

**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, December 9, 2019**

Notice of the Monday, December 9, 2019, Board of Education Regular Meeting was posted at Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, and Banner County School.

Present: Wittni Boettcher, Barbara Cross, Bret Jeffries, Ronald Johnson, Douglas Olsen, Larry Pahl.  
Also present: Principal Charles Jones and Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary.

**Call to Order**

The regular December meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 PM in the School Cafeteria, 200 School Street, Harrisburg, Nebraska. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall. Notice of the meeting was published at the entrance to the school, the Banner County Court House, the Harrisburg Post Office, and Banner Capital Bank.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ron Johnson invited members and guests to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Approve agenda for the December 9th, 2019 Banner County Regular Board of Education meeting. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Bret Jeffries.  
Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

There was no Public Comment.

**Presentations**

Students of the Month for November

**Awards and Recognitions**

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

- One Act actors: Josie Whelchel, Deven Sullivan, Haddie Grubbs, Aubrey Clement, Mycala Jones, Kairyn Miller, and Riann Morton. Kairyn, Haddie, and Josie all received Outstanding Actor awards at Districts. The team placed 8th overall. Their coaches are very proud of the way they ended the season.
- Congratulations to BCS students who participated in FFA Districts at Chadron. Noah Yetter - Red ribbon Creed, Kelton Conn fourth Place purple ribbon in Creed, and Kathryn Blankenship first place in senior public speaking. Kathryn is going to State!
- Breakfast with Santa was a great day for our kids thanks to the following: Isaac Olsen, Maddison Hill, Riley Jones, Riann Morton, Alex Rundell, Lily Teeple, Helen Hein, Marie Hein, Paula Brown, Rick Henderson, Wittni Boettcher, Angie Hilbert, Kristen Smith, Kari Gifford, Rick Caudillo, Robin Parsons, Debbie Leffers, Deb Griebe, Melisa Fesmire, Elizabeth Bohac, Priscilla Stauffer, Nancy Olsen, and Principal Jones.

## **Reports**

### *Superintendent*

#### **Community**

- Breakfast with Santa had a nice turn-out! Many thanks to students, staff, Paula Brown and Mr. Henderson for bringing their team for the carriage ride, and to BCEA for the book giveaway and s'mores! Very popular!
- December Scratching post helped get the word out about the Banner County flood relief raffle.
- Attended Planning Board meeting on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Officers and regular meeting dates established.

#### **Facilities & Transportation**

- Walk-in freezer was repaired after the power outage.
- Bus #6 needed some major repairs. It is back on the road.
- New bus will be delivered 12/11/19
- Tod Wenger completed the Driver's Education Instructor course.

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

- Enrollment – 127 PK = 10; K-5= 62; 6-8= 26; 9-12=28
- Option IN: 39                      Option OUT: 18
- OEF programming will include hunter safety, archery, and driver's education in the spring. Field trips to Cheyenne Botanical Gardens, Wyoming State Museum, Midwest Theater are planned.
- Snow days will be made up on OEF "red" days: Jan 31, March 13 & 20.

#### **Personnel**

- Ann Gillway resigned as para.
- Zach Barnes hired as part-time custodian and bus substitute.
- Ayden Vrtatko hired as paraprofessional.
- Superintendent will take 3 vacation days: Dec. 16-18.

### *Principal*

- One Act hosted Dinner Theater on November 15. There were about 100 people in attendance. One Act competed at the MAC Conference Competition on November 19 at Creek Valley. One Act competed in Districts on December 4 in Hyannis. All the students and coaches are commended for their efforts during the year.
- JH Wrestling has concluded. JH Basketball will begin this week.
- Dr. Browne and Principal Jones presented at the NASB Conference November 21.
- Principal Jones attended the 6-man coach's association meeting in Brewster on December 4.
- High School Wrestling competed at Mullen on December 7.
- Final AQuESTT rankings: District – 2 Good, High School – 3 Great, Middle School – 2 Good, Elementary School – 3 Great.
- Winter NWEA MAP testing will be December 16-19.
- Staff Christmas Party will be December 19 starting at 5:30 at the Gering Civic Center.
- HS Girls Basketball Update.

## *Board of Education*

### **Confirm 2020 Certification of Board Vacancies**

Dec 2, 2019 - First day an individual may file to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for 2020.

Jan 6 - Last day for the school board] to notify the County Clerk of offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines for each office.

Feb 18 - Last day for incumbents to file.

March 2 - Last day for non-incumbents to file.

Nov 3 - Statewide General Election

Winter retreat set for Feb 1, 2020 from 8:00am to 12:00pm

Members will complete on-line self-assessment prior to the retreat.

### **Committee Reports**

*Transportation and Grounds:* Larry Pahl shared information on Rule 91.

*American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology:* No report.

*Policy Review:* One policy on agenda for revisions on first reading.

*Personnel and Negotiations:* No report.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

-Approve the Minutes of the November 11th, 2019 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$281,637.92 for the December 9th, 2019, regular meeting.

### **Approve Adoption of Policy, First Reading**

Approve the adoption of revision to the following policy on 1st reading: Policy 706.01 Purchasing Procedures. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Douglas Olsen.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

### **Approve quote from Independent Plumbing and Heating for chiller replacement.**

Approve accepting proposal from Independent Plumbing and Heating, Scottsbluff, of \$81,531.00 to replace chiller, including all materials and labor. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

### **Approve Superintendent's Contract**

Approve superintendent's 2020-2022 contract with 2020-2021 salary increase to \$107,500. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Barbara Cross.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Bret Jeffries. Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

### **Next Meeting**

The next Regular Meeting: January 13th, 2020, 7:00 PM

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

4Imprint, Inc. Staff Items \$1,580.67; ASK Supply Co LLC Cleaning Unit \$6,697.01; Brown Industries, Inc Staff Pins \$127.49; Cash-Wa Distributing Supplies \$616.14; CDW Government, Inc. Supplies \$824.50; Connecting Point Color Copies \$589.20; Crescent Electric Supply Co Supplies \$1,450.82; Croell Inc Concrete \$540.00; DAS State Accounting Network Service Charges \$229.32; Educational Service Unit #13 Services \$14,872.07; Floyd's Repairs & Parts \$496.31; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel \$2,488.45; Fresh Foods Health Fair Supplies \$78.17; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$1,065.73; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$265.00; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$535.82; High West Energy Electricity \$1,211.00; Hi Tech Auto Service Repairs \$394.96; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES Supplies \$68.79; Inland Truck Parts Company Parts \$15.39; Charles Jones Mileage \$263.78; KSB School Law PC LLO Legal Services \$137.50; La Quinta Inn Lincoln Travel Expense \$188.00; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$72.87; Menards Supplies \$70.13; NASB State Board Convention Meal \$192.00; National Business Furniture Office Desk \$637.10; Thomas M Neal Electrical Work \$850.00; Nebraskaland Tire Tires \$2,003.86; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Panhandle Public Health Districe Conference Luncheon \$25.00; Peetz Farmers Coop Propane \$3,041.58; Quick Care Medical Services Bus Driver Physicals \$250.00; Regional West Health Services CPR Cards \$30.00; School Specialty, Inc. Office Chair \$134.60; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC October PT Services \$957.06; Staples Credit Plan Office Supplies \$180.25; Walmart Supplies \$101.50; Tod Wenger Reimbursement -Coaching \$115.00; Western Nebraska Observer Ads & Legal Notices \$606.50; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies & Travel \$956.29; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies & Travel \$163.29; Wells Fargo Card Services Travel Expense \$151.31; W.P.C.I. Policy Updates \$150.00; 125 Clearing Account Payroll December 2019 \$1,567.34; AFLAC Payroll December 2019 \$603.48; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co Payroll December 2019 \$693.58; Banner County Bank Payroll December 2019 \$36,537.50; Banner Capital Bank Payroll December 2019 \$4,101.88; Banner County School Payroll December 2019 \$2,335.00; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne Payroll December 2019 \$39,603.96; Colonial Life Payroll December 2019 \$97.91; Banner County School Payroll December 2019 \$30,931.34; Horace Mann Insurance Company Payroll December 2019 \$415.72; LegalShield Payroll December 2019 \$308.95; MG Trust Company Payroll December 2019 \$2,950.00; State of Nebraska Payroll December 2019 \$5,492.78; Principal Life Insurance Company Payroll December 2019 \$685.49; US Department of Education Payroll December 2019 \$183.91; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) Payroll December 2019 \$313.72; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) Payroll December 2019 \$38.12; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) Payroll December 2019 \$85.37; Direct Deposit Payroll December 2019 \$108,927.41