

Notice of the September 12, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Banner County Board of Education, Budget Hearing, Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request, Adopt Budget, and Adopt the Tax Request Resolution, was published in the *Star-Herald* and posted at the Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, the Banner Capital Bank, the Banner County Courthouse, and Banner County School.

Present Board Members: Wittni Boettcher, Barbara Cross, Ron Johnson, Grant Lerwick, Charity May, and Douglas Olsen. Superintendent Lana Sides and Principal Charles Jones were present.

Board President Charity May called the regular meeting of the Banner County School BOE to order at 7:06 PM and stated that the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall.

President Charity May stated the following: Welcome guests. Does anyone in the audience wish to address an item on the agenda? Visitors will be required to identify themselves if they speak at this meeting. A time limit of five minutes per speaker will be allowed. Not more than a total of twenty minutes will be allowed for the presentation of any specific topic, as per BOE Regulation 204.12R1. Does anyone need special accommodations to hear the proceedings? I want to remind you that the board meeting is a business meeting open to the public but it is not a public meeting.

Guests who addressed the BOE were Angie Hilbert, Jeri Revelle, and Sonja Lind.

**Motion Passed:** Approve the minutes of the Banner County BOE regular meeting dated August 8, 2016, and the bills and transfers totaling \$263,210.87, which includes the transfer of \$100,000 to Depreciation checking and moving \$100,000 from General Fund checking to General Fund CDs, for the period ending August 31, 2016, and the agenda and the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$287,782.87, and Building Fund check for \$177.17 for tax refund, and financial statements as presented for the September 12, 2016, regular meeting of the BOE, passed with a motion by Ron Johnson and a second by Grant Lerwick.

Wittni Boettcher	Yes
Barbara Cross	Yes
Ron Johnson	Yes
Grant Lerwick	Yes
Charity May	Yes
Douglas Olsen	Yes

Commend the students, staff, and board of education members for the following:

- Emily Singleton, Ayden Cross, Jadyn Cross, and Paige Cross are commended for showing their FFA projects at the 2016 Kimball Banner County Fair. Bill Gifford is commended for his FFA work at the fair.
- The following Board of Education members were recognized with an Award of Achievement at the August 31, 2016, NASB Area Membership Meeting for their volunteer time, commitment to education, and continued participation and growth in knowledge and best practice governance. Wittni Boettcher earned Level I; Ron Johnson, Grant Lerwick, and Douglas Olsen earned Level II; and Charity May earned Level IV. Barb Cross earned Level IV in 2015.
- Nathaniel McGowan is commended for his generosity in donating two pork to the school, and Grant Lerwick is commended for his generosity in donating a beef to the school. These donations go to the "Serving Locally Grown Meat" program. Students greatly enjoy and benefit from this locally grown meat in their lunches.
- State Fair Results: MaKenna Dahlgrin, Simon Hendricks, Alexandria Gough, and Rylie Mason went to the 2016 State Fair in Grand Island to compete in the State Fair Academic competitions. Awards were Alexandria-10th place in Grammar, Simon-Honorable mention in Grammar, and MaKenna-Honorable mention in Math. Rylie Mason is also commended for testing at a higher grade level. The students also competed well in the Quiz Bowl. Karin and John Jones are commended for sponsoring the students at the State Fair.

Lana Sides displayed the VALTS student built guitar. VALTS (Valley Alternative Learning Transitioning School) had all their students take the following course: Guitar Building, and Introduction to Industrial Safety, Manufacturing, Technology, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) Processes. As group projects, students built a guitar for each of their 9 school districts.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Transportation and Grounds:** The committee will meet October 10, 2016, 6:00 PM, to discuss snow plow, lawn mower, and rotation of small school vehicles.

**Personnel and Negotiations:** Teacher bargaining for the 2016-2017 school year is required to begin before November 1, 2016. A meeting with BCEA Negotiations Committee will be October 17, 2016, 5:00 PM.

**Americanism, Curriculum, and Technology:** No Report

**Policy Review:** The Policy Review Committee will meet on September 19, 2016, at 5:00 PM, to review the 28 policies from NASB that are either new or need revised.

**Motion Passed:** Open a public hearing at 7:27 PM for the purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget: General Fund

Budget: \$4,504,238.00, Taxes: \$2,922,137.34; Depreciation Fund Budget: \$498,258.00; Employee Benefit Fund Budget: \$89,922.00; Activities Fund Budget: \$138,457.00; School Lunch Fund Budget: \$162,000.00; Special Building Fund Budget: \$151,818.00, Taxes: \$30,671.72; Student Fees Budget: \$1,000.00; TOTAL BUDGET: \$5,545,693.00 , TAXES: \$2,952,809.06; TAX LEVY for General Fund: 0.952710, Special Building Fund: 0.010000; and UNUSED BUDGET AUTHORITY: \$00.00, passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Ron Johnson.

Wittni Boettcher Yes  
 Barbara Cross Yes  
 Ron Johnson Yes  
 Grant Lerwick Yes  
 Charity May Yes  
 Douglas Olsen Yes

Superintendent Sides presented and explained the following documents: "School Budget Report 2016-17," the "LC-2 Budget Form 2016-17," and the "Notice of Budget Hearing 9-12-16." The proposed 2016-2017 fund budgets were presented including actual/estimated disbursements for the 2015-2016 school year. There were no comments from the audience.

At 7:36 PM, the Board closed the hearing on the proposed budget with no decisions being made. President May declared the meeting in regular session at that time.

**Motion Passed:** Open a public hearing at 7:37 PM for the purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the following final tax request, General Fund Taxes: \$2,922,137.34; Special Building Fund Taxes: \$30,671.72; Tax Levy for General Fund: 0.952710; and Tax Levy for Special Building Fund: 0.010000, passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Ron Johnson.

Wittni Boettcher Yes  
 Barbara Cross Yes  
 Ron Johnson Yes  
 Grant Lerwick Yes  
 Charity May Yes  
 Douglas Olsen Yes

Superintendent Sides presented the "Budget Valuations Report 2016" that listed Banner County School district valuations by county for 13 years and included the percent of change from last year. Also presented was the "Notice of Special Hearing to Set Tax Request 9-12-16" that was published in the newspaper. There were no comments from the audience.

At 7:43 PM, the Board closed the hearing relating to setting the final tax request with no decisions being made.

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the following Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017: General Fund Budget: \$4,504,238.00, Taxes: \$2,922,137.34; Depreciation Fund Budget: \$498,258.00; Employee Benefit Fund Budget: \$89,922.00; Activities Fund Budget: \$138,457.00; School Lunch Fund Budget: \$162,000.00; Special Building Fund Budget: \$151,818.00, Taxes: \$30,671.72; Student Fees Budget: \$1,000.00; TOTAL BUDGET: \$5,545,693.00 , TAXES: \$2,952,809.06; TAX LEVY for General Fund: 0.952710, Special Building Fund: 0.010000; and UNUSED BUDGET AUTHORITY: \$00.00, passed with a motion by Ron Johnson and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

Wittni Boettcher Yes  
 Barbara Cross Yes  
 Ron Johnson Yes  
 Grant Lerwick Yes  
 Charity May Yes  
 Douglas Olsen Yes

**Motion Passed:** WHEREAS, public notice was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Request for the 2016-2017 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, Special Building Fund, and Quality Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund of Banner County School District 04-0001; and, WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of Banner County School District 04-0001 (hereinafter "the District") at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and, WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and, WHEREAS, the Board after having reviewed the District's Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2016-2017 school fiscal year. NOW BE IT

THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$2,922,137.34; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$0.00; (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$30,671.72; (4) the Tax Request for the Quality Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$0.00, passed with a motion by Grant Lerwick and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

Wittni Boettcher Yes  
 Barbara Cross Yes  
 Ron Johnson Yes  
 Grant Lerwick Yes  
 Charity May Yes  
 Douglas Olsen Yes

Superintendent Sides presented "Exhibit A - September 2016 Affidavits of Publication."

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Banner County School District #04-0001, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board. Lana Sides, Secretary

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Lana Sides, Superintendent of Schools, as the authorized representative for all Local, State, and Federal Programs, including Title I Programs, in the Banner County Schools, passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Ron Johnson.

Wittni Boettcher Yes  
 Barbara Cross Yes  
 Ron Johnson Yes  
 Grant Lerwick Yes  
 Charity May Yes  
 Douglas Olsen Yes

**Motion Passed:** Approve the teacherage apartment, currently rented to Jessica Harvie, to also be occupied by a guest, passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Grant Lerwick.

Wittni Boettcher Yes  
 Barbara Cross Yes  
 Ron Johnson Yes  
 Grant Lerwick Yes  
 Charity May Yes  
 Douglas Olsen Yes

No Action was taken on the following agenda item: Approve Purchase of Snow Plow

**Motion Passed:** Declare 10 Dell 17" monitors, an old projector, the old Treasures reading books, and old or damaged desks, tables, rolling carts, podium, easels, cabinet, overhead projectors, ball rack, book shelves, mailbox, and filing cabinet as surplus and obsolete, passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Grant Lerwick.

Wittni Boettcher Yes  
 Barbara Cross Yes  
 Ron Johnson Yes  
 Grant Lerwick Yes  
 Charity May Yes  
 Douglas Olsen Yes

### Reports

**Superintendent:** Superintendent Sides reported the following:

Employee Update:

- One paraeducator resigned and 3 other paraeducators were hired.
- Tod Wenger took his Level I bus class last week and is working on his bus license.
- A Girl's Basketball Coach and Speech Coach are needed.

Sound System in Gym:

- Tod Wenger contacted Yandas Music & Pro Audio about the sound system that they installed in the gym in 2012. Tod asked Yandas if they could come evaluate the system.
- Via telephone, Yandas had Tod make adjustments to the sound system settings and they recommended that the settings be locked so various people cannot change them.

Program to Serve Locally Raised Beef and Pork for School Lunches:

- Beef and pork donations for this school year will be welcomed.
- Two pork, donated by Nathaniel McGowan, were processed on August 18, 2016.
- One beef, donated by Grant Lerwick, was processed September 8, 2016.

- The following dates for processing have been scheduled if donations are received: November 3, January 5, and March 2.

July 2015 Hail Storm Repairs:

- Remaining work and materials to be covered by ALICAP insurance are as follows: new flooring in 3 teacherage units, painting on two sides of all outer buildings (the school will pay to have the other 2 sides of the buildings painted), and repair of a bus roof hatch.

The updated Superintendent Goals Report was attached.

**Principal:** Principal Jones reported the following:

- Reading is going well; we have made adjustments to the reading block and it seems to be working well.
- NWEA testing will begin this week; we will test now and in January.
- The state has selected the ACT Test to be administered to all juniors for state testing.
- New teacher cadre will begin this month at the ESU.
- Back to School Open House was well attended. It is planned to promote the Open House next year as a community event.
- Fall activities are underway; high school and junior high activities have all participated in their first contests.
- CATS will begin this week, running until 4:30 on Monday and Tuesday.

**Board of Education**

Discussion:

- BOE member Ron Johnson volunteered to be interviewed during the September 20, 2016, audit.
- Wittni Boettcher, Barb Cross, Ron Johnson, and Douglas Olsen reported on the August 31, 2016, NASB Membership Meeting at the Civic Center.

**Next Meeting:** Regular Meeting: October 10, 2016, 7:00 PM

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM, passed with a motion by Grant Lerwick and a second by

Wittni Boettcher	Yes
Barbara Cross	Yes
Ron Johnson	Yes
Grant Lerwick	Yes
Charity May	Yes
Douglas Olsen	Yes

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Ahlers Baking, Inc.	Items for Workdays	\$ 76.93
B&C Steel Corporation	Supplies	\$ 150.00
Banner County Treasurer	Property Tax Refund	\$ 16,878.83
Beltline Sand & Gravel Inc.	Playground Gravel	\$ 2,231.00
Bluffs Sanitary Supply, Inc.	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 121.86
Carr-Trumbull Lumber Co.	Supplies	\$ 7.63
CDW Government, Inc.	Numeric Keypads	\$ 50.04
Comfort Inn	State Fair Lodging	\$ 599.70
Connecting Point	Copies	\$ 462.42
Contractor's Material, Inc.	Signs	\$ 307.94
Bobby Cooper	School Bus Permit Reimb	\$ 7.50
RGB Enterprises, Inc	Handbooks	\$ 993.00
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	Network Service Charges	\$ 250.45
Educational Service Unit #13	SPED Services, Consort	\$ 7,149.53
Nebraska ESU Coordinating Council	Movie License	\$ 292.00
Ewell Education Services	AET Subscriptions	\$ 150.00
Floyd's	Bus Repairs	\$ 2,689.71
Frank Paxton Lumber Co. - Denver	Supplies	\$ 1,327.63
Fresh Foods	Items for Workdays	\$ 342.62
Banner County School	Account Reimbursement	\$ 921.66
Garden County Schools	Lunch Tables	\$ 1,500.00
Gering Citizen	Option Ads	\$ 260.00
Gering Courier	Option Ads	\$ 130.00
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	Copier Leases	\$ 265.00
Harrisburg Water System	Usage	\$ 495.70
Heilbrun's	Parts & Equipment	\$ 890.18
Higher Ground	Computer Bags	\$ 1,000.00
High West Energy/	Usage	\$ 3,988.73
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	Equipment	\$ 270.73
Hullinger Glass & Locks	Keys	\$ 21.25
Ideal Linen Supply	Cleaning Supplies	\$ 1,088.31
Independent Plumbing & Heating Inc	Parts & Supplies	\$ 1,252.02
Johnson Hardware Company	Keyed Padlocks	\$ 116.98
Lou's Sporting Goods	Track & JH Wrestling Uniforms	\$ 2,471.00
Math Counts Foundation	Registration	\$ 45.00
MCI	Long Distance Phone Service	\$ 70.02
Menards - Scottsbluff	Equipment	\$ 1,458.77
NASB	Workshops & Dues	\$ 410.00
NCSA	Membership Dues	\$ 125.00
Thomas M Neal	Electrical Troublshooting	\$ 60.00
Nebraska/Central Equipment	Bus Parts	\$ 15.91
Nebraskaland Tire	Tires & Repairs	\$ 1,320.60
OneBeatCPR	Supplies	\$ 298.00
Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc	Trash Removal	\$ 325.00
Panhandle Cooperative Assoc	Gas for Mowers	\$ 648.86
Panhandle Cooperative Association	Gas & Diesel	\$ 1,391.44

Panhandle Health Group	DOT Physical	\$	125.00
Marie Parker	Supplies Reimbursement	\$	78.79
Pat's Creative	Sewing Machine Service	\$	327.05
Phi Delta Kappa International	Membership Renewal	\$	90.00
PGE	Asbestos Testing Fees	\$	270.00
Quill.com	Supplies	\$	42.29
Region V Principals	Dues	\$	60.00
Rider Classroom Spanish LLC	Spanish Materials	\$	3,883.95
Scholastic Inc	Classroom Supplies	\$	636.06
Sherwin-Williams	Paint Supplies	\$	387.05
Staples Credit Plan	Supplies & Equipment	\$	300.92
Star-Herald	Legal Notices & Ads	\$	645.07
Team Chevrolet	Car Repair	\$	1,386.57
Varidesk	Furniture	\$	495.00
Walmart Community/GEMB	Supplies	\$	47.27
Western Nebraska Observer	Option Ads & Employment Ads	\$	119.00
Wells Fargo Card Services	Flooring & DMV Checks	\$	7,896.36
Wells Fargo Card Services	Travel & Time System Support	\$	120.77
Wells Fargo Card Services	Books & Travel Expenses	\$	370.68
W.P.C.I.	Drug Testing	\$	49.50
125 Clearing Account	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	1,479.73
Accelerated Receivables Solutions	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	15.55
AFLAC	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	432.90
Amer Fam Life Assurance Co	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	1,133.82
Banner County Bank	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	36,452.38
Banner Capital Bank	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	1,688.98
Banner County School	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	2,480.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	34,422.68
Colonial Life	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	199.81
Banner County School	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	29,242.70
Horace Mann Insurance Company	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	394.74
LegalShield	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	319.90
MG Trust Company	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	1,936.00
State of Nebraska	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	5,333.25
Principal Life Insurance Company	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	601.68
Vision Service Plan	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	340.78
Vision Service Plan	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	103.79
Payroll	Sep 2016-Gen, Lunch, Summer	\$	98,943.90
	Total Disbursement for Sep 2016	\$	287,782.87