

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

Notice of the Monday, November 9, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting was posted at Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, Banner County School, published in the Western Nebraska Observer, and on the school website 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, in the school cafeteria. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act is displayed in the cafeteria.

Roll Call/Welcome

Present: Ronald Johnson, Douglas Olsen. Bret Jeffries & Jake Knaub attended via Zoom.
Also present: Principal Charles Jones and Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Approval of Agenda

Approve agenda for the November 9th, 2020 Banner County Regular Board of Education meeting.
Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Larry Pahl.
Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Presentations

Julie Peetz of Rauner & Associates, PC presented the 2019-2020 Audit
Dr. Browne presented Students of the Month for September and October

Awards and Recognitions

President Johnson commended the following students and staff:

- Congratulations to our Students of the Month for September and October 2020: Bexlie Groves, Shawnie Mason, Brendyn Onstott, Talon McPherson, & Makyla Mason
- Congratulations to Banner County's first all-girl XC team. They earned 5th place at the district cross country meet on October 15th.
- Mrs. Wenger's 5th graders for their amazing work on their Native American projects. They spent almost two months on those projects and did their final presentations to the 3rd and 4th graders on Nov. 4th.

Comments from the Audience

There was no public comment.

Reports

Superintendent

COVID-19

- Classroom coverage is becoming a challenge with the shortened sub list and staffing needs due to COVID-19. We will schedule support staff to cover elementary and combine classrooms if needed in the Middle & High Schools before considering remote learning for students.
- PPHD has requested schools to supply close contact information with the numbers rising in the panhandle. They have had to enlist state contact tracers because of the number of positive cases.
- School continues to be the safest place for students. All positive cases have been transmitted outside the school and county. If we move into the red zone, our protocols will remain in place.
- Recognize the outstanding efforts of Mr. Jones and Mrs. Boettcher in supporting technical and classroom coverage, and all the teachers who are helping out with classroom coverage.

Facilities & Transportation

- Roof leaks due to snow on roof - Fisher suggests elastomeric coating. We will need to get quotes for that option.
- Repairs to concrete outside of the west residence completed.

Student Programs & Enrollment

- Projected 2020-2021 Enrollment – 154 PK = 14; K-5= 74; 6-8= 27; 9-12=39
Option IN: 54 Option OUT: 22
- Successful Flex Funding Grant application for reading program awarded \$46,011 towards certified staff salaries.

Personnel

- Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems (NPERS) Audit was completed on October 16th. Two minor findings were addressed and submitted for correction.
- Network Administrator still posted
- Substitutes posted

Principal

- Our external visit was on October 26-28; the visit went well. The team stated a lot of positives that we are doing as a school and gave some recommendations. We are still waiting for the final report. I would like to thank all of the board members, parents, teachers, and students who participated in the visit with the external team.
- I met with representatives from WNCC on November 6 to finalize the OSHA 10 training that will be held in December during OEFs. The dates will be December 4-11-18 from 8-12. This training will be offered to students and community members.
- We held our junior high wrestling tournament on Friday October 30. The tournament went well and for the most part everyone followed the protocols that were in place.
- Fall sports are concluded, winter sports will start for high school on November 16 for boys' and girls' basketball and wrestling. Basketball will play a JV schedule this year. Junior high wrestling has begun and junior high girls' basketball has started practice.

-We will need to make a calendar change; the MAC Conference has changed the date of MAC Quiz Bowl from Tuesday March 23 to Monday March 22. This is due to the 23rd being an ACT paper pencil test date.

-The Veterans Day Program will be on November 11.

-We continue to monitor and communicate with PPHD and attend their Monday and Thursday briefings.

Board of Education

-President Johnson congratulated new Board Elect Members: Megan Allen, Jake Knaub, Laura Baker

-NASB Update shared with members.

Committee Reports

Transportation and Grounds: Larry Pahl shared information on prices of used golf carts and side-by-sides for future consideration.

American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology: Committee met on Nov. 9th, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Two committee members, Bret Jeffries and Jake Knaub attended via Zoom. Mrs. Priscilla Stauffer presented information on the 4th grade Social Studies curriculum focused on Nebraska history, culture, economics and resources, and geography. Dr. Browne shared information on the 2020 Veterans Day program and upcoming Science program adoption for K-6.

Policy Review: Four policies on the agenda for 2nd reading.

Personnel and Negotiations: Next negotiations meeting will be on November 18th, 2020.

Consent Agenda

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

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

-Approve the Minutes of the October 12th, 2020 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$306,189.46 for the November 9th, 2020, regular meeting.

-Approve Audit of School Accounts, 2019-2020

-Approve 2020-2021 School Calendar with a revised date for hosting MAC Quiz Bowl

Authorization to Sign Checks

Authorize Ron Johnson (President), Douglas Olsen (Vice-President), Bret Jeffries (Treasurer), and Evelyn Browne (Secretary) as signers for all accounts held at Banner Capital Bank. Authorize Charles Jones and Kari Gifford as additional signers on General Fund 2, Activity, and Nutrition accounts. Remove Wittni Boettcher as a signer on all accounts. Two signatures are required on all checks. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Award Bus Bid

Approve the bid and purchase of a 2022 Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2, 30-passenger bus for the bid of \$84,310.00, from Truck Center Co; all other bus bids are rejected. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Douglas Olsen.

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Approve New Policy, Second Reading

Approve 2nd reading of Policy 404.13 School Closure Under Extraordinary Circumstances. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Approve Policy Revisions, Second Reading

Approve 2nd reading revisions to Policies 402.15, 404.02, & 503.04 as presented. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Jake Knaub.

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Superintendent Evaluation

Board members went into closed session at 8:18 PM for the Superintendent's Evaluation to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

At 9:12PM the board members came out of closed session with no action taken.

Next Meeting

Regular meeting: December 14th, 2020 at 7:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned

Adjourn the meeting at 9:16PM. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Larry Pahl.

Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Larry Pahl: Yea

Banner County School Schedule of Bills/Claims

20/20 Technologies LLC Access Points \$1,550.50; School Nutrition Fund Third Grade Muffins \$168.60; Bomgaars Supplies \$72.95; Cash-Wa Distributing Supplies \$638.77; CDW Government, Inc. Tech Supplies \$13,015.14; Cognia Engagement Review Fee \$1,000.00; Connecting Point Copies \$578.24; Croell Inc Cement \$249.75; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance Network Service Charges \$232.49; Educational Service Unit #13 SPED & Services \$11,664.79; Education Week Annual Subscription \$97.00; Frank Parts Bus & Vehicle Parts \$200.21; Frenchman Valley Coop Propane \$2,437.63; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel \$2,807.74; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$1,442.17; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$250.00; Kinsey Groves Refund \$150.00; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$733.12; High West Energy Electricity Usage \$3,527.76; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES Equip & Supplies \$669.99; Independent Plumbing & Heating Inc HVAC Part \$234.80; Johnson Hardware Company Master Keys \$106.40; Jostens, Inc. Award Medals \$41.70; Kansas City Audio-Visual, Inc Clear Touch

Boards \$11,104.11; Knowbuddy Library Books \$652.25; KSB School Law PC LLO Audit Response \$75.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc Supplies \$86.95; Master's Transportation, Inc. Bus Parts \$414.45; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$73.52; Menards Supplies \$544.99; Midamerica Books Library Books \$602.70; Midwest Technology Products Supplies \$51.57; NASB Virtual Area Meeting \$100.00; NCSA Membership Dues \$335.00; Nebraska/Central Equipment Bus Parts \$134.49; NWEA MAP Testing \$500.00; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; School Specialty, Inc. Supplies \$203.70; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC PT Services for Sep&Oct \$2,235.39; Staples Advantage Credit \$19.02; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$46.62; Katie Stauffer Coaching Classes \$138.32; Ayden Vrtatko Coaching Certificate \$55.00; Walmart Health Supplies \$23.52; Wells Fargo Card Services Registration Fees \$175.00; Rebecca Wenger Supplies Reimbursement \$28.00; Western Nebraska Administrators Annual Membership Dues \$100.00; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Notices & Ads \$477.76; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies \$439.95; Wells Fargo Card Services Time Clock System \$30.40; Wells Fargo Card Services Website Domain Fee \$42.34; 125 Clearing Account November 2020 Payroll \$1,470.00; AFLAC November 2020 Payroll \$430.76; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co November 2020 Payroll \$1,147.77; Banner County Bank November 2020 Payroll \$38,200.04; Banner Capital Bank November 2020 Payroll \$4,135.15; Banner County School November 2020 Payroll \$2,180.00; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne November 2020 Payroll \$39,377.05; Calvary SPV I, LLC November 2020 Payroll \$329.26; Colonial Life November 2020 Payroll \$41.49; Banner County School November 2020 Payroll \$32,514.87; Horace Mann Insurance Company November 2020 Payroll \$413.45; LegalShield November 2020 Payroll \$222.25; MG Trust Company November 2020 Payroll \$5,496.66; State of Nebraska November 2020 Payroll \$5,885.97; Principal Life Insurance Company November 2020 Payroll \$692.42; VSP Insurance Co. November 2020 Payroll \$338.10 VSP Insurance Co. November 2020 Payroll \$100.07; VSP Insurance Co. November 2020 Payroll \$16.65; VSP Insurance Co. November 2020 Payroll \$85.79; November 2020 Payroll \$112,211.91