

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007
WIMBLEDON ND 58492
SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING
March 11, 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, Brent Bruner, Rob Harstad, Bret Fehr, Michele Elston, Cindy Christianson, Lee Guscette, and Lori Carlson. Board members absent were Chad Bakken. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Principal Danielle Bosse, Technology Director Melissa Bitz, teacher representative John Samuelson, and Business Manager Lindsay Polk.

Mr. Severson congratulated the 2nd Quarter H.E.R.D. Award winner, the January/February GRIT Award winners, and Tristin Roaldson for being named to the All District 5 Boys Basketball Team. He recognized the Speech Team and congratulated the place winners on their achievements.

The agenda was changed to add 403(b) discussion to Old Business. Motion to approve the amended agenda. Rob Harstad, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of minutes from the February 19, 2020 meeting, bills, financial reports.) General Fund bills \$56,120.83 Building Fund bills \$882.76. Total of bills \$57,003.59. Bret Fehr, Lee Guscette. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

REPORTS:

President's Report: None

Career & Tech Center Report: None. They meet March 12, 2020.

Activities Director Report: Mr. Severson reported that they had Girls' Basketball awards prior to the meeting, all sports schedules are set for next year, and track has started.

Technology Report: Mrs. Bitz gave an update on the Promethean training. There will be weekly EdChats relating to the training. The 2nd day of training will be in April. They will be pulling in students for that portion of the training. There was a tech committee meeting and they discussed the teacher tech rotation and updating the tech plan.

PK-6 Principal Report: Mrs. Bosse discussed the Elementary staffing and room changes that will be taking place next school year. She provided an update on the grant and will know the decision on April 1, 2020. She handed out information on the ND Vision for Preschool and discussed the 5 day Preschool and the recent screenings. She also noted that peer leaders were finishing up service projects and will be sharing at the April and May Board Meetings.

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7-12 Principal Report: Mr. Wilson took the 7th & 8th Grade to the Tech Savvy event in Jamestown. He will be taking them to a Real World Event on April 22, 2020 in Jamestown. At that time, 6th Grade will experience 7th Grade for the day. Schedules for electives are done, no changes are needed. He is working on a letter for parents regarding dual credit offerings. Discussion was held about tuition assistance for dual credits.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Severson gave an update on a meeting with City-County Health regarding COVID-19 and noted that information was sent regarding best practices. He will be out Monday through Thursday next week.

Policy Committee Report: Discussion was held to decide if they want to meet again. It was decided that the Sick Bank Committee and the Policy Committee would meet.

Old Business: The 2020-2021 calendar was discussed. It was decided that the calendar will start August 17, 2020. Storm Days were discussed, and it was decided that the Administration will meet to decide on Storm Days and the calendar will be presented again at the April meeting.

The Strategic Plan was discussed, and it was decided that the Strategic Plan Committee should meet again. A date will be set for the meeting after the call on Friday.

Mrs. Polk gave an update on the Election Process. To date, 3 people have picked up paperwork, and 2 have returned it. March 30, 2020 is the deadline.

Mrs. Polk provided information on the 403(b) retirement plan. She asked for clarification that an employee must make contributions to receive an employer contribution. The Board confirmed that the employee must contribute to receive an employer contribution. She also noted that the vesting schedule is immediate vesting. She made recommendations to allow Post-Tax Roth Elective Deferrals, Plan-to-Plan Transfers, Financial Hardship Distributions, and Plan-to-Plan Transfers to another Employer Plan. A motion was made to accept Mrs. Polk's recommendations. Lori Carlson, Bret Fehr, Unanimous yes roll call vote.

New Business: The Superintendent Evaluation was discussed. All sections were unanimously satisfactory except Section D – that has a majority satisfactory. There will be a meeting to address what is needed to work toward improvement. Lori Carlson and Mike Schwehr will work to compile a list of things The Board expects at Board Meetings. A motion was made to approve the Superintendent Evaluation. Bret Fehr, Rob Harstad, Unanimous yes roll call vote.

A Spring Board Retreat was discussed, and it was decided to table it until next month.

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Discussion was held on the counselor position. Mr. Wilson discussed the need for a 5 day position and that he was not interested in bringing in a part-time temporary person for this year.

The Curriculum Coach/Data Person position was mentioned, and it was discussed how the position will be handled without the grant money. A decision will need to be reached once the grant determination is made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Next regular board meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Polk
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr
President