

# REGULAR MEETING

March 15, 2022

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, Quentin Burdick, and Klint Flint were in attendance; Trustee Mike Gunderson was absent. 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, Linda Rost and Sayge Barkley.

## Consent Items:

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 57600 to 57660 were reviewed and approved. There being no objections, Chairperson Varner approves the consent items as presented.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## EDUCATION REPORT – Science Fair Presentation

Sayge Barkley presents here presentation from her science research class; she competed this last week at the MT Tech Regional Science Fair where she earned a spot at the National competition in Albuquerque, NM

## ACTION ITEMS

### REQUEST TO TRAVEL TO NATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

Mr. Skogen presented to the board a request for advisor travel to the national science fair. Mrs. Rost is requesting to attend the National Science Fair Competition with Sayge Barkley; all of Sayge’s costs are covered and it is recommended to follow BP 7336 and reimburse Mrs. Rost for actual costs up to \$1750 for the trip.

Quentin Burdick moved to approve the request to allow Mrs. Linda Rost to attend the National Science Competition and that the district will reimburse her for expenses incurred as outlined in BP 7336. Johnna Koenig seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## 2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mr. Skogen presented to the board the 2022-23 school year calendar. The proposed calendar meets or exceeds all State and District time requirements of 180 student instructional days and 7 staff PIR days, which is 1085.6 hours (state requires 1080).

**Baker Public Schools – 2022-2023 Calendar**

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Klint Flint moved to approve the proposed calendar for the 2022-23 school year as presented. Johnna Koenig seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**CERTIFIED HIRE(S)**

Mr. Skogen stated he does not have a recommendation for hire at this time; no board action at this time.

**EXTRACURRICULAR HIRE(S)**

Mr. Skogen stated with the number of athletes going out for track this year, it is recommended to hire an additional coach, making it 4 high school track coaches hired for the season; recommendation would be to hire BreElle Wacker.

Johnna Koenig moved to hire BreElle Wacker for the position of high school assistant track coach for the 2021-22 track season. Quentin Burdick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS 2022-23**

Mr. Skogen presented to the board to renew all administrative contracts for the 2022-23 school year and follow the salary schedule as outlined in the administrative handbook. It is recommended to hire as follows: Mr. Rob Nyby, High School Principal, Mr. Bo Lingle, Vice Principal/Athletic Director, Mrs. Erin Nevers, Elementary Principal, and Mr. Scott Anderson, Technology Director; salaries as outlined in the handbook. Further recommend to hire Mrs. Mardi Brown as Head of Maintenance with salary to be determined at a later date.

Johnna Koenig moved to approve the issuing of the 2022-23 administrative contracts as presented. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**LIFEGUARD HIRES**

Bryan Nevers presented to the board some new lifeguard hires for the upcoming summer; he will be hosting lifeguard training as the kids pass their online courses. The following lifeguards are scheduled for training and upon completion would like to ask for permission to hire: Nathania Hester, Owen Stieg, Kane Olsen, and Lena Kennel.

Johnna Koenig moved to hire the lifeguards as listed upon completion and passage of lifeguard training. Quentin Burdick seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE NON VOTED LEVIES RESOLUTION**

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board the resolution required by law to increase or decrease nonvoted (permissive) levies for the ensuing budget year.

**BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT #12  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO INCREASE NONVOTED LEVIES  
March 15, 2022**

The Baker School District is committed to financial transparency; 20-9-116, MCA requires school districts to provide notice of its intent to increase non-voted levies in the ensuing fiscal year. As a result, the proposed notice contains projections (estimates) for all of the District's non-voted levy supported funds:

Fund	2021-22 Actual Levies		2022-23 Projections				Est. Annual Tax Impact \$100K home	Est. Annual Tax Impact \$200K home
	\$	Mils	\$	Mils	Change \$	Change Mils		
Transportation	\$ 354,152	9.17	\$ 371,867	10	\$ 17,715	0.46	\$ 0.62	\$ 1.24
Bus Depreciation	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Tuition	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Adult Ed	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
Flexibility	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 354,152</b>	<b>9.17</b>	<b>\$ 371,867</b>	<b>9.63</b>	<b>\$ 17,715</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>\$ 0.62</b>	<b>\$ 1.24</b>

This notice must also document the District's expected use of its Building Reserve State Major Maintenance levies and associated funding. As of the date of this notice, the District does not intend to levy money in the Building Reserve Fund due to sufficient cash reserves for the coming years projects.

These estimates are the District's best estimates at the current time. They are based on the current year's taxable value as required by 20-9-116, MCA. If the District's taxable value increases as expected, the mill and taxpayer cost increases will be less than presented here. These estimates are preliminary and changes are expected before the final budgets are set in August. Please contact the District Business Office at (406) 778-2577 or [mettlerj@baker.k12.mt.us](mailto:mettlerj@baker.k12.mt.us) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Quentin Burdick moved to approve the resolution as presented. Klint Flint seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOLS & CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN**

No changes to the plan at this time.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **1. COMPLEX, Bryan Nevers**

Took 5 lifeguards to Billings at Rocky Mountain College for WSI training on March 10-13; training went well and everyone passed. Looking at hosting the first session of swim lessons June 6<sup>th</sup>. Of the four people interested in working at the Rec Center this summer, one already has her lifeguard certification and he is ready to train the others as soon as they complete their online portion of the lifeguard and CPR/AED courses.

#### **2. MAINTENANCE, Mardi Brown**

Jeremy Fix with Firemans was on site 2/16 to replace the 7 batteries in the Emergency lights. Lunchroom and BHS gym received new Exit lights so all deficiencies have been corrected and reported to the Deputy Fire Marshall.

No school day 2/18 I did an inservice with Joey and Leida on operating the new scrubber for the gym. Joey Truillo has been with us for 6 months and all Staff and co-workers are pleased with his quality of work and attitude. I have given him the Boilers License books to start studying and have confidence in him to apply himself 100% to obtain that license.

Holmand Lock and Key was on site to do door repairs. We have 3 doors that we had to order new hardware for. He will be back when the new hardware comes in.

The Health and Safety inspector was here on March 8 and did a walk through of Longfellow and Lincoln. We had no serious violations.

The State Boiler inspector was here on March 10 and all boilers are in good working order.

#### **3. TECHNOLOGY, Scott Anderson**

Technology Committee met and now starting to get quotes back for next year's Chromebook, iPads, other tech that was discussed.

The plan is to purchase:

80 Chromebooks

50 iPads (2nd Grade)

5 Standard TV's with Mounts for classrooms with projectors & no View Board

6 Surface Tablets (New or Increase Staff, Spare to replace damaged ones, and to help setup a standard rotation to avoid needing to replace staff devices all at once.) - This bullet was listed after the committee met.

Other Notes

We plan on removing computers from Longfellow Computer Lab

Over the past three years, we have gone with the IBM Lenovo 14" Touch Screen Model. Unfortunately, we have had problems with the internal wifi card, the screen hinges are not holding up well, and they are not durable enough to survive students who treat them poorly. Dell only offers the 11" model, which could take more abuse, but we do get complaints over screen size. I am looking for another option, but trying to get into the same price range as our Dell's and IBM's (\$300-\$350) is a challenge.

Discussion Item

7-12 Staff has voiced a desire to consider moving back to classroom carts rather than take home devices.

When surveyed, it was practically a 50/50 split. We are looking at possible solutions to satisfy both sides, such as classroom carts, but having devices that can be checked out on a monthly basis from the library. No formal decision one way or the other has been made at this time.

Plan for Desktops from Auction

We still have a large number of desktops that have not sold at auction. I talked with Linda Rost about having a science research student doing a feasibility/e-recycle project using these machines. Breaking them down and recovering precious metals from the machines using chemicals and other processes to put a dollar amount to E-waste.

#### **4. PRINCIPALS**

##### **a. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL, Erin Never**

Lincoln Team - Shawna Heiser - March 10th & 11th

Mrs. Shelhamer, Mrs. Strandbakke, Mrs. MacKay, Mrs. Frye, Mrs. Wheeler and I attended a two day conference in Miles City with Shawna Heiser who is a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst out of Bozeman.

Teacher In-service - March 16th

Lincoln - Immediate implementation of skills and strategies from the conference with Shawna Heiser.

Longfellow - Elevate Science Professional Development

Presentation on China - Mrs. Morris - March 17th at 2:00 P.M. Longfellow Gym (3-6)

5th & 6th Band Festival - March 18th - Longfellow

Quarter 3 Ends - March 18<sup>th</sup>

Upcoming Events:

Kindergarten Registration at Lincoln March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Spring Testing for Longfellow & Lincoln schools

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

NAEP testing for 8<sup>th</sup> grade done by some ladies out of Miles City. MS & HS Academic Olympics, students competed well. Going to have some mental health speaker in the health classroom for a couple of weeks for grades 9-12 and do the incoming freshman next year. April 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a drug presentation for 5&6, 7&8, 9&10, and 11&12 grades all tailored to the grade levels.

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

BPA State (Billings)- Ended today (Mr. Anderson may have results at the meeting)

- 5th & 6th Grade Music Festival- Friday, March 18

- Pre-Music Festival Concert- Monday, March 28

- Baker Jam Basketball Tournament- April 2 & 3 at Longfellow and High School

- ACT Test for Juniors- Tuesday, April 5

- National Honor Society Induction- Wednesday, April 6 @ 11:45

- High School Music Festival (Glendive)- Friday, April 8 & Saturday, April 9

- Close Up trip to Washington DC- Saturday, April 9 through Saturday, April 16

- Easter Break- Out of School at 1:29 on Thursday, April 14 (No School Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18)

**5. SUPERINTENDENT, Aaron Skogen**

There will be a change to the admin schedules; Mr. Lingle is going to stay at Longfellow school until about 11:30am each morning. Baseball discussion – at this time only 8 schools have committed to having baseball next year; Glasgow, Miles City, Sidney or Glendive have not adopted baseball as of right now for next year. So it looks like in our region, schools have not committed to having baseball in the school next year.

Current openings: Special Education and Elementary; this Thursday have an interview scheduled for the Agriculture job. Resignations accepted from Mrs. Carleen Susa, Paraprofessional, Mr. Tieler Soumas, Ag Teacher and Mr. Aaron Skogen, HS Basketball Coach.

Next scheduled board meeting is April 12, 2022 at 6 pm.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

*s/ Jennifer Mettler*

Clerk

*s/ Gye Turner*

Chairman