

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007
WIMBLEDON ND 58492
SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING
May 20, 2020

The meeting of the Barnes County North School Board of Education was called to order by President Mike Schwehr at 7:02 pm. A quorum of the Board was acknowledged. Board members present were Mike Schwehr, Brent Bruner, Rob Harstad, Bret Fehr, Michele Elston, Cindy Christianson, Chad Bakken, and Lori Carlson. Board members absent were Lee Guscette. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Principal Danielle Bosse, Technology Director Melissa Bitz, teacher representatives Jenna Mairs, Krista Amann, Jessica Jones, Alyssa Albrecht, Mindy Tvedt, Tracy Heinze, Tina Bryn, and Mckenzie Schweitzer, Administrative Assistant Deb Earles, and Business Manager Lindsay Polk.

Mr. Severson thanked the teachers for going above & beyond during this difficult time, the School Board for their support & encouragement, the administrators for providing resources, all staff for providing services, families for taking on a new role in the educational process, and anyone else that's help with online learning.

The agenda was changed to add discussion under the Building and Grounds Report for G&R Controls contract and summer swimming bus. Motion to approve the amended agenda. Lori Carlson, Rob Harstad. Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the consent agenda. (Inclusive of minutes from the April 15, 2020, April 22, 2020, April 29, 2020, May 6, 2020, and May 13, 2020 State meetings and from the April 15, 2020, April 22, 2020, and May 13, 2020 school board meetings, bills, financial reports.) General Fund bills \$45,187.29 Building Fund bills \$38,500.00. Total of bills \$83,687.29. Chad Bakken, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

REPORTS:

President's Report: Unemployment claim were discussed. There have been fraudulent claims being filed from across the state, and Mrs. Polk noted that she has reached out to those she has received claims for to confirm they are real claims.

Career & Tech Center Report: Mr. Schwehr discussed the Bush grant money received and using it to get Wi-Fi on the Votech bus. Some of the funds will be used to expand job shadows. The house was sold unfinished for \$110,000. The custodians have been doing summer projects ahead of schedule. Membership assessment for local schools has been figured at \$400,000.

Activities Director Report: Mr. Severson reported that NDHSAA met and if the board were to decide the building can be open, guidelines would need to be followed. It was decided that anything happening in the school needs to be approved by administration.

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Technology Report: Mrs. Bitz noted that they picked up supplies & devices and has a list for the bus drivers of devices still needing to be picked up. Graduation will be streaming on Facebook Live. Teachers' machines will be used for 1 more year.

Building/Grounds/Transportation: Mr. Severson said the painters are scheduled to come and cleaning staff will start disinfecting the building to CDC guidelines once the teachers have cleaned out their rooms. Hiring a summer cleaner was discussed. His date of hire is to be determined by Bud and Mr. Severson based on need. Discussion was held regarding when teachers would be done with their rooms and when office staff would be returning to work in the building. It was agreed that office staff would be returning to work at the school on June 15, 2020. G&R Controls agreement was discussed as having an annual cost of \$19,234. Motion to approve contract Brent Bruner, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote. Summer swim bus was discussed, and the board agreed there would be no swim bus service this summer because CDC distancing guidelines couldn't be followed.

Budget/Finance: Mr. Severson discussed the transition money and said he will be putting together some preliminary numbers.

PK-6 Principal Report: Mrs. Bosse noted that there were 25 staff on the bus picking up supplies from students. She completed a book study with 14 teachers. House points wrapped up Friday. Pre-school was discussed for next year and there are currently 14 students. Mrs. Bosse recommended 5 day per week pre-school. Motion was made to allow Mrs. Bosse to pursue 5 day per week pre-school with in district kids receiving priority Lori Carlson, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

7-12 Principal Report: Mr. Wilson noted that graduation is Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 2:00 pm and that 2 families have opted out of the ceremony. He thanked staff, parents, and students for their hard work. He is really proud of our school.

Superintendent Report: None

Old Business: Prom was discussed. Starting June 1, the school can allow 15 kids in the building. Mr. Wilson recommended not holding prom after graduation. A motion was made to cancel prom Lori Carlson, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Graduation attendance and cleaning processes were discussed. Board attendance was discussed, and no one from the Board will attend.

The 2020-2021 School Calendar was discussed. Mr. Severson stated that in-service would be August 17, 2020 with the first day of school August 18, 2020 and the last day of school would be

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May 20, 2021 with graduation May 23, 2021. His recommendation was to flex 5 storm days and make up days beyond 5 with April 5, 2021 and April 30, 2021 as storm days. Discussion was held regarding professional development days as well as class period length. Motion was made to flex 5 storm days and make up days beyond 5 Lori Carlson, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Mrs. Polk gave an update on the election process and asked about pay for election officials. She recommended to pay election officials for the full day. Motion to pay election officials for the full day Bret Fehr, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

New Business: Open enrollment application for preschool was discussed. It was agreed to table until next month.

Motion to formally approve teaching contracts Bret Fehr, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to formally approve administrative contracts Michele Elston, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Non-certified staff discussion was held, and a zoom will be scheduled to talk to the hourly staff.

Mr. Severson gave an update on ESSER funds. The application was submitted and approved. We need to stay within allowable expenses and the funds need to be claimed by September 30, 2022.

Discussion was held about cleaning starting earlier and a date will be finalized with Bud Cruff. The meeting for June 8, 2020 to Canvass the election was discussed and Mr. Severson and Mrs. Polk will find out what requirements are for holding the meeting in person.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Special meeting to Canvass Election Votes on Monday, June 8, 2020 beginning at 7:00pm. Next regular board meeting Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Polk
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr
President