BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2026
6P.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: No one.

I. Call to Order: President Robinson called the October 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 $174,359.13 and minutes of the September 16, 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, via email, gave brief reports on elementary and secondary activities.

B. 2026-27 DISTRICT ENROLLMENT: Superintendent Petersen updated board members on the official district certified enrollment numbers. He was very happy to report that certified enrollment, which is resident students, is up eleven; and served is up 19. The majority of district in Iowa are reporting declining enrollments. District leaders are very pleased with the apparent trend of increasing enrollment in our district.

C. REVIEW BOARD POLICY CODE 505.08: PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT DISTRICT-WIDE POLICY: As required, board members reviewed the Parent and Family Engagement District-Wide Policy. There were no revisions to the policy.

D. UPDATE BOARD POLICY CODE 505.05: GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve waiving the second reading and the revisions as required by law to Board Policy Code 505.05: Graduation Requirements. Motion carried (5y-0n).

E. UPDATE BOARD POLICY 604.05: RELIGIOUS-BASED EXCLUSION FROM A SCHOOL PROGRAM: Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve waiving the second reading and the revisions, as required by law, to Board Policy Code 604.05: Religious-Based Exclusion from a School Program. Motion carried (5y-0n).

F. PARTICIPATION IN IOWA DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM: Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve the continued participation in the Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program for 2027, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

G. APPROVE RADON PLAN AND TEST SCHEDULE: Hauser moved, seconded by Plunkett, to approve the Radon Plan and Test Schedule, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

H. APPROVE 2026-27 BOARD GOALS: Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the 2026-27 board goals, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

I. SIAC COMMITTEE: Morphew-Rapp moved, seconded by Plunkett, to approve the following members of the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC): community member, Nancy Foreman; students Kaitlyn Engle and Piper Redman; district parents Lindsey Bethards, Jerrica Mortensen, and Adrianne Young; staff members and district parents Travis Dee, Wyatt Eide, Jill Halter, Nicole Kiefer, and Casey O'Roake; and board members Tyler Akins and Ray Hauser, as presented. Motion carried (5y-0n).

J. OPEN ENROLLMENT: Morphew-Rapp moved, seconded by Akins, to approve an open enrollment out application from Jeanice Stratton for her son, Noah, to attend CAM CSD, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

K. FACILITIES, GROUNDS, & TRANSPORTATION: Mr Petersen updated board members on a small repair to the ridge cap on the multipurpose building.

L. PERSONNEL: Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp, to approve a resignation from Nicole Burdess as MS dance/drill team sponsor/coach, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

Hauser moved, seconded by Akins, to approve the following contracts for Tagen Douma as head MS girls' basketball coach; Nathan Liston as assistant MS girls' basketball coach; Kristy Dee as assistant HS girls' track coach; and Paula Boike as MS dance/drill team sponsor/coach, pending proper licensure, as recommended. Motion carried (5y-0n).

M. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: The regular November board meeting has been moved to one day earlier than normal to Tuesday, November 17, at 6pm due to the annual IASB convention and report filing deadlines the same week.
Mr Petersen reminded board members of the annual Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) convention will be held on November 19. Nelsen Media Company wrapped up filming of a public relations video for the district. The district will publish the video on its website and social media channels. The new wrestling mats were installed at the multipurpose room, which was paid for by a grant award from Hudl and the sale of the previous wrestling mat. Mr Petersen explained the new IASB legislative and public policy platform. October is National Principals Month. Mr Petersen thanked Mr Hasselbrink and Mr Harrold for their continued work and commitment to the district. He also shared tentative changes in upcoming dates with board members: March regular board meeting, March 24th due to Spring Break and budget filing requirements; and the annual board work session dates scheduled for March 1st and 3rd.

Akins moved, seconded by Hauser, to approve the end of season HS volleyball banquet to be held on Sunday, November 1, as requested. Motion carried (5y-0n).

VII. Adjournment: Akins moved, seconded by Morphew-Rapp to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm. Motion carried (5y-0n).

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

Board President — Date: 11/17/2026

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