

**Minutes of the Banner County School District
Board of Education Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020**

Notice of the Monday, June 8, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting was posted at Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, and Banner County School.

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:09 PM, in the school gym. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was displayed in the gym.

Roll Call/Welcome

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

Approve the agenda for the June 8th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Banner County Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

Awards and Recognition

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

-FFA students who donated \$500 towards the Summer Meal Delivery Program.

-BCS Teachers would like to recognize the following students who were outstanding online learners during the COVID-19 closure:

Jaelyn Yetter, Nathan Clement, Savannah Fegler, Jacob Parsons, Adia Thomson, Maddison Hill, Lily Teeple, Kathryn Blankenship, Aubery Clement, Isaac Olsen, Adam Knaub, Kambrie Loutzenhiser, Rory Jeffries, Kayleigh Whelchel, Logan Mason, Kesmera Palu, Abigail Vargas, Natali Cordero, Kassie Loutzenhiser, Luke Olsen, Tate Olsen, Aili Cooper, Gabe Olsen, Trenton Knaub, Trace Olsen, Talon McPherson, Jamie Triolo, Noah Yetter, Andie West, Josie Whelchel

-Thanks to Tim Grubbs, who added the wildcat to the new school road sign on the west side of 4A Spur.

-Administration, teachers, and staff were recognized for their commitment and support for students throughout the pandemic closure.

Comments from the Audience

There was no public comment.

Presentations

-Kari & Bill Gifford presented information on CTE program, grant opportunities, and rationale for purchase of Plasma Cutter.

-Principal Jones presented an overview of factors related to planning for our school re-opening for the 20-21 year

Accept Board Member Resignation

Accept the resignation of Board of Education member Wittni Boettcher, effective June 8th,

2020. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Larry Pahl.

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

Reports

Superintendent

COVID-19

- Reopening plans are being considered.
- Dr. Browne is on the NRCSA Transportation Reopening Committee. Purpose: To provide general recommendations for all rural schools while allowing for local control; link recommendations to credible sources; and seek approval of NDE and State authorities for plans
- Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund allocation: \$31,232
- Weekly updates with PPHD and ESU; daily updates with PPHD business community; weekly updates with Commissioner Blomstedt; and daily updates with Gov. Ricketts continue.
- Graduation plan for June 20th has been approved by the PPHD.

Community

- \$500 contribution for Summer Meal Program received from Invenergy
- \$500 contribution for Summer Meal Program received from our FFA
- Summer meals being delivered Mondays & Wednesdays
- The June Scratching Post will include commencement information & order form for Community Calendar.

Facilities & Transportation

- Carpet installed: Library, Office, DL room.
- Playground mulch project continues.....
- Chiller electrical complete - plumbing hook up next.
- Main hall floor stripping continues....

Student Programs & Enrollment

- Perkins grant of \$4,000 approved towards purchase of a CNC Plasma Table and Torch Kit.
- Projected 2020-2021 Enrollment - 141 PK = 13; K-5= 69; 6-8= 22;9-12=37
- Option IN: 46 Option OUT: 15

Personnel

- Witni Boettcher received a Perkins grant of \$2,400 for Project Lead the Way Computer Science Essentials training.

Principal

- Collection of school materials is continuing, most of the items have been returned. I am working with families to get the rest back. There have been a series of drop-offs and pick-ups over the last couple of weeks.
- 21 students were on the second semester Honor Roll, 8 on the High Honor Roll and 13 on the AB Honor Roll in grades 6-12.
- Dr. Browne and myself continue with the Launch Nebraska Webinar Series. It is a 10-part webinar series about items needed for returning to school in the fall.
- Teaching staff continue to work on curriculum, they have done a good job starting to map curriculum.
- Mr. Chris Cooper and myself continue to work with students to complete registration for 9- 12 students.

- Report cards were mailed out last week to families.
- Dr. Browne and myself attended the KSB Title IX webinar on June 3, this will outline the changes in the new Title IX regulations that will take effect in August.
- Graduation is set for Saturday June 20 at 10:00 am. The ceremony will be held outside on the football field. Each family will be limited to 15 guests, socially distanced within their section of the bleachers. Following the ceremony there will be a parade through Harrisburg. The ceremony will be streamed live on StrivTV and a link will be provided on our website.
- Summer weights and conditioning began on June 2 with 11 students attending. Two times are being provided either 9:00 am or 6:00 pm. Distancing and sanitizing protocols are in place.
- Our Cognia (Advanced Ed) visit has been rescheduled for October 27-29, 2020.
- We have 15 students participating in the summer reading program Tuesdays and Thursdays during June.

Board of Education

Board members were reminded of NASB brief and survey.

Consent Agenda

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

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

- Approve the Minutes of the May 11th, 2020 regular meeting.
- Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$280,517.19 for the June 8th, 2020, regular meeting.
- Approve transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund to the School Nutrition Fund.
- Approve the Annual Transportation Report

Committee Reports

Transportation and Grounds: A Transportation and Grounds Committee meeting was set for 6:15 pm on July 13th, 2020.

American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: No report.

Policy Review: The Policy Committee will meet in July to review policies on a date to be determined.

Personnel and Negotiations: The Personnel Committee met to discuss extending the principal's contract for the 2019-2020 school year to assist the superintendent with additional tasks related to COVID-19 and other administrative duties. The committee also discussed extending the principal's 2020-2021 contract to 12 months.

Approve Rates, Fees, & Tuition for 2020-2021

Approve the rates, fees, and tuition charges for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Barbara Cross.

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

Award LP Bid

Approve and accept the bid from Frenchman Valley Coop to supply propane to the School District and associated members of the Interlocal for the fixed price of \$0.65 per gallon delivered to the Interlocal members' propane tanks beginning September 1, 2020, and

ending on August 31, 2021. All other bids are rejected. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Barbara Cross.

Douglas Olsen: Abstain (With Conflict), Barbara Cross: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Approve quote for Lonestar Spitfire Plasma cutter, setup, & training from Matheson Automation for \$27,265.50

Approve quote for Lonestar Spitfire Plasma cutter, setup, & training from Matheson Automation for \$27,265.50. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

Approve all necessary action needed to offer a certified contract to Wittni Boettcher as the FCS/PLTW Computer Science teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

Approve that all necessary action be taken in approving a certified contract for Wittni Boettcher as the FCS/PLTW Computer Science teacher for the 2020-2021 school year, contingent upon her completion of all requirements for a Transitional Certificate. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

Approve Purchase of Algebra I and Geometry Textbooks

Approve purchase of Geometry and Algebra I textbooks for \$7,801.20 from Cengage Learning. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

Extend the principal's 19-20 contract by one month

Extend the principal's 19-20 contract by one month with the additional compensation of \$7,600, equivalent to one month of current salary. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

Approve 1st reading of policy 206.03 Board Member Presentation of Diplomas

Approve 1st reading of policy 206.03 Board Member Presentation of Diplomas. Passed with a motion by Barbara Cross and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

Approve 2nd reading of Policy 905.08 revision - School Closings and Cancellations

Approve 2nd reading of revision to Policy 905.08 - School Closings and Cancellations.

Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: July 13th, 2020, 7:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 PM. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

Banner County School Schedule of Bills/Claims

School Nutrition Fund Transfer of Funds \$10,000.00; CDW Government, Inc. Furniture \$94.50; Connecting Point Copies \$360.96; Cozad Signs, LLC Magnetic Signs \$200.00; Curriculum Technology, LLC Software Subscription \$1,197.00; DAS State Accounting Network Service Charges

\$229.32; Educational Service Unit #13 Services \$13,148.42; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$997.02; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$250.00; Harris School Solutions Accounting Software \$5,032.65; Harrisburg Water System Usage \$475.07; HOME DEPOT Supplies \$69.80; Jennie Hullinger Services & Mileage \$228.00; Independent Plumbing & Heating Inc Furnace Repair \$618.55; Jostens, Inc. Diploma Covers \$56.46; JourneyEd.com, Inc Supplies \$106.15; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$71.17; Menards Supplies \$386.68; Moss Enterprises Drones \$3,066.85; National Business Furniture Office Furniture \$2,299.38; Nebraska/Central Equipment Parts \$35.56; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Peetz Farmers Coop Propane \$1,155.00; Quill.com Supplies \$195.90; Really Good Stuff, Inc Supplies \$20.26; Renaissance Learning, Inc. Service Renewal \$2,383.50; Sandberg Implement, Inc. Supplies \$487.64; Scholastic Inc Supplies \$12.74; School Specialty, Inc. Supplies \$292.35; Kristen Smith Deposit/Utilities Refund \$269.09; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC PT Services \$748.00; Staples Advantage Supplies \$1,378.32; Teaching Strategies GOLD Renewal \$298.75; Team Chevrolet Repairs \$1,359.71; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Notices & Ads \$326.47; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies \$1,475.27; Wells Fargo Card Services Time Clock System \$30.40; W.P.C.I. Drug Testing \$88.00; 125 Clearing Account Payroll June 2020 \$1,572.11; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co Payroll June 2020 \$687.62; Banner County Bank Payroll June 2020 \$35,027.90; Banner Capital Bank Payroll June 2020 \$3,966.98; Banner County School Payroll June 2020 \$2,095.66; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne Payroll June 2020 \$39,033.03; Colonial Life Payroll June 2020 \$91.57; Banner County School Payroll June 2020 \$31,196.37; Horace Mann Insurance Company Payroll June 2020 \$415.72; LegalShield Payroll June 2020 \$308.95; MG Trust Company Payroll June 2020 \$2,650.00; State of Nebraska Payroll June 2020 \$5,295.95; Principal Life Insurance Company Payroll June 2020 \$685.49; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) Payroll June 2020 \$293.38; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) Payroll June 2020 \$85.37; Wakefield & Associates Payroll June 2020 \$59.50; Payroll June 2020 \$107,266.65