

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BARNES COUNTY NORTH DISTRICT #007
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 16, 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 Gussette, Rob Harstad, Michele Elston, Cindy Christianson, Bret Fehr, and Chad Bakken. Board members absent were Brent Bruner and Lori Carlson. Also present were Superintendent Mike Severson via Zoom, Principal JR Wilson, Principal Danielle Bosse, Technology Director Melissa Bitz, teacher representatives Jodi Miller and Stacy Schaffer, Business Manager Lindsay Polk, and Auditor Harold Rotunda.

Mr. Severson congratulated the BCN Volleyball Team and the Cross Country Team on their great starts to the 2020-2021 season.

The agenda was changed to add an update to the transportation plan under Old Business and to add Board Resignation under New Business. Motion to approve the amended agenda. Chad Bakken, Rob Harstad. Unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the consent agenda (Inclusive of minutes from the August 12, 2020 school board meeting, bills, and financial reports). General Fund bills \$91,185.71 Building Fund bills \$10,798.81. Total of bills \$101,984.52. Chad Bakken, Lee Gussette. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

REPORTS:

President's Report: Mike Schwehr shared that Lori Carlson sent her letter of resignation to the Business Manager.

Career & Tech Center Report: Mike Schwehr said they met at noon and looked at the budget and increasing cleaning costs and reducing travel and field trip expenses. Bus Wi-Fi was discussed. They are looking at grants for transition classes and greenhouse setup. They are working on a house project on the north side of the High School. Enrollment numbers were discussed as well as ITV numbers. The CTC could accommodate social distancing. If BCN goes online they'd like for the students to still attend at CTC.

Activities Director Report: Mr. Severson noted that Volleyball game with Griggs County was rescheduled and the game for September 17, 2020 is now against South Border. There will be no Football Friday, September 18, 2020. The wrestling co-op was discussed, and Mr. Severson will be in touch with Valley City.

Technology Report: Melissa gave an update on distance learning and we are providing two families internet service. Projector sales were discussed, and a few have sold.

PK-6 Principal Report: Mrs. Bosse reported that the elementary celebrated International Dot Day, PLCs started the week of August 30th. The PLC Summit from spring is supposed to be

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rescheduled to this fall. Reading Core assessments are being done. Peer Leaders were selected, and they are meeting every other Thursday at lunch. The House System has started again this fall. Bison Pride cards are being written and mailed out. MTSS is working on math and reading pathways.

7-12 Principal Report: Mr. Wilson said safety measures are going well. Some bus issues have been addressed. Many online students are ahead of their pacing schedule.

Superintendent Report: None

Committee Reports: None

Old Business: Discussion was held on the 2020-2021 budget. Harold discussed the future and budgeting for the bond payment. He noted that because of the refinance, the bonds will need to be paid from the General Fund. It was agreed to table the budget and hold a Budget and Finance Committee meeting at 5:00 on September 21, 2020 followed by a Special Board Meeting to be scheduled before October 10, 2020.

The policy committee recommended to update the sick bank policy to the policy that was shared by Mr. Schaffer. For this year, the deadline to join will be October 15, 2020. Motion to approve the policy as read with the October 15, 2020 deadline for this year. Lee Guscette, Rob Harstad. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Mr. Wilson made two changes to his online plan that was shared with the board – Period 3 & 7 changed from 1:00-2:00 to 1:30-2:30. Mrs. Bosse gave an update on the elementary plan. The elementary would be in the building Monday through Friday with big classes being split. She would like 1 to 2 days without students prior to going online. Mr. Severson said DPI does not want hybrid at all and they're against remote learning. Motion to approve online learning updates and remove hybrid learning. Michele Elston, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Mr. Severson gave an update on the Extra-Curricular Plan. He said the gym capacity is now at 250 people and students must sit with parents when they come to games.

Mr. Severson noted that it has been requested to amend the Transportation Plan to allow another stop on the same bus route, but no switching buses. Mrs. Bosse brought up the suggestion of offering different AM/PM bus schedules. Motion to approve same bus route moves, no switching routes, and not adding a new stop. Michele Elston, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

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New Business: Mike Schwehr noted that no one is participating in the NDSBA Convention.

Motion was made to approve the School Compliance Annual Report. Chad Bakken, Bret Fehr. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion was made to approve the School Parent & Family Engagement Policy. Chad Bakken. Lee Guscette. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 1 no.

Harold presented the 2019-2020 Audit Report. We are still fiscally strong but need to look at all the pieces and discuss the future. We have maintained relative stability. He discussed the future tax levy. Motion to accept Audit Report as presented. Bret Fehr, Rob Harstad. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Motion to approve two Tuition Free Agreements. Michele Elston, Chad Bakken. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Lindsay Polk discussed the recommendation from the Budget and Finance Committee regarding kitchen subs, paras, and para subs. The committee recommended \$15.00 per hour for kitchen subs, \$15.60 per hour for para subs, and \$15.65 per hour for the newly hired Pre-K Para. Mike Schwehr has a conflict of interest. Motion for Mr. Schwehr to abstain. Michele Elston, Bret Fehr. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 1 abstain. Motion to approve recommendations. Michele Elston, Rob Harstad. Roll call vote – 6 yes, 1 abstain.

Lori Carlson's resignation was discussed. Because she sent the notice to the Business Manager, the resignation does not need board action. Her SEEC board seat was discussed and we would like to keep it if we can.

Discussion was held on the strategic plan and Superintendent evaluation. Mrs. Bosse presented the policy on finger printing. Motion to approve policy changes as presented. Bret Fehr, Cindy Christianson. Unanimous yes roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Polk
Business Manager

Mike Schwehr
President