

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2026
6P.M.**

PRESENT: President Cory Robinson, Zach Morphew-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:

I. Call to Order: President Robinson called the August meeting to order at 6:00 P.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: Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$494,061.96 and minutes of the July 15, 2026 regular board meeting, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

IV. Correspondence: None.

V. Public Forum: None.

VI. Business Items:

- A. Principals' Reports:** Mr. Hasselbrink and Mr Harrold gave brief reports on elementary and secondary activities.
- B. Approve 2024-25 District Audit:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the 2024-25 District Audit, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- C. Approve Safety Plan:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the District Safety Plan as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- D. Review Board Policies 700's-900's:** This is the district's annual policy review. The review of policies is generally on a three-year rotation. Board members will review these policies for any updates, revisions, deletions, additions, etc. necessary due to law changes or the policy service provider's (IASB) recommendations. This month's review will serve as the first reading of two.
- E. Approve Board Policy Code 605.04, Technology and Instructional Materials and Exhibit:** Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to forego the second reading and approve Board Policy code 605.04, Technology and Instructional Materials and Exhibit, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- F. Approve revised Board Policy Code 503.11, Disruptive Behavior, and Regulation 1; and Approve the addition of Regulation 2:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to forego a second reading and approve the revised Board Policy code 503.11, Disruptive Behavior, and Regulation 1, and approve Regulation 2, as recommended, to reflect updates in Iowa law. Motion carried (5y-0n).

- G. DDSDP:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the revised District Developed Service Delivery Plan (DDSDP), as recommended. The district is required to review, revise and approve the plan every five years or as revisions are needed. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- H. Facilities, Grounds, and Transportation:** Elevate Roofers will recoat the Voc Ag building classroom roof in the coming days. Mr Petersen and administration thanked and commended the custodial staff on the completion of the summer projects, cleaning and waxing floors, and cleaning and painting classrooms and common spaces in preparation of the new school year.
- I. Open Enrollment:** Hauser moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve open enrollment in applications from Stephanie Bresnahan for her son, Robert John Grafton, III, from West Marshall CSD; from Mindy Johnson for her son, Kyler, after a recent move into the Newton school district from Nebraska; from Amanda Taylor for her daughter, Gemma, from Newton school district; from Kelbi Stanton for her children, Kyler and Trinity, after a recent move into Collins-Maxwell school district from South Hardin school district, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve open enrollment out applications from Samantha Murphy for her daughter, Kiana Boriboun, to continue attending Newton after a recent move into Baxter CSD; and from Jeanice Stratton for her son, Harlan Jack Stratton, to transition to CAM CSD (online school), as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- J. Personnel:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve Justin Smith as a volunteer assistant HS football coach and Chad Maxwell as assistant HS football coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).
- K. Superintendent's Report:** Mr Petersen shared pre-service activities with the board, reminding them of the open house set for Thursday evening, Aug 20. With increasing enrollment, he informed the board of the potential requirement to return to 11-man football. While having increased enrollment is very beneficial for the district, returning to 11-man football format does present some logistical and physical challenges that will need addressing. Mr. Petersen and board members thanked fellow board member, Alyssa Plunkett on the success of receiving the Jasper Community Foundation grant in which she applied to help with the purchase of a new sound system for use by the fine arts groups. Mr. Petersen and board members also extended a thank you to Jasper Community Foundation for their great support. Mr. Petersen will plan to attend quarterly "Baxter Forward" envisioning meetings with various community leaders.

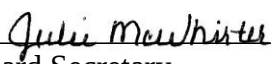
VII. Adjournment: Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:51pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

The regular August board meeting minutes will be presented for approval at the regular September board meeting.



Board President

9/16/2026
Date



Board Secretary

9/16/2026
Date