

**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, March 8, 2021**

Notice of the meeting was published at the entrance to the school, the Banner County Court House, the Harrisburg Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, in the Western Nebraska Observer, and on the school website. The Zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/96942582146>

**Call to Order**

The regular March meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:08 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, Bret Jeffries, Jake Knaub, and Douglas Olsen.

Also present: Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary and Principal Charles Jones.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Approve agenda for the March 8th, 2021 Banner County Board of Education Regular meeting.

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

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

**Awards and Recognition**

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

-District FFA Contest on March 3rd: FFA Meats Judging team placed 5th at the district competition, which earned them the right to compete at the state level. Teams that will be competing at state are: Floriculture, Welding, Ag Mechanics, Meats Judging, and Kathryn Blankenship in Sr. Public Speaking. All contests will be held virtually this year.

-MathCounts: The chapter competition of MathCounts was held on Friday, February 5 with three students participating. Isaac Olsen, Jaelyn Yetter, and Gabe Teeple. Isaac Olsen scored the highest and will compete in the Western Nebraska competition on February 25.

-WTC Speech: Haddie Grubbs 3rd place in Serious Prose

-Students of the Month: Caleb Monnig - Grade 5 and Layton Mossberg - Grade 7

**Students of the Month**

-Dr. Browne read student "bios" for the February Students of the Month.

## **Reports**

### *Superintendent*

#### **COVID-19**

- On-site testing for High School students and staff available after the Spring break through Test Nebraska
- Vaccinations for educational staff scheduled in Scottsbluff
- No new positives in school
- Back to Orange on the Dial
- Attended information session on the Science Behind Safe Indoor Environments in Schools. Key take-aways: masking, 6 foot SD, MERV 13/14 filters, increased air intake, air purification with CADR (clean air delivery rate) ~2/3 the square footage of the room, surface disinfecting.

#### **Facilities & Transportation**

- Wind damage to two Suburbans – glass panels
- Frozen/burst pipes in North residence during the cold snap
- Transmission troubles in the Red Suburban
- Heat exchange unit installation in progress

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

- Current 2020-2021 Enrollment – 150            PK = 13; K-5= 71; 6-8= 26; 9-12=40
- Option IN: 53            Option OUT: 22
- Received Improving Student Health grant of \$5,000 (instructional programs during COVID-19)
- Received REAP (Rural Education Achievement Program) grant \$12, 832 (ClearTouch Boards)
- Received ESSER Grant \$31,232 (for COVID expenses)
- Received State Apportionment \$13,335 (School Section)

#### **Personnel**

- Rebecca Wenger, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher resignation on the agenda
- Elementary position will be posted on Teach NE site and with colleges
- Anticipated classified openings: full-time cook and part-time evening custodians
- Dr. Browne and Mr. Jones will present at the NRCSA Spring Conference “OEF - Year 1 Recap”

### *Principal*

1. I attended a Zoom webinar from KSB School Law on SPED Law on February 9.
2. Staff attended the ESU 13 Mid-Winter Conference on February 15.
3. I attended a Zearn Math Webinar on February 22. We have free access to Zearn Math for summer learning institutes and for the 2021-22 school year.
4. The School Improvement Committee met on February 26 to discuss our exit report and look at data from NWEA Testing to discuss setting new school improvement goals.
5. Parent Teacher Conferences were held on March 4. PK-5 attendance was 87.8% and 7-12 attendance was 76.9%.
6. Spring Sports have begun for High School, there are 8 students out for track, we have one student playing soccer with Gering.
7. Junior High track will begin soon.

8. NWEA data was reviewed for the last 5 years comparing fall to winter growth and meeting expected goals. The first year was a 5-day week, the next two years were the hybrid 4-day 5-day week, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years were the 4-day week. The analysis revealed no significant learning loss transitioning to a 4-day week. For many students, individual growth improved, with some classes meeting 100% targeted growth. These results will be part of the OEF presentation at the NRCSA Spring Conference in Kearney on March 26<sup>th</sup>.
9. Deb Griebe attended the Safe with You: Safe Sleep, Abusive Head Trauma, Power to Protect Training.

### *Board of Education*

Two policies were reviewed: 201.07 Board Member Liability and 204.12R1 Procedures for Addressing the Board

New member training dates discussed.

### **Presentations**

NASB and NDE Zoomed in to present on upcoming changes to Rules 10 & 14 - Approval, Accreditation, and Accountability Rule Development

### **Approve Option Enrollment Resolution**

Approve the Banner County School Option Enrollment Resolution for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

### **Comments from the Audience**

There was no public comment.

### **Committee Reports**

Transportation and Grounds: No report. Meeting set for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15PM.

American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: No report. Meeting set for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Policy Review: No report

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.

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

-Approve the Minutes of the February 6th Board Retreat and the February 8th, 2021 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$276,951.86 for the March 8th, 2021 regular meeting

### **Accept Certified Staff Resignation**

Accept the resignation of Rebecca Wenger, with thanks for her service to BCS students. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

### **Closed Session**

Go into closed session at 8:11PM, to discuss 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 Bret Jeffries.

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

At 8:44PM, 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 2021-2022 Salary**

Approve Charles Jones salary for Banner County School PK-12 Principal for the 2021-2022 school year at \$90,500. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

### **Next Meeting**

Regular meeting: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00PM

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourn the meeting at 8:48PM. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Laura Baker.

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

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

B&C Steel Corporation Supplies \$100.80; School Nutrition Fund Box of Gloves \$17.83; Connecting Point Copies \$570.84; DAS State Accounting Network Service Charges \$232.49; Educational Service Unit #13 Services \$10,267.04; Flinn Scientific Inc Supplies \$20.85; Follett School Solutions, Inc Single Site LM Renewal \$445.58; Frank Parts Supplies \$1,014.98; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel Usage \$2,941.66; Frenchman Valley Coop Propane \$2,925.00; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$1,268.00; Gary's Alliance Ceiling Replacement \$4,317.55; Grainger Equipment \$58.14; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$250.00; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$565.02; High West Energy Electricity \$3,469.62; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES Supplies \$146.40; Independent Plumbing & Heating Inc Supplies \$27.80; Jostens Caps & Gowns \$192.00; Kansas City Audio-Visual, Inc Clear Touch

Web Cam \$149.10; Kimball Recycle Center Recycling & Shredding Cost \$1,749.80; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$3.04; Menards Supplies \$7.65; MidAmerica Books Library Books \$317.25; Nebraska/Central Equipment Parts \$264.06; NKC Tire Tire Repair \$17.37; Ne Safety Center @ UNK Level II Training \$125.00; Ne Rural Comm. Schools Assoc Spring Conference Registration \$420.00; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assoc Supplies \$29.90; Project Lead The Way Training \$2,400.00; School Health Supplies \$133.11; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC P/T Services \$1,200.87; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$95.13; Team Auto Center Repairs \$316.29; Thompson Glass, Inc. Glass Replacements \$778.99; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Notices and FFA AD \$615.06; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies \$214.28; Wells Fargo Card Services Time System \$30.40; W.P.C.I. Drug Testing \$53.00; 125 Clearing Account March 2021 Payroll \$1,470.00; AFLAC March 2021 Payroll \$430.76; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co March 2021 Payroll \$1,147.06; Banner County Bank March 2021 Payroll \$37,217.51; Banner Capital Bank March 2021 Payroll \$4,033.82; Banner County School March 2021 Payroll \$2,180.00; Banner County School March 2021 Payroll \$27.39; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne March 2021 Payroll \$39,792.76; Colonial Life March 2021 Payroll \$40.73; Banner County School March 2021 Payroll \$31,841.28; Horace Mann Insurance Company March 2021 Payroll \$396.85; LegalShield March 2021 Payroll \$222.25; MG Trust Company March 2021 Payroll \$5,496.66; State of Nebraska March 2021 Payroll \$5,772.88; Principal Life Insurance Company March 2021 Payroll \$692.42; VSP Insurance Co March 2021 Payroll \$338.48; VSP Insurance Co March 2021 Payroll \$100.07; VSP Insurance Co March 2021 Payroll \$16.65; VSP Insurance Co March 2021 Payroll \$93.29; March 2021 Payroll \$107,549.10