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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 7:03 pm. A quorum of the Board was acknowledged. Board members present were Mike Schwehr, Bret Fehr, Michele Elston, Lee Gussette, Cindy Christianson, Brent Bruner, Chad Bakken, Lori Carlson and Robert Harstad. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Technology Coordinator Melissa Bitz, teacher representatives Kelly Scott and Sara Anderson and Business Manager Amy Darby. Visitors were Tina Bryn and Mason Haugen.

The BCN band students were congratulated for their excellent showing at the Large Group Music Festival. The GRIT students from February and March were also congratulated. The Regional Speech Meet winners were recognized. Mason Haugen gave a presentation on his state competition winning welding project from the Sheyenne Valley Area Career & Tech Center. He is now qualified for the national competition.

Agenda changes are as follows: Move Negotiations Discussion to New Business, Add Curriculum Committee to Reports and move the Data Presentation from New Business to the first item of the meeting. Motion to approve the amended agenda. Bret Fehr, Michele Elston. Unanimous approval.

Mrs. Bryn described the 4 tiers of the MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support) program. The program is used to determine a student's proficiency in a particular subject. If needed, a plan is then designed to assist them in becoming proficient. There is continual monitoring of their progress. Mrs. Bryn also described her typical daily schedule. All students in the Barnes County North School are MTSS students. The program focused on the 7th and 8th graders this year. Next year will include the 6th graders. Mrs. Bryn has been gathering historical data for all students in grades K-11.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of amended minutes from the February 20, 2019 meeting and regular minutes from the March 18, 2019 meeting, agenda and the financial reports.) General Fund bills \$939,579.87 Building Fund bills \$0.00. Total of bills \$939,579.87. Bret Fehr, Lee Gussette. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

REPORTS:

President's Report: None

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Career & Tech Center Report: Mr. Schwehr reported on the winners at the state competition. Litchville-Marion School has been approved by the State Board to become a member of the Shyenenne Valley Area Career & Technology Center. Mr. Bopp is retiring and several applications for his replacement have been received. Mr. Schwehr discussed several grant opportunities. Since the agriculture teacher position was filled part way into the school year, it is again open. The current ag teacher has the opportunity to apply for the position.

Activities Direct Report: Boys basketball uniforms are due to be replaced for the 2019-2020 school year. The cost will range from \$4,600 to \$5,750 for 20-25 uniforms. These will be ordered by Mr. Schaffer.

Technology Report: The last family engineering night of the year was held with 16 students and 12 parents attending. This program was well-received by students and parents. There are plans to continue with this in the fall of 2019. The application for student laptops will be given out tomorrow. Teachers and Mrs. Bitz will review the applications and determine which students will receive the laptops. Mrs. Bitz has ordered the ipads that are being rotated out. She has also ordered some updated software for them. Mrs. Bitz is currently working on the end of year processes. The outdoor cameras will be completed as soon as weather permits. All elementary main classrooms will receive JTouch screens over the summer.

Building/Grounds/Transportation: Mr. Severson and Bud Cruff will move forward with obtaining bids for a new bus. Landscaping at the entrance of the school was discussed. Bid estimates will be requested for the work planned. The flooring in the restrooms was discussed. Bids will be requested. This will be an agenda item of the May 15, 2019 Board meeting.

Painting classrooms was discussed. Motion made to allocate \$10,000 of the budget per year payable from the Building Fund for painting the school interior. Rob Harstad, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

There continue to be problems with the floor scrubber. Mr. Cruff was instructed by the Board to find out the cost for a new machine.

The lease on the skid steer ends August 1, 2019. Mr. Cruff will research the cost to purchase the current skid steer or lease a new one.

Budget/Finance: The Budget/Finance Committee has not met yet. A meeting will be scheduled when the legislature has completed their work.

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BCN Education Foundation: The BCN Education Foundation was awarded a \$2,000 grant for establishing a pantry to meet critical needs. Some paperwork still needs to be completed before the money is disbursed.

K-12 Principal Report: The Adopt-A-Highway program will start in May. The school will be responsible for 1½ miles east of the school and 1½ miles west of the school on Highway 9. This is a three-year agreement. An update on emergency evacuation procedures was discussed at the professional development early dismissal on April 3. As part of this, staff learned how to start and drive a bus should the need arise. The back-to-school night will be held on August 29. Board Members and Administration will be doing the cooking. Mrs. Albrecht and Mr. Wilson attended a full school evacuation and reunification at the West Fargo Elementary School today.

Superintendent's Report: The waiver for three storm days has been approved.

Committee Meeting Schedule: Committee information will be sent to Board Members with the Board packets sent the Friday before the Board meeting.

Curriculum Committee: Mr. Hanse has recommended purchasing the McGraw-Hill science curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year. The cost for 6 years of materials is \$48,322.12. This will be paid out of the 2019-2020 budget. Motion to approve ordering the science curriculum from McGraw-Hill. Lori Carlson, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

The Curriculum Committee also recommended the purchase of additional curriculum for 7th and 8th grade FACS, Food & Nutrition Culture & Cuisine and 7th and 8th grade Computer Application.

Old Business: Motion to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented by Mr. Severson. Bret Fehr, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

New Business: Mr. Severson read a letter of resignation from Julie Sizer that will be effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Motion to accept Mrs. Sizer's letter of resignation. Bret Fehr, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Staffing was discussed regarding the preschool teaching position. Currently, there are 16 students for the 2019-2020 school year. Staffing may have to be adjusted if this number changes.

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Several applications for the new physical education position have been received and reviewed. Mr. Severson, Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Albrecht will begin interviewing these applicants.

Motion to approve the Election Board of Roleen Richards, Mary Plumb, Karen Lueck and Joann Jewett for the June 4, 2019 election. Rob Harstad, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to designate the Barnes County North School Commons as the precinct for the June 4, 2019 election. Chad Bakken, Brent Bruner. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to approve the Barnes County North School Commons as the polling place on June 4, 2019 from 7 am to 7 pm. Lori Carlson, Lee Guscette. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Ancillary staff and Board Members will meet at a future date to discuss their wages for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion to approve the Pledgee's Certification of Deposits for Bank Forward. Chad Bakken, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations strategy at 8:54 pm. Brent Bruner, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Board Discussion: None

Regular meeting called back into session at 10:36 pm. Board adjourned at 10:42 pm.

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Darby
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr
President