

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007**  
**WIMBLEDON ND 58492**  
**SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING**  
**August 21, 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 7:00 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 Danielle Bosse, Principal JR Wilson, teacher representatives Stacy Schaffer, Beth Udem, Alicia Bollingberg and Jeanie Magee and Business Manager Amy Darby.

Mr. Severson thanked the fall sports team coaches and athletes for their hard work and dedication. The fall sports include football, volleyball and cross-country.

Two items were added to the agenda under New Business: Safety and Music Fundraising. Motion to approve the amended agenda. Bret Fehr, Chad Bakken. Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of annual minutes from the July 17, 2019 meeting, bills and the financial reports.) General Fund bills \$ 94,820.39 Building Fund bills \$45,281.93. Total of bills \$140,102.32. Lee Guscette, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** None

**Career & Tech Center Report:** All staff positions have been filled. The Center is working with the Valley City Development Corporation for jobs creation. They are also working with Valley Plains to develop a program where a student would be John Deere Certified when they completed the program. The budget was finalized with \$95,000 deficit spending. Member schools costs will not be increased. The carpentry and ag programs may be expanding.

**Activities Direct Report:** Line judges, ticket takers and concession workers are needed for the volleyball season. Mr. Severson will be attending a Southeast Athletic Directors meeting and a Barnes County Athletic Association meeting on August 28. He will also be attending the NDHSAA Fall Administrators meeting on September 16. Staff members and Board members will be issued passes for the football games in Valley City. The activity fees for football have not been paid yet. Mr. Severson will follow-up with Valley City regarding this.

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**Technology Report:** All devices were issued today and everyone was able to log onto their device. Most of the technology fees have been collected.

**PK-6 Principal Report:** Mrs. Bosse discussed the back-to-school night which will be held August 29. The results of this different back-to-school night will be reviewed for possible changes to registration next year. The sixth graders will have an EcoEd field trip to Wesley Acres on September 5. We have a possible additional student for kindergarten. Mrs. Bosse will be taking the elementary teachers to a staff development workshop in Minneapolis in November. It is being held on a Saturday.

**7-12 Principal Report:** Mr. Wilson reported that the first day of school went well. Having Mrs. Dockter in the school was a tremendous help with finishing up student schedules. Grades 7-12 will be going canoeing at Wesley Acres on September 6. Mrs. Albrecht will be taking groups for this activity. There are currently 18 students enrolled in the Vo-Tech program this year.

**Superintendent Report:** Mr. Severson reported that the first Strategic Planning Committee meeting will be held on September 23 from 10-1. There was discussion regarding a possible time change and inviting patrons to attend. Mr. Severson will be attending the Rural School Summit in Bismarck on September 25. The Leadership Team has been set up and the meetings have been scheduled.

**Building/Grounds:** All the summer projects have been completed except for replacing/repairing several doors. Bud Cruff is keeping in contact with these vendors to get these projects completed. Bret Fehr reported that the doors on the bus barn in Wimbledon may need to be worked on so that they are more functional.

**Budget/Finance:** This will be discussed under Old Business.

**Policy Committee:** None

Lori Carlson discussed the Southeast Education Cooperative. She is a Board member and reported that someone from SEEC would be willing to come to a Board retreat to discuss what services they can offer the school.

**Old Business:** Motion made to approve the final four certified contracts/amendments. Lori Carlson, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

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Mr. Severson reported that Sheyenne Valley Special Ed has hired a part-time individual to work 25 days per school year to cover the duties previously completed by Mr. Partain. Tori Enstad has been hired to monitor the daily activities.

Mr. Severson presented the projected budget and discussed the possible deficit spending. Amy Darby reported that the preliminary Certificate of Levy has been submitted to the Barnes County Auditor and they have been notified of the date, time and location of the tax hearing. The Barnes County Auditor will notify patrons of the Barnes County North School tax hearing which will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the school Media Center.

**New Business:** Mr. Severson discussed the current substitute teacher pay rate. There will be no changes made for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Schaffer requested to be heard. He discussed the length of the school day and shared the teacher's concerns. The Board and Administration assured the teachers that the Administration would be flexible with them regarding this. He also discussed the teacher's concerns regarding sick leave and how it is used by the teachers. The Board and Administration again stated that they would be as flexible as possible with the teachers in covering short periods of time so a substitute teacher would not be needed. This discussion arose from the difficulty there is in finding substitute teachers for short periods of time instead of ½ day or a full day.

Mr. Severson presented the Consolidated Application. Motion to approve the Consolidated Application. Lori Carlson, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to approve Open Enrollments for the Lange, Garza, Nieto and Hanson families. Michele Elston, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to approve Tuition Free Agreements for the Nieto and Anderson families. Lori Carlson, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Mr. Severson read a letter of resignation from Amy Darby, Business Manager which will be effective December 31, 2019. Motion to accept Amy Darby's letter of resignation. Brent Bruner, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote

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Mr. Bakken discussed school safety and the need to have an individual that is a certified first responder in the building. Mr. Severson reported that Mr. Tomaszewski will be obtaining this certification. Mr. Bakken also shared concerns that the AED boxes need to have working alarms. Bud Cruff will be contacted regarding this.

Mrs. Bollingberg discussed fundraising for a choir tour to be held after the school year. This tour will be to Minneapolis. The fundraising will also be used for purchasing uniforms for the choir. Fundraising will start next week. Motion to approve the out-of-state travel for the choir tour. Lori Carlson, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center. The tax hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 18 and 6:00 pm in the BCN Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Darby  
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr  
President