

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007**  
**WIMBLEDON ND 58492**  
**SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING**  
**May 15, 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 6:59 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 Lori Carlson. Robert Harstad was absent. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Technology Coordinator Melissa Bitz, teacher representatives Nate Purcell and Lisa McMillan and Business Manager Amy Darby. Visitors were Krista Amann, Mindy Tvedt and Jessica Jones.

The GRIT students for April and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter HERD students were congratulated. Congratulations also to the students who received one ratings at the State Music Competition. Thank you to Mrs. Bollingberg and the K-12 music students for the great performances the last couple weeks. The Board received a thank you note from the BCNEA for the massages that were provided for staff.

The agenda was changed to move Non-Certified Staff Discussion and Board Discussion before the Update on Teacher Negotiations under New Business. Motion to approve the amended agenda. Bret Fehr, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of regular minutes from the April 17, 2019 meeting, amended agenda and the financial reports.) General Fund bills \$229,376.89 Building Fund bills \$0.00. Total of bills \$229,376.89. Bret Fehr, Lee Guscette. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** None

**Career & Tech Center Report:** Funding for the Center for the upcoming year was discussed. There will be some change to the adult education program in the next year. Steve Thompson has been hired as the director to replace Jeff Bopp who is retiring. A new ag teacher has been hired and the Center has approved a 60% counselor for the Litchville-Marion School. Discussion held regarding building updates to take place this summer.

**Activities Direct Report:** A new PE teacher has been hired who will be our football coach.

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**Extra-Curricular Committee:** None

**Technology Report:** The new ipads have been received, laptop application have been submitted and the students will be updating their ipads before school is finished so they are ready for the fall. Discussion was held regarding the JTouch panels that were to be purchased over the summer. This may have to be put on hold. Any changes to this plan will be discussed with teachers prior to the purchase of anything different than the JTouch panels. The building controls will be updated late summer.

**Building/Grounds/Transportation:** The new bus was ordered and has arrived at the school. Motion to approve the purchase of the cameras for the new bus. Bret Fehr, Lori Carlson. Roll call unanimous yes vote.

Several projects will take place over the summer. The Board had previously approved painting of several classrooms. The building controls will be updated later this summer.

Motion made to accept the bid from Home Design Center for \$7,767.37 to tile the bathroom floors. Bret Fehr, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Discussion held regarding the landscaping by the front entrance. Motion made by Lori Carlson to approve the bid from Bruce Nielson Construction for \$25,134.50 for concrete. After further discussion, Lori Carlson withdrew her motion. Motion made to approve \$25,134.50 as the maximum bid for the concrete work. Final decision will be made by next Wednesday. Chad Bakken, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**Budget/Finance:** The notes from the Budget/Finance Committee meeting were discussed. It is the recommendation of this committee that the Board should be able to work with the anticipated budget to cover expenses.

**Curriculum Committee:** None

**BCN Education Foundation:** None

**K-12 Principal Report:** Graduation will take place on Sunday, May 26. High School and Elementary awards will be presented on Thursday, May 23. The senior trip will be to Fargo for several activities on May 22. Mr. Wilson and Bud Cruff will be chaperoning. The Board

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requested a recap of the Title I report for this school year. This will be presented at a future Board meeting.

**Superintendent's Report:** The School Board election will take place on Tuesday, June 4. The election canvassing meeting will take place on Monday, June 10 and the regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 19.

**Old Business:** Mr. Wilson gave an update on BERT (Building Emergency Response Team) activities. All drills will be practiced right away in the fall. There is a plan to have a complete evacuation drill in the fall as well.

**New Business:** Motion to accept the resignation of Geri Haugen. Bret Fehr, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to accept the resignation of Brianne Foell. Brent Bruner, Michele Elson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to accept the resignation of Ainsley Rindfleisch. Bret Fehr, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to approve the teaching contract for Daniel Tomaszewski. Lori Carlson, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous yes roll call vote. Mr. Tomaszewski will be the new PE teacher as well as football coach. Mr. Tomaszewski plans on obtaining his bus driving license as well.

The Board will meet with non-certified staff prior to the regular June Board meeting to discuss wages. Any changes can then be approved at the June meeting to take effect July 1, 2019.

**Board Discussion:** Discussion held regarding how notifications are made to patrons regarding schedule changes for extra-curricular activities. There will be changes made so that patrons are kept current on all calendar changes in a timely manner. Administration will see that this is taken care before the new school year starts.

Discussion held regarding staffing changes for the 2019-2020 school year. The Budget/Finance Committee made the recommendation to hire a full-time Pre-K teacher so that there would be two sessions of Pre-K classes. They also recommended hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and a high school English teacher. The Committee recommended hiring an elementary principal.

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Motion made to advertise for a full-time Pre-K teacher, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, a high school English teacher and an elementary principal. Chad Bakken, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Meeting recessed at 7:46 to go to Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations strategy.

Executive session began at 8:02 pm and adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Regular meeting called back to order at 9:04 pm. Board adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Special board meeting to canvass the election Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Darby  
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr  
President