

Notice of the Tuesday, January 16, 2018, Board of Education Work Session was published in the *Star-Herald* and posted at the Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, the Banner County Courthouse, and Banner County School.

**Present Board Members:** Wittni Boettcher, Barbara Cross, Ron Johnson, Grant Lerwick, Charity May, and Douglas Olsen.

President Charity May called the Board Work Session to order at 4:00 PM, to interview superintendent candidates, and stated that the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted.

Board President Charity May stated the following: Welcome guests. According to BOE Regulation 204.04, the board may, as needed or desired, schedule work sessions in order to provide the opportunity to conduct planning, research, and thoughtful discussion without taking immediate action. Topics for discussion and study will be announced publicly, and work sessions will be conducted in open session. However, at this meeting the Board will not receive public comment.

The Board interviewed superintendent candidates Mr. John Brazell and Dr. Elizabeth Owens.

**Motion Passed:** Go into closed session at 7:55 PM, for superintendent candidate matters to prevent needless injury to reputation of an individual, if such individual has not requested a public meeting, passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Ron Johnson.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Ron Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Charity May: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

Just prior to entering closed session, President May restated the subject matter and reason and reminded the BOE to talk only about this matter in closed session.

At 9:30 PM, the Board came out of closed session with no decisions being made. President May declared the meeting in open session at that time.

**Motion Passed:** Approve to have the board president enter into negotiations with Candidate A, passed with a motion by Barbara Cross and a second by Grant Lerwick.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Ron Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Charity May: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

**Motion Passed:** If negotiations with candidate A fail, we would authorize our chair to pursue another candidate, passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Ron Johnson.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Ron Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Charity May: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

**Next Meeting:**

- Work Session to Discuss Superintendent Contract: January 19, 2018, 2:00 PM
- Retreat: February 3, 2018, 8:00 AM
- Regular Meeting: February 12, 2018, 7:00 PM

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 9:34 PM, passed with a motion by Grant Lerwick and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Ron Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Charity May: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea