

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2020

The meeting of the Barnes County North School Board 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, Lee Guscette, Rob Harstad, Michele Elston, Cindy Christianson, Brent Bruner, Bret Fehr, Chad Bakken, and Lori Carlson. Also present were: Superintendent Mike Severson, Principal JR Wilson, Principal Danielle Bosse, teacher representatives Mariah Hanson and Evelyn Rios, guests Pebbles Thompson and Amanda Geisler, and Business Manager Lindsay Polk.

Mr. Severson expressed his gratitude to everyone on the Leadership Team, all Staff, and the School Board for their hard work, dedication, and support during these challenging times.

The agenda was changed to add open enrollment under New Business. Motion to approve the amended agenda. Rob Harstad, Bret Fehr. Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the consent agenda with changes to move kitchen repairs for RJ's to Building Fund. (Inclusive of minutes from the July 1, 2020 Special meeting, July 15, 2020 school board meeting, and August 3, 2020 Special meeting, bills, and financial reports). General Fund bills \$83,279.01 Building Fund bills \$3,267.78 (including correction to RJ's bill). Total of bills \$86,546.79. Lee Guscette, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

REPORTS:

President's Report: Mike Schwehr shared a handout from NDMA with COVID-19 recommendations. NDSBA will be having Lunch and Learn Webinars starting August 19, 2020.

Career & Tech Center Report: Mike Schwehr said that they meet tomorrow, the counselor's paperwork has been signed, and they will need to decide on the grant for classrooms at the meeting.

Activities Director Report: Mr. Wilson participated in a Zoom call that provided recommendations for sporting events. Football was discussed, after game waiting was discussed, and it was suggested to post spectator guidelines on our website.

Technology Report: None

PK-6 Principal Report: None

7-12 Principal Report: Mr. Wilson reported that 13 students in grades 7-12 have opted for online learning and they will be conducting training for Standards Based Instruction during the upcoming in-service.

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Superintendent Report: Mr. Severson is working with Bud on bus driver training and they are planning on doing it in-house on Monday, August 17, 2020.

Building/Grounds: Mr. Severson said the building is clean and ready to go.

Budget & Finance: Mr. Severson noted that the tax hearing is next month, and budget and finance will need to meet before then.

Policy Committee: None

Old Business: Motion to accept 2 teacher contract amendments. Bret Fehr, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Finance Report for Publication. Lori Carlson, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to table Teacher Funded Sick Leave Bank Proposal. Michele Elston, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

New Business: Mr. Wilson provided his plan for online learning through NDCDE for 7-12 students utilizing that option. He explained the costs and what he would be doing for monitoring. Mrs. Bosse held discussion on utilizing Arizona State University for K-6 for students doing online learning as part of a consortium with Valley City Public Schools. Motion to approve using NDCDE for online learning for grades 7-12 and Arizona State University for online learning for grades K-6. Brent Bruner, Michele Elston. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Discussion was held on the plans for the Yellow and Red Phases of the re-opening plan. Mr. Wilson handed out his plans for both phases. Mrs. Bosse is working with the elementary teachers to finalize her plan. The plans will be discussed further at the September meeting.

Mr. Severson presented recommendations from the Extra-Curricular Committee for restarting activities. Discussion was held regarding hallway restrictions, mask usage, social distancing, gate prices, capacity, facility usage, and concessions. Motion was made to approve the following recommendations: high school and elementary hallways closed during games, locker room hallway open with restrictions, masks optional for players, masks required for fans when not in their seats, social distancing will be required between groups and between students, gate prices will be a flat \$5 for all and seniors will be free, max capacity is 500, anyone wanting to use the facility will need to present a plan to the board for approval, there will be one concession stand with pre-packaged items only, fans will have 10 minutes after the game to

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depart the facility, there will be no tables in the commons, and bathrooms will be cleaned every 2 hours. Bret Bruner, Cindy Christianson. Roll call vote – 7 yes, 2 no.

Mr. Severson gave an update on the Safety & Health Plan. No change in color level right now. He will work with Lindsay on leaves for all staff.

Motion to approve 5 open enrollments – 2 from Jamestown, 2 from Griggs County, and 1 from Valley City. Michele Elston, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Lori noted that she had a SEEC meeting August 6, 2020 and BCN will be receiving funds from their Innovation Fund. She also asked about Business Manager training and the need for exam proctors going forward. Paying Classified Staff during school closure will be discussed at the next meeting, and meetings will be set up for policy committee and budget and finance before the next School Board meeting September 16, 2020.

Next regular board meeting is rescheduled to September 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the BCN Media Center. Tax Hearing to be held at 6:00 pm on September 16, 2020 in the BCN Media Center

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Polk
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr
President