

Notice of the September 11, 2017, 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 Harrisburg U.S. Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, Banner County Courthouse, and Banner County School.

Board President Charity May called the regular meeting of the Banner County School BOE to order at 7:00 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 Rebecca Lashmett, Priscilla Bastian, and Sonja Lind.

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Banner County BOE regular meeting dated August 14, 2017, and the minutes of the Banner County BOE work session dated August 22, 2017, and the payment of bills totaling \$188,981.66, which includes moving \$150,000 from General Fund checking to a General Fund CD, for the period ending August 31, 2017, and the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$250,709.68, and financial statements as presented for the September 11, 2017, regular meeting of the BOE, passed with a motion by Ron Johnson and a second by Douglas Olsen.

Witni Boettcher	Yea
Barbara Cross	Yea
Ron Johnson	Yea
Grant Lerwick	Yea
Charity May	Yea
Douglas Olsen	Yea

The following students, staff, and board of education members were commended:

- Kelton Conn, Trey May, Makyla Mason, Kairyn Miller, Lily Teeple, and Kathryn Blankenship competed in the 2017 Nebraska State Fair Academic Competitions. In the Social Studies test, Kathryn Blankenship placed 6th and Makyla Mason placed 9th. Kairyn Miller placed 5th in the Grammar test. Thank you to Karin and John Jones for sponsoring the students.
- MaKenna Dahlgrin is the Banner County School NSAA Believers and Achievers Nominee.
- Courtney and Cheyanne Knisley were both medalists at the Scottsbluff Cross Country Classic.
- The following BOE members were recognized at the NASB Awards of Achievement program at the Gering Region Meeting on August 29, 2017: Ronald Johnson - Level 3, Grant Lerwick - Level 3, and Witni Boettcher - Level 2.

One Act coach Rebecca Lashmett presented an overview of the One Act activities planned for this school year. This year seventeen students are participating in One Act. They have approximately four practices per week. The play to be presented this year is "Laughing School."

Committee Reports

Transportation and Grounds: Ron Johnson reported on the 6:00 PM, September 11, 2017, meeting to review 14-passenger bus bids.

Personnel and Negotiations: If teacher bargaining is needed for the 2018-2019 school year, it is required to begin before November 1, 2017. The current Negotiated Agreement is for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019; however, "the parties agree to reopen negotiations for the 2018-2019 school fiscal year if (1) the EHA rates for 2018-2019 increase by less than 4% or increase by more than 8% of the 2017-2018 rates; or (2) changes are made to the 5% Discount Rates for Blue Cross/Blue Shield EHA and Dental plans \$600 individual deductible plan; or (3) EHA rates are not available." The new EHA rates, which will probably be released in October, will determine if negotiations are needed.

Americanism, Curriculum, and Technology: No Report

Policy Review: Two BOE Policies will be reviewed per month during BOE meetings.

Motion Passed: Approve the adoption/revision of the following policies as presented on second reading: 203.01 Board Organizational Meeting, 402.16 Prohibition of Aiding Sexual Abuse, 403.08 Employee Fundraising, 410.01 Certificated Employee Personal Time Off (PTO), 501 Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students, 503.09 Homeless Children and Youth, 504.16 Searches, Seizures, and Arrests, 504.17 Questioning of Students by Outside Agencies, 508.01 Student Health and Immunization Checkups, 606.06 Acceptable Use of Computers, Technology, & Internet, 607.09 Service Animals and Therapy Dogs, 706.07 Suspension and Debarment, 802.07 School Food Procurement, and 1005.12 Title I Parent & Family Member Engagement, passed with a motion by Witni Boettcher and a second by Ron Johnson.

Witni Boettcher	Yea
Barbara Cross	Yea

Ron Johnson Yea
 Grant Lerwick Yea
 Charity May Yea
 Douglas Olsen Yea

Motion Passed: Open a public hearing at 7:19 PM for the purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget: General Fund Budget: \$4,591,606.00, Taxes: \$2,840,797.62; Depreciation Fund Budget: \$498,300.00; Employee Benefit Fund Budget: \$91,921.00; Activities Fund Budget: \$138,796.00; School Nutrition Fund Budget: \$164,000.00; Special Building Fund Budget: \$180,133.75, Taxes: \$30,546.21; Student Fees Fund Budget: \$1,000.00; TOTAL BUDGET: \$5,665,756.75, TAXES: \$2,871,343.83; TAX LEVY for General Fund: 0.930000, Special Building Fund: 0.010000; and UNUSED BUDGET AUTHORITY: \$00.00, passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Grant Lerwick.

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

Superintendent Sides presented and explained the following documents: "School Budget Report 2017-18," "LC-2 Budget Form 2017-18," and "Notice of Budget Hearing 9-11-17." The proposed 2017-2018 fund budgets were presented including actual/estimated disbursements for the 2016-2017 school year. There were no comments from the audience.

At 7:25 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 7:26 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: \$2,840,797.62; Special Building Fund Taxes: \$30,546.21; Tax Levy for General Fund: 0.930000; and Tax Levy for Special Building Fund: 0.010000, passed with a motion by Ron Johnson and a second by Grant Lerwick.

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

Superintendent Sides presented the "Budget Valuations Report 2017" that listed Banner County School district valuations by county for 14 years and included the percent of change from last year. Also presented was the "Notice of Special Hearing to Set Tax Request 9-11-17" that was published in the newspaper. There were no comments from the audience.

At 7:29 PM, the Board closed the hearing relating to setting the final tax request with no decisions being made. President May declared the meeting in regular session at that time.

Motion Passed: Adopt the following Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018: General Fund Budget: \$4,591,606.00, Taxes: \$2,840,797.62; Depreciation Fund Budget: \$498,300.00; Employee Benefit Fund Budget: \$91,921.00; Activities Fund Budget: \$138,796.00; School Nutrition Fund Budget: \$164,000.00; Special Building Fund Budget: \$180,133.75, Taxes: \$30,546.21; Student Fees Fund Budget: \$1,000.00; TOTAL BUDGET: \$5,665,756.75, TAXES: \$2,871,343.83; TAX LEVY for General Fund: 0.930000, Special Building Fund: 0.010000; and UNUSED BUDGET AUTHORITY: \$00.00, passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Wittni Boettcher.

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

Motion Passed: WHEREAS, public notice was given at least four days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, Special Building Fund, and Qualified 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 2017-2018 school fiscal year. NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$2,840,797.62; (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 \$30,546.21; (4) the Tax Request for the Qualified 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 Yea
 Barbara Cross Yea
 Ron Johnson Yea
 Grant Lerwick Yea
 Charity May Yea
 Douglas Olsen Yea

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 Grant Lerwick.

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

Motion Passed: Approve the bid and purchase of a 2017, Collins GMC, 14-passenger bus for the bid of \$51,174.00, from Masters Transportation, Inc.; all other bus bids are rejected; and approval to trade in Banner County School Bus # 3 for \$1000.00, passed with a motion by Ron Johnson and a second by Grant Lerwick.

Wittni Boettcher Yea
 Barbara Cross Yea
 Ron Johnson Yea
 Grant Lerwick Yea
 Charity May Abstain (With Conflict)
 Douglas Olsen Nay

Motion Passed: Accept the resignation of Lana Sides, effective June 30, 2018, the end of the contract year, passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Ron Johnson.

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

Motion Passed: Approve NASB to provide the Superintendent Search Service for \$6,000.00, plus travel and costs, passed with a motion by Ron Johnson and a second by Douglas Olsen.

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

Reports

Superintendent: Superintendent Sides reported the following:

Employee Update:

- Lois Dillinger is rehabilitating from surgery. The school is advertising for a long term substitute cook.
- Nathaniel McGowan took his Level I bus class last week and is working on his bus license. He will take over a bus route; currently substitute drivers are covering that route.
- Art DeVos, from Camp Rock, is registered for the Level I bus class so he can be a substitute driver.

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

- Beef and pork donations, as well as processing fees, for this school year will be welcomed.
- Grant Lerwick donated a beef that was processed September 7th.
- The following dates for processing have been scheduled if donations are received: November 16, 2017; January 11, 2018; and March 8, 2018.

The updated Superintendent Goals Report was presented.

Principal: Principal Jones reported the following:

- Jessica Stauffer attended the Transitions Workshop on August 29th and 30th.
- Karin Jones, Trey May, Kelton Conn, Makyla Mason, Kairyn Miller, Lily Teeple and Kathryn Blankenship attended the State Fair Academic Competition on August 25th-26th.
- Nancy Olsen, Deb Leffers and I attended the Nebraska Math and Science Conference in Kearney on September 7th – 9th.
- Fall sports have begun, HSVB = 15, HSXC = 4, JHFB = 17, JHVB = 7, JHXC = 2.
- Eclipse activities were held on August 21 and went well.
- This week is Homecoming Week with various activities scheduled.
- MAP Testing is mostly completed for the fall with just a few make-up tests left.
- The new website is up and going; we are still adding content to the site. The mobile app is also available; we are working with the provider to update that as well.
- Enrollment numbers: PK-6 = 90, 7-12 = 65, Total = 155.
- HS Football for next school year was discussed.

Board of Education:

- Wittni Boettcher, Ron Johnson, and Grant Lerwick reported on the August 29, 2017, NASB Membership Meeting at the Civic Center.
- The BOE reviewed policy 903.08 School Closings and Cancellations and policy 903.50 School Owned Residential Property.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: October 9, 2017, 7:00 PM

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm, passed with a motion by Wittni Boettcher and a second by Barbara Cross.

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

Vendor Name	Amount
Ahlers Baking, Inc.	53.94
B&C Steel Corporation	50.00
Bluffs Sanitary Supply, Inc.	336.00
Carr-Trumbull Lumber Co.	476.07
CDW Government, Inc.	668.82
Christian Media Inc.	360.00
Computers Etc	22.92
Connecting Point	528.39
Bobby Cooper	7.50
Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc.	115.57
RGB Enterprises, Inc	1082.00
Crossroads Music	328.29
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	238.96
Educational Service Unit #13	7418.83
Ewell Education Services	165.00
Frank Parts	914.11
Fresh Foods	117.90
Banner County School	994.27
Gering Citizen	25.00
Gering Courier	360.00
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp	265.00
Harrisburg Water System	504.90
Jessica Harvie	71.97
Star Harvie	157.50
High West Energy/	4354.66
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	305.42
Ideal Linen Supply	1047.80
Inland Truck Parts Company	118.27
KNEB	396.00
KSB School Law PC LLO	142.00
LaQuinta Inns & Suites	728.00
Lazy W Diamond Ranc LLC	499.02
Math Counts Foundation	60.00
McGraw-Hill School Education Holdings, LLC	947.38
MCI	69.84
Menards - Scottsbluff	63.75
NASB	288.00
Nebraska/Central Equipment	577.21
NMC Exchange LLC	414.04
National Geographic Explorer	59.40
Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc	340.00
Panhandle Cooperative Assoc	11.71
Panhandle Cooperative Association	1981.24
Marie Parker	25.16
Phi Delta Kappa International	95.00
Peetz Farmers Coop	1000.65

Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, PC, LLO	150.00
Planner Pads, Co.	39.87
Rider Classroom Spanish LLC	1700.00
Sandberg Implement, Inc.	21.80
School Mate	215.00
Sherwin-Williams	1110.00
Snell Services, Inc	112.50
Staples Credit Plan	1267.72
Star-Herald	1537.56
Jessica Stauffer	40.00
Supercircuits, Inc.	999.99
Teaching Strategies	131.40
Team Chevrolet	100.00
Thompson Glass, Inc.	175.40
US Flag & Flagpole Supply, LP	190.40
Walmart Community/GEMB	32.28
West Music	216.74
Wells Fargo Card Services	175.80
Wells Fargo Card Services	1285.00
125 Clearing Account	1543.34
AFLAC	427.29
Amer Fam Life Assurance Co	1014.61
Banner County Bank	35749.84
Banner Capital Bank	2126.14
Banner County School	2550.00
Blue Cross & Blue Shield Ne	35276.49
Colonial Life	310.90
Banner County School	28748.38
Horace Mann Insurance Company	332.66
LegalShield	323.90
MG Trust Company	2136.00
State of Nebraska	5148.30
Principal Life Insurance Company	599.84
Vision Service Plan	338.66
Payroll	95794.38
Total Disbursement for September 2017	250709.68