

**Minutes of the Banner County School District Board of
Education Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2020**

Notice of the Monday, March 23, 2020, Board of Education Special Meeting was posted at Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, and Banner County School.

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 PM, via a video-conference Zoom link on the school web-site at www.bcswildcats.org
The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted at www.bcswildcats.org.
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, Bret Jeffries, Ronald Johnson, Douglas Olsen, Larry Pahl.
Also present: Principal Charles Jones and Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary.
Motion to excuse Barb Cross from the March 23, 2020, Special meeting of the Banner County BOE. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and seconded by Douglas Olsen.
Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

Approve the agenda for the March 23rd, 2020 Special Meeting of the Banner County Board of Education.
Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and seconded by Bret Jeffries.
Wittni Boettcher: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Banner County Disaster Declaration and Proclamation of the Banner County Emergency Management Director. Information was shared among the members.

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, to grant a paid leave of absence to staff with confirmed COVID-19.

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, to grant a paid leave of absence for duty days that occur during fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days with full current wages and benefits to certified and classified employees who are experiencing the following conditions or circumstances related to the COVID 19 virus: (1) have traveled from China, South Korea, Japan, Italy, or Iran within the last 14 days, or lives or has had close contact with someone who has been in those countries, or other regions that may be identified (2) has been asked to self-quarantine by any health care provider or public health official, (3) has been diagnosed with, or has had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 virus; (4) is presently exhibiting the symptoms of an infectious respiratory illness, which include fever, cough, or shortness of breath; and/or (5) has to leave their job duties to take care of a family member who has coronavirus; all subject to any required adjustment thereto required to comply with any state or federal law now existing or subsequently enacted. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and seconded by Bret Jeffries.

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

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, to take all necessary action consistent with health officials' advice or direction.

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, to take all necessary action to work with state and

local health department officials for advice and direction on functions that may involve large gatherings of people. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and seconded by Douglas Olsen.

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

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, to monitor the COVID 19 virus conditions and manage school operations, programs, employees, and maintenance as described.

Authorize the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, to monitor the COVID 19 virus conditions in the State of Nebraska and the Educational Service Unit No. 13 area, and based upon the directives of the Commissioner of Education, advice from the Panhandle Public Health Department and COVID-19 Unified Command and present or potential community spread of the disease in Banner County, Nebraska (1) close Banner County School and suspend delivery of educational services, both regular education and special education, while continuing to maintain critical programs that support the health and well-being of certain student populations including meal programs; (2) close the Banner County School building to student attendance and continue delivery of educational service, including special education services, and/or the development and planning of alternative educational services for this and ensuing school years and assign administrative, instructional and support staff to carry out such duties in person or remotely; (3) assign certificated and non-certificated staff as needed and in a manner that provides for such employees continued service to the school district including but not restricted to the use of paid administrative leave and/or "On Call" Status; and, (4) manage access to buildings and manage extra-curricular activity programs. Passed with a motion made by Douglas Olsen and seconded by Bret Jeffries.

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

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting: April 13th, 2020, 7:00 PM will be a video-conference via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

Adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and seconded by Bret Jeffries.

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