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BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007  
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The meeting of the Barnes County North School Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Schwehr at 7:49 pm. A quorum of the Board was acknowledged. Board members present were Mike Schwehr, Bret Fehr, Michele Elston, Lee Guscette, Cindy Christianson, Brent Bruner, Chad Bakken and Robert Harstad. Board member absent was Lori Carlson. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson, teacher representatives Jessica Jones and Mindy Tvedt and Business Manager Amy Darby.

Mr. Severson congratulated the January GRIT students. GRIT stands for Growth, Respect, Integrity and Teachability. Sixteen students were recognized. The Speech Team was also congratulated for their placings at the Marion Speech Meet. Three students placed in five different events.

Motion to approve the agenda. Bret Fehr, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of amended agenda, minutes from the regular board meeting on January 16, 2019 and the financial reports.) General Fund bills \$96,813.59 Building Fund bills \$270.00. Total of bills \$97,083.59. Bret Fehr, Rob Harstad. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** None

**Career & Tech Center Report:** There was a tour of the Center conducted prior to the meeting this evening. The Board will approve Litchville-Marion School joining the Center at their February 21, 2019 meeting. The approval will then be sent to the State Board for their action. The Board is considering several options with the construction program.

**Technology Report:** There has been positive response to the jTouch screens that will be replacing activboards. The technology committee recommended replacing 10 additional activboards before the 2019-2020 school year. There will be iPads that will need to be replaced prior to the 2019-2020 school year as well. The technology committee will recommend the application process for laptops for students in 9-12 and then decide how many new iPads will

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need to be purchased. Mrs. Bitz is trying out a new MDM software and will likely be moving to this new software. This will only be a change in vendor as the school currently has MDM software. The committee voted to not renew the offsite filtering license as this is not required by law.

**Activities Direct Report:** The schedule for the 2019-2020 girls' and boys' basketball has been completed.

**BCN Education Foundation:** The Education Foundation met with individuals in Valley City to discuss Access for All. Additional information will be provided and shared.

**Curriculum Report:** The committee will be watching a webinar February 21 for new science curriculum. There is still one vendor's product to review.

**Policy Report:** Policy issues will be discussed under New Business.

**K-12 Principal Report:** The North Dakota Honor Society induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019. Once the Honor Society members are inducted, they will be able to begin fundraising for future events.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Severson has visited with Faye Kopp from TFFR regarding possible negotiations issues. JLG has been contacted regarding possible new locker rooms.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The superintendent evaluation form was sent to all Board Members today. These will need to be completed and returned to Mike Schwehr by March 8.

Motion made to set the school board election date for June 4, 2019 in the Barnes County North Commons from 7 am to 7 pm. Michele Elston, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

A Request for Waiver for early outs for Professional Development for staff for the 2019-2020 school year has been submitted. HB1346 was approved by the House. This bill would change the minimum length of a school year from days to hours of instruction. Barnes County North has operated well above the minimum number of hours of instruction in a school year. The 2019-2020 school calendar is almost complete and will be ready for approval at the March Board Meeting.

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Motion made, pursuant to provisions of 15.1-16-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, as amended, the School Board of Barnes County North School District recognizes the Barnes County North Education Association as the appropriate negotiating unit. Michele Elston, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion made to amend the AAC Non-discrimination and Anti-harassment Policy to include Section 504, Title I and Title II. Cindy Christianson, Lee Guscette. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to approve the policy procedure of the Discrimination & Harassment Grievance Procedure. Chad Bakken, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

The first reading of the Sick Leave Bank Policy was held. Motion to approve the change of wording to be "Employees wishing to participate will be required to donate days once the Sick Leave Bank reaches 80 hours. Michele Elston, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous yes roll call vote. Second reading will take place at the March 13, 2019 Board Meeting.

**Board Discussion:** One thank you note was shared with the Board.

Board adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Darby  
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr  
President