BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 20, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Session Meeting
Barron High School IMC

The Barron Area School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Barron High School IMC.

President Brittany Stephens announced it was an open meeting and that proper notice was given to the news media.

Members Present: Brittany Stephens, Chris Donica, Bobbi Jo Fornell, Danette Hellmann, Megan Marion, Kelli Rasmussen, Wil Sinclair, Orin Thompson and Kate Vruwink.
Members Absent: None

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

Spotlight on Education featured a presentation on 2026-2027 District Goals.

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

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

A. Vouchers to be Paid
B. Resignations/Retirements:
    1. Rylee Stauner, JV Girls Soccer Coach
    2. Hailey Cress, Assistant Tennis Coach
C. Staffing Recommendations:
    1. Ashlie Tweed, Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher
    2. Kelsey Piepho, 2nd Grade Teacher
    3. Perla Colby, Montessori Classroom Assistant
    4. Kari Nelson, 4-hour Cook Position, Woodland Elementary
    5. Jennie Rose, 4-hour Cook Position, Riverview Middle School
    6. Mary Moen, 4.75-hour Cook Position, Ridgeland-Dallas Elementary
    7. Abby Iverson, JV/Assistant Girls Golf Coach
    8. Rylee Stauner, Varsity Girls Soccer Coach
    9. Angela Wagner, JV2 Boys Basketball Coach
    10. Sydney Stauner, JV/Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
    11. Rylee Stauner, Middle School Girls Basketball Coach
    12. Nikki Beebout, Middle School Cross Country Coach
    13. Addie Kroeze, Summer School Aide

D. Donations:
   1. Barron Electric, Barron FFA Chapter, $200.00
E. Overnight Requests:
   1. Varsity Volleyball Sprawl at UW-Stout
   2. Byron Volleyball Tournament, Byron, MN
F. Fundraiser Requests:
   1. Barron High School Football Program, Leading Edge Fundraising
   2. Barron Volleyball Program, Leading Edge Fundraising
   3. Barron Volleyball Program, Dig Pink Night, Pink Ribbon Advocacy

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

Informational Reports

A. Correspondence-Thank You
   (1) Sue Becker
   (2) Ky Baumgard
B. Food Service Report
C. Boiler Plant Report
D. Monthly Enrollment Report-none

Committee Reports

Informational

A. Site Council Reports/Parent Groups-None
B. Technology Report
C. BACC Report-Kelli Rasmussen & Chris Donica

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit as follows for June 2026: Flex Account Balance-$48,588.43; General Fund Balance-$4,344,199.75; Activity Fund Balance -$367,125.39; Fund 46-$1,895,848.88.

Action Agenda:

Marion/Fornell moved to approve the 2026-2027 Elementary Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Sinclair/Thompson moved to approve the 2026-2027 Middle School Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Rasmussen/Marion moved to approve the 2026-2027 High School Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Vruwink/Fornell moved to approve the 2026-2027 Support Staff Handbook as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Marion/Thompson moved to approve the 2026-2027 Teacher Handbook as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Thompson/Sinclair moved to approve the 2026-2027 Bus Driver Handbook as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Rasmussen/Hellmann moved to approve the Supervisory/Administrative Support Fringe Benefits as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Thompson/Marion moved to approve the Administration Fringe Benefits as presented. Motion carried, all ayes.

Sinclair/Fornell moved to approve the recommended price for Food Service Rates as follows:

| Grade | Current Price: Breakfast/lunch | Recommended 2026-2027 |
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| Pre-K-Gr. 4 Breakfast | $1.55 | $1.65 |
| 5-8 Breakfast | $1.65 | $1.75 |
| 9-12 Breakfast | $1.70 | $1.80 |
| Adult Breakfast | $2.75 | $2.85 |
| Pre-K-Gr.4 Lunch | $3.05 | $3.15 |
| 5-8 Lunch | $3.35 | $3.45 |
| 9-12 Lunch | $3.40 | $3.50 |
| Adult Lunch | $4.40 | $4.50 |

Motion carried, All Ayes.

Fornell/Marion moved to approve the Staff Compensation Proposals for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion carried, 1 Abstention (Thompson abstained).

Marion/Vruwink moved to approve the Academic Standards for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion carried, all ayes.

Hellmann/Sinclair moved to approve the resignation of Orin Thompson as the Dallas Area School Board Member, effective 07/31/2026. Motion carried, all ayes.

Marion/Donica moved to approve the purchase of six BenQ's from BG Innovations in the amount of $16,519.00. Motion carried, all ayes.

Fornell/Thompson moved to approve the staffing recommendation of Stacy Gehrman as the 4 hour/day Montessori Classroom Assistant. Motion carried, all ayes.

Marion/Sinclair moved to approve the staffing recommendation of Andrea Bechard as the Assistant Tennis Coach. Motion carried, all ayes.

Fornell/Thompson moved to approve the staffing recommendation of Caleb Novak, Regular Route Bus Driver. Motion carried, all ayes.

Marion/Sinclair moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue limit by $1,500,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion carried, all ayes.

Vruwink/Rasmussen moved to approve the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by $1,500,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Motion carried, all ayes.

Upcoming Meetings: none

Marion/Fornell 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 new Teachers.

Continue in 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 of the High School Principal.

Continue in 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 a leave of absence request for a member of the teaching staff.

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session.

Marion/Hellman moved to approve the compensation for the newly hired 2nd Grade Teacher, contract details on file. Motion carried, all ayes.

Fornell/Sinclair moved to approve the compensation for the newly hired Cross Categorical Middle School Special Education Teacher, contract details on file. Motion carried, all ayes.

Donica/Thompson moved to deny the request of the High School Principal regarding early retirement benefits. Motion carried, all ayes.

Duly moved to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Kelli Rasmussen, Board Clerk