

**JNT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
BAXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
JANUARY 6, 2016**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** The Boards of Education from Baxter and Collins-Maxwell met with the board presidents calling the meeting order at 6:37 p.m. in the Maxwell Large Gym.  
C-M Board members present: Brad Plunkett, Bryce Caple, Justin Boege, Marcus Fricke and Jennifer Waters  
Baxter Board members present: Colette Kunkel, Debbie Meyer, Cory Robinson, Jon Northrup and Kim Tichy  
Administrators present: C-M Superintendent Jason Ellingson, Baxter Superintendent Todd Martin, C-M Secondary Principal Jordan Nelson, Baxter Secondary Principal Rob Luther, Baxter SBO/Board Secretary Julie McWhirter, C-M Board Sec/Treas/SBO Bonnie Mitchell, C-M Elementary Principal Chad Grandon,  
Visitors: Several patrons from both C-M and Baxter school districts along with Heartland AEA Administrator Paula Vincent
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Fricke motioned and Boege seconded the approval of the printed agenda. Motion carried 5y-0n.
- WELCOME & REVIEW/PREVIEW OBJECTIVES AND NORMS** Superintendent Ellingson reviewed/previewed the intended outcomes of the meeting which included: having the board get to know one another; how to strengthen our partnership; and take action in the best interest of our students.
- BUILDING RELATIONAL CAPACITY ACTIVITY** Board members from each district paired with a board member from the other district to work on ways to strengthen their working relationships.
- ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Lori Fricke, Baxter AD, and Chad Grandon, Maxwell AD, overviewed the winter and spring sports. Preliminary numbers for boys' high school soccer teams indicate there will be enough for a JV and Varsity team with combined sharing of CMB, West Marshall and Colo-Nesco. Also being looked into is an opportunity for athletes to do dual sports. Twin Anchors Golf Course will again serve as the home course for golf. The Principals and ADs are meeting once a month to work on ways to retain coaches and incentives for coach/drivers and to work to develop a handbook that will be for parents/students in all sports. With Colfax-Mingo having already left the HOIAC Conference and Gilbert considering pulling out, the conference has developed an expansion committee to address this issue and try and encourage teams to come into the HOIAC conference.
- FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT** Upon board request, Heartland AEA and ISFIS (Iowa School Finance Information Services) were asked to perform a feasibility study for each district. Paula Vincent, from Heartland AEA, provided a Whole Grade Sharing Data Study on programs (current/projected opportunities), enrollment (current and projected trends) and finance (current and projected strength). You can view the feasibility study on the district's website.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**
- A. CMB WHOLE GRADE SHARING PLAN** This plan is found on each school's website. It includes information on educational programs, enrollment population, finance and property valuations, facilities and equipment, transportation and road conditions, personnel, geographical considerations, economic factors, long term stability and other viable sharing options as an alternative to reorganization.
  - B. CMB WGS TIMELINE** This plan is also included on the district website but is only a guideline. It can be modified if needed.
  - C. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS-HS/MS COURSE OFFERINGS** Rob Luther, Baxter secondary principal, and Jordan Nelson, C-M principal, shared a presentation on preliminary numbers of additional classes that could be added given the assumption that we kept all staff and didn't cut any classes from either programs.
  - D. INDIVIDUAL BOARD EXERCISE: SITE DISCUSSION/ACTIVITY** For the March 2 joint board meeting, each individual director will work on an exercise to identify what are the strengths and/or weaknesses of the host site for CMB High School and CMB Middle School.
  - E. CLOSURE** The superintendent's gave their closing remarks.
- QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** Both the administration and board members fielded questions from the public. Those questions and answers will be posted on each school's website.
- ADJOURNMENT** Adjournment was at 9:19 p.m. with a motion by Waters, seconded by Fricke. Motion carried 5y-0n.