

**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, April 12, 2021**

Notice of the Monday, April 12, 2021, Board of Education Regular Meeting was published at the entrance to the school, the Banner County Court House, the Harrisburg Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, in the Western Nebraska Observer, and on the school website. The Zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/96942582146>

**Call to Order**

The regular March meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:09 PM in the School Cafeteria, 200 School Street, Harrisburg, Nebraska. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

**Roll Call/Welcome**

Present: Megan Allen, Laura Baker, Ronald Johnson, Bret Jeffries, Jake Knaub, and Douglas Olsen.

Also present: Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary and Principal Charles Jones.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Ron Johnson invited attendees to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Approve the agenda for the April 12th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Banner County Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Jake Knaub.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

**Awards and Recognition**

President Johnson commended the following students, staff, and patrons:

-Student soloists at the MAC Music Contest got superior ratings for their performances-

Wyatt Onstott- Alto Sax Solo, 1st Place Medal

David Selves- Flute Solo, 1st Place Medal

Mycala Jones- Vocal Solo, 2nd Place Alto Solos

-8th Grade students who qualified for the U.S. History International Academic Competition U.S. History Regional Finals: Keira Bolander, Riley Jones, Alexis Marez, and Isaac Olsen.

-Kathryn Blankenship passed her test for Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

-The Junior High Quiz Bowl team took 1st at the MAC Junior High Quiz Bowl Competition and then 1st at the Banner County Quiz Bowl Competition. Team members include: Isaac Olsen, Riley Jones, Keira Bolander, Logan Mason, Gabe Teeple, Kody Carpenter, and Leeigh McGowan.

-Students in grades 4-8 took a qualifying test for the International Geography Bee hosted by International Academic Competitions. This test was offered since the National Geographic Bee was canceled this school year due to COVID-19. Out of the 35 students who participated, 19 qualified to take the Regional Finals test which will take place in May. Congratulations to the students who qualified for the next stage of the competition.

4th Grade- Luke Olsen and George Teeple

5th Grade- MaKynna Boettcher, Gabe Collier, Aron Knaub, Jackson Onstott, and Austin West.

6th Grade- Kelani Cross and Leeigh McGowan

7th Grade- Kaecee Bennett, Brigid Miller, Layton Mossberg, Kesmera Palu, and Gabriel Teeple

8th Grade- Keira Bolander, Riley Jones, Karleigh Leslie, Brentsen McGowan and Isaac Olsen

-Students of the Month for March: Quincy Boettcher, Grade 3; Leeigh McGowan, Grade 6; Adam Knaub, Grade 9.

-State FFA Contest results:

-Lily Teeple: Floriculture - placed 76th out of 209 to earn a red ribbon; Ag Mechanics - placed 99th out of 193 - white ribbon

-Joe Cross: TIG Welding - placed 24th out of 60 - Red ribbon

-Meats Judging Team Placed 11th out of 80 Teams and earned a Blue Ribbon! Individuals on the meats team were:

Makyla Mason - placed 31st out of 308 - purple ribbon

Jacob Parsos - 33rd - Blue

Alex Rundell - 45th - Blue

Adam Knaub - 78th - Blue

-Kathryn Blankenship received her State FFA Degree

### **Presentations - Students of the Month**

-Dr. Browne read student "bios" for the March Students of the Month: Quincy Boettcher, Grade 3; Leeigh McGowan, Grade 6; Adam Knaub, Grade 9.

### **Reports**

*Superintendent*

#### **COVID-19**

-Vaccinations are available in the Panhandle for anyone over 18 years old.

-End of year activities being planned with COVID in mind; Social distancing and masking inside; Patrons Day planning underway for May 17<sup>th</sup>.

-No new positives in school.

-Back to Yellow on the Dial

#### **Facilities & Transportation**

-Water damage to high school hall ceilings and science classroom after March snow storm

-2022 Saf-T-Liner bus delivered on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The Truck Center will complete the demolition and provide documentation for the 50% reimbursement grant.

-Air Conditioning unit being installed in the superintendent house.

#### **Student Programs & Enrollment**

-Current 2020-2021 Enrollment - 144      PK = 13; K-5= 67; 6-8= 25; 9-12=39

Option IN: 54      Option OUT: 21

-Awarded Farm to School Grant from Nebraska Dept. of Education Nutrition Services (Approx. \$3500)

-Banner County selected to receive the MATHCOUNTS **Online Problem Library and Extraction Tool** (OPLET) an online problem library valued at \$275 for the one-year subscription.

OEF Article in the April 1 Western Nebraska Observer

## **Personnel**

- Interviews and demo lessons completed for 5<sup>th</sup> grade opening, recommendation on agenda.
- Teacher/Network Administrator contract approval on the agenda. This position will start on or about August 1.
- Learning Recovery Teacher contract approval on the agenda. This position will be covered for 2 years by ESSER funds
- ESSER II application underway (\$119,005) for student devices, Learning Recovery teacher, and curriculum.
- Dr. Browne attended the NASB Budget & Finance Workshop in Gering on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## *Principal*

1. I attended a Work Based Learning Zoom on March 9.
2. MAC Quiz Bowl was held on March 22, our JH team placed 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to thank all of our staff for their work during the day.
3. I attended a FEMA Emergency Operations meeting on March 24.
4. Dr. Browne and I attended and presented at the NRCSA Conference March 25-26.
5. We hosted a JH Quiz Bowl meet on March 26. The event went well and our JH team placed 1<sup>st</sup>
6. MAC Music Contest was held on March 30 in Garden County.  
Jessica Stauffer and I attended the Targeted Improvement Plan Work Day at ESU 13 on March 30.
7. High School track has begun with 8 participants.
8. Junior High track will hopefully have their first meet Wednesday April 14.
9. There will be no school for students on Thursday April 15 to administer the ACT test for our Juniors as the state assessment.
10. NSCAS the state assessment for grades 3-8 will be the week of April 19.
11. We had 5 applicants for our vacant elementary position.
12. I have been asked to serve on a Nebraska Frameworks External Visit Team for Red Cloud Public School on April 26-27

## *Board of Education*

President Johnson reminded members of the information available through NASB. Jake Knaub attended the NASB Budget workshop in Gering on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and Megan Henderson will attend the New Board Members workshop in Kearney on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Douglas Olsen.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

-Approve the Minutes of the March 8th, 2021 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$301,483.10 for the April 12th, 2021, regular meeting.

-Approve payment of \$84,810 from the Depreciation Fund to Truck Center Companies for the 2022 Saf-T-Liner 30 Passenger Bus.

-Approve transfer of \$83,000 from General Fund C.D. #42639 to the General Fund.

### **Committee Reports**

Transportation and Grounds: Douglas Olsen reported on the April 12th committee meeting. Topics of discussion included purchasing an additional Suburban, upgrade to HVAC and use of ESSERS funding, and repairing/replacing the roof over the High School wing.

American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: No report. Next meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Policy Review: No report.

Personnel and Negotiations: No report.

### **Approve Classified Salary Schedules**

Approve a 1.4% increase in the base pay on classified employee salary schedules for Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

### **Approve Certified Personnel Contracts**

-Approve a teaching contract for Stephanie Stricker at BA Step 1. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

-Approve a teaching contract for Kaitlin Knaub at MA Step 3. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Laura Baker.

Jake Knaub: Abstain (With Conflict), Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

-Approve a contract for David Hellman as a 1.1 FTE Teacher/Network Administrator at MA+9, Step 10. Passed with a motion by Laura Baker and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

### **Next Meeting**

Regular meeting: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00PM

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Jake Knaub.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

### **Banner County School Schedule of Bills/Claims**

School Nutrition Fund Supplies \$205.00; Booksource Supplies \$111.09; Cash-Wa Distributing Cleaning Supplies \$719.82; CDW Government, Inc. Two Way Radios \$381.00; Colorado/West Equipment, Inc. Parts \$2,049.12; Connecting Point Copies \$606.42; Barbara Cooper Classroom Expense \$100.00; Crossroads Music Supplies \$377.33; DAS State Acctg Network Service Charges \$232.49; Amplify Education, Inc Testing Fees \$66.00; Educational Service Unit #13 Services,

VALTS \$11,379.08; Melisa Fesmire Classroom Expense \$96.90; Frank Parts Supplies \$7.87; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel \$2,930.93; Frenchman Valley Coop Propane \$3,510.46; Fresh Foods Supplies \$12.29; School Specialty Supplies \$156.70; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$4,823.56; Gering JH School JH Quiz Bowl Entry Fee \$25.00; Kari Gifford Classroom Expense \$62.77; Bill Gifford Classroom Expense \$80.57; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$250.00; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$536.07; High West Energy Electricity Usage \$3,407.94; Holiday Inn Kearney NRCSA Conference Lodging \$344.85; Home Depot Credit Services Supplies \$2,058.00; Home Depot Pro Backpack Vacuum \$470.00; Hullinger Glass & Locks Core Level Sets \$1,200.00; Impero Solutions Inc License & Support \$315.00; Independent Plumbing & Heating Inc HVAC \$10,330.00; JMC, Inc Annual Subscription \$2,584.58; Jostens Diplomas and Covers \$96.07; Jake Knaub Snow Removal \$300.00; Lookout Books Library Books \$211.40; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$77.02; Menards Supplies \$216.79; Midwest Special Instruments Audiometer Recalibration \$98.22; Motor Fuels Division 1st Qtr Fuel Tax \$716.00; NASB Registration Fees \$155.00; Nebraska/Central Equipment Parts \$578.56; NKC Tire Flat Tire Repair \$17.50; Ne Safety Center @ UNK Level II Training \$250.00; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assoc Supplies & Gas \$974.09; Quick Care Medical Services Bus Driver Physical \$125.00; RAKA Annual Inspection \$608.97; Really Good Stuff LLC Supplies \$228.97; School Specialty, Inc. Supplies \$75.40; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC P/T Services \$1,072.38; Staples Advantage Supplies \$207.26; Jessica Stauffer Classroom Expense \$52.74; Katie Stauffer Classroom Expense \$100.00; Priscilla Stauffer Classroom Expense \$64.73; Team Auto Center Suburban Repairs \$2,068.82; Thompson Glass, Inc. Bus Window Repair \$283.05; Walmart Supplies \$20.84; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Notices & Ads \$138.70; Wells Fargo Card Services Fees & Travel Expenses \$165.72; Wells Fargo Card Services Time Clock System \$30.40; Wells Fargo Card Services Travel Expenses \$38.00; Arielle Whelchel Deposit & Utilities Refund \$337.14; W.P.C.I. Drug Testing \$53.00; WTT Vehicle Washes \$20.00; 125 Clearing Account Payroll \$1,470.00; AFLAC Payroll \$405.28; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co Payroll \$1,145.54; Banner County Bank Payroll \$38,251.80; Banner Capital Bank Payroll \$4,033.82; Banner County School Payroll \$1,855.00; Banner County School Payroll \$27.39; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne Payroll \$39,041.18; Colonial Life Payroll \$39.11; Banner County School Payroll \$32,406.84; Horace Mann Insurance Company Payroll \$396.85; LegalShield Payroll \$222.25; MG Trust Company Payroll \$5,496.66; State of Nebraska Payroll \$5,988.26; Principal Life Insurance Company Payroll \$692.42; VSP Payroll \$338.00; VSP Payroll \$100.07; VSP Payroll \$93.29; Payroll \$110,326.73