

REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 2020

6:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Baker School Board was called to order by Vice Chairperson Johnna Koenig at 6pm in the Boardroom of Baker High School. Trustees Klint Flint, Quentin Burdick, and Mike Gunderson (virtually) were in attendance; Gye Varner was absent. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Skogen, Principals Bo Lingle and David Breitbach, Vice-Principal Jacob Gion, District Clerk Jennifer Mettler, Technology Director Scott Anderson, and Head Custodian Mardi Brown was absent. Guests were (joined the meeting via Google Meet) Dena Kirschten, Linda Rost, and Pam Beach.

Consent Items:

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 56547 to 56596 were review and approved. There being no objections, Vice-Chairperson Koenig approves the consent items as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

STEM GRANT – LINDA ROST

Mrs. Rost presents her request to apply for the AAUW grant. The grant would be to help with costs for work at Baker Lake over the summer for grades K-8 girls. Any and all equipment bought with the grant will be property of Baker Schools when it is done and she is also asking to use the lab equipment in her classroom as well during the summer.

Quentin Burdick moved to approve the request from Mrs. Linda Rost to apply for the AAUW grant program. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

SUMMER PROJECTS

Mr. Skogen stated the Facility Committee met before the board meeting to confirm recommendations for summer projects. One summer project will be to update the playground surfaces at both Lincoln and Longfellow Schools; both would be updated to all-weather turf and shade at Lincoln School. Due to the cost being estimated over the \$80,000 threshold, bids will have to be advertised for the project and accepted at next month's board meeting. Other projects: Hellas Construction has been contacted to come and evaluate the turf on the football field and they will come April/May; main office flooring in the high school and then start to look at doing a flooring rotation for the classrooms in the high school to update; desks are being looked into for grades 7-12 and the elementary but once costs and design are finalized it will be brought to the Facilities Committee for review.

Discussion followed.

Klint Flint moved to approve the recommended summer projects as presented, which may include the District soliciting bids for the elementary playgrounds. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

OIL & GAS ALLOCATION

Mrs. Mettler presented to the board the 2nd quarter of 2020 oil and gas allocation; the revenue this quarter is \$199,446.46. Discussion followed.

Quentin Burdick moved to reallocate the oil and gas revenue on or about November 1, 2020 to the General Fund in the amount of \$199,446.46, reserving the right to reallocate the future payments when received.

Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

BEA INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board the BEA's intent to negotiate this year as the contract expires at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Board agrees to wait until December to assign board members to negotiate and to set a time for the groundrules meeting as well. No board action required.

REPORTS

COMPLEX

October was another relatively quiet month. We saw a small increase in people coming in daily as the weather turned and they were unable to run/walk outside. We've been doing everything we can to ensure the gym is frequently sanitized and cleaned.

We did have some additional closures in late October and early November due to a large number of quarantined staff. The lifeguards that were still able to work were incredibly flexible and thus far have worked relatively well with minimal supervision.

Our locker room project is moving along-- as I have not been in, I don't know where things are sitting with this project and will leave it to Mr. Skogen or Mardi to provide an update on it.

October Complex Usage

I'm missing a few days, but usage was as follows:

Weight/Cardio: 326 (476 in 2019)

Pool: 79 (248 in 2019)

Pool was closed 16 days in October 2020 due to locker room project & athletics

Upcoming Staff Meetings/Updates

I will be having a staff meeting with all lifeguards (splitting them into two groups to reduce size & contact) on the 13th and 14th of this month to discuss expectations and guidelines while I am on maternity leave. I do have a few staff I will have to meet with individually, as they will still be in quarantine. A lifeguard and Complex schedule for December will be completed by or around the 14th of November.

MAINTENANCE

Nothing much to report but almost back to full staff after quarantine periods.

TECHNOLOGY

Nothing to report at this time

PRINCIPALS

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, BO LINGLE

Parent-Teacher conferences went well this year and all the teachers conducted their meetings with parents virtually on the phone and a big thank you to Mr. Anderson getting those set up.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, DAVID BREITBACH

The Fall Concert was held a couple of weeks ago and had it set up to spread out the crowd and it worked well so hopefully we can continue to have concerts this year. Speech and Drama will be held completely virtually this year and basketball and wrestling will start in December.

HIGH SCHOOL VICE-PRINCIPAL, JACOB GION

Not much to report but as quarantine has hit our District and the teachers, students and substitute teachers have been doing a great job through it all.

SUPERINTENDENT, AARON SKOGEN

Projects update: storm drain is currently delayed due to City workers getting quarantined and other ground issues; the complex lockers are moving along and a lot of tile has been laid; unit vents installation will start on November 16th.

Spectator guidelines will be discussed amongst administration in the next month and brought to the board for final approval as we get closer to having basketball games; guidelines will be on next month's agenda.

COVID update: 14 active cases (7 new today of which 5 are students and 2 staff) and 70 students in quarantine and 8 staff in quarantine and several are coming back this week.

Next scheduled meeting: December 14, 2020 at 6pm

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Clerk

Chairman