

**Minutes of the Banner County School District
Board of Education Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020**

Notice of the Monday, March 9, 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 March 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.

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

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

Approval of Agenda

Approve agenda for the March 9th, 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

Awards and Recognition

President Ron Johnson commended the following students and staff:

- District FFA Contest on March 4th: Agronomy Team placed 1st out of 15 teams with the top four individuals in the contest! Chase Riedel- placed 1st out of 57 individuals, Deven Sullivan, 2nd; Kathryn Blankenship, 3rd; Luke Lindberg, 4th and in Agriscience - Lily Teeple placed 5th overall
- Regional MathCounts competition in Scottsbluff on Wednesday, February 12; Gabe Teeple (19th), Isaac Olsen (33rd), Jaeyln Yetter (46th), Jacob Parsons (46th), and Logan Mason (64th). The team won the "Most Improved Award."
- MAC Speech: Duet Acting: Kairyn Miller and Mycala Jones, 3rd place; Haddie Grubbs and Riann Morton, 5th place. Serious Prose: Josie Whelchel, 6th place.
- Students of the Month: Kassie Loutzenhiser, 3rd grade and Jacob Parsons, 8th grade.
- MatCats district results! Gabriel Teeple, Karter Mosby, Kody Carpenter, and Trenton Knaub - 2nd place; Quincy Boettcher - 3rd; Wyatt Reichenberg - 4th; and Rylie Jeffries qualified for the girls' division.
- Read Across America: Kari Gifford and staff, Greg Reininger for the awesome pig cookies!
- Banner County School has been awarded a 2020 Nebraska Healthy Schools-Recognized School in Action Silver award. Thanks to Marie Parker for compiling the supporting data and submitting the application.

Presentations

Chase Riedel and Deven Sullivan presented the itinerary for the Senior Educational trip to Denver. Dr. Browne presented certificates and read student "bios" for the February Students of the Month: Kassie Loutzenhiser, Grade 3, and Jacob Parsons, Grade 8.

There was no Public Comment.

Reports

Superintendent

Community

Dr. Browne attended the March Banner County Commissioners meeting on March 3rd. She invited both the Historical Society and the County Commissioners to join BCS for a meeting sometime in April to share information and improve communication. Dr. Browne offered to post the meeting in compliance with Opens Meetings Act.

Dr. Browne hosted School Safety Meetings during Parent Teacher Conferences; last week, a letter was sent home to all school families re: COVID-19

Facilities & Transportation

Bus Replacement Grant received! \$40,507.50

Student Programs & Enrollment

Board Members are cordially invited to the National Honor Society Induction on March 10th at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria.

SafeAlerts program allows students, parents, staff to report issues or concerns from phone app.

Enrollment - 125 PK = 10; K-5= 59; 6-8= 26; 9-12=29 Option IN: 40 Option OUT: 18

Personnel

Linda Barret retired from her bus driver position; she will finish at the end of the current academic year. We thank her for 43 years of service to BCS students.

Sonja Lind and Sharon Lease will attend the NAEP State Convention March 31 to April 1 - Grand Island.

Dr. Browne and Principal Jones will present information on OEF at the NRCSA Spring Conference on March 25-27.

Principal

- Formal certified evaluations are completed for the year.
- ESU 13 Mid-Winter Conference was February 17 with good topics of conversations from the staff on the session they attended.
- We hosted MAC Speech on Wednesday February 26, the day went well, thank you to all who had a part in making it a success.
- Barb Cooper and Deb Griebe attended the MTSS Training on March 3-4 at Scottsbluff.
- Parent Teacher Conferences were March 5. 7-12 Attendance was 77%, Pk-6 attendance will be added on Monday.
- Angie Hilbert, Brandon Avila, Nathan Clement, Adam Knaub, Brendyn Onstott, Jacob Parsons, and Andie West attended the Panhandle Youth Leadership Day in Scottsbluff on March 9th.
- Our HS football schedules for 2020 and 2021 were released; dates, starting times, and officials have been confirmed.
- Spring sports practice has begun; there are 7 participants in high school track.

- School will be in session for the next two Fridays, March 13 and 20, with a 2:30 dismissal.
- Our Cognia (formally Advanced Ed) external visit will be April 1-2.

Board of Education

President Ron Johnson reminded members of the NASB Updates.

Approve 1st reading of the 2020-2021 District Goals

Approve revised 2020-2021 District Goals on 1st reading. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

Approve 1st reading of 5-Year Strategic Plan

Approve 1st reading of 5-Year Strategic Plan. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Barbara Cross.

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

Committee Reports

Transportation and Grounds: No report

American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: The next American Civics meeting will be on April 13th at 6:30 pm. Dr. Browne will send out a reminder to the Committee and an agenda prior to the meeting.

Policy Review: Three policies for review relevant to COVID-19: 0508.03 - communicable or infectious diseases; 0508.03R1 - communicable or infectious disease procedures; 0508.03R2 - standard hygiene and sanitation procedures.

Personnel and Negotiations: No report

Consent Agenda

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

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

-Approve the Minutes of the February 10th, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the February 22nd, 2020 Work Session.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$298,369.89 for the March 9th, 2020, regular meeting.

Accept Certified Staff Resignation

Accept the resignation of Kristen Smith, with thanks for her service to BCS students. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and seconded by Bret Jeffries.

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

Approve Class of 2020 Educational Trip

Approve Class of 2020 release time and use of school vehicles to travel to Denver, CO. The Class of 2020 as a group or individually will finance all costs associated with such a trip. Passed with a motion

by Bret Jeffries and seconded by Barb Cross.

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

Approve Option Enrollment Resolution

Approve the Banner County School Option Enrollment Resolution for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and seconded by Bret Jeffries.

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

Approve quote for carpet in the library, main office, DL room, and North teacherage living room.

Approve quote for removal of carpet and installation of new carpet in the library, main office, DL room, and North teacherage living room at a cost of \$11,583.65 from Don Schmidt. 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

Approve Policy Revisions, First Reading

Approve the revisions to the following policies on 1st reading: Policy 508.13 School Wellness Policy 508.13R1 Regulation for Wellness and Nutrition. 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

Closed Session

Go into closed session at 8:00 PM, for personnel matters, (for the protection of the public interest or to prevent needless injury to reputation of an individual, if such individual has been notified and has not requested a public 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

At 8:36 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 2020-2021 Salary

Approve Charles Jones' salary for Banner County School PK-12 Principal for the 2020-2021 school year at \$81,500. 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

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting: April 13th, 2020 at 7:00 PM

American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology Committee Meeting: April 13th, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned

Adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. 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

Banner County School Schedule of Bills/Claims

AC Electric Motor Service, LLC HVAC Motor \$256.70; All Stars Prevention Supplies \$47.00; Anderson Builders Inc Window Installation \$515.00; School Nutrition Fund Transfer of Funds \$20,000.00; Wittni Boettcher Meals for Conference \$140.00; CDW Government, Inc. Toner \$142.12; Cognia Workshop Registration Fees \$641.25; Connecting Point Copies \$570.60; DAS State Accounting Network Service Charges \$229.32; University of Oregon Testing Subscription \$64.00; Educational Service Unit #13 Services \$11,982.77; Frank Parts Supplies \$8.54; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel \$2,800.65; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$870.80; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$265.00; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$507.37; High West Energy Usage \$3,184.23; Holiday Inn Kearney Lodging \$221.90; HOME DEPOT Supplies \$145.14; Independent Plumbing & Heating Inc Water Heater Repair \$462.15; JMC, Inc Annual Subscription \$2,310.00; Rural Radio Scottsbluff Radio Ads \$900.00; Sonja Lind Convention Meals \$60.00; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$71.10; Menards Supplies \$74.43; Midamerica Books Library Books \$119.70; NASB NAEP State Convention Registration \$180.00; Nebraskaland Tire-Truck Center Bus Tires \$623.28; NETA Conference Registration \$244.00; Nancy Olsen Meals for MathCounts Comp \$46.84; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Peetz Farmers Coop Jan & Feb Propane \$9,596.21; PGE AHERA Reinspection \$633.00; School Nurse Supply, Inc. Supplies \$94.44; Sidney High School Meals \$31.70; WESTCO DEF \$158.50; Snell Services, Inc Boiler Repairs \$3,990.00; Star-Herald Classified Ads \$539.58; Walmart Supplies \$132.78; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Ads & Notices \$727.66; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies \$530.53; Wells Fargo Card Services Time Clock & Testing \$55.45; 125 Clearing Account March Payroll \$1,567.34; AFLAC March Payroll \$633.12; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co March Payroll \$694.51; Banner County Bank March Payroll \$35,886.75; Banner Capital Bank March Payroll \$4,100.67; Banner County School March Payroll \$2,379.16; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne March Payroll \$39,528.20; Colonial Life March Payroll \$98.89; Banner County School March Payroll \$31,183.12; Horace Mann Insurance Company March Payroll \$415.72; LegalShield March Payroll \$308.95; MG Trust Company March Payroll \$2,950.00; State of Nebraska March Payroll \$5,496.78; Principal Life Insurance Company March Payroll \$685.49; US Department of Education March Payroll \$202.87; VSP Insurance Co. March Payroll \$295.54; VSP Insurance Co. March Payroll \$47.69; VSP Insurance Co. March Payroll \$85.37; Wakefield & Associates March Payroll \$69.62; March Net Payroll \$107,226.36