

**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, October 14, 2019**

Notice of the Monday, October 14, 2019, Board of Education Regular Meeting was posted at Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, and Banner County School.

Present: Wittni Boettcher, Bret Jeffries, Ronald Johnson, Douglas Olsen, Larry Pahl, Charles Jones, Principal, and Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary

**Call to Order**

Excuse Barb Cross. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

The regular October meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7 PM in the School Cafeteria, 200 School Street, Harrisburg, Nebraska.

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Approve agenda for the October 14th, 2019 Banner County Regular Board of Education meeting. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

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

There was no public comment.

**Presentations**

There were three presentations:

Students of the Month for September, Digital Citizenship, and One Act update.

**Awards and Recognitions**

The following students, staff, and community members were recognized:

-Congratulations to Deven Sullivan, cross country, placed 15th out of 266 runners at the University of Nebraska Kearney Invitational, Class D division.

-Students of the Month for September: Luke Olsen, Grade 3, and Nathan Clement, Grade 8.

-Students who represented BCS at the 2019 Digital Citizenship Symposium at ESU13: Kelani Cross, Gabriel Teeple, Isaac Olsen, Nathan Clement

-Thank you to Wittni Boettcher for organizing Homecoming activities and all the staff for helping out where needed! The students really enjoyed the Spirit Activities on the Oct. 4th Option Enrichment Friday!

-Thank you to Linda and Dan Barrett for donating the beef for the Walking Tacos Community Supper for Homecoming!

**Reports**

*Superintendent*

**Community**

-Teaching staff identified some key goals & strategies tied to instruction and programs and linked to the Mission Statement. A survey to gather community feedback was published on the web-site and through FB. To date 22 responses - 21 for and a few comments. These will be discussed at the next Strategic Planning Session on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, along with the goals and strategies developed by staff from Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

-Dr. Browne attended two Comprehensive Planning meetings at the county office and shared some relevant

data on the school's positive impact on employment and economic activity in the county.

### **Facilities & Transportation**

- High West rebate on gym lighting received: \$2,130.00
- Septic installation for the North Teacherage completed without surprises. Annual ALICAP inspection and report extremely positive. (attached)
- Chiller has died. We will be receiving estimates on replacement of the 20-year-old system.
- Chuck Elley completed a security systems walk-through on 9/27 and debriefed with Safety, Wellness, and Security Committee.
- ALICAP site visit and review completed on 10/1/19. Experience modifier down to .78 (for 2018 was 1.15) - safety = savings on liability insurance premium!

### **Student Programs & Enrollment**

Enrollment - 13 PK = 10; K-5= 64; 6-8= 26; 9-12=29

Option IN: 39            Option OUT: 18

- OEF turn-out remains positive - 96 students attended on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>!
- Opportunity to create a First Lego League Team with UNL Extension - need parent volunteer.

### **Personnel**

- Ads for Substitute Bus Drivers and Substitute teachers will be run in Western Nebraska Observer and on Teach Nebraska web-site.
- Dr. Browne attended NE School Safety & Security Summit 10/9 & 10/10

### *Principal*

- Katie Stauffer, Kasandra Rossi, Kinsey Groves and Brandon Avila attended the New Teacher Cadre sponsored by ESU 13 at the Harms Center on September 19.
- Katie Stauffer and Kasandra Rossi attended Sunday Training on September 23 at ESU 13.
- Kelani Cross, Gabriel Teeple, Isaac Olsen, Nathan Clement and Principal Jones attended the Digital Citizenship Symposium at ESU 13 on October 1.
- Edward Montgomery, Priscilla Stauffer, Chris Cooper, Angie Hilbert and myself attended the Cogna (formally Advanced ED) workshop at the Gering Civic Center on October 7-8 in preparation for our external visit in April 1-3.
- There was a lock out drill on October 9, with the State Patrol K-9 Unit doing a sweep of the school and the parking lot, everything was normal.
- Fire Safety Day was on October 8 for grades K-6.
- Certified Staff Evaluations will begin soon.
- Fall Sports are winding down, JH Volleyball and Football will have their final contests on October 16.
- District Cross Country will be on October 17, with state being held on October 25.
- High School Football final game on October 25.
- Principal Jones will attend Threat Assessment Training Oct. 15 & 16 in Sidney at ESU 13.
- AQuESTT Update
- HS Football Update, JV Girls Basketball Update.

### *Board of Education*

Ron Johnson, Wittni Boettcher, Bret Jeffries, Larry Pahl, Evelyn Browne, and Charles Jones will attend State Conference - Nov 20-22

## **Committee Reports**

*Transportation and Grounds:* No report.

*American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology:*

Overview of the American Civics Committee meeting was presented. Mrs. Hilbert presented an overview of the Middle & High School Social Studies Programs with information on where and when in the curriculum the subjects of Americanism and Civics are taught. Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, all 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the civics portion of the US Naturalization test to meet the requirements of LB399.

Veteran's Day Programming: Mr. Jones provided an overview of the annual Veterans Day Program, which will take place this year on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Included in the program will be patriotic songs performed by our school band and choir.

Student Council members will be instructed on how to fold the flag, and will be responsible for raising and retiring the flag each day school is in session.

*Policy Review*

Policies being presented for review in the current agenda were identified.

*Personnel and Negotiations:* No report.

## **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda. 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

-Approve the Minutes of the September 9th, 2019 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$313,452.30 for the October 14th, 2019, regular meeting.

-Adopt Amendments and Restatement of the Banner County Public Schools 403(B) Plan

### **Approve purchase of floor scrubber**

Approve the purchase of Clarke CA60 20B floor scrubber for \$6,346.45. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

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

### **Adopt Board of Education Goals**

Move to adopt the 2019-2020 Board of Education Goals. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

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

### **Approve Adoption of Policy, Second Reading**

Approve adoption of the following policies on 2nd reading: 801.04 Bus Safety Program 702.03 Budget Adoption Process 412.01R15 Technology Integration and Support Person Job Description 412.01R13 Network Administrator Job Description. 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 Adoption of Policy, First Reading**

Approve the adoption of revision to the following policy on 1st reading: Policy 509.52 Sports Practice. Passed with a motion by Larry Pahl and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

There was no Closed Session

## Meeting Adjourned

Adjourn the meeting at 8:16PM. 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

## Next Meeting

November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

## Banner County School Schedule of Bills/Claims

School Nutrition Fund Food Services \$60.00; Bud's Radiator, Inc. Repairs \$238.00; Cash-Wa Distributing Supplies \$719.58; CDW Government, Inc. Toner \$96.65; Comfort Inn Lodging \$104.95; Connecting Point Copies \$315.00; Barbara Cooper Classroom Expense \$100.00; Bobby Cooper Classroom Expense \$52.97; RGB Enterprises, Inc Business Cards \$105.00; Crossroads Music Supplies \$497.92; DAS State Accounting Network Service Charges \$228.98; Decker Equipment Desk, Chair Dolly, Key Cabinet \$772.83; Educational Service Unit #13 Services \$11,802.17; Education Week Subscription \$88.94; Ewell Education Services Record Book Subscription \$175.00; Flinn Scientific Inc. Supplies \$110.00; Floyd's Bus Repairs & Parts \$1,592.71; Frank Parts Parts & Supplies \$468.92; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel \$3,088.72; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$2,970.81; Gopher Supplies \$674.73; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$265.00; Harrisburg Water System Usage \$685.62; High West Energy Usage \$4,530.52; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES Supplies \$137.77; Independent Plumbing & Heating Inc HVAC Service \$4,420.80; Inland Truck Parts Company Bus Parts \$247.58; Kansas City Audio-Visual, Inc Clear Touch \$22,477.60; KSB School Law PC LLO Legal Services \$99.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc Supplies \$124.21; Logoz Supplies \$316.00; Lookout Books Library Books \$125.70; Math Counts Foundation Registration \$60.00; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$72.74; Midamerica Books Library Books \$403.95; Motor Fuels Division 3rd Qtr Fuel Tax \$481.00; NASB State Conference \$1,250.00; NCSA Membership Dues \$670.00; Nebraska/Central Equipment Harness Restraints \$2,573.24; Nebraskaland Tire-Truck Center Tire Repairs \$33.00; Ne Safety Center @ UNK Level 2 Training \$300.00; National Geographic Explorer Supplies \$52.25; Nspire Today Subscription \$15.00; Otus, LLC Annual Subscription \$420.00; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assoc Gas for Mowing \$406.05; Peetz Farmers Coop Propane \$385.08; Quill.com Chairs \$554.32; School Specialty, Inc. Furniture \$617.21; Sherwin-Williams Field Paint \$249.15; Snell Services, Inc Electrical-Sewer System \$4,105.00; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC PT Services \$433.80; Staples Advantage Supplies \$21.99; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$156.35; Star-Herald Legal Ads \$130.72; Walmart Community Supplies \$335.70; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Ads & Notices \$407.98; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies \$743.80; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies, Time Clock, Travel \$456.52; Wells Fargo Card Services Dues & Travel \$200.16; 125 Clearing Account October 2019 Payroll \$1,569.02; AFLAC October 2019 Payroll \$628.57; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co October 2019 Payroll \$708.85; Banner County Bank October 2019 Payroll \$37,617.19; Banner Capital Bank October 2019 Payroll \$3,875.43; Banner County School October 2019 Payroll \$2,335.00; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne October 2019 Payroll \$38,712.23; Colonial Life October 2019 Payroll \$140.81; Banner County School October 2019 Payroll \$31,973.51; Horace Mann Insurance Company October 2019 Payroll \$402.59; LegalShield October 2019 Payroll \$308.95; MG Trust Company October 2019 Payroll \$2,950.00; State of Nebraska October 2019 Payroll \$5,702.09; Principal Life Insurance Company October 2019 Payroll \$685.48; US Department of Education October 2019 Payroll \$205.32; Vision Service Plan October 2019 Payroll \$411.79; Vision Service Plan October 2019 Payroll \$41.33; Additional Payroll Wittni Boettcher \$634.76; Banner County Bank October Special Payroll \$117.62; Banner County School October Special Payroll \$151.12; Payroll October 2019 Payroll \$111,615.45