

**BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
6P.M.**

PRESENT: President Cory Robinson, Zach Morphew-Rapp, Tyler Akins, Ray Hauser, Elementary Principal, Zach Hasselbrink, Secondary Principal, Clay Harrold, Superintendent, Chris Petersen, and Board Secretary, Julie McWhirter. Board member, Alyssa Plunkett was absent due to a prior commitment.

OTHERS PRESENT: No one.

I. Call to Order: President Robinson called the September 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 (4y-0n).

III. Approval of Consent Items: Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve the payment of bills totaling \$233,532.56 and minutes of the August 19, 2026 regular board meeting, as presented. Motion carried (4y-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. 2025-26 NUTRITION REPORT: Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the 2025-26 Nutrition Report, as presented. Motion carried (4y-0n).

C. APPROVE REQUEST FOR ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2025-26 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT: Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the request for allowable growth and supplemental aid from the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee), for **(\$9,002.19)** for the 2025-26 school year due to the special education deficit, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

This deficit is a result of additional instructional and transportation requirements for 1:1 students.

Roll Call: Yeas: Morphew-Rapp, Akins, Hauser, Robinson

Nays: None

Absent: Alyssa Plunkett

D. Review and Approve Board Policies 700's-900's: Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to waive the second reading, and approve the addition of Board Policy 701.05: Fiscal Management, and Regulation 701.05-R(1): Fiscal Management-Financial Metrics; and approve the second reading, and revisions of board policy codes 700's through 900's, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).

- E. APPROVAL OF DISTRICT LAW FIRM:** Hauser moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., as the official district law firm for 2026-27, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- F. 2026-27 BCSD PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PLAN:** Administration updated board members on the district's professional learning plan, and shared feedback regarding full day professional development rather than a few hours per day.
- G. OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve an open enrollment in application from Kayla Mason for her daughter, Savannah, after a recent move from SE Polk school district to Ankeny school district, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- H. PERSONNEL:** Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve a resignation from Lilie Vansice as assistant MS girls' basketball coach, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- I. FACILITIES, GROUNDS, AND TRANSPORTATION:** Superintendent, Chris Petersen shared an update on the current boiler issues we are having and the possibility of equipment breakdown insurance with EMC Insurance covering the costs. He indicated that administration has been looking into the next phase of adding air conditioning to the east gym. During the 2020 secondary building project, workers installed infrastructure for the future installment of air conditioning.
- J. BCSD EQUITY PLAN:** Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the district's Equity Plan, as recommended. Motion carried (4y-0n).
- K. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Petersen will meet with professional groups to learn about creating a district promotional video. Administration think capitalizing on the current community "momentum" and the anticipated global manufacturing company factory to come to a neighboring suburb could benefit the district and community. Mr. Petersen shared some information about the backpack program and collaborating it with a food pantry of sorts, to help district families in need. Administration anticipate the need to purchase a new lawn mower to replace the six-year-old mower. Mr. Petersen updated board members about the board/district goals, how they tie into the district performance profile; and recommended setting those goals at the October board meeting. He also shared the dates in November of the annual IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards) convention, indicating we may want to move the date of our regular board meeting as they currently coincide on the same week.

VII. Adjournment: Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

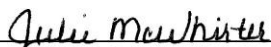
The board secretary will present the regular September board meeting minutes for approval at the regular October board meeting.



Board President

10/21/2026

Date



Board Secretary

10/21/2026

Date