

# BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## School Board Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Teaching & Learning Center, Becker High School

12000 Hancock Street

Becker, MN 55308

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1. PROCEDURAL ITEMS
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Pledge of Allegiance
  - C. Agenda
  - D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Forum
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Chair Jurek called the regular meeting of the School Board of District #726 to order on the 1st day of March, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Teaching & Learning Center.

**Roll Call.**

**Members present:** Cindy Graham, Aaron Jurek, Ryan Obermoller, Connie Robinson, Sarah Schafer, Mark Swanson

**Members absent:** None

**Others present:** Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent  
 Kevin Januszewski, Director of Business Services

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Reports**, provided by Student School Board Representative, Superintendent Schmidt, School Board Finance Committee

Motion by Mark Swanson, seconded by Connie Robinson, to **Approve the Consent Agenda** as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MINUTES:** February 1, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**EXPENDITURES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>2020-21 Budget</b>	<b>February 2021</b>	<b>2020-21 Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>% Spent</b>
General	35,252,552	2,682,040	19,702,983	15,549,569	55.89%
Food Service	1,506,360	100,592	763,073	743,287	50.66%
Community Service	1,491,067	130,623	826,354	664,713	55.42%
Debt Service	3,427,413	-	3,452,473	(25,060)	100.73%
	<b>\$41,677,392</b>	<b>\$2,913,255</b>	<b>\$24,744,883</b>	<b>\$16,932,509</b>	<b>59.37%</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS** – in the amount of \$1,333,891.42

**PERSONNEL**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hrs Per Day/FTE</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Replacing</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Wage</b>
Borst, Steve	New	JV Boys Tennis Coach	HS	2 Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	N. Bucher	3/29/2021	\$2,593 Per Season

Crowley, Jon	New	9th Grade Baseball Coach	HS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	B. Knudsen	3/29/2021	\$2,775 Per Season
Doucette, Callie	New	Track & Field Coach	MS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	H. Longwehr	4/5/2021	\$2,240 Per Season
Fluck, Kathleen	Change in Assignment	Paraprofessional	MS	6.5 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	J. Klatt	2/22/2021	Use Current Wage
Fluck, Kathleen	Resignation	Paraprofessional	MS	7 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	n/a	2/19/2021	n/a
Freih, Dennis	Resignation	Night Custodian	PS	8 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	n/a	2/26/2021	n/a
Gervasi, Heather	Resignation	Asst. Principal Secretary	MS	5 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	n/a	2/9/2021	Use Current Wage
Gervasi, Heather	Resignation	Paraprofessional - MTSS Tier 1	MS	2 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	n/a	2/9/2021	n/a
Gervasi, Heather	Change in Assignment	Counseling Secretary	HS	7.5 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	K. Orrock	2/10/2021	Use Current Wage
Gorecki, Austin	New	Boys Tennis Coach	MS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	B. Roemer	3/29/2021	\$2,240 Per Season
Hennagir, Meghan	New	Night Custodian	HS	8 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	C. Lindbom	3/1/2021	\$16.89 Per Hour
Hennessey, Kristi	Resignation	Paraprofessional	MS	6.5 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	n/a	2/19/2021	n/a
Hennessey, Kristi	Change in Assignment	Asst. Principal Secretary	MS	5 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	H. Gervasi	2/22/2021	Use Current Wage
Klatt, Jaime	Resignation	Paraprofessional	MS	6.5 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	n/a	2/19/2021	n/a
Knutson, Chantel	Change in Assignment	Night Custodian	PS	8 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	D. Freih	3/1/2021	Use Current Wage
Kolbinger, Bonnie	New	Weight Room Supervisor	HS	3 Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	D. Rooney	2/8/2021	\$3,125 (split w/ J. Otto)

Kula, Tamara	Resignation	Breakfast & Lunch Cashier	IS	3.5 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	n/a	4/1/2021	n/a
Lindbom, Connie	Change in Assignment	n/a	IS	8 Hours Per Day	Multi Unit	M. Gaebel	2/16/2021	Use Current Wage
Miller, Tony	New	Asst. Track & Field Coach	HS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	D. Rooney	3/29/2021	\$2,775 Per Season
Otto, Josh	New	Weight Room Supervisor	HS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	D. Bjornstad	2/8/2021	\$3,125 (split w/ B. Kolbinger)
Otto, Josh	New	Track & Field Coach	MS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	n/a	4/5/2021	\$2,240 Per Season

**FY2022 ACHIEVEMENT AND INTEGRATION PLAN**, as presented

Motion by Ryan Obermoller, seconded by Mark Swanson, to ***Accept the Following Gifts:***

Donor Name	Description of Gift	Purpose of Gift
Lifetouch	\$282.49	PS Freeplay Supplies
PTSA	\$100.00	PS Substitute Gift Bags
Speer, Rick	\$40.00	PS Playground Toys
UMC	\$2,000.00	Robotics
Wacloff, Carolyn	\$150.00	PS School Supplies

Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:50 p.m.

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Aaron Jurek, Chair

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Ryan Obermoller, Clerk

Recorder: Angela Oswald

**BECKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT  
March 2021**

**EXPENDITURES**

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	<b>\$ 41,677,392</b>	<b>\$ 2,988,353</b>	<b>\$ 27,733,236</b>	<b>\$ 13,944,156</b>	<b>66.54%</b>

**April 2021**

I recommend approving the personnel items as presented (sorted by last name):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hrs Per Day/FTE</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Replacing</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Wage</b>
Ahsenmacher, Laurel	New Assignment	Assistant Cook	Various	6.25 Hours Per Day	MultiUnit	E. Schwinn	3/17/2021	\$15.12 Per Hour
Anderson, Brenda	Resignation	Media Assistant	MS	7.5 Hours Per Day	MultiUnit	n/a	5/28/2021	n/a
Crowley, Nick	New	Baseball Coach	MS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	T. Schuster	4/19/2021	\$2,240 Per Season
Fritsch, Nathan	New	Asst. Boys Lacrosse Coach	HS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	B. Kent	3/29/2021	\$2,775 Per Season
Golley, Aimee	Resignation	Health Assistant	MS	7 Hours Per Day	MultiUnit	n/a	3/9/2021	n/a
Hennessey, Kristi	New Assignment	MTSS Paraprofessional	MS	2 Hours Per Day	MultiUnit	H. Gervasi	3/1/2021	Use Current Wage
Jundt, Sandra	New Assignment	Cashier	IS	Cashier	NonUnion	T. Kula	3/29/2021	\$14.00 Per Hour
Kasper, Rachel	New	K-5 EBD Teacher	PS/IS	1 FTE	BEA	C. Ihrke	Fall, 2021	MA30, Step 12 @ \$70,308
Kent, Brandon	Resignation	JV Boys Lacrosse Coach	HS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	n/a	3/15/2021	n/a
Kent, Brandon	New	Head Boys Lacrosse Coach	HS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	B. Reichle	3/29/2021	\$3,955 Per Season
Kurhajetz, Christina	New	FACS Teacher	HS	1 FTE	BEA	K. Callaghan	Fall, 2021	MA60, Step 9 @ \$67,281
Legatt, April	New	Musical Music Director	MS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	J. Rand	3/8/2021	\$2,042 Per Season
Martin, Kristin	New Assignment	Breakfast Cashier	IS	1.25 Hours Per Day	MultiUnit	T. Kula	3/29/2021	\$15.71 Per Hour
Reichle, Brett	Resignation	Head Boys Lacrosse Coach	HS	Seasonal	BEA - Schedule C	n/a	3/15/2021	n/a
Schwinn, Edeza	Resignation	Assistant Cook	PS	6.25 Hours Per Day	MultiUnit	n/a	3/16/2021	n/a
Tanner, Caitlin	New	Night Custodian	PS	6 Hours Per Day	MultiUnit	C. Knutson	4/12/2021	\$16.41 Per Hour
Vogt, Adrienne	Resignation	Camp Opportunity Lead Staff	Camp Opp	Varies	Camp Opp	n/a	2/26/21	n/a
Weber, Lonnie	Resignation	Freeplay Supervisor	IS	3 Hours Per Day	MultiUnit	n/a	3/24/2021	n/a
Wilhelm, Grace	Resignation	Camp Opportunity Lead Staff	Camp Opp	Varies	Camp Opp	n/a	3/17/2021	n/a
Witkowski, Amber	Increase in Hours	Camp Opportunity Lead Staff	Camp Opp	40 Hours Per Week	Camp Opp	A. Vogt	3/10/2021	Use Current
Young, Barbara	Resignation	Special Education Teacher	MS	1 FTE	BEA	n/a	End of 20-21 School Year	n/a

***I recommend approving the attached Resolution Relating to the Termination and Non-Renewal of Teaching Contracts:***

Member \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACTS OF *KRISTIE BOYER, KATHLEEN CALLAGHAN, CAMIE IHRKE, APRIL LEGATT, HANNAH PAGEL, STEPHANIE OEDING, MARY THORPE*, PROBATIONARY TEACHERS.**

WHEREAS, ***KRISTIE BOYER, KATHLEEN CALLAGHAN, CAMIE IHRKE, APRIL LEGATT, HANNAH PAGEL, STEPHANIE OEDING, MARY THORPE*** are probationary teachers in Independent School District No. 726.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 726, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contracts of ***KRISTIE BOYER, KATHLEEN CALLAGHAN, CAMIE IHRKE, APRIL LEGATT, HANNAH PAGEL, STEPHANIE OEDING, MARY THORPE***, probationary teachers in Independent School District No. 726, are hereby terminated at the close of the current 2020-2021 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of his/her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION  
AND NON-RENEWAL

Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 726 held on April 5, 2021, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2021 - 22 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5. You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your contract.

Yours very truly,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

April 5, 2021

Policy 706 Acceptance of Gifts permits the school board to accept donations or gifts under the terms of the policy. I recommend accepting the gifts as described below.

Donor Name	Description of Gift	Purpose of Gift
Bernick's Pepsi	\$250.00	Robotics
Chip's Trimming & Construction	\$500.00	Robotics
Sherburne State Bank	\$500.00	Robotics
TeamVantage Molding, LLC	\$500.00	Robotics



February 16, 2021

Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent  
Becker Public School District, ISD #0726-01  
12000 Hancock Street  
Becker, MN 55308-9585

Dear Superintendent Schmidt:

Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.71, requires a review and comment statement on the educational and economic advisability of your proposed school construction project. Information supplied by your school district and from Minnesota Department of Education sources is the basis of this review and comment. With this positive review and comment, voter and board approval is required for Becker Public School District, Independent School District #0726-01, to proceed with the proposed projects.

***The district shall publish a summary of the review and comment statement (the final two pages) in the legal newspaper of the district at least 20 days, but not more than 60 days, prior to holding a referendum for bonds or soliciting any bids for the construction, expansion, or remodeling of an educational facility.*** The department may request a statement certifying the publication, and require the submission, review, and approval of preliminary and final construction plans.

Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.71, requires the commissioner to include comments from residents of the school district in the review and comment. As of the date of this letter, no public comments have been received. In addition, Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.71, ***requires the school board hold a public meeting to discuss the review and comment prior to the date of the bond referendum election.***

Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.71, ***requires that a school district, prior to occupying a new or renovated facility after July 1, 2002, must submit a certification prepared by a system inspector to the commissioner and the building code official that will provide an occupancy permit.*** The certification must verify that the facility's installed or modified heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system operates according to design specifications and code, a system for monitoring outdoor airflow and total airflow of ventilation systems has been installed, and any installed or modified heating, ventilation, or air conditioning system provides an indoor air quality filtration system that meets ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers) Standard 52.1.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Kubesh, Education Finance specialist, at 651-582-8319 or [chris.kubesh@state.mn.us](mailto:chris.kubesh@state.mn.us). Thank you for working with us to improve school facilities for Minnesota students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Cathryn Ricker'.

Mary Cathryn Ricker, NBCT  
Commissioner

cc: Mark Swanson, School Board Chair

Enclosure

**The Commissioner of the Department of Education  
Review and Comment on the School Construction  
Proposal of Becker Public School District, ISD #0726-01**

A review and comment must be provided on a school district construction project proposal before the district conducts a referendum, solicits bids, or issues bonds for the project. A project proposal has been submitted for review and comment according to requirements set forth in Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.71, subdivisions 9 and 10, and Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.72. The district provides the following information:

1. The geographic area and population to be served:
  - a. preschool through grade 12 student enrollment for the past five years, and
  - b. student enrollment projections for the next five years.
2. A list of existing school facilities:
  - a. by year constructed,
  - b. their uses, and
  - c. an assessment of the extent to which alternate facilities are available within school district boundaries and in adjacent school districts.
3. A list of specific deficiencies of the facility:
  - a. demonstrating the need for a new or renovated facility to be provided,
  - b. the process used to determine the deficiencies,
  - c. a list of those deficiencies that will and will not be addressed by the proposed projects,
  - d. a list of specific benefits that the new or renovated facility will provide to students, teachers, and community users served by the facility.
4. A description of the project, including:
  - a. specifications of site and outdoor space acreage,
  - b. square footage allocations for classrooms, laboratories and support spaces,
  - c. estimated expenditures for major portions of the project,
  - d. estimated changes in facility operating costs, and
  - e. dates the project will begin and be completed.
5. A specification of the source of project financing, including:
  - a. applicable statutory citations,
  - b. the scheduled date for a bond issue or school board action,
  - c. a schedule of payments, including debt service equalization aid, and
  - d. the effect of a bond issue on local property taxes by property class and valuation.
6. Documentation obligating the school district and contractors to comply with the following items:
  - a. Minnesota Statutes, section 471.345 governing municipal contracts,
  - b. sustainable design,
  - c. school facility commissioning under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.72, certifying the plans and designs for heating, ventilating, air conditioning and air filtration for an extensively renovated or new facility meet or exceed current code standards, including ASHRAE air filtration Standard 52.1,
  - d. American National Standards Institute (ANSI) acoustical performance criteria, design requirements and guidelines for schools on maximum background noise levels and reverberation times,
  - e. state fire code,
  - f. chapter 326B governing building codes, and
  - g. consultation with affected government units about the impact of the project on utilities, roads, sewers, sidewalks, retention ponds, school bus and automobile traffic, access to mass transit and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists.

## Description of Proposed School Construction Project

Becker Public School District, ISD #0726-01, is proposing a single-question bond referendum on May 11, 2021, that would authorize \$37.5 million in bonding authority to finance districtwide facility additions, renovations, deferred maintenance and secure entrance/administrative addition improvements. Other proposed projects include a new transportation building and artificial turf for the existing stadium.

Student enrollment exceeds the capacity of the existing facilities and additional enrollment growth is anticipated in the next few years. To accommodate existing and projected space needs, the district proposes to move 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students from the primary school to the intermediate school and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from the intermediate school to the middle school. A 28,886 square foot classroom addition is proposed at the middle school to accommodate additional classroom space needs.

Proposed projects would be scheduled for completion in calendar years 2021-2023. Cost estimates by location/project component are as follows:

<b>Primary School</b>		<b>Middle School</b>	
Secure Entrance / Admin Office Addition	\$451,080	Secure Entrance / Admin Office Addition	\$564,750
Roof Line Modifications	\$56,000	Renovations	\$704,000
Drop-off Area Modifications	\$200,000	Kitchen Upgrades	\$100,000
Gymnasium Acoustical Upgrades	\$100,000	Classroom Additions	\$7,221,500
	<b>\$807,080</b>		<b>\$8,590,250</b>
<b>Intermediate School</b>		<b>High School</b>	
Secure Entrance / Admin Office Addition	\$614,950	Secure Entrance	\$30,000
Media Center Renovations	\$320,000	CTE / FACS Renovations	\$1,865,600
Kitchen / Cafeteria Addition	\$350,000	Other Renovations	\$1,150,000
Other Renovations	\$569,480		<b>\$3,045,600</b>
	<b>\$1,854,430</b>	<b>Districtwide Deferred Maintenance</b>	
<b>Transportation Building</b>		HVAC Upgrades	\$5,470,000
New Construction	\$4,000,000	Roof Replacement	\$2,812,500
		Building Envelope	\$312,500
<b>Stadium</b>		Interior Upgrades	\$547,500
Artificial Turf	\$1,090,000		<b>\$9,142,500</b>
		<b>Districtwide</b>	
<b>TOTAL Project Costs</b>	<b>\$37,492,024</b>	FF&E / Technology	\$780,000
		Fees, Permits & Testing	\$5,715,423
		Contingency	\$1,905,141
		Bond Issuance	\$561,600
			<b>\$8,962,164</b>

The district would structure the repayment of the bond issuance so that small principal and interest payments would be made in FY 2023 and FY 2024 to minimize the initial tax impact on the Payable 2022 and 2023 levies. The amount of future bond payments would increase as other bonded debt is retired.

The district has supplied cost estimates to operate and staff the additional building space. It appears that existing revenues, along with additional revenues resulting from enrollment growth, will be sufficient to fund the operational cost increase associated with the proposed facility additions. The proposed projects appear to be in the long-term interest of the school district.

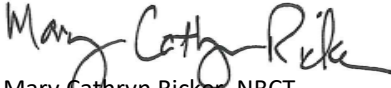
If the bond referendum is successful and bonds are sold, the debt service on the bonds will be eligible for debt service equalization under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 3, if the bond schedule is approved. The amount of debt service equalization aid, if any, the district receives is determined annually and is dependent upon property wealth, student population, and other statutory requirements.

#### **Review and Comment Statement**

Based on the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

#### **Additional Information is Available**

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the school district superintendent's office.



Mary Cathryn Ricker, NBCT  
Commissioner

February 16, 2021