

**Minutes of the Banner County School District Board of  
Education Meeting Monday, January 13,  
2020**

Notice of the Monday, January 13, 2020, 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 January 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 was 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 January 13th, 2020 Banner County Regular Board of Education meeting.

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

There was no Public Comment.

**Presentations**

Students of the Month for December: Haley Davison, Grade 3 and Hadassah Grubbs, Grade 11.

School Report Card Information on [bcswildcats website](http://bcswildcats.com)

**Awards and Recognitions**

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

- Sandy Wounded Arrow and Chris Cooper for their direction and all of the students who performed in the Christmas Concert.
- Students who competed in the FFA District Competition on Wed. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> in Scottsbluff: Welding team placed 7<sup>th</sup>: Ribbon winners - Joe Cross, 6<sup>th</sup> Blue; Tucker Haug, 8<sup>th</sup> White, Deven Sullivan, 7<sup>th</sup> Red.
- Floriculture team placed 6<sup>th</sup>: Chase Riedel 18<sup>th</sup> out of 72, Red; Lily Teeple, 21<sup>st</sup> Red; Aubrey Clement, 26<sup>th</sup> White; Kathryn Blankenship, 29<sup>th</sup> White
- Band members selected to play in the Oregon Trails Honors Band: Juan Montelongo, Wyatt Onstott, and Maddison Hill.
- State of Nebraska Underclassmen Honors Band: Wyatt Onstott on Alto Sax 2<sup>nd</sup> chair and Maddison Hill on trumpet, 2<sup>nd</sup> chair for the Symphonic Band.
- Students who competed in Speech Meet in Scottsbluff: Mycala Jones, Superior, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Kairyn Miller, Superior, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Maddison Hill, Hadassah Grubbs, and Riann Morton,

Excellent, 3rd place.

- Barb Cooper and Sara Steer for their tremendous work with student reading interventions
- Wittni Boettcher completed Google Education Level I Instructor course
- Tod Wenger - Completed Driver Education Instructor course

### **Annual Reorganization of BOE Election of Board Officers**

Nominate Ron Johnson for board president. 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

Nominate Douglas Olsen for board vice-president. 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

Nominate Wittni Boettcher for treasurer. Passed with a motion by Ronald Johnson and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

### **Appointment of Committee Members**

Move to approve the appointment of the following BOE committee members: Transportation and Grounds: Douglas Olsen (Chair), Larry Pahl, Bret Jeffries; Personnel and Negotiations: Ron Johnson (Chair), Douglas Olsen, Larry Pahl; American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: Wittni Boettcher (Chair), Barb Cross, Bret Jeffries; Policy Review: Ron Johnson (Chair), Barb Cross, Wittni Boettcher. 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

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

Readopt policies regulations, and handbooks for the Governance of the District. 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

### **Authorization to Sign Checks**

Authorize Ron Johnson(President), Douglas Olsen (Vice-President), Wittni Boettcher (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 Barbara Cross and a second by Larry Pahl.

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

### **Appoint Dr. Evelyn Browne as the Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator for 2020.**

Motion to appoint Dr. Evelyn Browne as the district non-discrimination compliance coordinator for 2020. 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

## **Reports**

### *Superintendent*

#### **Community**

- Mat Cats Community Supper and Wrestling event was well-attended!
- Christmas Concert, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Entrepreneurship Extravaganza, and caroling brought many community members out to the school.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Scratching Post of 2020 goes out this week.

#### **Facilities & Transportation**

- Five staff members completed requirements to drive small vehicles.
- Flooring in two classrooms and teacher workroom installed over the break.
- Major plumbing repairs completed by Tod and Mike in kitchen.
- Dishwasher installed
- New bus is on the road.
- Upgrade to security at main entrance; double entry system as recommended by NDE security review.

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

- Enrollment – 127 PK = 10; K-5= 62; 6-8= 26; 9-12=28
- Option IN: 39                      Option OUT: 18

#### **Personnel**

- Turnover in custodial staff – Kylie Bowman hired as fulltime day/evening and Greg and Jennifer Reininger will do part time evenings.
- Dr. Browne will attend Superintendent Summit in Tucson Jan. 22-25. All costs paid by DA (District Administration).

### *Principal*

- NWEA MAP Testing was completed the last week of December. Students meeting goals or falling within the standard deviation on tests were between 80 and 90 percent on all tests in the elementary, and 70 to 80 percent in the secondary.
- Kari Gifford and Principal Jones attended the NSAA District VI meeting in Alliance on January 8,
- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester grade reports were mailed on Friday.
- Deb Griebe attended the preschool cadre in Sidney on January 10.

### *Board of Education*

- Members were reminded of key dates for elections and Winter Retreat.
- 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. Submit agenda items to Dr. Browne by 1/17/2020
- Members were asked to complete on-line self-assessment by January 29th - prior to the retreat.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Transportation and Grounds: No report
- American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: No report
- Policy Review: Two policies were reviewed.

Personnel and Negotiations: No report

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda 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

-Approve the Minutes of the December 9th, 2019 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$394,749.25 for the January 13th, 2020, regular meeting and transfer of \$20,000 from the General Fund to the School Nutrition Fund (included in the 2019-2020 approved budget).

### **Approve use of residence for business activity**

Approve Justin Griebe to use school residence for catalog route business. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

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

Approve the adoption of revision to the following policy on 2nd reading: Policy 706.01 Purchasing Procedures 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 8:11 PM. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Barbara Cross. Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Barbara Cross: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

### **Next Meeting**

Winter Retreat February 1st, 2020 at 8:00 AM in the School Library.

Regular Meeting: February 10th, 2020, 7:00 PM

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

Action Communications, Inc Radio & Installation \$1,230.15; Ahlers Baking, Inc. Items for Inservice \$51.96; Al's Towing, Inc Towing Bill \$155.00; ASK Supply Co LLC Supplies \$547.56; School Nutrition Fund Transfer of Funds \$20,000.00; Breakout EDU Software \$750.00; CDW Government, Inc. Supplies \$816.06; Civic Center-Gering Staff Dinner \$1,789.98; Connecting Point Copies \$503.46; Crescent Electric Supply Co Supplies \$162.63; Crossroads Music Supplies \$87.15; Cornhusker State Industries Math Textbooks \$374.40; DAS State Accounting Network Service Charges \$229.32; Doane University Oregon Trails Honor Band \$60.00; Don Schmidt Carpet, Inc. Flooring & Installation \$9,805.00; Educational Service Unit #13 Services \$12,947.07; Nebraska ESU Coordinating Council Safety Training \$470.00; Everblades Inc Heated Wiper Blades \$543.00; Floyd's Bus #6 Repairs \$6,033.09; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel \$2,348.32; Fresh Foods Items for Inservice \$56.86; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$902.74; Gary's Restoration Services Carpet Cleaning \$720.90; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$265.00; Harris School Solutions Tax Forms \$117.70; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$517.62; High West Energy Electricity \$3,240.73; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES Supplies \$451.31; Jennie Hullinger Interpreting Services \$128.00; Independent Plumbing &

Heating Inc Supplies \$24.25; Kearney High School Honor Band \$50.00; KSB School Law PC LLO Legal Services \$135.00; Marriott Lodging \$1,988.00; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$73.39; Menards Supplies \$241.25; Miracle Recreation Replacement Equipment \$3,162.03; Motor Fuels Division 4th Qtr Fuel Tax \$730.00; NASB NE Ed Law Books \$64.00; Nebraska/Central Equipment New Bus \$82,318.30; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip System Inspection \$201.00; Nebraskaland Tire-Truck Center Tire Repair \$29.92; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assoc Supplies \$21.33; Peetz Farmers Coop Propane \$6,127.66; J.W. Pepper & Son Inc. Supplies \$224.99; Rider Classroom Spanish LLC 3rd Nine Weeks \$1,500.00; Riverside Insights Test Supplies \$1,414.16; Scholastic Book Clubs December Book Order \$206.00; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC Nov Services \$647.72; Southeast Community College Driver's Ed Books \$248.00; Sparqdata Solutions Renewal \$3,100.00; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$383.89; Sue Talkington CDL Renewal \$63.50; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Notices & Ads \$154.98; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies \$272.25; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies & Time Clock System \$244.69; Sandy Wounded Arrow Meal Money \$250.00; 125 Clearing Account January Payroll \$1,567.34; AFLAC January Payroll \$603.48; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co January Payroll \$689.65; Banner County Bank January Payroll \$34,179.48; Banner Capital Bank January Payroll \$4,101.88; Banner County School January Payroll \$2,285.00; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne January Payroll \$39,602.59; Cavalry SPV I, LLC January Payroll \$91.51; Colonial Life January Payroll \$93.73; Banner County School January Payroll \$29,811.22; Horace Mann Insurance Company January Payroll \$415.72; LegalShield January Payroll \$308.95; MG Trust Company January Payroll \$2,950.00; State of Nebraska January Payroll \$5,196.25; Principal Life Insurance Company January Payroll \$685.49; US Department of Education January Payroll \$58.66; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) January Payroll \$312.48; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) January Payroll \$38.12; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) January Payroll \$85.37; Payroll January Payroll \$102,151.01