

REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2019

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Baker School Board was called to order by Chairperson Gye Varner at 6pm in the Boardroom of Baker High School. Trustees Mike Gunderson, Johnna Koenig, Klint Flint and Quentin Burdick were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Skogen, Principals Bo Lingle and David Breitbart, Vice-Principal Jacob Gion, District Clerk Jennifer Mettler, Technology Director Scott Anderson, and Head Custodian Mardi Brown. Guests were Darby Waldbillig, County Commissioner Deb Ranum, Kim Lesh, Josi Hadley, and Tim Robinson.

Consent Items:

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 55577 to 55654. There being no objections, Chairperson Varner approves the consent items as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EDUCATION REPORT

Mr. Skogen informed the trustees of the purpose of the Education Report added to the agenda. Every month a teacher, students, club/organization and/or department will present to the board. The goal is to allow our teachers to share current content their students are learning, vision/goals for their department, present student success/achievements, upcoming projects, etc. No board action.

ACTION ITEMS

TRANSPORTATION REPORT – SPARTAN BUS LINES

Mr. John Geving, owner Spartan Bus Lines, stated he had been approached by Commissioner Deb Ranum about a stop for a family to make a safer turnaround. Commissioner Ranum added she would like to resolve the bus stop for the family and the County would make a safe turnaround for the Huft family if the bus service would use it. Trustees stated this issue was addressed last year but the stop was deemed unsafe for the bus and students so they moved the pickup to a safer area. Mr. Skogen added his concern would be opening the District up to accommodating everyone on the route and always building more bus turnarounds. Commissioner Ranum inquired what needs to be done to get on the Transportation meeting agenda to make sure the accommodations are being met and heard. Mr. Skogen stated when a change request is made, they contact the school, confirmation is made with the bus contractor and routes are then approved at the May board meeting and presented to the County Transportation Committee after that in June. Johnna Koenig state she would like more clarification and the benefit to make another stop when the two stops are very close together as it is currently.

Discussion followed.

No board action is required at this time.

John Geving leaves the meeting.

GRANT WRITING POLICY BP5220 – 2ND READING

Mr. Skogen presents to the board BP5220 for 2nd reading. The policy is as follows:

Grant Writing

Educational programs are dependent on adequate funding and the proper management of those funds. As trustee of local, state, and federal grants allocated for use in public education, the Board is responsible to see that funds from grant money are used to achieve intended purposes.

Because of resource limitations, grant funding may be necessary to implement and sustain various educational programs.

School District personnel must have prior approval from the Board to pursue grant writing and funding at local, state, and federal levels. Staff interested in applying for specific grants must first receive approval from their building principal. After the intent to apply has been approved by the building principal it must be submitted to the Superintendent. If the Superintendent approves, then it will be presented to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

Funding from any approved grants will be maintained and disbursed through the District Business Office.

Fee for Grant Writing

The Board of Trustees may choose to contract with an agency or individual and agree to pay a grant writing fee. The fee for grant writing may be paid out of the General Fund, Flexibility Fund, or Technology Fund, whichever is the most appropriate.

Any grant which allows the inclusion of the fee for grant writing will be included in the grant. If the grant is awarded, the grant writing fee will be paid from the grant.

An employee who is working full-time for the District, and has been assigned (or has volunteered for) the duties of grant writer, will not be eligible for additional pay for writing the grant.

Johnna Koenig moved to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policy 5220. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

CONTINENTAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Mr. Skogen informed the trustees Continental Grant applications are due September 30th and pursuant to BP5220 just approved, the staff member wishing to apply for grants must receive Board approval, following the approval of the Building Principal and Superintendent. Mrs. Josi Hadley and Mrs. Kim Lesh present their grant proposal ideas to the trustees. Mrs. Hadley will be applying for Robotics in the Classroom and Mrs. Lesh will be applying to update the libraries at Lincoln and Longfellow schools – books and some flexible seating.

Johnna Koenig moved to approve each of the presented requests to apply for the Continental Grant Program. Quentin Burdick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Josi Hadley leaves the meeting.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST

The principals present to the trustees a list of substitute teachers for the 2019-20 school year. The list is as follows:

Joe Epley	Bob Curry	Traci Bruha
LaDonna Freimark	Lola Fried	Pat Ehret
Heather Havens	Mary Havens	Seth Kendall
Karlene Kloetzke	Brittany Geving	Kathy Frye
Ashlee Moore	Patti Morris	Shantel Sander
Jan Rustad	Mary Lou Ryden	Carrie Schwartz
Josh Stieg	Jamie Holliday	Katelynn Afrank
Lesley Gray	DeAnna Herbst	Tana Taylor
Angel Wyrwas	Ashley Wiedmeyer	Whitney Billingsley
Alicia Miller	Jalynn Dyke	Venessa Pulver

Quentin Burdick moved to approve the substitute teacher list as presented for the 2019-20 school year. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

EXTRACURRICULAR RESIGNATION – JH BOYS BASKETBALL

Mr. Breitbach presents to the trustees the resignation from Junior High Boys Basketball coach Kallie Benter. Mr. Breitbach stated he will bring a recommendation at a later time.

Quentin Burdick moved to accept the extracurricular resignation of Kallie Benter as the JH Boys Basketball Coach for the 2019-20 school year. Clint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

Mrs. Mettler presented to the board a transportation contract for LeRoy Tronstad; they are farther than 3 miles from the nearest bus stop.

Johnna Koenig moved to approve the individual transportation contract as presented for the 2019-20 school year. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Mettler stated no applicants were received this year for the alumni scholarship. No board action

STRATEGIC PLANNING – MTSBA

Mr. Skogen presents to the trustees a proposal to contract MTSBA to create a district strategic plan. Discussion followed.

Johnna Koenig moved to approve the contract with MTSBA for Strategic Planning services. Quentin Burdick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. COMPLEX – DARBY WALDBILLIG

There will be many closures during home sporting events and starting to plan some activities in the complex for the Fall and Winter seasons.

2. MAINTENANCE – MARDI BROWN

Absent and nothing to report at this time.

3. TECHNOLOGY – SCOTT ANDERSON

Activity cameras at the football field and Longfellow gym are installed and working!

4. PRINCIPALS

a. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, BO LINGLE

Back to School night was a success and starting testing cycles with Dibels and MAPs.

b. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, DAVID BREITBACH

Next month there will be a request from Wibaux High School for a Wrestling Coop for 1 student. Linda Rost won Teacher of the Year and was presented with the award this month by State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen so a big congratulations to her.

c. VICE PRINCIPAL, JACOB GION

Freshman Impact will be September 18th in Bowman again this year and the week of Sept 30th will be Homecoming Week.

5. SUPERINTENDENT, AARON SKOGEN

The Facebook page for the District is coming along; when posts are made can only restrict comments to groups, but when it is done live then comments can't be restricted; so the page is a work in progress and the intention of the page is for informational purposes only. Johhna Koenig is in favor of the facebook page; Quentin Burdick not necessarily in favor but is willing to try; Gye Varner stated doesn't want negative toward students or staff but willing to try it out as well. Mr. Skogen and Mr. Anderson will pursue and go live with the page very soon.

Allied Plumbing provided a quote for work to replace some drinking fountains and retrofit others to install the drink stations District-wide. The approximate cost would be \$12,000; trustees agree with the project and allow Mr. Skogen to pursue the project.

A letter from the City of Baker was received for the water on the street by the northeast corner of the football field but Mr. Skogen told them it needs to be more detailed before the District will look into the issue and commission an engineer to look into it.

The paraprofessional position had four applicants and interviewed and a recommendation for hire will be made by next month.

Next scheduled board meeting is October 14, 2019 at 6 pm.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Clerk

Chairman