

REGULAR MEETING

February 15, 2022

7:00 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, Quentin Burdick, and Klint Flint were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Skogen, Principals Rob Nyby and Erin Nevers, Vice-Principal/AD Bo Lingle, District Clerk Jennifer Mettler, Technology Director Scott Anderson, and Head Custodian Mardi Brown. Guests were Bryan Nevers, John Nowak, Paul Schwartz, Cru Schwartz, BreElle Wacker, Sheila O'Connor, Steve Zachmann, Kredence Uecker, Jayden Hastig, Riley Williams, Quinn Griffith, Centre Coulter, Tegan Croy, Chad Griffith, Brandi Griffith, Mike Griffith, Allan Barth, Rory Lingle, Bryant O'Connor, Nathan Schallenberger, Jesse Brawley, Christopher Brawley, Jaren Lingle, Bryten Martin, Riley Davis, Amy Lingle, Jon Griffith, Brendan Reetz, and Maranda Hastig.

Consent Items:

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 57520 to 57599 were reviewed and approved. There being no objections, Chairperson Varner approves the consent items as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

BHS STUDENT PRESENTATION – BASEBALL

Students address the board to consider starting the baseball program with the new changes brought by MT High School Association. Also like to have the board consider allowing all students to be able to dually participate in spring sports all the time.

The board thanks the students for coming in and voicing their support for a baseball program.

EDUCATION REPORT

None

ACTION ITEMS

CERTIFIED HIRES

Mr. Skogen states interviews were conducted for the following positions; Industrial Arts, English and Mathematics. Based on the interviews conducted, the interview committee is recommending three (3) positions be offered those interviewees.

Klint Flint moved to hire Mr. Travis Santistevan for Industrial Arts, Miss Kolleen Gustad for English, and Mrs. Hailey Hann for Mathematics pending completion of a background check. Quentin Burdick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

HIGH PERFORMANCE FLOORS

Mr. Skogen states been working with High Performance Floors out of Lewistown, MT for a quote to refinish the gym floor this summer at Longfellow School; the quote is to refinish and repaint the floor. The quote is for \$79,485. Discussion followed.

Quentin Burdick moved to approve the quote from High Performance Floors for the work to be completed at Longfellow School as presented. Johnna Koenig seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION RESOLUTION

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board the call for election on May 3, 2022. Mrs. Mettler also requests approval to conduct this election by mail ballot due to low attendance at the polls and difficulty obtaining election judges; trustees agree to run mail ballot election. Resolution is as follows:

TRUSTEE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees for School District No. 12, Fallon County, State of Montana, will hold the Annual Regular School Election on Tuesday, 3rd day of May, 2022, which date is not less than seventy (70) days after the passage of this resolution.

The election will be conducted by **mail ballot** election. Voting will end at 8:00 pm on Election Day. The designated place of deposit will be located at Baker Public Schools Boardroom, 1015 S 3rd St W, Baker, MT.

The purpose of the election is to:

1. Elect **two (2)** trustees for a three-year term, or as otherwise designated.
2. Approval of additional levies to operate and maintain Baker Public Schools for the 2022-23 school year.

If it is later determined that any portion of the election is not required, the Board of Trustees authorizes Jennifer Mettler, election administrator, to cancel that portion of the election in accordance with **13-1-304** and **20-3-313 MCA**.

Three electors of this district who are qualified to vote at such election are hereby appointed to act as judges of the election: Elaine Stanhope, Candace Mettler, and Therese Thompson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of this school district is hereby directed to notify the above named election judges of their appointment and to notify the county election administrator of the date of holding said election, and request the clerk to close regular registration and to prepare and furnish election materials as required by law. If any of these judges should not be able to serve, the election administrator will choose a replacement from certified judges.

No further proceedings were conducted relating to the election.

Gye Varner
Printed Name of Board Chairperson

Signature of Board Chairperson

Jennifer Mettler
Printed Name of District Clerk

Signature of District Clerk

Johnna Koenig moved to adopt the resolution as presented for election set for May 3, 2022. Mike Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

OIL & GAS REVENUE

Mrs. Mettler presented to the board the 3rd quarter 2021 oil and gas revenue. The revenue this quarter was \$779,928.55 and is recommended to be deposited in the Flexibility Fund. Discussion followed.

Johnna Koenig moved to reallocate the oil and gas revenue on or about February 1, 2022 to the Flex Fund in the amount of \$779,928.55, reserving the right to reallocate the future payments when received. Quentin Burdick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOLS & CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

Mr. Skogen stated no changes to the plan this month.

REPORTS:

1. COMPLEX, Bryan Nevers

10/13/21 - 2/15/22

MEMBERSHIPS SOLD:	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
FAMILY	4	0	1	7	7
INDIVIDUAL	8	17	17	9	8
SENIOR	1	5	4	2	6
KEY FOBs	4	5	4	8	7
LOCKERS	0	0	0	0	2
FACILITY USE:	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
SWIMMERS	263	345	151	145	245
WEIGHT/CARDIO	395	649	428	521	652

I'll be taking Hallie, Eve, Jaren, Aiden and Mallory to Billings for WSI certification on March 10. Class will be March 11, 12 and 13 at Rocky Mountain College.

2. MAINTENANCE, Mardi Brown

Installers of the Lincoln playground shade units came and tightened the shades and gave me a demonstration on how to do the tightening myself. I purchased the necessary sockets and have them in storage at Lincoln for adjustments as needed.

Lane has replaced the motor for the heating for the Green house.

Tutt was on site to do the repairs to the 2 Longfellow gym hoops. If we have 1 more go out they will bring the necessary parts to do the remaining 4.

Johnson/Simplex did the yearly Fire and Sprinkler inspections for the District.

Mike Castro with Long was here to work on the programming for the AHU unit for Longfellow Gym. it will require new updates in order to function correctly.

The Deputy Fire Marshall was here also for the yearly walk through of all buildings. The report has 7 emergency lights that have bad battery backups that need to be replaced and 2 exit lights that are not functioning. The sprinkler risers had been inspected and he read the tag wrong so we are good on that. He caught us on a couple of things but they were handled right away.

Quad K has delivered the new battery operated scrubbers for BHS and Longfellow. They are a wonderful upgrade for my department and we plan on utilizing them to their full potential.

We have a leak on the Complex roof by the entrance. Thiel came and we have a puddle of water that has to dry up before that repair can be made.

Scaffolding that was borrowed from Direct Electric to assist in the screen replacement project at Longfellow has been returned. We will figure out how to get the old screen to the dump this summer.

3. **TECHNOLOGY, Scott Anderson**

Technology Committee Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, February 22 @ 3:30 PM

Mid-Rivers will be on-site Wednesday to pull wire and should have a new outdoor bell & Lincoln Multipurpose & Sped Room intercoms up by the end of the week, assuming equipment shows up as expected.

New Projector Screen is installed at Longfellow and should have new Microphones should be installed by graduation.

E-Sports being piloted with a handful of students. Enrolled in Overwatch & Rocket League Spring Season.

4. **PRINCIPALS**

a. **ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, Erin Nevers**

Attended Principals Conference in Bozeman with Mr. Nyby with many great breakout sessions and keynote speaker. Continuing with Fast Bridge and obtained great results and helping teachers know learning deficits/struggles due to COVID. Staff in-service elementary committees are K-6 ELA review, Student Handbook, Crisis Committee, and MTSS Planning & Implementation. Upcoming events is Missoula Children's Theatre and teacher in-service on March 16th.

b. **HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, Rob Nyby**

Invited to Mrs. Hoversland's class to watch some 3rd party campaigns and the kids did a great job. Continuing with curriculum mapping in the high school and next month department/small groups discussions will start since they are done with semester 1 of their maps. The only position left to be filled in the high school is Special Education.

c. **VICE PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, Bo Lingle**

Americanism Program was outstanding- Ms. Whiteman and Mrs. Hess did a wonderful job. FFA

Competed at Districts in Plevna- I will have results for you at the next Board Meeting.

Speech & Drama

Cayla Duke captured the State Championship in Serious Solo Wrestling

Baker took 6 boys and 4 girls to the State Tournament in Billings.

- Riley Davis- 2nd Place at 120 pounds

- Karissa Afrank- 4th Place at 120 pounds

Basketball

Girls will play tomorrow at 2:00 against Forsyth

Boys will play Thursday at 2:00 against the winner of Lame Deer vs St. Labre

JHBBB Season ended last week

Upcoming Events:

Missoula Children's Theater- February 21-26

Middle School Academic Olympics- Tuesday, March 8 in Miles City

High School Academic Olympics- Wednesday, March 9 in Miles City

7th & 8th Grade Music Festival- Thursday, March 10

Knights Ball- Friday, March 11 in Longfellow Gym- 6:30-8:00

State BPA- Sunday, March 13- Tuesday, March 15 in Billings

State FCCLA- March 17 & 18 in Bozeman

5. **SUPERINTENDENT, Aaron Skogen**

Finishing up federal reports as they are coming due this month and starting to work on next year's calendar.

Next scheduled board meeting is March 15, 2022 at 6 pm.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

 s/ Jennifer Mettler
Clerk

 s/ Gye Varner
Chairman