

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

June 24, 2021

12:00 PM

The special meeting of the Baker School Board was called to order by Chairperson Gye Varner at 12:00 pm in the Boardroom of Baker High School. Trustees Johnna Koenig, Mike Gunderson, Quentin Burdick and Klint Flint were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Skogen, Vice Principal/AD Bo Lingle, and District Clerk Jennifer Mettler. No guests were present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

CERTIFIED TEACHER HIRE

Mr. Skogen presents to the board the recommendation for hire for the 2021-22 school year. The open position is currently the 3rd grade with the approved leave of absence of Mrs. Wang and Mrs. Patti Morris has applied and she was the lone applicant. Administration is recommending to hire Mrs. Morris for the leave of absence position in the 3rd grade.

Quentin Burdick moved to hire Patti Morris as a certified teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICY ADOPTION-1ST READING

Mr. Skogen presents to the board recommendation of board policies for 1st reading. Board Policy 8411 is required to ensure the district complies with water testing requirements that now govern schools and school water systems. Board Policy 2050 is required to outline specifics as they relate to offsite instruction. We are no longer offering offsite instruction, however, potentially due to extenuating circumstances the school board, in accordance with HB 246, must ensure educational services are provided to students as outlined in their IEP and/or 504 Plan. Chairperson Varner states as it is 1st reading they will read through and requests this on next month's agenda for 2nd reading and adoption.

BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

Mr. Skogen presents to the board policy revisions by the MTSBA; some are required and some are recommendations. The recommended changes to the 1900 policy series coincide with the District's Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan. It is recommended to also let the State of Emergency to expire but keep Board Policy 1907 which allows local districts to declare a state of emergency if it comes to that point

Johnna Koenig moved to approve changes to board policies 3310, 3311, 3413, 3416, 3417, 4315, 4332, 5223, 5325, 8200, 190, 1903, 1905, and 1906 as presented. Quentin Burdick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICY SUSPENSION

Mr. Skogen presents to the board his recommendation to suspend some COVID related policies. Board Policy 1904, 1908, 1908F, 1909, and 1910 are no longer needed as we continue to lift more and more restrictions.

Klint Flint moved to suspend board policies 1904, 1908, 1908F, 1909, and 1910. Johnna Koenig seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF SAFETY PLAN

Mr. Skogen presents to the board the District's Safety Plan in order to access ESSER Federal Funds. The plan will be made available to the public this afternoon and it will be reviewed at every board meeting for the next couple of years.

Mike Gunderson moved to approve the Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan as presented. Johnna Koenig seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK & SALARY SCHEDULE

Mr. Skogen presented to the board the administrative handbook and salary schedule for adoption. The administrative team have a few benefits that differ from the CBA and this handbook outlines those differences and sets the administrative pay scale when/if the time comes to hire new administration.

Discussion followed.

In addition to the administrative handbook, contract increases for Mrs. Mardi Brown and Mrs. Jennifer Mettler were discussed; board would like to see some comparisons with head of maintenance and business manager pay scales across other schools.

Klint Flint moved to approve the 2021-24 administrative salary benefits plan and handbooks as presented and head of maintenance a \$.50/hr raise and business manager \$.55/hr raise. Johnna Koenig seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, meeting adjourns at 12:58 pm.

Clerk

Chairman