REGULAR MEETING
November 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 Superintendent Aaron Skogen, Principals Megan McKeighan and Kelli Carlson, Associate Elementary Principal Maranda Hastig, Associate Principal/AD Deryk Van Zee, District Clerk Jennifer Mettler, and Head of Maintenance Yvonne Skogen. Guest was Kristi Burns.

Consent Items:

The bills, investment report, activity account report, journal adjustments, and minutes were reviewed by the trustees; claim checks 61029 to 61099 were reviewed and approved. There being no objections, Chairperson Wang approves the consent items as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EDUCATION REPORT

None

ACTION ITEMS

CLASSIFIED HIRING CONSIDERATION(S)

Mr. Skogen presents to the board the following individuals to be hired for each stated position:
Mrs. Kate Wenz, Part-Time Paraprofessional, Mr. Bob Curry, Part-Time Paraprofessional & After School Club Director, and Ms. DeeAnna Hess, After School Program Aid.
Jodi Varner moved to hire the individuals as presented. Dalon Dyke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

EXTRACURRICULAR HIRING CONSIDERATION(S)

Mr. Van Zee presents to the board the recommendation to hire for the following positions:
Mr. Nick Brown, Middle School Wrestling Coach and Mrs. Sheila O'Connor, Middle School Advisor.
Jay Quenzer moved to hire the individuals as presented. Dalon Dyke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

BOARD POLICY 8600 – HOUSING REVISION CONSIDERATION

Mr. Skogen presented to the board the revisions to Board Policy 8600. It was discussed at the July board meeting to revise the language to reduce the years an administrator can stay in the District housing from 5 years to 3 years max.
Dalon Dyke moved to approve the revisions to BP8600 Housing Policy as presented. Cody Strandbakke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS – PLEVNA

Mrs. Mettler presents to the board the student attendance agreements for the 2026-27 school year. The request is for 8 students that live in the Baker district and wish to attend Plevna School District.
Jodi Varner moved to approve the attendance contracts for the 2026-27 school years as presented. Dalon Dyke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS 2026-27

Mrs. Mettler presented to the board the additional individual transportation contracts for the 2026-27 school year: Kelsey DuCharme and Christa Chaska. Dalon Dyke moved to approve the individual contracts as presented. Cody Strandbakke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM PLEVNA – SPEECH & DRAMA COOPERATIVE

Mr. Van Zee presented to the board the cooperative agreement from Plevna Schools for Speech & Drama program. The cooperative would share costs as done in the past. Jodi Varner moved to approve the formation of a Speech & Drama cooperative with Plevna for the 2026-27 school year. Jay Quenzer seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER LIST 2026-27

Mr. Skogen presented to the board the list of

Traci Bruha (secretary)	Heather Harrison	Jacob LaCroix
Alison Enos	Samm Varner	Rose Heiser
Kelly Graham	Dena Kirschten	Brooklyn Miller
Jason Coulter	Shye Coulter	Lindsey Thompson
Ashlee Moore	Brandee Hester	Danielle Fisher
Stacey Teter	Allison Lindsey	Tucker Dargatz
Pam Beach	Robin Menger	Randi Selle
Karlene Kloetzke	Shianne Beach	Betty Jagiello(secretary)
Hallie Flint(seasonal)	Owen Stieg(seasonal)	Kayl Hadley (seasonal)
Kyal Hadley (seasonal)	Jasia Stieg (seasonal)	

Cody Strandbakke moved to approve the substitute teacher lists as presented for the 2026-27 school year. Jodi Varner seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Mrs. Mettler presented to the board the recommendations for Alumni Scholarship recipients. This year we have received three applicants (2 seniors & 1 junior). The candidates meet the qualifications of the scholarship and the fund has plenty of money to award this year. The applicants are Junior – Kaytlynn Gaub and Seniors – Owen Stieg & Hallie Flint.

Jay Quenzer moved to award $500 scholarships to each recipient as presented. Dalon Dyke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

OBSOLETE PROPERTY DISPOSAL

Mr. Skogen presented to the board the disposal list. The ad will be run for 2 weeks in the paper, on the website, and the public can call the main office for pickup.

Obsolete Property List – September 2026

Go Math Curriculum

Grade 1 Bundles (2 sets)

Grade 2 Bundle

Grade 3 Bundle (2 sets)

BHS

Large Black rolling chairs falling apart leaves a mess on the floor x 2

Grey rolling chair, doesn't work properly x 1

Black hairs, no wheels falling apart, leaves a mess all over the floor x 2

Brown chairs, no wheels, round base, metal back, no wheels, paint coming off- serve no purpose x 2

~~60's -70's yellow office style chair. Has been sitting vacant for years. Decent condition x1~~

Different color rolling office chairs smaller, used condition, older style x 3

1990's plastic rolling chair with arms, cracked back x 1

Blue rolling office chair, no arms, dirty/used condition x 1

Tall, black admin chair. Very worn arm rests, mild wear on the seat and back x 1

Bright, blue, rolling elementary style rolling chair. Good condition. Matches nothing x 1

Red/marron rolling chair, no arms older style, good condition x 1

Green heavy-duty chair with metal frame. Much older style. Heavy. Decent condition. X 3

Black and blue gaming style chair. Very heavy. Condition: falling apart on the seat and edges. Large chunks missing. Unsafe seat. X 1

Peach colored 1990's style plastic chair with metal frame. Frame is scratched. Condition is mild. X 1

Extra large grey rolling office chair. Falling apart in small areas. X 1

Grey and black large rolling office chair. Condition dirty/worn. (Needs DEEP Clean) x 1

Longfellow

Blue, rolling, office chair stained with white residue and seat falling apart x 1

Teal office chair, rolling, broken wheels x 1

Big black "leather" office chair falling apart worn condition makes a mess x 3

Black office chair, large missing wheel slightly worn seat, very worn arms x 1

Brocken tech cart

60's 70's yellow office chair with very worn condition, taped arms x 1

~~60's 70's yellow office chair in decent condition x 1~~

Black office chair with very worn seat (looks scratched or cut up x 1

Plastic 1990's chairs with metal frame decent condition, wheels, one green one white

~~Black office chairs with no arms older style decent condition, wheels, decent condition x 5~~

Bright blue office chair, no arms, decent condition x 1

Two very old warn chairs one blue one brown office chairs

One plastic blue slide stye student chair

Dalon Dyke moved to dispose of the obsolete equipment list as presented. Cody Strandbakke seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

1. **COMPLEX**

   Kristi Burns reports to the board on the usage of the complex.

2. **MAINTENANCE**

   Maintenance Projects and Contractor Support: Contractors were on campus to assist with several maintenance items. The stadium camera issue was addressed. Work was completed on the gearbox for the east basketball hoop in the gym. Sprinkler contractors mapped out plans for Longfellow and staff housing later in the year. BHS library lift and Longfellow freight lift inspections and maintenance were completed. The scoreboard was uncovered in preparation for the first football game of the year.

   Safety Readiness: Medical kits around the district have been restocked. AEDs have been tested and are being resupplied as needed. Many staff members completed CPR, AED, and First Aid training.

   Longfellow Boiler Work: Kirk has been installing the new boilers at Longfellow. This is important facility work as we move toward colder weather and continue preparing our buildings for seasonal needs.

   Accessibility Improvements: Handicap-accessible door buttons have been fully installed at the north door. Door buttons have also been installed at the ramp restroom. Power has been placed for the south door to support future button placement.

3. **PRINCIPALS**

   a. **ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS, Kelli Carlson & Maranda Hastig**

      Shout Out: We would like to take a moment to recognize our school secretaries. Thank you Kristin Ehret and LaCinda Huether for all you do each day! They take on an incredible number of tasks every day. Their flexibility, problem-solving, and constant support keep our schools running smoothly. We are grateful for their dedication, patience, and kindness. We could not do what we do without them.

      K-6 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. We will wrap up these assessments October 1.

      Attendance - Per our attendance policy letters will be sent home with midterm reports.

Quarter 1 & 3 Midterm: If a student has missed 2 or more total days, a letter will be sent home with their mid-term report card notifying parents/guardians of absences and the importance of their child's attendance.
Lunch with a Cop - Our 6th grade students have had the opportunity to have lunch with a cop already this year. This will continue on each Wednesday.
UPCOMING: Student of the Month Assembly, Wednesday, September 30th 8:05 - Longfellow 8:30 – Lincoln.

b. HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, Megan McKeighan

Completed Trainings and Events: School is well underway. A few new policies and changes have been really helpful. We have had many cell phone violations and we are still working on enforcing all bag and Chromebook case issues, but both policies have been a positive change. We have students socializing more in the hallways and we have less technology disruptions in classrooms. Our morning detention has been a success in curbing behaviors and addressing issues in a timely manner. Thank you to Mrs. Dahl for agreeing to come into school early to supervise these.
Our new SEL Program has also been successful, we have been able to check-in with students who need additional support, assign Social Emotional Activities to students, and keep a better pulse on student wellbeing across the district.
MAPS Testing will start on September 22nd. Thank you to Mrs. Burdick for organizing testing and ensuring all students complete this.
Upcoming Events and Initiatives: Mid-Terms September 17th, 2026
Homecoming Week Scheduled for October 5th–10th.

c. ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, Deryk Van Zee

Our volleyball team started the season with a tournament in Columbus on August 29th . They put themselves in the gold bracket based on their wins in pool play. They made it to the championship game which they ended up losing to Huntley Project. Their home opener was on September 1st against Bowman County, ND. All three teams were able to get wins that night. Colstrip came to town on September 5th and our varsity girls lost in a close one that went to 5 sets. On September 8th our girls traveled to St. Labre where they won in 3 sets. On Sept. 10th they traveled to Shepherd, both the C and JV teams lost in three sets. The varsity had another close one and ended up losing in 5 sets. Huntley Project came to town on the 14th of September. C squad lost in 5 sets, JV lost in 3 sets, and the Varsity won a close one in 5 sets.
Our football team is currently 2-1(1-0) and have wins against Columbus 20-14 and Roundup 50-7. The one loss is to Glasgow in a close one 27-20. We will host Shepherd on the 18th.
Our middle school team went to Bowman County on the 12th of September and competed against multiple teams at their jamboree. Yesterday we hosted a middle school and JV game against Bowman County, our middle school team one and the JV team lost.
Cross Country started the year off in Billings where multiple athletes prequalified for the state meet. The high school and middle school athletes then went to Hardin on the 4th of September and competed. On Thursday Sept 10th we hosted a meet here at lakeview country club and it was a success. There were around 140 athletes that competed that day. Their next meet will be in Broadus on the 18th of September.
Ms. McKeighan is going to be a volunteer coach for the HS/MS Cross Country Team.

4. SUPERINTENDENT, Aaron Skogen

Current Openings: 7-12 Science, Elementary Special Education, BPA Assistant Advisor, Yearbook Advisor.
Resignation(s): Mr. Tom Breitbach – 7-12 Science, Mrs. Marni Moberg – Special Education.
Accreditation Cycle: Southeast Region this Year, Comprehensive Needs Assessment, Data Entry.
Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC Report) is due this year.

Next scheduled board meeting is October 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

s/ Jennifer Mettler
Clerk

s/ Karen Wang
Chairman