

REGULAR MEETING

December 14, 2020

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 Klint Flint, Quentin Burdick, Johnna Koenig and Mike Gunderson were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Skogen, Principals Bo Lingle and David Breitbach, District Clerk Jennifer Mettler, Technology Director Scott Anderson, and Head Custodian Mardi Brown: Vice-Principal Jacob Gion was absent. No guests in attendance.

Consent Items:

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 56597 to 56658 were review and approved. There being no objections, Chairperson Varner approves the consent items as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

BID APPROVAL – ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUNDS

Mr. Skogen presented to the board the bid from the elementary playground project. The District received one (1) bid from GameTime-Great Western Recreation for a total of \$327,505.20; the building committee met and reviewed the bid and recommend approving the bid and moving on with the contract for services planned for this summer.

Johnna Koenig moved to accept the bid as presented from GameTime-Great Western Recreation for the playground projects at Lincoln Elementary and Longfellow Elementary. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ATHLETIC SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

Administration presents to the board the spectator guidelines that were presented to the Fallon County Health Board on November 19, 2020 and these are the revised guidelines based on their input and analyzing gym capacities.

Baker Public Schools

Spectator Guidelines for Home Events

The Baker School District is committed to providing a safe environment for our athletes, coaches, event workers and spectators. We are consulting with the Fallon County Health Department and implementing strategies to mitigate the potential risk of COVID-19 at our school activities. These measures are being taken to address the possibility of COVID-19 in our school system and preventing further spread. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate through these tumultuous times.

BHS and Fallon County Health Board will implement any of the following scenarios for BHS hosted events. BHS officials will notify visiting team officials, local radio stations and post on the Baker Public Schools website and Facebook page 48 hours in advance of the event as to which scenario is in effect for each particular event.

Scenario 1

- Only participants, coaches, and event staff will be allowed at the contest
- No cheerleaders or Pep Band
- No concessions will be available
- Parents and fans are encouraged to watch the activity on the NFHS network
- **HS gym—Wrestling—80 or 11% / BBall Stack—180 or 23 % // B Ball-Gender—100 or 14 %**

Scenario 2

- Baker High School sports specific athletes will receive two (2) home activity admittance passes—passes must be presented to a ticket taker before you are allowed to enter
- **No visiting spectators** will be allowed into the activity (visiting schools will be allowed four (4) administrative passes)
 - No cheerleaders at indoor events
 - No Pep Band

- Masks are required for all spectators and must be worn for the duration of the event, and it is recommended that they sit as a family in a pod practicing social distancing from other spectators
- No concessions will be available
 - Family members that are health compromised, over the age of 65, or are exhibiting Covid-19 related symptoms are asked to stay home but encouraged to watch the activity on the NFHS network • **HS gym—Wrestling—120 or 15% / BBall Stack—280 or 36 % // B Ball-Gender—150 or 19 %**

Scenario 3

- Baker High School sports specific athletes will receive three (3) home activity admittance passes—passes must be presented to a ticket taker before you are allowed to enter
- All BHS (7-12) students & BPS staff will be allowed into the activity (90 fans)
- Visiting schools will be allowed **two (2) spectator passes per player & coach (60 fans)** • Visiting names for admittance will need to be sent to the Baker High School Activities Director by noon on game day.
- Visiting schools and their respective spectators will be assigned seating away from the in-district seating • No concessions will be available
- No general rush admittance tickets will be sold
- Activity passes will NOT be honored (except for BHS (7-12) students)
- BHS Cheerleaders will be allowed (40 – counting parent passes)
- Pep Band may be allowed – (BHS/County Health will decide on weekly basis)
 - Family members that are health compromised, over the age of 65, or are exhibiting Covid-19 related symptoms are asked to stay home but encouraged to watch the activity on the NFHS network • **HS gym—Wrestling—180 or 23 % / BBall Stack—390 or 50 % // B Ball-Gender—250 or 35 %**

Scenario 4

- Baker High School sports specific athletes will receive four (4) home activity admittance passes—passes must be presented to a ticket taker before you are allowed to enter
 - o Wrestling 60--Basketball 120--Basketball Stacked 200
- All BHS (7-12) students & BPS staff will be allowed into the activity (90 fans)
 - **100 general rush admittance** tickets will be available to Fallon County residents – 1st come basis o **Activity Passes will be honored and count toward the 100 general rush admittance o Does not include student activity passes as all BHS (7-12) students are allowed to attend**
- Visiting schools will be allowed two (2). Visiting names for admittance will need to be sent to the Baker High School Activities Director by noon on game day. (65/130 fans)
- Visiting schools and their respective spectators will be assigned seating away from the in-district seating • Concessions may be available (BHS/County Health will decide on a weekly basis)
 - Pep Band may be allowed to play (BHS/County Health will decide on weekly basis) (45 fans) • Family members that are health compromised, over the age of 65, or are exhibiting Covid-19 related symptoms are asked to stay home but encouraged to watch the activity on the NFHS network • **HS gym—Wrestling—300 or 45 % / BBall Stack—550 or 70 % // B Ball-Gender—420 or 54 %**

Scenario 5

- No Restrictions
- Activities will be on the NFHS Network

All Fans Must Adhere to the Following under Scenarios— 1 - 4

- **All spectators/attendees will be required to wear a face mask/face covering for the duration of the event per the Governor’s directive.**
- Drinking fountains will not be available – bottled water filtration stations will be available • All Players, coaches, team personnel, game officials and essential workers will adhere to MHSAs sports specific directives for each event.
- Passes provided to each individual player, depending on the scenario may be specific to one (1) gymnasium. o In scenarios 2-4 BHS may limit home admittance for specific gyms (ex. boys C & JV @ Longfellow--those passes not good for HS gym) this would be for the purpose of lowering attendance numbers based on the activity.

Discussion followed. Mr. Skogen stated the scenario for the event will be posted at least 48 hours before to give the public best notice.

Johnna Koenig moved to approve the winter spectator guidelines for Baker Public Schools as presented. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

Mrs. Mettler presented to the board a list of obsolete equipment; since new desks have been purchased, old desks need to be disposed or sold due to shortage of storage. There are currently about 338 desks to be sold and will be advertised online and in the newspaper; a reasonable price will be priced for the desks and it is recommended to price each desk at \$20. Discussion followed.

Quentin Burdick moved to sell the obsolete desks as presented and set all desks at a price of \$20/desk or best offer to the general public. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

MTSBA DUES REVENUE ESTIMATE

Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA) presented to all member districts a dues revenue estimate for the upcoming year and per the Bylaws, member districts must vote on whether to increase dues. Discussion followed.

Quentin Burdick moved to approve the MTSBA dues increase as presented. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

COMPLEX

Mrs. Waldbillig submitted a report:

I don't have much to report on this month as I was in quarantine until the 12th of November and started Maternity Leave the 18th of November. Mardi, Jen, and Mr. Skogen have been keeping tabs on the Complex and lifeguards for me over the last month. I know there have been a few issues, but overall it seems things are going relatively well.

The pool re-opened on December 7th as our locker room renovation has been completed. From the few people I've talked to, they are very impressed and grateful for the improvements.

I do not have a usage report for the month of November as I have not been in the office to compile that data, but will put it in my January report.

I am planning on a slow return to work beginning with a few hours next week to put together a January lifeguard schedule as well as compile the December money deposit. I will likely not be cleared for a full return with no restrictions until mid-January. I do not have a firm official return date, but have let Mardi & Mr. Skogen know I am happy to come in and work from home as needed and as I can.

As you know, we would normally run a membership special in December. However, due to our Covid closures, most memberships will expire in March, so I will plan to run a special closer to the bulk of our membership expiration dates.

Beyond that, I will let Mr. Skogen, Mardi, and Jen fill in the blanks as needed!

MAINTENANCE

Preparing for desk delivery before the end of the year and making room for it all.

TECHNOLOGY

Viewboards are starting to come in and have started getting quotes for surface tablets. Those tablets would replace the desktop units for all the teachers to make them more mobile for online teaching.

PRINCIPALS

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, BO LINGLE

Concert week – high school tomorrow and Lincoln Elementary Thursday at 10am and Longfellow at 6:30pm. Christmas activities will stay the same as every year, but doing everything by grade level to keep the groups small.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, DAVID BREITBACH

Basketball schedule is complete and, on the website, and wrestling still has one more date to schedule before being complete. Middle school boys' basketball has 8 games on the schedule and will need another coach; Mr. Gion will coach and approval will be on next month's agenda. Speech and drama will be virtual this season, as did BPA Regionals.

HIGH SCHOOL VICE-PRINCIPAL, JACOB GION

Absent

SUPERINTENDENT, AARON SKOGEN

Resignation was accepted from Ronnie Gorder, Custodian, and will advertise for the position starting tomorrow. Facilities meeting met today before the board meeting and have approved moving forward with carpet in the offices and classroom flooring for the summer project lists. The Budget Finance Committee will be meeting tomorrow at 1:00pm.

Other Reports:

Trustee election: candidate filing now through March 25, 2021 and only 1 position up.

Negotiation Committee: set a date and time to meet with BEA to set groundrules. Committee is Johnna Koenig and Klint Flint and Gye Varner as alternate. Groundrules proposal from the board is to meet December 21st at 5:30pm.

Next scheduled meeting: January 12, 2021 at 6pm

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Clerk

Chairman