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New Board Members Appointed and Elected to Positions 1 and 3 on School Board

During a special board meeting this afternoon, school board members appointed Sadie Lindell as a new board member to fill the Position 1 vacancy previously held by Chris Hawkins with a term ending June 30, 2027. Mr. Hawkins resigned from the board position as of June 30, 2025.

During the recent election, Ms. Lindell ran with Susan Yen for Position 3 on the school board. Ms. Yen won the election for Position 3 with a term ending June 30, 2029. Ms. Lindell and Yen will both take their oaths of office at the regular monthly school board meeting on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

"When Chris Hawkins announced during the June 17, 2025, board meeting that he planned to step down from the board at the end of the month, the entire board at that time - including Past Chairs Travis Cook and Chris Hawkins - considered who might be a good appointment to fill the vacancy," says board member Andrew Bryan. "Ms. Lindell is a mother of young children in our schools and showed her strong interest in serving our community in this capacity during the recent election. We look forward to having both her and Ms. Yen on our school board."

"Ms. Lindell and Ms. Yen both have a lot of great ideas and an exemplary willingness to serve," says Superintendent Casey Hallgarth. "I am excited to work with them!"

About the Baker School District

Nationally recognized Baker School District 5J (BSD) is a major employer in Baker City, OR, serving approximately 1,700 students locally with an additional 3,000 online students across the state of Oregon. Through enterprising, collaborative endeavors, BSD is creating an innovative educational foundation for future Oregonians. BSD believes strong school collaboration with local partners enables us to create vibrant communities that support lifelong learners.

Using collaborative leadership, Baker 5J schools enhance community vitality by providing cradle-to-career opportunities across broad, integrated learning platforms for rewarding educational experiences.