

**Minutes of the Banner County School District Board of
Education Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2020**

Notice of the Monday, May 11, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting was posted at Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, Banner County School, and at www.bcswildcats.org

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 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.

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 BOE member Barb Cross from the May 11, 2020, Regular meeting of the Banner County BOE. 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

Approval of Agenda

Approve the agenda for the May 11th, 2020 Regular 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

Awards and Recognition

President Ron Johnson recognized BCS teachers and Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8. Teaching staff were commended for switching instruction to virtual learning and helping our students stay connected throughout the COVID-19 closure.

Also commended Kelly Rundell, Sue Talkington, and Greg Reininger in the kitchen and Linda Barrett, Sharon Lease, Marie Parker, Stephanie Farro, Sue Talkington, and Jessica Stauffer for getting meals out to families.

Linda Barrett 's 43 years of service was acknowledged in a very nice front-page article in the Star Herald.

Kambrie and Kassie Loutzenhiser - winners of the WILDCATS art contest!

Presentations

Nancy Olsen presented information on the Big Ideas math program.

Reports

Superintendent

Teacher Appreciation Week was May 4-8

COVID-19

A Petition was filed on May 4th with State Board of Education by the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) seeking "clear, specific and definitive guidance and direction on how various statutes, rules, and regulations will be interpreted, enforced, and otherwise applied" for the 19-20 and 20-21 school years due to the impact of COVID-19.

Weekly updates with PPHD and ESU; daily updates with PPHD business community; weekly updates with Commissioner Blomstedt; and daily updates with Gov. Ricketts continue.

Working on "End-of-Year" event.

Community

Dr. Browne attended the May 5th Banner County Commissioners meeting via Zoom.

We anticipate a donation from Invenergy towards our meal delivery program. Bob Post made the referral.

The May Scratching Post will cover the impact of COVID from the student perspective.

We delivered 50 masks to Regional West Medical Center. Looking forward to more from Banner County patrons!

Facilities & Transportation

Playground mulch project started (on the Strategic Plan)

Chiller installation scheduled for end of May (approved on the December 2019 agenda)

Student Programs & Enrollment

State Aid for 20-21 \$270,930 released (+ \$75,531 OVER PRIOR YEAR). Increase due to net Option Aid increase.

New Option Students from Kimball (5)

Projected 2020-2021 Enrollment – 133 PK = 12; K-5= 63; 6-8= 22; 9-12=36

Option IN: 40 Option OUT: 17

Personnel

Regular summer work schedule will begin May 25th.

Rachel Lashmett and Brittany Serres will do our summer meal delivery.

Principal

- Pick up of school materials has been scheduled. Laptops will be one day and other school items and returning elementary personal items will be a different day.
- We have asked students to participate in "Non Prom" to dress up at home and take photos and submit them to us. We also voted for "Non Prom" Royalty.
- Mr. Jones delivered caps and gowns to the seniors on Friday. We are asking them to dress up in their caps and gowns, take photos at home, and send them to us. This is in case we are not able to have our ceremony by the time the yearbook is due for production.
- We will do an online summer reading program for K-5 students every Tuesday and Thursday in June.
- The last instructional day for students will be May 14. The last day for staff will be May 22.
- Staff have begun mapping curriculum for their subjects. There will be Curriculum Mapper Software training on Friday May 15 and Tuesday May 19 for staff. Some staff will also work during the summer on curriculum mapping.
- Chris Cooper and Mr. Jones met with students in grades 7-11 today to discuss scheduling for next year. They have the ability to register for their classes through JMC.
- The master schedule is complete for next year. Expanded offerings in math and computer science are the changes to the schedule.
- Communications with families, delivery of devices, and daily zoom meetings with staff are ongoing.
- An in person graduation ceremony is still being planned. The current DHM prohibiting gatherings or students at school run until May 31. We will wait for guidance from PPHD.

Board of Education

President Johnson discussed the NASB guidance that is being sent out each week to board members.

Consent Agenda

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

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

-Approve the Minutes of the April 13th, 2020 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$286,889.95 for the May 11th, 2020, regular meeting.

-Approve Special Education Agreement with ESU 13

Committee Reports

Transportation and Grounds: No report.

American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: No report.

Policy Review: No report.

Personnel and Negotiations: No report.

Approve Interlocal Agreement for Day School Treatment Facility

Approve the Interlocal Agreement with ESU13 for a Day School Treatment Facility. Annual cost to the district is \$3,175.00. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and seconded by Douglas Olsen.

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

Approve Purchase of Rubber Mulch for Playground from Crouch Recreation

Approve the purchase of rubber mulch for the playground from Crouch Recreation for \$41,216.00.

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

Approve Purchase of Algebra I and Geometry Textbooks

Motion to table the purchase of Geometry and Algebra II textbooks for \$6,666.00 from Cengage Learning until the June 8th meeting, at which time action will take place. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and seconded by Douglas Olsen.

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

Approve 1st reading of Policy 905.08 revision - School Closings and Cancellations

Approve 1st reading of revision to Policy 905.08 - School Closings and Cancellations. 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

Approve 2nd reading of Policy 611.08 - Class of 2020 Graduation Requirements

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

Next Meeting

Regular Meeting: June 8th, 2020, 7:00 PM will be a video-conference via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned

Adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. Passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

Banner County School Schedule of Bills/Claims

Acadiance Learning Inc Data Management Service \$71.00; CDW Government, Inc. Microsoft Licensing \$4,923.52; Connecting Point Copies \$475.44; Crescent Electric Supply Co Supplies \$806.80; Crossroads Music Supplies \$928.98; Daktronics Inc Scoreboard Equipment \$825.00; DAS State Accounting Network Service Charges \$229.32; Decker Equipment Playground Sign \$66.80; Educational Service Unit #13 Services \$13,180.34; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas Usage \$1,070.41; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$1,304.91; Gering Courier Subscription \$28.95; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$250.00; Harrisburg Water System Usage \$457.92; High West Energy Usage \$2,439.13; High West Wiring Scoreboard & Field Lights \$818.00; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES Supplies \$65.41; Charles Jones Mileage Reimbursement \$107.53; Rural Radio Scottsbluff Option Ads \$900.00; The Lampo Group LLC Instructional Software \$801.97; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$71.01; Menards Supplies \$299.89; NAEA 20-21 Professional Fees \$235.00; National Business Furniture Desk \$734.02; NCSA NASBO Virtual Conference \$410.00; Nebraska Safety & Fire Equip Install & Repair \$3,651.30; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Paper101 Paper Supply \$2,402.75; Peetz Farmers Coop Propane \$3,493.65; Quill.com Dry Erase Board \$423.29; Scholastic Book Clubs Book Orders for Jan & Feb \$387.00; Schutt Sports Supplies \$69.83; Sherwin-Williams Paint Supplies \$437.74; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC PT Services \$527.88; Staples Advantage Chair \$787.98; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$332.27; Scottsbluff Star-Herald Subscription \$131.35; Katie Stauffer Classroom Expense \$96.00; Team Chevrolet Repairs \$881.64; Thompson Glass, Inc. Windshield Repairs \$507.14; Vistabeam Internet Service \$173.85; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies, Computers, Training \$6,261.46; Wells Fargo Card Services Time Clock \$30.40; 125 Clearing Account Payroll May 2020 \$1,567.34; AFLAC Payroll May 2020 \$534.47; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co Payroll May 2020 \$678.61; Banner County Bank Payroll May 2020 \$35,419.99; Banner Capital Bank Payroll May 2020 \$3,966.98; Banner County School Payroll May 2020 \$2,145.40; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne Payroll May 2020 \$39,017.33; Colonial Life Payroll May 2020 \$81.98; Banner County School Payroll May 2020 \$31,610.84; Horace Mann Insurance Company Payroll May 2020 \$415.72; LegalShield Payroll May 2020 \$308.95; MG Trust Company Payroll May 2020 \$2,650.00; State of Nebraska Payroll May 2020 \$5,283.50; Principal Life Insurance Company Payroll May 2020 \$685.49; VSP Insurance Co. Payroll May 2020 \$290.54; VSP Insurance Co. Payroll May 2020 \$50.26; VSP Insurance Co. Payroll May 2020 \$85.37; Wakefield & Associates Payroll May 2020 \$127.90; Payroll May 2020 \$109,532.40