

REGULAR MEETING

September 11, 2024

6:00 PM

The regular meeting of the Baker School Board was called to order by Chairperson Karen Wang at 6pm in the Boardroom of Baker High School. Trustees Dalon Dyke, Cody Strandbakke, Jodi Varner and Jay Quenzer were in attendance. Also present were Principals Dom Vergara and Erin Nevers, Associate Principal/AD Bill Brist, Associate Elementary Principal BreElle Wacker, District Clerk Jennifer Mettler, Technology Director Scott Anderson, and Head Custodian Jason Cornwell; Superintendent Aaron Skogen was absent. Guests were Amanda Tunby, Pam Beach, Rebecca LaCroix, Jeremy Schallenberger.

Consent Items:

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 59522 to 59571 were reviewed and approved. There being no objections, Chairperson Wang approves the consent items as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

EDUCATION REPORT

None at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

2024-25 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CONSIDERATIONS

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board the list of current substitutes:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST 2024-2

Michelle Bear	Jeff Hastig	Traci Bruha (secretary)
Heather Havens	Lola Fried	Lisa Herbst
Seth Kendall	Alison Enos	Brittany Follmer
Kristin Ehret	Shye Coulter	Lindsey Thompson
Ashlee Moore	Shantel Sander	JoDee Pratt
Carrie Schwartz	Robin Menger	Randi Selle
Josh Stieg	DeAnna Herbst	Alissa Miller
Patti Morris	Amanda Rost	Stacey Teter
Janalee Ferrell	Cameron Wolenetz	Ande Malmin
Lorin Buerkle	Kayleigh Straub	Shianne Beach
April Hensley (custodial)		James Parks
AllieRae Stotts		
Hallie Flint(seasonal)	Mya Hadley(seasonal)	Walker Hadley(seasonal)

Jay Quenzer moved to approve the substitute teacher lists as presented for the 2024-25 school year. Dalon Dyke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS

Mrs. Mettler presented to the board the student attendance agreements as follows:

The attendance agreements on the agenda tonight are:
23 student that live in Baker that wish to attend Plevna Public Schools

Student ID	District of Residence	District of Choice
635176590	707877148	Baker
421793931	653593809	Plevna
672172592	472091647	
864397263	727821218	
312387899	378513343	
294322045	121777606	
443555020	625397286	
536169900	702315351	
528098484	559617994	
637468330	668484872	
489600091	567221507	
321816427		

Jodi Varner moved to approve the student attendance agreements for the 2024-25 school year as presented. Cody Strandbakke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONSIDERATION

Mrs. Mettler presented to the board a recommendation for award of the Alumni Scholarship. Miss Alex Williams, Junior at MT Tech in Butte has applied for the scholarship and qualifies. Jay Quenzer moved to award the Alumni Scholarship to Miss Alex Williams in the amount of \$500. Cody Strandbakke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

DISPOSAL OF RECORDS REQUEST

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board a list of documents to dispose as of the end of the year. Cody Strandbakke moved to approve the request to authorize record disposal as presented. Dalon Dyke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOLS & CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN

No changes at this time.

REPORTS:

1. COMPLEX

Currently looking for a manager and nothing to report.

2. MAINTENANCE, Jason Cornwell

Starting out the new school year so it is an adjustment of work schedules but continue to get the facility ready for all home events. Like to thank Jim Reetz of Thee Body Shop – they painted all the metal spartan figures and getting those put up around the property.

3. TECHNOLOGY, Scott Anderson

Nothing to update.

4. PRINCIPALS

a. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS, Erin Nevers & BreElle Wacker

Accolades: Thank you to all our staff for their tremendous patience and flexibility as we navigated the challenges of finalizing our schedule. We're pleased to announce that it's now complete, and we sincerely appreciate the commitment and adaptability of our teachers and paraprofessionals throughout this process. Thank you to Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Benter, Mrs. Shellhamer, Mrs. Dukart, Mrs. Tunby and Mrs. Varner for mentoring and guiding our new teachers.

We sincerely thank Mrs. Frye, Mr. Anderson, and Mrs. Morris for their exceptional dedication and additional time invested in the FastBridge Screening. This new assessment for grades 3-6, which replaces MAPS, required significant effort. We also appreciate the flexibility and perseverance of all classroom teachers in completing this process. Thank you for your commitment and hard work.

Thank you to Miss Melissa Rost at the museum for hosting a fabulous "Friday Club" last week.

District Assessments: FastBridge - Universal screening tool for grades K-6, identifies academic strengths and struggles and helps map a course of intervention for individual students.

Kindergarten - Finished - Thank you, Mrs. Morris!

1st Grade - Finished- Thank you, Mrs. Morris!

2nd Grade - 6th Grade- Nearly finished–Wrapping up 9/12. Thank you, classroom teachers!

Homecoming - 3-6 is holding a poster contest. The winner of each grade level will earn a \$5 gift certificate to the concessions stand! Thank you, Mrs. Mettler, for making that possible!

Dress Up Days: Monday–Formal Day; Tuesday–Pajama/Twin; Wednesday–Class Color ;Thursday–Maroon & Gold

High School Spartan athletes will welcome Longfellow and Lincoln students tomorrow morning at 7:55 and 8:10 as they arrive at school. We thank the teachers and coaches whose support has made this event successful.

Friday Clubs : The Friday Clubs aim to enhance student engagement and attendance on early-release Fridays, align teacher preparation time, and foster enrichment opportunities through a structured and collaborative framework. They are a strategic response to optimizing scheduling, incorporating enrichment activities, and streamlining teacher collaboration.

9/6/24–We had our first "Friday Clubs". The Friday Clubs were held from 12:10 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. on Fridays, replacing the usual specials classes. This initiative leveraged the involvement of community members, specials teachers, paraprofessionals, and school leadership, including Mrs. Nevers and myself. Specials teachers offered intervention support in the mornings, effectively utilizing their time and enhancing instructional support.

Students had a variety of "Clubs" to sign up for, and some options will be different each Friday! The possibilities for the past Friday Club were: Soccer, Beach Volleyball, Museum Activity, Crocheting, Ladder Golf, watercolor painting, General Art, Board Games, Drawing, Bucket Drumming, Sign Language, and Drama. Grades 1-6 (Kindergarten are going to be kept together for the first couple of Clubs) had the opportunity to sign up for the activity that they desired. Each activity had a cap of 22 students.

Following the successful launch of our inaugural "Friday Club," we received substantial positive feedback from classroom teachers, club hosts, and participating students. It was particularly gratifying to observe the collaboration among different age groups and witness the leadership skills of our older students. We are enthusiastic about continuing this initiative and eagerly anticipate our next Club event on Friday, September 27th.

Attendance - Currently, we have 9 (13) students with three or more absences. We are following the policy outlined in the elementary handbook, sending notices home, and calling when students are absent for five or more days.

b. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, Dom Vergara

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Lingle for their invaluable support in preparing for this school year. The teacher packets they assembled were incredibly helpful and included all the requested materials. Additionally, I want to recognize our custodial staff for their hard work in ensuring our school looked pristine for the start of the year.

We recently have addressed and/or focused on the various topics below:

23-24 Kick-Off School Year Presentations

Staff (See attachment), Student Body (See attachment)

Vision Team Goals 24-25 (See attachment)

Finalized 5th & 6th Grade AAU Youth Football Schedule

4 Foreign Exchange Students – Spartan Media Facebook Page (Mrs. Frank)

Supervision:

Online classes – 19 Student Enrolled (College Algebra, College Writing, Spanish, and Nursing)

Student Advisory Council (Locks on bathroom stalls, decorate evergreen tree in front of school during the winter months, and flower boxes in front of the high school in the spring).

Recent Events/Upcoming Meetings:

JH/HS Open House Night (August 22nd - 4:30-6:30 pm)

MASSP Board Meeting

Region V Director (Southeastern Montana, Secondary School Principals)

Goal Setting Meetings with staff (Start of the teacher evaluation process, 1 on 1 Meetings)

Spartans of the Month Program (September)

IEP Meetings

Preparing for a busy homecoming week (9/9-9/14)

Controlling the narrative - Sharing all of the positive and amazing stories taking place in our schools
Rock Gullickson (Retired MSU/NFL Strength and Conditioning Coach – Making a stop in Baker in November)

October 3rd Assembly – Kris Menard will be presenting to grades 7-12 on vaping prevention.

Pre-ETS Visit by Mrs. Battin (Program Director) – October 9th

c. ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, Bill Brist

Fall Sports: The High School Football team has completed two football games thus far. Their overall record sits at 1-1 with their recent win at Wolf Point (28-14). Next up is their homecoming game against Joliet on Friday, Sept. 13. HS Volleyball Teams (C, JV and Varsity) are all 2-0 during the regular season. The Varsity team opened their season with their participation in the Columbus Tournament were the defeated the Huntley Project team in Match play.

The Cross Country teams have competed in two meets. The opener was in Bowman and more recently in Hardin. At Hardin the new MS team had the opportunity to race for the first time this season. MS Football and Volleyball teams will open their season on Saturday, Sept. 14. The MS Football team traveling to Bowman to participate in 3 games as part of a Jamboree, while the MS Volleyball teams will head to Glendive to play a pair of 7th and a pair of 8th grade matches.

The Cheer Squad has participated in all home games for both Football and Volleyball and has performed at all of the homecoming events.

Homecoming Activities: Coronation was held on Monday morning at a school assembly at 9 am
Spirit Night began at 7pm in the HS gym with an assembly recognizing the sport teams, the MS and HS classes, and also several skits by groups of students and parents. Homecoming Parade will be at 3 PM on Friday, followed by the Bank of Baker Tailgate at 5 PM and the HS Football game at 7 PM. The HS Volleyball team will play Colstrip for their homecoming games beginning at noon. The varsity matches are scheduled for 3 PM.

FFA: The Baker FFA Chapter began their school year by attending the District Leadership School in Jordan on Sept.4th.

5. SUPERINTENDENT, Aaron Skogen

Absent but submitted a report as follows:

Current Openings

HS Mathematics

Business

Industrial Arts

Complex Manager

Elementary Paraprofessional

Lunch Aide

Resignation(s): Mrs. DeAnna Herbst – Part-time Cook

Advanced Math:

College Algebra

Credit (½ or full)

Upcoming Meetings:

Professional Development, 9.4.24

BEA, 9.12.24

IEFA, 9.16.24

CTE, 9.17.24

4-Day School Week, 9.18.24

Facilities Meeting TBA

District Volleyball Tournament, 9.25.24

Facilities Update: all the summer projects are finishing up with Landscaping, Gym and Parking Lots

Strategic Planning – 3rd Session

Available Dates in the Fall

Next scheduled board meeting is October 8, 2024 at 6 pm.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

s/ Jennifer Mettler

Clerk

s/ Karen Wang

Chairman