

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES  
BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007  
WIMBLEDON ND 58492  
SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING  
February 19, 2020**

The meeting of the Barnes County North School Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Schwehr at 7:01 pm. A quorum of the Board was acknowledged. Board members present were Mike Schwehr, Brent Bruner, Rob Harstad, Chad Bakken, Bret Fehr, Cindy Christianson, Lee Guscette, and Lori Carlson. Board members absent were Michele Elston. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Principal Danielle Bosse, Technology Director Melissa Bitz, teacher representatives Tresa Cruff, Mckenzie Schweitzer, and Stacy Schaffer, and Business Manager Lindsay Polk.

Mr. Severson congratulated the Bisonettes Dance Team on their State Championship in Hip Hop and Jaycee Rudolph for receiving the Class B State Dance Award. Congratulations were also given to the Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams on their regular season play and wished them well in the post season.

The agenda was changed to add 403(b) 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 January 15, 2020 meeting, bills, financial reports.) General Fund bills \$93,109.21 Building Fund bills \$0.00. Total of bills \$93,109.21. Lori Carlson, Rob Harstad. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

**REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** None

**Career & Tech Center Report:** Mike Schwehr gave an update on Votech. There have been 5 applications for the Career Counseling position at VCPS with the interview process to be finished by February 21, 2020. They are working on the 2020-2021 school calendar. Parent-Teacher Conferences were discussed and will be discussed more going forward. The center is working to find ways to access Rush Grant funds. They are working to purchase a WIFI system for the bus transporting students to the center to allow students to do online class work during the drive. An update was given on the house project, class schedules were discussed, and Emerging Tech dollars were used to purchase two commercial embroidery machines for FACS. Surveys will be going out to all schools for Perkins 5 dollars.

**Budget & Finance Committee Report:** Mr. Severson stated they are going to set a date to meet after Strategic Plan work progresses.

**Building & Grounds Committee Report:** None

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**Technology Report:** Mrs. Bitz gave an update on the Activ Panel installation. Training will begin on March 10, 2020 with train the trainer training beginning on April 28, 2020. February's Family Engineering night had 14 students and March's is planned for the 16<sup>th</sup>. She is working to get a new browser installed that is needed for State Testing the end of March and beginning of April. She and Bud received training on our fire panel to remedy the problems we've had lately.

**Activities Director Report:** Mr. Severson noted that Friday, February 21, 2020 is the final home Boys' Basketball game and it is Senior night. The schedule for next year is complete for Boys' Basketball and nearing completion for Girls' Basketball.

**PK-6 Principal Report:** Mrs. Bosse updated that the MTSS team attended 5 days of training and they're ready to start next year with meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. She and Mrs. Bryn have been working on writing the grant. One item she wanted to note from the grant writing is that 56 percent of new students at BCN are disadvantaged students. She mentioned Bison Pride postcards that are available and noted that there have been 1,759 house points given.

**7-12 Principal Report:** Mr. Wilson spoke about the speaker Ryan Stream that was in to present to grades 7-12 on February 13, 2020. He noted the following upcoming events: February 26, 2020 there will be a UJ signing ceremony for Tristan Roaldson, March 3, 2020 ACT testing for Juniors will be held, and March 9, 2020 the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be attending a Tech Savvy Event in Jamestown.

**Superintendent Report:** Mr. Severson noted he will be out the rest of the week and next week on February 27 and 28.

**Old Business:** Mr. Severson, Mike Schwehr, and Bret Fehr attended the Negotiations Seminar on February 7, 2020.

The Sick Leave Bank Proposal was discussed. A motion was made to table it until the next meeting. Lori Carlson, Cindy Christianson, Unanimous yes roll call vote. The consensus was that it should go to the policy committee next. A meeting is to be scheduled next week.

There will be a meeting next week to discuss the Strategic Plan.

**New Business:** Mike Schwehr will be sending out the Superintendent Evaluation to the Board.

The 2020-2021 calendar was discussed. Two drafts were presented. The calendar will be further discussed with the Career and Tech Center.

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Motion to approve a Tuition Free Application. Bret Fehr, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to approve 2 Open Enrollment Applications. Bret Fehr, Lori Carlson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Discussion was held regarding compensation for storm days for Bus Drivers. The Board stated Bus Drivers are included with 9-month employees and should be compensated for storm days. Additional discussion was held regarding flex time and making up storm days.

Mrs. Polk discussed the IRS requirements for the 403(b) retirement plan and options available to hire a third party to update the documents. A motion was made to approve up to \$1,080 as a one-time fee plus \$700 annually to hire a third-party administrator. Bret Fehr, Rob Harstad. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Polk  
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr  
President