

**Minutes of the Banner County School District
Board of Education Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2020**

Notice of the Monday, December 14, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting was posted at Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, Banner County School, published in the Western Nebraska Observer, and on the school website at www.bcswildcats.org. The Zoom link to the meeting was posted on the school website.

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 PM, in the school cafeteria. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was displayed in the cafeteria.

Roll Call/Welcome

Present: Ronald Johnson, Douglas Olsen, Jake Knaub, Larry Pahl, and Bret Jeffries (via Zoom). Also present: Principal Charles Jones and Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

Approve agenda for the December 14th, 2020 Banner County Regular Board of Education meeting. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Jake Knaub.
Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Comments from the Audience

There was no public comment.

Presentations

Student Holiday Service Project - Isaac Olsen (STUCO representative) shared information on the OEF Gingerbread house building.

6th Grade Entrepreneurs – a student created video was shown highlighting student created businesses for the Entrepreneurship Extravaganza

Students of the Month for November

Awards and Recognitions

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

-Alex Rundell for being named 1st Team District 6 Defensive Line and Wyatt Reichenberg being named 1st Team District 6 Punter.

-Kathryn Blankenship was the district champion in FFA (virtual) Senior Public Speaking and earned the right to compete at the state level.

- Nate McGowan and Andie West competed in Creed Speaking and each earned a red ribbon award
- Students of the Month: Trenton Knaub, Emily Montelongo, Jaimie Triolo
- Stephanie Stricker, who is covering all of our maternity leaves, for both in-class instruction and for students who are learning remotely.
- All of the students and staff members who helped out with our Veterans Day program: STUCO, National Honor Society, the Chime Ensemble, Mrs. Olsen, Ms. Leffers, Mrs. Wounded Arrow, Mrs. Boettcher, Mr. Wenger, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Risseeuw, and Mr. Chris Cooper.

Reports

Superintendent

COVID-19

- New quarantine timelines have been put into effect as of Dec. 7th. A letter will go home to share the information with parents.
- Home quarantines for close contacts have impacted 26 students so far this year. We still have only two confirmed positives since school opening on August 18.
- COVID expenses were submitted for reimbursement to the NDE. Costs for PPE, cleaning products, air filters, and the library furniture were among items submitted for \$31,232.

Facilities & Transportation

- Rewiring in Superintendent's house should be finished on Thursday, Dec. 17.

Student Programs & Enrollment

- Projected 2020-2021 Enrollment - 151 PK = 13; K-5= 73; 6-8= 26; 9-12=39
Option IN: 53 Option OUT: 22
- Entrepreneurship Extravaganza and Holiday Music Program will take place on December 15th from 4:00-pm to 6:00pm.
- Principal Jones and I have been invited to present at the NRCSA Spring conference on Option Friday program.

Personnel

- Staff will gather for a faculty meeting on Dec. 18 followed by some light snacks in lieu of Holiday Dinner.
- Network Administrator still posted
- Three staff members have completed their Level I training to drive small vehicles and the 15 seater on routes: Katie Stauffer, Ayden Vrtatko, Kinsey Groves.
- Some route changes were made to cover a maternity leave and adjust the number of students on the town bus in anticipation of possible 2nd semester enrollment increase.

Principal

- We had a group of students attend the Sportsmanship and Leadership on November 10. This was a virtual event that generated some good discussion among the students.
- The Veterans Day Program was held on November 11 along with the Veterans Breakfast. Special thanks go out to the National Honor Society, sponsors Nancy Olsen and Deb Leffers for the breakfast, and Sandy Wounded Arrow and the band students for the music.

- Chris Cooper took a group of students to WNCC on November 13 for a campus tour and question and answer session.
- On November 23 there was a 21st Century representative here to speak to Juniors and Seniors. This program works on job placement and financial help with schooling while enrolled in the program.
- Dan Joppa from WNCC has taught 2 weeks of OSHA 10 Training. The final training will be on December 18. We have 3 participants.
- A virtual FFA LDE contest was held on December 9. Thanks to Bill Gifford and Ayden Vrtatko for helping judge the contest.
- Representatives from UNK in Kearney, including former BCS Student Jerardo "Dado" Castillo, met with Juniors and Seniors on Monday December 7.
- JH Wrestling finished up their season on November 30. JHBB has started up with games.
- HSBB has begun with games. There are 9 girls and 7 boys participating.
- The ASVAB test for the Juniors will be tomorrow, this test has been rescheduled 3 times.
- OCR update. There is still not an official resolution on the case which was filed 4 years ago February. KSB has sent another letter asking for dismissal. The school has complied with all of the findings from the case.

Board of Education

-NASB Update shared with members.

Committee Reports

Transportation and Grounds: No report

American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: No report

Policy Review: No report

Personnel and Negotiations: Tentative settlement agreed. The new contract will be on the agenda for the January 11th meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

-Approve the Minutes of the November 9th, 2020 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$282,182.92 for the December 14th, 2020, regular meeting.

Approve amendment to Superintendent's Contract

Approve the amendment to the superintendent's contract with a salary of \$110,000 for the 2021-2022 year. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Next Meeting

Regular meeting: January 11th, 2021 at 7:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned

Adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Douglas Olsen.

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Banner County School Schedule of Bills/Claims

A & A Porta Potties LLC Rental for October \$200.00; School Nutrition Fund Supplies \$103.20; Evelyn Browne Reimbursement \$167.86; Brown Industries, Inc Years of Service Pins \$81.29; Cash-Wa Distributing Supplies \$441.60; CDW Government, Inc. Licenses \$119.70; Connecting Point Copies \$588.66; DAS State Accounting Network Service Charges \$232.49; Ed Service Unit #13 November Services \$13,467.53; Floyd's Repairs Bus #1 \$3,400.04; Frank Parts Parts & Supplies \$154.64; Frenchman Valley Coop Propane \$4,970.17; Fresh Foods Supplies \$69.03; Banner County School Account Reimb. \$890.78; Gopher Supplies \$128.58; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$250.00; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$542.22; High West Energy Electricity \$891.78; HOME DEPOT Supplies \$291.24; Home Depot Pro Supplies \$453.30; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$73.71; Menards Supplies \$26.16; NASB New Member Workshop \$300.00; NMC Exchange LLC Batteries \$551.84; Ne Safety Center @ UNK Level I Training \$225.00; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Marie Parker Reimb. for Supplies \$9.99; Quick Care Medical Services Bus Driver Physical \$125.00; School Specialty, Inc. Supplies \$427.99; Brittany Serres Sub Application Fee \$55.00; Siemens Industry, Inc. Parts & Service \$1,584.00; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC November PT Services \$905.46; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$252.62; Walmart Supplies \$35.28; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Ads & Notices \$137.11; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies \$2,437.35; Wells Fargo Card Services Time System \$30.40; Cindy Wolfe Sub Application Fee \$55.00; W.P.C.I. Drug Testing \$494.00; 125 Clearing Account December 2020 Payroll \$1,470.00; AFLAC December 2020 Payroll \$430.76; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co December 2020 Payroll \$1,147.08; Banner County Bank December 2020 Payroll \$38,020.42; Banner Capital Bank December 2020 Payroll \$4,135.15; Banner County School December 2020 Payroll \$2,180.00; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne December 2020 Payroll \$39,376.80; Calvary SPV I, LLC December 2020 Payroll \$336.09; Colonial Life December 2020 Payroll \$40.77; Banner County School December 2020 Payroll \$33,803.41; Horace Mann Insurance Company December 2020 Payroll \$399.09; LegalShield December 2020 Payroll \$222.25; MG Trust Company December 2020 Payroll \$5,496.66; State of Nebraska December 2020 Payroll \$5,782.17; Principal Life Insurance Company December 2020 Payroll \$692.42; VSP Insurance Co. December 2020 Payroll \$338.49; VSP Insurance Co. December 2020 Payroll \$100.07; VSP Insurance Co. December 2020 Payroll \$16.65; VSP Insurance Co. December 2020 Payroll \$85.79; December 2020 Payroll \$112,598.83