

Barton-Lexa School District Holds Annual Report to the Public

After the regular October 14, 2019, board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, Mrs. Donna Dunlap, board President, welcomed the public to the Annual Public Board Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss accreditation status, goals for school improvement, and the use of Title I funds.

Mr. Bernie Winkel, Elementary Principal, reported that Barton Elementary School has a total enrollment of 375 students plus an additional 20 students in the ABC pre-school program which totals 395 students. There are 43 full time employees and 1 part-time employee. Barton Elementary had 91% of parents to attend open house that was held Monday, August 5, 2019 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. The Elementary School has a RTI program (response to intervention) which has an intervention specialist along with 1 certified teachers and 1 paraprofessional. They work with students who have identified academic deficiencies. There are also two special education resource classes. The Elementary also has a Gifted and Talented teacher that works with our gifted and talented students. She provides a variety of enrichment projects for our gifted and talented students. Barton Elementary has a B for the school rating score.

Mr. Chris Goodin, High School Principal, reported the total enrollment for Barton High School is 343 students. Barton High School has 26 certified staff members assigned full-time to the high school and 3 certified staff members shared with the elementary school for a portion of the day. There are 8 non-licensed staff members responsible for delivering instruction. Currently, there is one full-time substitute and ten additional classified staff for a total of 40 staff members. Barton High School offers 38 units as required by the Arkansas Department of Education for accreditation including multiple pre-advanced placement courses and vocational courses. Barton High students also have the opportunity to take college level courses off campus for concurrent credit at Phillips County Community College. Barton High School continues to offer online digital learning courses which are delivered entirely by online format including Spanish with a full time facilitator. Barton High continues to expand our on-campus course offerings which includes culinary arts, EAST lab, Drone Piloting and Repair, Physics, Innovators and Makers, and 7th Grade High School Success. Barton High School is a 1:1 school with the use of technology. The total device numbers are 118 computers, 20 iPads, and 550 chromebooks.