

**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, March 11, 2019**

Notice of the Monday, March 11, 2019, 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 February meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7 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.

**Roll Call/Welcome**

Members present: Wittni Boettcher, Grant Lerwick, Ron Johnson, Douglas Olsen, Larry Pahl. Charles Jones (Principal) and Dr. Evelyn Browne (Secretary/Supt.) were also in attendance.

**Motion passed:** To excuse BOE member Barb Cross from the March 11, 2019, regular meeting of the Banner County BOE. Passed with a motion by Grant Lerwick and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ron Johnson invited members and guests to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion passed:** Approve agenda for the March 11th, 2019 Banner County Regular Board of Education meeting.

Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

**Awards and Recognition**

Ron Johnson commended the following students and staff:

- MAC Speech participants: Haddie Grubbs placed 2nd in Serious Prose; Kathryn Blankenship placed 4th in Informative; Mycala Jones, Kairyn Miller, Riann Morton, and Haddie Grubbs placed 6th in Oral Interpretation of a Drama.
- Delaney McGowan scored among the top 100 students across the state on the National Geography Bee State test! She will compete in the state Geography Bee in Omaha on March 29th.
- FFA Students had a very successful day at the Career Development Event District meet! Our Meats Judging Team Placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall! Individual ranking - Alex Rundell - 5<sup>th</sup>, Deven Sullivan - 7<sup>th</sup>, and Seth Dvorak - 15<sup>th</sup> Our Agronomy Team Placed 1<sup>st</sup>!! Individual ranking - Chase Riedel - 1<sup>st</sup>, Luke Lindberg - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jadyn Cross - 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kathryn Blankenship - 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Students who produced our Option Radio spot: Kathryn Blankenship, Jerardo Castillo, Aubrey Clement, Joe Cross, Haddie Grubbs, and Levi Onstott.
- Ayden Cross, who passed her Certified Medical Aide exam.
- January Students of the Month: Riley Jones and Lily Teeple.

**Presentations**

**Student Presentations:** 3rd grade design projects. Mrs. Wenger and 3rd grade students presented the "Leprechaun Traps" they created using simple machines and a LOT of glitter!

**Students of the Month:** Students of the Month for January 2019 were recognized and presented with certificates by Dr. Browne. Riley Jones (6th grade) was present; Lily Teeple (9th grade) was at the district MAC Speech contest and could not attend.

**Comments from the Audience:** There were no comments.

## **Reports**

### ***Superintendent***

- Option Enrollment campaign running until March 15<sup>th</sup>. Positive press articles following the decision to adopt 4-day week with Option Enrichment Fridays. Radio ads created by students with Chris Cooper are running on 7 stations (94.1, 96.0, 101.7, 93.3, 99.3, 101.3, 97.1). Display ads in Western Nebraska Observer and the Star Herald.
- March issue of the Scratching Post was mailed on Friday. Included an invitation to kick-off the Strategic Planning meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am in the cafeteria.
- Dr. Browne attended the NRCSA legislative forum in Lincoln on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Presentations included comments from Senators Groene, Friesen, Briese, Stinner, Linehan, and Slama – hot topics were property tax relief, tax credits for private schools, discipline, and the civics education requirements.
- Principal Jones, Chris Cooper, and Dr. Browne attended an information session on a new Student Record Management system – JMC – which will increase productivity while reducing annual costs by approximately \$2,000 per year after initial set up and training.
- Transitioning to in-house maintenance of mats and cleaning supplies will realize savings to the district, which would mitigate costs for approximately 10-15 hours per week for evening custodian. Commercial washer and dryer will be installed by the shop
- Looking forward to BCS Carnival on March 29<sup>th</sup>!

### ***Principal***

- All staff participated in the ESU 13 Mid-Winter Conference on February 18.
- Principal Jones attended the Chadron State College Teacher Interview Day on February 22 & UNL Career Day in Kearney on March 11
- Jessica Stauffer presented at the Transitions Conference in Kearney February 25-27.
- Parent Teacher Conferences were on February 28. Elementary attendance was 84.15% and Secondary attendance was 74.42%.
- We held a Read Across America event to honor Dr. Seuss Week on March 4. Thanks to Mrs. Gifford for organizing the event.
- Megan Rexus graduated from VALTS on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Principal Jones attended the ceremony and presented her diploma.
- Speech and Sweets was on March 8 and went well.

### ***Board of Education***

- Board members interested in attending the School Law for Board Members meeting in Gering, on April 16, should let Dr. Browne know by the April 10th registration deadline.
- Board members extended condolences to the family of Kaleb Matthew Staman, a former BCS student, who passed away on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Committee Reports***

***Transportation and Grounds:*** Impala and scissor lift both arrived and have already been put to use.

***Americanism, Curriculum, and Technology:*** No report.

***Policy Review:*** No report.

***Personnel and Negotiations:*** No report.

### ***Consent Agenda***

***Motion passed:*** To approve the consent agenda, passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Douglas Olsen.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

-Approve the Minutes of the February 11th, 2019 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$322,052.36 for the March 11, 2019, regular meeting.

-Approve Class of 2019 Educational Trip

-Approve NASB Membership

### ***Accept Certified Staff Resignation***

***Motion passed:*** Accept resignation of Karin Jones. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Grant Lerwick. Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea The Board accepted resignation of Karin Jones, with regrets, for her 36 years of service to BCS students.

### ***Approve Option Enrollment Resolution***

***Motion passed:*** Approve the Banner County School Option Enrollment Resolution for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented. Passed with a motion by Grant Lerwick and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Banner County School approved an Option Enrollment Resolution to cap class sizes at 18 for Kindergarten and 20 for all other grades in order to preserve the small school, personalized learning environment, while increasing student enrollment to adequate numbers to support a variety of academic and extra-curricular programs.

#### **Closed Session**

**Motion passed:** Go into closed session at 8:04 PM, for personnel matters. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Larry Pahl.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea At 8:38 PM, the Board came out of closed session with no decisions being made. President Johnson declared the meeting in open session at that time.

#### **Approve Principal's 2019-2020 Salary**

**Motion passed:** Approve Charles Jones' salary for Banner County School PK-12 Principal for the 2019-2020 school year at \$79,800. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Douglas Olsen.

Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

**Next Meeting:** The next Regular Meeting of the Banner County BOE will take place on April 8, 2019, 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

**Motion passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:44 PM. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Grant Lerwick. Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Grant Lerwick: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

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

Wittni Boettcher Supplies Reimbursement \$67.68; April Conn State Spelling Bee \$388.75; Connecting Point Copies \$578.52; The Cornhusker Conference Lodging \$126.00; RGB Enterprises, Inc Business Cards \$100.00; Crescent Electric Supply Co Supplies \$131.58; DAS State Accounting Service Charges \$229.49; University of Oregon Testing Fees \$71.00; Educational Service Unit #13 SPED Services \$10,908.79; Floyd's Repairs & Supplies \$5,840.10; Frank Parts Supplies \$994.26; Frenchman Valley Coop Diesel & Gas \$3,015.56; Fritz's Septic Septic Service \$175.00; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$581.03; Gering Courier Option Ads \$355.00; Kari Gifford Supplies Reimbursement \$138.63; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$265.00; Debra Griebe Conference Lodging \$153.56; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$434.00; Hermitage Art Co Supplies \$67.59; Holiday Inn Express Conference Lodging \$139.50; High West Energy Electricity \$3,456.95; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES Supplies \$654.17; Hometown Family Radio Scottsbluff Radio Option Ads \$2,940.00; Hullinger Glass & Locks Door Replacements \$5,770.00; Ideal Linen Supply Cleaning Supplies \$1,815.20; Jostens, Inc. Diplomas & Covers \$120.33; KNEB Radio Option Ads \$337.92; Lazy W Diamond Ranch LLC Staff Dinner \$480.00; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$70.78; NASB Registration Fees \$245.00; NASB Membership Dues \$3,214.00; NE Dept of Education GOLD Advanced Training \$20.00; NMC Exchange LLC Scissor Lift \$9,000.00; Ne Rural Comm. Schools Assoc Legislative Forum \$80.00; Oriental Trading Company, Inc Supplies \$44.17; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Panhandle Auto Group LLC 2019 Chevy Impala \$21,002.24; Panhandle Cooperative Association Gas & Diesel \$6,653.40; Peetz Farmers Coop Propane \$4,322.20; J.W. Pepper & Son Inc. Supplies \$26.40; Quick Care Medical Services Bus Driver Physical \$125.00; Sandberg Implement, Inc. Equipment \$239.99; School Specialty, Inc. Supplies \$82.90; Snell Services, Inc Repair Services \$2,354.37; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC PT Services for January \$1,364.49; Staples Advantage Equipment \$274.99; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$147.54; Star-Herald Legal Ads \$2,126.01; Store Fixtures USA Equipment \$650.10; Thompson Glass, Inc. Windshield Replacement \$327.41; Walmart Supplies \$345.52; Western Nebraska Observer Option Ads \$610.00; Wells Fargo Card Services Travel Expenses \$456.43; Wells Fargo Card Services Travel & Time Clock \$891.13; W.P.C.I. Drug Screening \$73.00; WTT Car Washes \$20.00; 125 Clearing Account March 2019 Payroll \$1,300.01; AFLAC March 2019 Payroll \$573.14; AFLAC March 2019 Payroll \$858.18; Banner County Bank March 2019 Payroll \$34,597.00; Banner Capital Bank March 2019 Payroll \$3,931.86; Banner County School March 2019 Payroll \$1,930.00; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne March 2019 Payroll \$37,391.50; Colonial Life March 2019 Payroll \$185.04; Banner County School March 2019 Payroll \$30,412.93; Horace Mann Insurance Company March 2019 Payroll  
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\$398.35; LegalShield March 2019 Payroll \$323.90; MG Trust Company March 2019 Payroll \$2,620.00; State of Nebraska March 2019 Payroll \$5,173.44; Principal Life Insurance Company March 2019 Payroll \$695.74; US Department of Education March 2019 Payroll \$210.81; Vision Service Plan March 2019 Payroll \$351.57; Vision Service Plan March 2019 Payroll \$62.75; Payroll March 2019 Payroll \$105,593.46