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BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007
WIMBLEDON ND 58492
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 7:08 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, Technology Director Melissa Bitz, teacher representatives Sara Anderson and Lisa McMillan and Business Manager Amy Darby. Guests were Derrick Bopp and Harold Rotunda.

Mr. Severson congratulated the Volleyball team for their 3rd place finish in the Lakota Tournament. He also thanked the BCN staff, especially Mrs. Julie Kudrna, for their support of the counseling intern.

Motion to approve the agenda. Rob Harstad, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of minutes from the August 21, 2019 meeting, bills and the financial reports.) General Fund bills \$115,334.05 Building Fund bills \$5,039.99. Total of bills \$120,374.04. Lori Carlson, Lee Guscette. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

REPORTS:

President's Report: None

Career & Tech Center Report: Derrick Bopp, Director of the VCACTC reported that there are 18 students from BCN attending the VoTech Center this year. He shared goals of the VoTech Center over the next couple years and discussed some of the equipment that could be shared with schools such as drones, robots, etc. Several of the teachers have received recognition for their teaching or work in the community. The VoTech Center is looking at partnering with local businesses to encourage student's participation in specific training programs. Mr. Bopp discussed the possibility of a greenhouse and how the house-building project is coming along.

Activities Direct Report: Mr. Severson attended an Athletic Director's meeting where NDHSAA updates were shared. He reported that the volleyball teams are doing well and working together nicely.

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Technology Report: The first Family Engineering Night will be held in October. The first BCNedChat will be held tomorrow for staff over their lunch break. A Technology Committee meeting was held today where the interactive boards were discussed. They will begin looking for a solution with the goal of the new boards being installed over the Christmas break. Mrs. Bitz will be attending a technology conference in October.

PK-6 Principal Report: An elementary MTSS team has been formed with the goal to implement it next fall. Mrs. Bosse has created a Peer Leadership Group that will plan activities, work at problem-solving and possibly plan a spring service project for the elementary students. A parent and teacher meeting will be held October 1 to discuss creating a PTO. Four teachers will be attending the Fall Educator's Conference in October. Ms. Bosse attended a Principal Advisory Committee meeting and was invited to attend a writing workshop with several teachers. Mrs. Bosse will look at scheduling activities during Fire Prevention Week. She will be attending the Fall Administrators Conference in Bismarck in October.

7-12 Principal Report: The secondary students went canoeing at Wesley Acres and it went well. The new front patio is being utilized by students and teachers. The juniors and seniors attended a career fair on September 17. Mr. Wilson discussed the possibility of the sophomores taking the pre-ACT test at the same time the juniors take the ACT test in the spring. He also discussed the homecoming activities that will begin on September 30.

Superintendent Report: There have been several Sick Bank Committee meetings. Mr. Severson will keep the Board informed of the progress. The Strategic Planning meeting will be held on September 23 at 6 pm in the BCN Media Center. The first regular Strategic Planning meeting will be held from 10 am-1 pm on October 7. Mr. Severson reviewed the upcoming events, conferences and meetings he'll be attending in September and October. There will be no school October 17 and 18. The Board meeting in October will held one day early on Tuesday, October 15.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: The 2019-2020 budget was discussed. Motion made to approve the 2019-2020 Budget with 60 mills in the General Fund and 10 mills in the Building Fund. Lori Carlson, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

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Three meetings have been held regarding the Sick Leave Bank. The committee is currently reviewing policies from various schools. They hope to have this policy completed by the end of the school year.

The restroom tile project was discussed. Motion made to pay the bills based on the new updated invoice from Valley Flooring of \$5,594.59 and the installation invoice from Jung Flooring for \$6,095.00. Brent Bruner, Rob Harstad. Roll call vote as follows: Yes votes – Robert Harstad, Chad Bakken, Michele Elston, Cindy Christianson, Brent Bruner, Mike Schwehr, Lee Guscette, Bret Fehr; Abstaining – Lori Carlson. Motion carried.

New Business: The NDSBA Convention was discussed. Mike Schwehr, Chad Bakken, Cindy Christianson and Michele Elston will be attending. Motion made to send Chad Bakken and Michele Elston as delegates. Lori Carlson, Rob Harstad. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion made to approve the School Compliance Report. Chad Bakken, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Harold Rotunda, Auditor presented the 2018-2019 Audit Report. Motion made to accept the audit report as presented. Bret Fehr, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion made to approve the Tuition Free Agreement for the Bjorland family. Bret Fehr, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion made to approve Open Enrollment Applications for the Bjorland and Amann families. Michele Elston, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion made to approve the Parent Involvement Policy. Rob Harstad, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Mr. Severson shared that the school does have an English Language Learner Policy in place.

There have been three applicants for the Business Manager position. Interviews will be held on October 1 beginning at 6 pm. The interview committee will be Brent Bruner, Lori Carlson, Cindy Christianson, Michele Elston, Mr. Severson and Mrs. Darby.

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Discussion held regarding the Insured Cash Sweep option with Bank Forward. The benefits of this model were discussed. Motion made to move forward with an Insured Cash Sweep account with Bank Forward. Bret Fehr, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Darby
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr
President