

**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, January 11, 2021**

Notice of the Monday, January 11, 2021, 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](http://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.

Newly elected board members, Megan Allen and Laura Baker took the Oath of Office.

**Roll Call/Welcome**

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

Also present: Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary. Principal Charles Jones joined the meeting at 7:35PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Approve agenda for the January 11th, 2021 Banner County Regular Board of Education meeting. 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

**Comments from the Audience**

There was no public comment.

**Presentations**

Students of the Month for December

**Awards and Recognitions**

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

- 6th Grade student entrepreneurs: Kody Carpenter, Kelani Cross, Lydia Grant, Kohl Krakow, Leeigh McGowan, Emily Montelongo, Andrew Smith and Mrs. Kari Gifford for a successful Extravaganza.

- Band soloists and duets who performed with Mrs. Wounded Arrow during the Entrepreneur Extravaganza.

-Students of the Month: Kambrie Loutzenhiser, Riley Jones, and Isaac Olsen.

## **Annual Reorganization of BOE**

### **Election of Board Officers**

Nominate Ron Johnson for board president. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

Nominate Douglas Olsen for board vice-president. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Jake Knaub.

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

Nominate Bret Jeffries for treasurer. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Jake Knaub.

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

### **Appointment of Committee Members**

Move to approve the appointment of the following BOE committee members: Transportation and Grounds: Douglas Olsen (Chair), Bret Jeffries, Jake Knaub; Personnel and Negotiations: Ron Johnson (Chair), Douglas Olsen, Laura Baker; American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: Bret Jeffries (Chair), Jake Knaub, Megan Allen; Policy Review: Ron Johnson (Chair), Laura Baker, Megan Allen. 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

### **Re-adopt Policies, Regulations, and Handbooks for Governance of District**

Re-adopt Policies, Regulations, and Handbooks for Governance of District. Passed with a motion by Megan Allen and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

### **Authorization to Sign Checks**

Authorize Ron Johnson (President), Douglas Olsen (Vice-President), Bret Jeffries (Treasurer), Evelyn Browne (Secretary) as signers for General Fund and Depreciation Fund checks. Two signatures are required on all checks. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Laura Baker.

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

### **Appoint Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator for 2021**

Appoint Dr. Evelyn Browne as the Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator for 2021. 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

### **Adopt Annual Board Calendar and Board Meeting Schedule for 2021**

Adopt Annual Board Calendar and Board Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022. 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

### **Approve Negotiated Agreement for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023**

Approve the Negotiated Agreement for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 with the Banner County Education Association as presented. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

### **Approve replacement and installation of heater exchange unit**

Motion to replace heater unit for offices received from Independent Plumbing & Heating - \$10,330.00. 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

### **Reports**

#### *Superintendent*

#### **COVID-19**

-FFCRA mandate to provide COVID leave for up to two weeks ended Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Districts may voluntarily continue such leave until March 31, 2021 based on the new stimulus package.

-We currently have two staff members out on COVID leave.

#### **Facilities & Transportation**

-Rewiring in Superintendent's house finished.

-Heater unit for office went down on Dec. 10. Working with Independent to replace heater exchange with Siemens compatible equipment.

-Mulch grant received from NDEE \$ 20,603

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

-Current 2020-2021 Enrollment – 147                      PK = 12; K-5= 70; 6-8= 27; 9-12=38

Option IN: 53                      Option OUT: 22

#### **Personnel**

-Network Administrator interviewed.

-Dr. Browne will attend NASB Virtual Legislative Conference on Feb. 1.

#### *Principal*

-ASVAB interpretation for Juniors was on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

-Kari Gifford and Charles Jones attended the NSAA District VI meeting on January 6.

-Grade report cards were mailed out today.

-There were 18 students in grades 6-12 that were listed on the High or A/B Honor Roll for the first semester.

-Winter NWEA MAP testing will be this week.

Principal Jones presented information on the School Report Card and demonstrated access via the school website.

#### *Board of Education*

-Winter retreat date set for February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM in the school library.

#### **Committee Reports**

Transportation and Grounds: No report

American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: No report

Policy Review: No report

Personnel and Negotiations: Negotiated agreement on the agenda for approval.

#### **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 December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$325,767.96 for the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and \$30,000 transfer from the General Fund to the School Nutrition Fund

#### **Next Meeting**

Winter Retreat: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:00AM in the school library.

Regular meeting: February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00PM

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourn the meeting at 8:19PM. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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**

B&C Steel Corporation Supplies \$229.19; School Nutrition Fund Gloves \$55.90; School Nutrition Fund Transfer of Funds \$30,000.00; Brown Industries, Inc Years of Service Pins \$48.64; Cash-Wa Distributing Supplies \$409.86; CDW Government, Inc. Toner Supplies \$1,033.73; Community for Children Supplies \$409.00; Connecting Point Copies \$731.64; DAS State Accounting Network Service Charges \$232.49; Educational Service Unit #13 Services, VALTs, MIPS \$10,891.62; Everblades Inc Supplies \$213.85; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel \$2,279.71; Frenchman Valley Coop Propane \$4,574.97; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$3,952.58; Gary's Cleaning Cleaning Services \$600.00; Grainger Supplies \$66.90; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$250.00; Debra Griebe Reimb Car Damage \$498.20; Harris School Solutions Tax Forms \$125.5; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$523.77; High West Energy Electricity \$3,463.01; HOME DEPOT Supplies \$1,164.08; Home Depot Pro Supplies \$256.35; KSB School Law PC LLO Legal Services \$192.50; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc Supplies \$348.65; Menards Supplies \$234.15; Morrill County Clerk Primary & General Costs \$297.57; Motor Fuels Division 4th Qtr 2020 Fuel Tax \$759.00; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip Inspection & Batteries \$576.00; Ne Safety Center @ UNK Level I Training \$450.00; Otus, LLC Annual Fee for 20-21 \$450.00; Pack Rat

Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assoc Food Lab Supplies \$36.90; Marie Parker Bus Driver Physical & Reimb \$255.52; Renaissance Learning, Inc. Star Early Lit Subscription \$613.00; Rider Classroom Spanish LLC 2nd Semester Classes \$1,500.00; Snell Services, Inc Upgrades to Supt House \$12,657.00; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$164.94; Team Chevrolet Suburban Repairs \$1,218.09; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Notices \$119.18; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies \$205.65; Wells Fargo Card Services Time Clock System \$30.40; Winsor Learning Supplies \$1,470.70; Wrestling Mart Supplies \$399.50; 125 Clearing Account Payroll January 2021 \$1,470.00; AFLAC Payroll January 2021 \$430.76; AFLAC Payroll January 2021 \$1,142.04; Banner County Bank Payroll January 2021 \$37,200.21; Banner Capital Bank Payroll January 2021 \$4,132.49; Banner County School Payroll January 2021 \$2,180.00; Banner County School Payroll January 2021 \$27.39; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne Payroll January 2021 \$40,206.94; Colonial Life Payroll January 2021 \$35.40; Banner County School Payroll January 2021 \$32,209.47; Horace Mann Insurance Company Payroll January 2021 \$399.09; LegalShield Payroll January 2021 \$222.25; MG Trust Company Payroll January 2021 \$5,496.66; State of Nebraska Payroll January 2021 \$5,709.17; Principal Life Insurance Company Payroll January 2021 \$692.42; VSP Payroll January 2021 \$336.90; VSP Payroll January 2021 \$100.07; VSP Payroll January 2021 \$16.65; VSP Payroll January 2021 \$85.79; Payroll January 2021 \$109,344.50