

**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, June 14, 2021**

Notice of the Monday, June 14, 2021, Board of Education Regular Meeting was posted at Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, Banner County School, in the Western Nebraska Observer, and on the school website.

**Call to Order**

The regular June meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 PM in the School Cafeteria, 200 School Street, Harrisburg, Nebraska. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

**Roll Call/Welcome**

Present: Megan Allen, Laura Baker, Ronald Johnson, Jake Knaub, and Douglas Olsen.  
Also present: Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary and Principal Charles Jones.

Motion to excuse BOE member Bret Jeffries from the June 14th, 2021 regular meeting of the Banner County BOE. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Laura Baker.  
Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Approve the agenda for the June 14th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Banner County Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Laura Baker and a second by Douglas Olsen.  
Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

**Awards and Recognition**

Recognize the following students, staff, and patrons:  
-Students with perfect attendance for the 20-21 school year: Natali Cordero, Kambrie Loutzenhiser, Kassie Loutzenhiser  
-BCEA awarded Brittany Serres as this year's "Friend of Education"  
- Wittni Boettcher and STUCO for planning, organizing, and implementing the "Last Day of School" activities.

**Hearing on Parental Involvement and Student Fees**

Open a public hearing at 7:08PM for the purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of patrons relating to Board of Education Policy 1005.3 Patron and Parental Involvement and Policy 504.19 Student Fees. Passed with a motion by Laura Baker and a second by Jake Knaub.  
Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

At 7:12PM, the Board closed the hearing on Policies 504.19 & 1005.03 with no decisions being made. President Johnson declared the meeting in regular session at that time.

### **Public Comment and Discussion on the 2021-2022 Return to Learn Plan**

Board members and Public provided input and comment on Return to Learn Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year. A request for public comment is also posted on the BCS website as required by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER III application.

### **Reports**

#### *Superintendent*

#### **COVID-19**

- Review the current Return to Learn Plan on the agenda; public consultation and comment required for ESSER III
- No new positives in school.
- Yellow on the Dial ... almost in the GREEN!

#### **Facilities & Transportation**

- Quotes received for the Suburban - possible purchase of NEW (2021)
- Vehicle radio system upgrade required - County Commissioners meeting tomorrow

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

- Current 2020-2021 Enrollment - 144      PK = 13; K-5= 67; 6-8= 25; 9-12=39  
Option IN: 54      Option OUT: 21
- Farm to School Grant of \$3000 towards school garden/greenhouse project.
- Consultation on Return to Learn Plan and ESSER III allocation of \$267,268

#### **Personnel**

- Melissa Jones hired as paraprofessional
- Two evening custodian positions open
- Chris Olsen (part-time transportation) resigned
- School Safety and Security Reporting System Act Safe2Help training May 27 & 28

#### *Principal*

1. Graduation was well attended and went well.
2. Patrons Day was held on May 17 with a modified schedule. The day was well attended and went well.
3. Nathan Rogers and myself attended a zoom call for the email migration that will happen this fall. ESU 10 will no longer host our email server we will host it in house.
4. Dr. Browne, Bill Gifford, Sharon Lease, Deb Leffers and myself attended the Basic Threat Assessment training on May 27-28.
5. Summer weights has begun. We are offering two times to attend 6:30 am and 6:00 pm. Currently we have 10 students who are attending.
6. There were 20 students that made the honor roll for the second semester in grades 6-12. There were 4 on the high honor roll and 16 on the A-B honor roll. There were another 6 students who just missed the A-B honor roll by one course.
7. There were 32 students who made the "900 Club" this year for NWEA MAP Testing. There were 4 students in the 1000, 4 students in the 950 and 24 in the 900. These are reached by adding the scores of the 4 MAP Tests together. The students range from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

8. Here are the percentages of students who met the NWEA MAP growth from Fall to Spring this year. K-5 Math = 82.3%, Reading = 75.9%, Language Usage = 78.1%, Science = 84.4%. Grades 6-8 Math = 82.6%, Reading = 56.5%, Language Usage = 65.2%, Science = 78.7%.
9. Dr. Browne and myself attended Canvas Training on June 8.
10. Dr. Browne and myself attend the Psychological First Aid Training on June 9-10.
11. We have 2 students who are attending summer school through ESU 13.

### *Board of Education*

President Johnson reminded members of the information available through NASB.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

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

-Approve the Minutes of the May 10th, 2021 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$339,207.42 for the June 14th, 2021, regular meeting.

-Approve transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund to the School Nutrition Fund.

-Approve Amended Interlocal Agreement for Day School Treatment Facility

-Approve VALTS Interlocal Cooperative Agreement

-Annual Transportation Report

-Approve 2021-2022 Student/Parent School Handbook

### **Committee Reports**

*Transportation and Grounds:* No report.

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

*Policy Review:* Annual Policy Review of Attendance, Absenteeism (Policies 503.01, 503.03) and Bullying (Policies 504.18, 504.20)

*Personnel and Negotiations:* No report.

### **Appoint Foundation Board of Directors**

Motion to reappoint Lacy Krakow and Pamela Olsen, and to appoint Elizabeth Bohac as voting members of the Banner County Public School Foundation Board of Directors to serve a term of four years until March 2025. Passed with a motion by Megan Allen and a second by Jake Knaub.

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

Motion to appoint Laura Baker as the School Board representative to the Banner County Public School Foundation Board of Directors for a term ending March 2023. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Megan Allen.

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

### **Approve Fees, Charges, Payments, & Tuition**

Approve the fees, charges, payments, and tuition for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Jake Knaub.

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

### **Renew Parental Involvement and Student Fees Policies**

Renew BOE Policies 1005.03 Parental Involvement in School and Policy 504.19 Student Fees. Passed with a motion by Laura Baker and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

### **Award LP Bid**

Approve and accept the bid from Peetz Farmers Coop to supply propane to the School District and associated members of the Interlocal for the fixed price of \$1.05 per gallon delivered to the Interlocal members' propane tanks beginning September 1, 2021, and ending on August 31, 2022. All other bids are rejected. Passed with a motion by Laura Baker and a second by Megan Allen.

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

### **Approve purchase of Chromebooks and laptops**

Approve the purchase of 10 Chromebooks and 85 HP ProBook laptops from CDW for \$64,818.00. Passed with a motion by Megan Allen and a second by Laura Baker.

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

### **Approve purchase of phone system, telephones, and switches**

Approve purchase of telephone system, telephones, and switches from Mobius Communications for \$16,958.39. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Laura Baker.

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

### **Approve purchase of wrestling mat**

Approve purchase of wrestling mat for \$8750 from Dollamur Sports. Passed with a motion by Laura Baker and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

### **Next Meeting**

Regular Meeting: July 12th, 2021, 7:00 PM

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourn the meeting at 8:42PM. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

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

Action Communications, Inc Two Way Radio \$823.00; Ahlers Baking, Inc. Items for Staff Day \$112.96; Megan Allen Mileage to Workshop \$320.32; Amplify Education, Inc K 6 Science \$30,832.81; BSN Sports LLC Supplies \$64.85; Cash Wa Distributing Supplies \$429.84; CDW

Government, Inc. Chromebooks \$7,986.58; Committee for Children Second Step 3yr Subscription \$5,083.00; Connecting Point Copies \$652.14; Continental Clay Company Supplies \$346.97; Crossroads Music Wireless Mic Set up \$100.00; Cornhusker State Industries Supplies \$390.80; DAS State Acctg Network Service Charges \$232.49; Dean Jacobs Adventures LLC Explore Your Nebraska \$89.00; Decker Equipment Safety Signage \$167.36; The Dibble Institute Mind Matters \$750.00; ESU#13 SPED & Services \$12,762.69; Egan Supply Co Supplies \$344.91; ESU#13 Banners \$22.99; Stephanie Farro Bus Plug Ins \$307.50; Flinn Scientific Inc. Supplies \$304.36; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel \$2,081.77; Fresh Foods Items for Staff Days \$95.76; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$1,339.02; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$267.06; Harris School Solutions Accounting Software Support \$5,057.07; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$581.17; High West Energy Electricity \$3,407.94; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES Supplies \$161.06; Home Depot Pro Supplies \$952.29; Homecourt Publishers PBL Project \$199.00; Independent Plumbing & Heating Inc HVAC for East House \$3,591.75; Sharon Lease Bus Plug Ins \$250.00; MakeMusic Annual Subscription \$39.99; McGraw Hill School Education Holdings, LLC Reading Mastery Supplies \$2,862.90; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$77.53; Menards Supplies \$189.31; Midwest Technology Products Welding Supplies \$93.60; Murdochs Ranch & Home Supply Supplies \$303.84; NAEA Professional Fees \$235.00; NASCO FCS Kitchen Supplies \$309.50; NCSA Annual Membership Fees \$125.00; OTC Brands Inc Supplies \$12.78; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Marie Parker Bus Plug Ins \$175.00; Partac Peat Corporation Supplies \$335.48; Perfection Learning Vocabu Lit Program \$5,378.40; Project Lead The Way Annual Fee \$2,200.00; Pyramid School Products Supplies \$701.44; Quick Care Medical Services Bus Driver Physical \$125.00; Quill.com Supplies \$14.92; Greg Reininger Deposit & Utilities Refund \$355.01; Matt Rundell Bus Plug Ins \$80.00; Sandberg Implement, Inc. Parts \$131.77; School Specialty, LLC Supplies \$437.03; ACT, Inc 3 year License \$2,751.00; Snell Services, Inc Pump Casing & Credit \$253.77; SOAR Learning Inc Apps & Books \$1,809.50; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC P/T Services \$1,159.63; Staples Advantage Supplies \$250.43; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$150.96; Student Assurance Services, Inc. Catastrophic Student Accident \$500.00; Sue Talkington Bus Plug Ins \$230.00; Thompson Glass, Inc. Glass Replacement \$104.80; Voyager Sopris Learning Reading & Math K 6 ADM \$170.00; Walmart AR Rewards & Supplies \$88.82; Wells Fargo Card Services Weight room Equipment \$209.99; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Ads & Notices \$132.36; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies & Background Ck \$79.99; Wells Fargo Card Services Time Clock System \$30.40; Winsor Learning Sondag System 1 \$199.00; W.P.C.I. Drug Testing \$53.00; 125 Clearing Account Payroll June 2021 \$1,225.72; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co Payroll June 2021 \$1,157.53; Banner County Bank Payroll June 2021 \$37,082.34; Banner Capital Bank Payroll June 2021 \$4,033.82; Banner County School Payroll June 2021 \$1,855.00; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne Payroll June 2021 \$39,060.84; Colonial Life Payroll June 2021 \$51.87; Banner County School Payroll June 2021 \$32,000.32; Horace Mann Insurance Co Payroll June 2021 \$329.68; LegalShield Payroll June 2021 \$222.25; MG Trust Company Payroll June 2021 \$5,496.66; State of NE Payroll June 2021 \$5,760.59; Principal Life Insurance Co Payroll June 2021 \$692.42; VSP Insurance Co Payroll June 2021 \$341.77; VSP Insurance Co Payroll June 2021 \$93.29; Payroll June 2021 \$106,997.71