

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007  
WIMBLEDON ND 58492  
SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2020**

The meeting of the Barnes County North School Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Schwehr at 7:05 pm. A quorum of the Board was acknowledged. Board members present were Mike Schwehr, Michele Elston, Brent Bruner, Rob Harstad, Chad Bakken, Bret Fehr, and Cindy Christianson. Board members absent were Lee Guscette and Lori Carlson. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Principal Danielle Bosse, teacher representatives Nate Purcell and Evelyn Rios, and Business Manager Lindsay Polk.

Mr. Severson thanked Mrs. Bollingberg and the BCN Pep Band. Mr. Severson thanked Bud and Dan for their hard work and dedication keeping the grounds clear and buses running this winter, with a special thanks given to the Clemens Family for helping with snow removal when needed. Thanks was given to all staff and the board for their continued efforts to make BCN great.

The agenda was changed to add Renaissance Zone discussion to New Business. Motion to approve the amended agenda. Bret Fehr, Chad Bakken. Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of minutes from the December 18, 2019 meeting, bills, financial reports.) General Fund bills \$191,541.46 Building Fund bills \$31,376.94. Total of bills \$222,918.40. Bret Fehr, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** None

**Career & Tech Center Report:** Mike Schwehr gave an update on Votech. The Assistant Director was in to visit and everything went well. The Votech was featured on Coffee with KFGO to discuss the programs offered at the Votech. The Auto Aide position has been filled. Mr. Schwehr discussed changing regional lines and who will oversee the Jamestown Program, snow days were discussed, and an update on the house project was given.

**Activities Director Report:** The Extracurricular Committee met regarding lettering for non-sanctioned sports. Discussion was held, and a motion was made to allow the clubs we support to letter based on the requirements set by the club. Chad Bakken, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**Technology Report:** None

**PK-6 Principal Report:** Mrs. Bosse reported that the House System has started with a great response. She announced that Barnes County North School has been accepted as a host school

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for Reading Core and that she and Mrs. Bryn attended a grant writing workshop to cover 3 years of the Reading Core costs. The grant determination is expected in April. Mrs. Bosse discussed the expected Pre-K group and is looking at one group. The idea and benefit of five day preschool was discussed.

**7-12 Principal Report:** Mr. Wilson gave an update on Semester 1 ending January 10, 2020 and some report cards having errors. They will be corrected and re-sent. Mr. Wilson discussed dual credit opportunities and options for teachers to be certified to teach college credits in house. A CTC center visit for the Sophomores is planned for January 22, 2020 and the Seniors have pictures in Valley City on January 23, 2020.

**Negotiations Committee Update:** Discussion was held regarding the Sick Leave Bank, capping sick leave bank hours, interpretation of wording, and whether teachers can donate unused hours to the sick bank. The next Sick Leave Bank meeting is January 22, 2020 and it will be looked at again at the February Board Meeting.

**Building & Grounds Committee Report:** Mr. Severson discussed the bus driver shortage and the need to hire out snow removal for the front lot. Next fall, there will be a discussion for long-term vision as part of the Strategic Planning process.

**Budget & Finance Committee Report:** Mr. Severson reported on long-term projects and transition money being discussed in the legislature.

**Superintendent Report:** Mr. Severson said the NDCEL Mid-Winter Conference is January 26-28 and there will be a Sheyenne Valley Special Ed Meeting January 30, 2020 at Barnes County North.

**Old Business:** Mr. Severson gave an update on the Strategic Plan. Dr. Schatz is currently looking at it and the committee will be pulled back together to discuss once we have it back.

**New Business:** The upcoming Negotiations Seminar was discussed, and it was decided that Board Members will be attending on February 7, 2020. Confirmation on attendees to be sent to Mrs. Polk.

Motion to approve holding the School Board Election on June 2, 2020 with polls open from 8:00am to 7:00pm. Bret Fehr, Brent Bruner. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

The state mileage rate has changed from \$.58 per mile to \$.575 per mile.

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Discussion was held regarding compensation for storm days for 9 month employees. A motion was made to pay 9 month employees the same as 12 month employees for storm days with all storm days paid. Brent Bruner, Michele Elston. Roll call vote 5 yes, 2 abstain.

The Wimbledon Renaissance Zone was discussed, and the school board has been asked to provide a letter of support. A motion was made to write a letter of support to the City of Wimbledon. Brent Bruner, Rob Harstad, Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Polk  
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr  
President