

**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, September 14, 2020**

Notice of the Monday, September 14, 2020, Board of Education Regular Meeting was posted at Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, Banner County School Banner County School, published in the Western Nebraska Observer, and on the school website at [www.bcswildcats.org](http://www.bcswildcats.org)

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education is called to order at 7:00 PM, in the school cafeteria. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act is displayed in the cafeteria.

**Roll Call/Welcome**

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

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 the agenda for the September 14th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Banner County Board of Education. 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

**Comments from the Audience**

There was no public comment.

**Awards and Recognitions**

President Johnson commended the following students and staff:

-Cheyanne Knisley for completing her BNA course and passing her certification. She is now a Certified Nurse Assistant.

-The students and staff for their diligence and care following the cleaning, masking, and social distancing guidelines....WE ARE STILL IN SCHOOL and still able to compete and participate in our activities!!!

**Reports**

*Superintendent*

COVID-19

-First two events (Football and JH Volleyball) took place with the community generally supporting safety protocols in place.

-DHM moved to Phase 4 on Sept. 11th. Key change is increase in capacity for events to 75% inside and 100% outside. Our plan is to keep the approved safety protocols in place.

-Students and staff doing an excellent job with COVID guidance and keeping our school OPEN!  
Community

-First Student issue of the Scratching Post will be out shortly.

-Nice turn-out for the first Football game!

-Board presented retirement gift to Linda Barrett at half-time. She was genuinely surprised!

-Lunch for seniors (\$3) is being offered again at Noon. Seating in the Small Gym.

Facilities & Transportation

-ALICAP Annual Inspection on 8/27 (see attached report)

-Estimate from Snell Services on the agenda for approval to replace wiring and install new panel in Superintendent House.

-Tree assessment completed at residences following damage to staff vehicle.

-We will take advantage of the free lead testing of drinking water through DHHS and NDEE.

Student Programs & Enrollment

-Projected 2020-2021 Enrollment - 148 PK = 13; K-5= 71; 6-8= 25; 9-12=39

Option IN: 47 Option OUT: 17

-Food program received a grant of \$375 from USDA for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program  
Personnel

-Search for Systems Administrator

### *Principal*

-School started and the students are adapting well to the protocols in place.

-Bill and Kari Gifford, along with Joe Cross, completed the training on the new plasma cutter on September 1.

-NWEA MAP first round of testing has been completed. Mrs. Cooper is working on the IRPs for compliance with the READS Act.

-A representative from Eastern Wyoming Community College was here to talk to any interested Juniors and Seniors on September 9.

-Cross Country has attended three meets so far this year. There are 8 students competing - 6 high school students and 2 junior high students.

-High School Volleyball had their first competition on September 11. There are 10 students competing in high school volleyball.

-Junior High Volleyball had their first contest on Wednesday September 9, there are 12 students competing.

-Junior High Football has yet to compete, currently there are 5 students who have all of their paperwork in, with a possibility of 2 more that are awaiting physicals.

-High School Football has had 2 contests. There are 7 students competing.

-We have had 2 Option Enrichment Fridays this year that have went well.

-All of the staff at BCS has worked hard to make the start of the school year a successful one.

### *Board of Education*

President Johnson appointed Bret Jeffries as Treasurer until the January re-organization meeting. Bret will be added to the signature cards at Banner Capital Bank.

NASB is offering both virtual and hybrid professional development for board members. Dr. Browne will send a schedule with fees to board members and then register anyone interested in attending.

### **Adopt Budget, Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Adopt the following Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021: General Fund Budget: \$4,691,568, Taxes: \$2,746,977; Depreciation Fund Budget: \$537,348; Employee Benefit Fund Budget: \$107,559; Activities Fund Budget: \$76,925; School Nutrition Fund Budget: \$151,700; Special Building Fund Budget: \$425,710, Taxes: \$50,505; TOTAL BUDGET: \$5,918,810. TAX LEVY for General Fund: 0.901, Special Building Fund: 0.017; and UNUSED BUDGET AUTHORITY: \$0. 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 Tax Request Resolution, Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Approve the District's Tax Request for the 2020-2021 school fiscal year: the General Fund is set at \$2,746,977 and the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund is set at \$50,505, causing the tax rate to be \$.918 per \$100 of assessed value. 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

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda 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 the Minutes of the August 10th, 2020 regular meeting and the August 31st Work Session

Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$400,289.45 for the September 14th, 2020, regular meeting and August spend down totaling \$7,800.03

Appoint Representative for Federal, State & Local Matters

### **Committee Reports**

*Transportation and Grounds:* No report.

*American Civics, Curriculum, and Technology:* No report.

*Policy Review:* No report.

*Personnel and Negotiations:* Meeting dates to start upcoming negotiations will be suggested after Dr. Browne meets with BCEA president.

### **Adopt Title IX policies on 2nd Reading**

Adopt Policies 404.12 and 504.24 Title IX on 2nd reading 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

### **Approve policies 104.00, 204.02, 204.07, 204.11, 410.03, 410.03E1, 415.03, 415.03E1, 502.02, 504.11, 504.16, 508.15, 801.04, 205.08 on 2nd Reading**

Approve 2nd reading of policy revisions as listed. 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

**Approve electrical upgrade to the superintendent's house by Snell Services, Gering.**

Approve electrical upgrade to superintendent's house by Snell Services of Gering for \$11,842  
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 purchase of three Clear Touch interactive whiteboards**

Approve purchase of 3 ClearTouch Boards from KCAV at a cost of \$11,104.11 to be covered by grant finding. 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

**Next Meeting**

Regular meeting: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00PM

**Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Bret Jeffries.

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

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

Best Plumbing Walk-In Freezer Repairs \$2,644.00; Drummond Partitions \$2,756.60; Nebraska ESU Coordinating Council Infobase On-line Subscriptions \$233.75; Follett School Solutions, Inc Library Books \$373.23; Grainger Safety Supplies \$431.90; NCSA Virtual Admin Days \$300.00; School Specialty, Inc. Supplies \$61.55; SOAR Learning Inc Supplies \$999.00; A+ Tree Service Tree Trimming \$1,000.00; Ahlers Baking, Inc. Items for Staff Inservice Days \$51.96; B&C Steel Corporation Steel \$577.20; School Nutrition Fund Meals for Staff Inservice Days \$465.82; Kyle Boettcher Repairs \$122.00; Wittni Boettcher UNK Tuition \$2,207.50; CDW Government, Inc. Supplies \$304.81; CENGAGE Learning Supplies \$64.25; Connecting Point Copies \$606.00; Crossroads Music Supplies \$300.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance Network Service Charges \$232.49; Educational Service Unit #13 August Services \$2,020.30; Flinn Scientific Inc. Supplies \$7.55; Frank Parts Supplies \$524.54; Frenchman Valley Coop Gas & Diesel \$2,204.35; Fresh Foods Items for Staff Inservice Days \$46.41; Fritz's Septic Septic Service \$350.00; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$729.95; GEYER Instructional Products Supplies \$32.95; Grainger Filters \$176.64; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$250.00; Harrisburg Water System Usage \$786.07; HCI Cleaning Products, LLC Supplies \$1,485.00; High West Energy Usage \$4,344.22; HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES Supplies \$757.12; Kimball Bakery Items for Staff Inservice Days \$82.50; KSB School Law PC LLO Legal Services \$1,132.00; Matheson Tri-Gas Inc Plasma Cutter & Supplies \$28,960.47; Logoz Senior Banners for Graduation \$307.18; Loukens Well & Pump Services, Inc Sewer Work \$5,089.04; MCI Long Distance Phone Service \$74.33; Menards - Scottsbluff Supplies \$757.59; Murdochs Ranch & Home Supply Supplies \$309.98; NASB Membership Dues \$60.00; NASB ALICAP Annual Premium \$86,293.00; Nebraska/Central Equipment Parts \$145.16; NKC Tire Tire Repair \$17.37; Ne Safety Center @ UNK Level I Bus Training \$225.00; Ne Rural Comm. Schools Assoc Membership Dues \$850.00; Pack Rat

Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$340.00; Panhandle Cooperative Assoc Items for Staff Inservice \$81.98; Panhandle Early Learning Connections Creative Curriculum Training \$40.00; Marie Parker Meal Money \$40.00; Rick Parker CDL Reimbursement \$59.50; Paxton-Patterson Supplies \$109.10; Rider Classroom Spanish LLC 1st & 2nd Quarters \$1,500.00; Sandberg Implement, Inc. Supplies & Repairs \$2,261.77; Scholastic Inc Supplies \$723.97; Brittany Serres Reimb for Coaching Cert \$115.00; Sherwin-Williams Paint Supplies \$279.60; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC July Services \$1,116.45; Sportdecals Decals \$371.03; Staples Credit Plan Supplies \$509.52; University of Nebraska-Kearney Transitional Cert Program Fee \$2,000.00; Walmart Community/SYNCB Supplies \$18.67; Tod Wenger Reimb for Coaching Cert \$105.00; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Notices & Ads \$203.55; Wells Fargo Card Services Supplies, DMV & Background Cks \$5,335.91; Wells Fargo Card Services Time Clock System \$21.48; W.P.C.I. Drug Testing \$106.00; 125 Clearing Account Payroll-September 2020 \$1,479.53; AFLAC Payroll-September 2020 \$430.76; Amer Fam Life Assurance Co Payroll-September 2020 \$1,166.88; Banner County Bank Payroll-September 2020 \$37,412.82; Banner Capital Bank Payroll-September 2020 \$4,135.15; Banner County School Payroll-September 2020 \$2,180.00; Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne Payroll-September 2020 \$40,143.96; Calvary SPV I, LLC Payroll-September 2020 \$210.21; Colonial Life Payroll-September 2020 \$61.80; Banner County School Payroll-September 2020 \$31,812.60; Horace Mann Insurance Company Payroll-September 2020 \$418.51; LegalShield Payroll-September 2020 \$222.25; MG Trust Company Payroll-September 2020 \$3,230.00; State of Nebraska Payroll-September 2020 \$5,802.92; Principal Life Insurance Company Payroll-September 2020 \$692.42; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) Payroll-September 2020 \$344.72; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) Payroll-September 2020 \$118.24; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) Payroll-September 2020 \$16.95; VSP Insurance Co. (CT) Payroll-September 2020 \$85.79; Payroll-September 2020 \$111,034.66