

BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 17, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Session Meeting
Administration Building

The Barron Area School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Acting President Chris Donica announced it was an open meeting and that proper notice was given to the news media.

Members Present: Chris Donica, Bobbi Jo Fornell, Danette Hellmann, Megan Marion, Kelli Rasmussen*, Wil Sinclair and Orin Thompson.

Members Absent: Brittany Stephens and Kate Vruwink.

*Appeared virtually

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reciting of the Mission Statement.

Spotlight on Staff recognized School Resource Officer Andy Krahenbuhl.

Public comments were invited by the District at Large and by Staff and Students.

Minutes of the February 17, 2025 Regular Session will stand as presented.

Marion/Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Vouchers to be Paid
- B. Approval of Resignations/Retirements
 - 1. Denise Peterson, Reading Specialist, Retirement
 - 2. Karen Lettner, Health Teacher, Retirement
 - 3. Chad Massie, Physical Education Teacher, Retirement
 - 4. Danny McLennan, Technology Education Teacher
 - 5. Cindy Lindner, Special Education Assistant
 - 6. Carmen Larson, CITI Team Member
- C. Approval of Staffing Recommendations
 - 1. Kayla Westrich, School Psychologist
 - 2. Aaron Feidt, Daytime Custodian
 - 3. Lindsey Kroening, Part-Time Occupational Therapist
 - 4. Iva Gjika, Special Education Assistant
 - 5. Katie Glaser, Assistant Track Coach, BHS
 - 6. Craig Elliot, Middle School Wrestling Coach
 - 7. Carrie Voigtlander, Substitute Support Staff

- D. Approval of Donations
 - 1. Women of First Lutheran Church, Barron Youth Sports, \$500
 - 2. Women of First Lutheran Church, Post Prom, \$500
 - 3. Women of First Lutheran Church, BHS Comfort Closet, \$500
 - 4. Donnette Mickelson, Donors Choose Projects
 - a. Library STEM Kits, \$325
 - b. Graphic Novels, \$336
 - c. STEM Center Die Cutting, \$336
 - d. Embroidery Machine, \$991
 - 5. Tesha Horvath, Donors Choose
 - a. Organization for Success, Student Senate Concessions, \$1,368
 - b. Classroom Supplies-Headphones, Folders, Markers, \$419
 - c. Not Buddy Novels, \$291
 - 6. Ellyn Schneider, Donors Choose
 - a. New Document Camera, \$179
 - b. Jars and Label Maker, \$197
 - 7. Trent Nelson, Donors Choose, Seven Razr Gaming Keyboards, \$513.45
- E. Approval of Fundraising Requests
 - 1. Baseball Program, Sales of Discount Cards
 - 2. Montessori Program, Annual Brat Feed and Book Fair, May 1, 2025
- F. Approval of Overnight Requests
 - 1. High School Baseball Program, Mauston, April 4-5, 2025

Motion carried, Roll Call Vote: Voting Aye: Donica, Fornell, Hellmann, Marion, Rasmussen, Sinclair, Thompson. Voting Nay: none

Informational Reports:

- A. Correspondence:
 - 1. Nancy Bellefeuille, Thank You
- B. Food Service Report
- C. Boiler Plant Report
- D. Monthly Enrollment Report

Committee Reports:

- A. Site Council/Parent Groups: Ridgeland/Dallas
- B. Technology Report
- C. BACC Report – Chris Donica

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit as follows for February 2025: Flex Account Balance-\$12,501.02; General Fund Balance-\$3,113,492.52; Activity Fund Balance - \$320,261.41; Fund 46-\$1,742,381.45.

Action Agenda:

Thompson/Hellmann moved to approve the 66.03 Agreement with North Star Academy. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Marion/Sinclair moved to approve the Shared Services agreement with CESA #11 for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Thompson/Fornell moved to approve the NEOLA Vol. 34, No. 1 Policy Updates a presented in Board Docs. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Sinclair/Marion moved to approve the hire of Sunny Vang as a Special Education Assistant. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Donica/Thompson moved to approve the filing of a lawsuit against Greener World Solutions relating to roof failures. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Marion/Sinclair moved to approve the Student Software Information Systems renewal with Infinite Campus. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Hellmann/Sinclair moved to approve the purchase of 25 laptop replacements through Sterling in the amount of \$16,425. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Marion/Fornell moved to approve the purchase of 160 student Chromebooks for replacement from CDW-G in the amount of \$61,440. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Marion/Hellmann moved to approve the Start College Now and ECCP requests for the fall of 2025 as presented. Motion Carried, 1 Abstention (Sinclair abstained).

Sinclair/Marion moved to approve the hire of Candace Calvetti as a Special Education Assistant. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Fornell/Thompson moved to approve the two-year WIAA Girls Soccer Agreement with Cumberland School District for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Sinclair/Fornell moved to approve the fundraiser request by the High School Football Program for Ben Cole. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Thompson/Marion moved to approve the hire of Erik Nelson as the Middle School Track Coach. Motion carried, All Ayes.

Upcoming Meetings:

- A. Joint PAC/Board Member Meeting, CESA #11, April 3, 2025
- B. Graduation Commencement, May 23, 2025
- C. All Staff Retirement Party, June 9, 2025, Church Barn 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Marion/Sinclair moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for the School Psychologist.

Motion carried, Roll Call Vote: Voting Aye: Donica, Fornell, Hellmann, Marion, Rasmussen, Sinclair, Thompson. Voting Nay: none

The Board reconvened in Open Session.

Hellmann/Donica moved to approve the base salary for the newly hired School Psychologist, contract details on file. Motion carried, 1 Abstention (Marion abstained).

Thompson/Marion moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.

Kelli Rasmussen, Board Clerk