

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007  
WIMBLEDON ND 58492  
SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING  
March 18, 2019  
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The meeting of the Barnes County North School Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Schwehr at 7:39 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, Lori Carlson and Robert Harstad. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson, Principal JR Wilson, teacher representatives Tracy Heinze and Stacy Schaffer and Business Manager Amy Darby.

Mr. Severson congratulated Mrs. Dockter, Mr. Schaffer and Mr. Roaldson for their hard work and dedication to the Girls and Boys Basketball teams. The second quarter HERD award winners were congratulated as well as the students inducted into the Barnes County North Honor Society. Individual students congratulated were Clara Wieland, All District 5 Girls Basketball team, Tristin Roaldson, All District 5 Boys Basketball team and Shannon Bryn, Academic All State Honorable Mention.

Motion to approve the agenda. Bret Fehr, Rob Harstad. Unanimous approval.

Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Board meeting will be amended and approved at the April Board meeting. Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of agenda and the financial reports.) General Fund bills \$60,525.82 Building Fund bills \$17,404.67. Total of bills \$77,930.49. Bret Fehr, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** None

**Career & Tech Center Report:** Mr. Bopp is retiring as Director of the Career & Tech Center and a new Director will be hired. Litchville-Marion school will become a member of the Career & Tech Center for the 2019-2020 school year. There may be some changes to the Agriculture Ed Program next school year. A construction program may also be added in the fall. The Skills USA students will be holding a raffle to fund their projects.

**Activities Direct Report:** The Winter Activity Banquet was held tonight. Elementary Girls Basketball games and Track practices have started. The last awards banquet will be held in the spring. There was discussion regarding the number of students that will be participating in baseball in Valley City.

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**Technology Report:** Mr. Severson shared the proposed technology purchases for the 2019-2020 school year. These include updating ipads and cases, additional JTouch panels, a new computer and monitor for the Business Manager and a computer for building controls. Some of these items will be paid for through the Building Fund.

**Building/Grounds/Transportation:** None

**Budget/Finance:** Amy Darby has begun work on budget projections that will be used during the negotiations process.

**BCN Education Foundation:** The Foundation has applied for a \$3,500 grant that would be used for critical needs of students. This will be administered by the Foundation.

**K-12 Principal Report:** The preschool screening will be held on March 28, 2019. Currently, there are 15-16 students to be screened. The 2019-2020 class schedule will incorporate a 20-minute home room period in the middle of the day. The school day will run from 8:20 am to 3:30 pm with 51-minute class periods and 3-minute pass breaks. The instruction day will be 6 hours and 17 minutes. Mrs. Bryn's responsibilities and daily schedule were discussed. She will begin sharing the data she collects regularly with the Board.

**Superintendent's Report:** We have had 8 storm days and 10 hours of late starts. We have made up or are scheduled to make up 4 of those days. Mr. Severson will be completing a waiver requesting forgiveness for the other 4 days and the late starts.

**Old Business:** Mr. Severson shared the TFFR analysis from Faye Kopp with the possible different levels of TFFR and how it would financially impact employees and the school.

Mr. Severson gave an update on the information he received from JLG Architects regarding possible cost of adding 2 locker rooms. The Board's consensus was to wait to move forward with this project due to cost.

The 2019-2020 school calendar was discussed. In-service days will be August 19 and 20 with classes starting on August 21. Mr. Severson is waiting for some additional information before the schedule can be completed. He hopes to have it finalized for the April Board meeting.

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The Strategic Planning Process will begin in the fall. Dr. Schatz is scheduled to come to the school to get the process started.

No one has filled out paperwork yet to be listed as a candidate for the school board on the ballot for the June 4, 2019 election. The notice and call for candidates was shared on multiple sites, newspapers and signs. The deadline for filing to be a candidate is April 1, 2019 at 4 pm.

The full-time counselor position was discussed. Mrs. Dockter will be full-time at Barnes County North School beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Once the legislature has completed their work, the funding available to the Career & Tech Center will determine how her salary is paid.

Mr. Wilson requested to advertise for a full-time physical education teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. This would be in addition to our current physical education teacher. Motion to open and advertise for a full-time physical education teacher for grades Pre-K through 12. Michele Elston, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**New Business:** The Superintendent evaluation was discussed. Mr. Severson and Mr. Schwehr had reviewed the evaluation prior to the March 15 deadline. Motion to approve the Superintendent evaluation with all satisfactory ratings. Bret Fehr, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Choir trips were discussed. In the future, all planned choir trips will be brought to the Board for their approval prior to any fundraising.

A Partnership for Success grant has been completed through City-County Health Department. The determination for this won't be made until the fall. This grant would be used for dealing with mental health issues. It would be a five-year grant.

Negotiations discussions will need to wait until the legislature has completed their work.

It was decided there is not a need for a Board Spring Retreat at this time.

The second reading of the Sick Leave Bank Policy was held. Motion to approve the Sick Bank Leave Policy as presented. Rob Harstad, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

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**Board Discussion:** None

Board adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Darby  
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr  
President