

## REGULAR MEETING

January 12, 2021

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 Johnna Koenig, Mike Gunderson, and Klint Flint were in attendance; Quentin Burdick was absent. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Skogen, Principals Bo Lingle and David Breitbach, Vice-Principal Jacob Gion, and District Clerk Jennifer Mettler, and Head Custodian Mardi Brown; Technology Director Scott Anderson was absent. Guests were Dena Kirschten and Darby Waldbillig.

### **Consent Items:**

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 56659 to 56726 were reviewed and approved. There being no objections, Chairperson Varner approves the consent items as presented.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **EDUCATION REPORT**

Mrs. Dena Kirschten presented her education report to the board and explained how she is teaching in our current pandemic state. Board thanks Mrs. Kirschten and she leaves the meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR HIRE**

Mr. Breitbach presented to the board his recommendation for hiring Mr. Jacob Gion for middle school boys basketball coach. He added next month would be a recommendation for hire for the middle school wrestling coach; just waiting to finalize the season and coach commitment. Johnna Koenig moved to hire Jacob Gion for the middle school boys basketball coach for the 2021 season. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

#### **CUSTODIAL HIRE**

Mr. Skogen stated seven (7) applications for custodian were received and interviews were conducted with four (4) of the applicants; Chad Nielsen is being recommended for hire by the hiring committee. Johnna Koenig moved to hire Mr. Chad Nielsen for the position of full-time custodian, pending background check and ability to successfully pass a pre-employment physical. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Varner moved agenda item "Superintendent Evaluation" to the end of the meeting and will finish with reports so others in attendance may leave.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **1. COMPLEX**

As expected, we have seen a slight increase in membership sales and complex usage within the last couple weeks. I will run our traditional holiday membership sale in February to align with the expiration dates of a bulk of our memberships.

I returned to work part time this week and will be in the office daily from 3-6/7pm for the time being, in addition to coming in as the kids need for pool management. From my understanding, there were a few hiccups along the way while I was out, but overall things ran relatively smoothly. Thanks to Mr. Skogen, Jen, and Mardi for stepping in where needed!

#### **COMPLEX USAGE**

November 2020

Weight/Cardio Room: 314

Pool: CLOSED

December 2020

Weight/Cardio Room: 487

Pool: 268

Pool closed: Dec 1-6, 24-26, 31

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Hiring: we will need to hire a significant number of Lifeguards this year, as 4 of our current guards will be graduating. With four graduating, that only puts us with 5 for the upcoming year- 10 to 11 would be ideal. I will start putting this information together and get application information put out to students within the next few weeks, with training to be held in April/May. I do have a few contacts that would be willing to come and do lifeguard training here- I will start reaching out to them to try to solidify a date.

## UPCOMING DATES

January 18th: No school, pool open 6-8am & 1-6pm

January 28th: Basketball vs. Bowman, complex closed in afternoon

January 29th: Basketball vs. Lodge Grass, complex closed in afternoon

February 2nd: Basketball vs. Bowman, complex closed in afternoon

February 12th: Basketball vs. Lane Deer, complex closed in afternoon

### 2. MAINTENANCE

Just starting to plan for the summer projects.

### 3. TECHNOLOGY

Absent

### 4. PRINCIPALS

#### a. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, BO LINGLE

Food drive will be January 25-28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. World Read Aloud day is Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and plan to have some high school kids come and read to the elementary kids and kindergarten registration has been planned and scheduled.

#### b. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, DAVID BREITBACH

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester is Friday and no school on Monday; MHSA will have their annual meeting virtually this year and the 3B meeting will be virtual as well. Parents night for basketball games will be when each team plays Bowman home and wrestling parents night will be when they have a home duel with Sidney.

#### c. VICE PRINCIPAL, JACOB GION

Speech & Drama competed virtually all year and did well. ASVAB, test taken by the juniors, got high recommendations as they had the highest score in the State.

### 5. SUPERINTENDENT, AARON SKOGEN

Phone system will be replaced by Mid-Rivers starting June 1<sup>st</sup> and Facilities and Finance committees need to schedule meetings in February yet. Unit vent project is nearing completion; all but 3 units have been installed but are scheduled to finish up over the weekend. Summer projects scheduled for this summer:

Lincoln/Longfellow playgrounds, office carpet, classroom flooring, Lincoln hallway flooring, football turf maintenance by Hellas Construction and the new phone system. Next months board meeting has been requested to move later in the week for payroll and claims purposes; board agrees to move to Thursday, February 11, 2021.

## ACTION ITEMS

### SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Chairperson Varner calls for executive session to discuss the superintendent evaluation. All guests leave the meeting but the Superintendent and District Clerk.

Meeting closes at 6:28pm.

Meeting opened at 7:26pm.

Superintendent Skogen is in his first year of a 3 year contract with the District, no board action is required at this time.

Next scheduled board meeting is February 11, 2021 at 6 pm.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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Clerk

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Chairman