

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007**  
**WIMBLEDON ND 58492**  
**SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING**  
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The meeting of the Barnes County North School Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Schwehr at 7:00 pm. A quorum of the Board was acknowledged. Board members present were Mike Schwehr, Bret Fehr, Michele Elston, Lori Carlson, Cindy Christianson, Brent Bruner, Chad Bakken and Robert Harstad. Board member absent was Lee Guscette. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Technology Coordinator Melissa Bitz, teacher representatives Brienne Foell and John Samuelson and Business Manager Amy Darby.

Mr. Severson thanked Mrs. Bollingberg and the Pep Band. He also thanked Bud and Dan for their hard work and dedication to keeping the grounds clear this winter. Mr. Severson commended the staff for their continued efforts to make BCN great. Mr. Severson read a thank you note from the archery team and congratulated the GRIT students for November & December.

Mr. Severson asked that Hunter Safety be added to New Business on the Agenda. Motion to approve the amended agenda. Bret Fehr, Rob Harstad. Unanimous approval.

Discussion held on several bills. Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of amended agenda, minutes from the regular board meeting on December 12, 2018 and the financial reports.) General Fund bills \$84,213.71 Building Fund bills \$7,839.71. Total of bills \$92,053.42. Bret Fehr, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** None

**Career & Tech Center Report:** The new ag teacher started January 2. All classes will be held at the Sheyenne Valley Area CTC. They are looking at additional course offerings for the ag program. Work continues on the combined school calendar. Career and Tech month is February. Litchville-Marion School voted to become a member of the Sheyenne Valley Area CTC. All approvals should be completed by this fall. The SVACTC now has four schools as members. Busing issues were discussed. Mr. Severson will visit with Bud Cruff about possible solutions/changes for this bus route.

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**Activities Director Report:** Girls basketball senior night will be Friday, February 1, 2019. Boys basketball senior night will be Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Mr. Severson listed all the tournament dates for the girls and boys' basketball teams. Mr. Severson will be attending an Athletic Director's meeting in Valley City on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. Discussion was held for possible busing needs for the softball team. Co-ops for other sports were also discussed.

**Technology Report:** Mrs. Bitz demonstrated the new J Touch screen. There is currently one in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade room and a second one on a movable cart that will be used in the high school wing. There may be more purchased in the future depending on their usage. They will replace the Active Boards in the classrooms.

Mrs. Bitz requested to amend the Acceptable Use Policy to say that administration will determine the disciplinary action due to misuse. Motion made to amend the policy to read administration will determine the disciplinary action due to misuse. Lori Carlson, Bret Fehr. Roll call vote as follows: Chad Bakken – yes, Rob Harstad – yes, Michele Elston – yes, Cindy Christianson – yes, Lori Carlson – yes, Mike Schwehr – no, Bret Fehr – yes. Motion carried. Upon further review by Mrs. Bitz, she found that this issue had already been resolved at the July 18, 2018 Annual Board Meeting as follows: "Motion made to amend the Acceptable Use policy to say that administration will determine the consequences for misuse and a line will be added for staff to sign off on this policy. Lori Carlson, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote."

The next engineering night will be Monday, January 28, 2019. Sixteen students are signed up from 12 families along with 17 parents. Schoology is now open to all parents. Mrs. Bitz created a YouTube video tutorial for parents.

**K-12 Principal Report:** The National Guard band performed at the school on January 9. All students in grades 7-12 passed in-house classes for Semester 1. The juniors and seniors will be traveling to the Sheyenne Valley Area CTC on January 24 for a tour. Mr. Wilson attended a Choice Ready workshop today. He reviewed the Choice Ready requirements and how they can be fulfilled. The goal is to have 100% of BCN's students Choice Ready by graduation.

**Curriculum Committee Report:** The committee reported that they will be reviewing possible new science curriculum. Mr. Wilson discussed and shared several sample schedules for the 2019-2020 school year. He also discussed the desire to increase the number of electives offered to students and what some of those electives might be. Graduation requirements were discussed as well as possible options for change.

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**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Severson will be attending the Mid-Winter Conference January 27-29, 2019.

**Old Business:** Board reorganization was discussed regarding removing the inner boundary lines in the district. Resolution made per NDCC 15.1-12-21, "by resolution, the board in a reorganized district may change to at large voting for school board members if there is a variance of more than ten percent in the population between any of the district's established geographic areas with resident candidates". Michele Elston, Rob Harstad. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Mr. Schwehr indicated that Sheyenne Valley Area CTC needs reference in our school board's minutes regarding the need for a full-time career counselor. Motion made to ask the Sheyenne Valley Career & Tech Center to hire a career counselor for Barnes County North for an additional three days per week. Lori Carlson, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**New Business:** Some board members may be attending the Negotiations Seminar February 7-8, 2019 sponsored by the NDSBA.

The Superintendent Evaluation will be reviewed at the March 13, 2019 Board meeting as it is due by March 15. Mr. Schwehr will be sending the evaluation form to all Board members for their completion.

Barnes County North will follow the new IRS mileage reimbursement rate which was effective January 1, 2019.

The February School Board meeting will be held at the Sheyenne Valley Area CTC with a dinner at 5:30 pm, tour at 6:00 pm and board meetings for all member schools at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Severson received a request from Kyle Beach to allow him to teach a Hunter Safety course at the school. Mr. Beach indicated there may be between 50-60 students. There will be no firearms used in this course and it will be during evening hours so there is no danger to the school. The Board's consensus was allow the Hunter Safety course to take place at Barnes County North in the evenings.

**Board Discussion:** Future teacher development days were discussed.

The Curriculum Committee will meet Thursday, January 24 at 3:30 pm in the Conference Room.

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The Policy Committee will meet Thursday, February 7 at 7 pm in the Conference Room.

Board adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Sheyenne Valley Area Career and Tech Center in Valley City.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Darby  
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr  
President