Gonzalez-Nuñez to attend Bondurant-Farrar CSD, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

**I. Grounds, Facilities, & Transportation:** The renovation of the restroom in the Voc Ag building is complete and the Ag department has been busy cleaning and organizing that space. We intend to fix any roof issues this summer as well as replace the classroom ceiling before moving onto any additional renovations.


**J. Personnel:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve resignations from Chad Worthington as assistant MS baseball coach; from Stacia Vansice as junior class sponsor; from Amanda Moorman as junior class sponsor and HS student council sponsor; from Kristin Culp as assistant HS volleyball coach and assistant girls track coach, as recommended.

Hauser moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve contracts for Heather Estrella as secondary special education teacher; for Elizabeth Doane as elementary teacher; for Tom Handorf as assistant cross country coach; for Dana Bucklin and Kay Wing as co-head’s HS volleyball coaches, pending proper certification, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

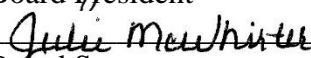
**K. Superintendent’s Report:** Teaching staff will receive professional development on AI (Artificial Intelligence) as it relates to them, as teachers, and also, as it relates to the students. Mr Petersen updated board members on the latest legislative decisions which includes the property tax reform and the impact it will have on the district’s SAVE (Secure an Advanced Vision for Education) revenue; the allowance of 8<sup>th</sup> graders to play HS sports; and limiting elementary “screen time” to 60 minutes/day and 40 minutes of physical activity daily. Mr. Petersen reflected on the 4-day school week, noting that two objectives were to maintain and attract viable teachers. As this year ends, the district had one teacher opening, as opposed to approximately ten each year in previous years. For that one position, the district received in excess of 30 applications as opposed to none or few applicants in previous years. Overall, the 4 day school week has been a great success with initial student test scores steady or increasing.

**VII. Adjournment:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

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

  
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