SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2024
12:00 PM

The special meeting of the Baker School Board was called to order by Chairperson Klint Flint at 12:02 pm in the Boardroom of Baker High School. Trustees Karen Wang, Jay Quenzer, Dalon Dyke and Cody Strandbakke were in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Aaron Skogen, and District Clerk Jennifer Mettler. Guests John Geving, and Missy Thielen were present.

CERTIFIED CONTRACT(S) CONSIDERATIONS(S)
Mr. Skogen presented to the board a recommendation for hire. Miss BreElle Wacker was interviewed for the Elementary Vice Principal position and she has accepted the position for the 2024-25 school year. This position is a certified position and Miss Wacker is being offered her 4th contract with the District, which is her tenured contract, thus making her a tenured employee upon acceptance of this position. Jay Quenzer moved to hire Miss BreElle Wacker as the Elementary Vice Principal for the 2024-25 school year. Dalon Dyke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

BUS CONTRACT – BID AWARD
Mr. Skogen presented to the board for bus bids for the upcoming school year. Two bids were received, Spartan Bus Lines and TNT Diversified LLC. The law requires the bid of this size to bid out upon expiration of the current contract. Mrs. Thielen reads a statement that an email from Superintendent Skogen on Friday, March 15, 2024 stating the committee made the decision to award the bus bid to Spartan Bus Lines even though it was at substantial cost to the District. Mr. Skogen adds there in not anything in the law that requires the District to accept the bid based on cost. Mrs. Thielen inquired to the board if there was anything else that made the Board choose the contract with Spartan Bus Lines because TNT Diversified met all the specifications of the bid. Mr. Flint stated Spartan Bus Lines did as well so both contracts were the same in that aspect. Mr. Skogen added it was not an easy decision, the committee met multiple times and also called each bidder to discuss their bids before making the recommendation to the board today. Discussion followed.
Karen Wang moved to award the bus contract to Spartan Bus Lines, LLC for 2024-2029. Cody Strandbakke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Mr. Skogen stated a meeting with Facilities and Budget Committee will have a meeting coming up to discuss the following: graphic designs for gym floor have been updated; drop down basketball hoop will be installed after Baker Jam; gym padding has been received but will be installed last as the high school gym gets remodeled; a revised bid for the drop down divider at Longfellow has been given as well; a bid for coaches shower room remodel; an updated quote for front yard sign has been given as well so the committee can meet on all topics. Allied Plumbing has come up with a sewer main line repair at the kitchen at Longfellow; it is disintegrating and estimated at $72,000 to repair. The committee will meet and report back to the board at a later time.

There being no other business, meeting adjourns at 12:21 pm.

s/ Jenifer Mettler
Clerk

s/ Klint Flint
Chairman