

**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, February 13, 2023**

Notice of the Monday, February 13, 2023, Board of Education Regular Meeting was published at the entrance to the school, the Banner County Court House, the Harrisburg Post Office, Banner Capital Bank, the school website, and in the Western Nebraska Observer.

**Call to Order**

The regular February meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 PM in the School Cafeteria, 200 School Street, Harrisburg, Nebraska. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall.

**New Members Oath of Office**

Douglas Olsen and Bret Jeffries were re-elected as Banner County School Board Members for a four-year term beginning January 2023 and ending December 2026. Douglas Olsen and Bret Jeffries took the Oath of Office.

**Roll Call/Welcome**

Present: Megan Allen, Laura Baker, Bret Jeffries, Ronald Johnson, Jake Knaub, and Douglas Olsen. Also present: Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary and Principal Charles Jones.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Approve agenda for the February 13th, 2023 Banner County Regular Board of Education meeting. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Laura Baker.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

**Comments from the Audience**

There was no public comment.

**Presentations**

***Students of the Month: December and January***

December: Rhett Lapaseotes, Grade K and Nathan Clement, Grade 11

January: Saryah Mason, Grade 1 and Shawnie Mason, Grade 7

***FFA Greenhouse Project***

FFA students Andie West and Wyatt Reichenberg reported on the progress toward the goals of the Greenhouse Project

**Awards and Recognitions**

President Ron Johnson commended the following students, staff, and patrons:

**FFA Teams going to State on March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

**Welding Team** - 2nd at Districts (Scottsbluff) - Jacob Parsons, Adam Knaub, Brendyn Onstott,

Wyatt Reichenberg

**Livestock Management Team** - 5th at Districts (Scottsbluff) - Isaac Olsen, Logan Mason, Andie West, Marie Hein, Micah Dittbenner

**Ag Mechanics Team** - 3<sup>rd</sup> at Districts (Gordon) - Adam Knaub, Wyatt Reichenberg, Jacob Parsons, and Nathan Clement

Grace Fankhauser and Adia Thomson are now Certified Nurse Assistants. Adia got the highest grade on the written test the tester had ever seen.

**Music students selected for honor bands and choir:**

**Oregon Trails Honor Band on January 9th:** Marissa Fankhauser (12), Grace Fankhauser (11), Wyatt Onstott (12), Travis Onstott (12); and Isaac Olsen (10).

**2023 Underclassmen Honor Band, at Kearney High School on January 16th:** Isaac Olsen (10) and Logan Mason (9).

**51st High Plains Band and Choir Honor at Chadron State February 6 & 7:** Wyatt Onstott (12), Isaac Olsen (10), Travis Onstott (12), and Keira Bolander (10).

**All-State Class D Band:** Isaac Olsen, Wyatt Onstott, Grace Fankhauser, and Jaelynn Yetter were selected for All-State Class D Band in Kearney on March 17 & 18.

1st grade teacher Kassandra Rossi wishes to recognize Rhett Lapaseotes, a kindergartner, who tested into the 1st-grade reading program. Rhett will be at a 2nd-grade reading level by the end of the year!

Wyatt Reichenberg earned 1st place in the Conference Wrestling competition at Bridgeport and 2nd Place at Districts in Southerland. He goes to State Wrestling Competition in Kearney on Feb 15th.

**Chadron Speech Meet, Feb. 4:** Abigayle Jones- 5th for humorous; Abigayle Jones & Janie Fonseca-Warm - 4th for their duet; Conrad Kaminski - 3rd for humorous; Jaelyn Yetter- 5th in serious; Janie Fonseca-Warm - 5th in humorous, Karleigh Leslie & Amanda Montelongo - 3rd in duet; Makayla Enriquez - 5th in serious

**Gordon Speech meet, Feb 11:** Isaac Olsen - 3rd Informative; Conrad Kaminski - 6th in Humorous

**Spelling Bee Winners:** Shawnie Mason (7) 1st place and Leeigh McGowan (8) 2nd place.

**Students of the Month:**

December: Rhett Lapaseotes, Kindergarten and Nathan Clement, Grade 11

January: Saryah Mason Grade 1 and Shawnie Mason Grade 7

**Reports**

*Superintendent*

**Community**

Mat Cat wrestlers competed in 8 tournaments so far this year with great results!

Monument Elite Volleyball practicing Fridays and Sundays in the gym.

### **Facilities & Transportation**

- January Facilities Report (attached)
- Technology Report (attached)
- Video call with AMERESCO on Feb. 2. Contractors were on-site Feb. 1

### **Student Programs & Enrollment**

- Current 2022-2023 Enrollment - 148      PK = 10; K-5= 67; 6-8= 29; 9-12=39; LL=1; VALTS=2
- Option IN - 52      Option Out - 16
- Cats Committed donated \$654 to the Festival of Hope to support cancer patients and their families from their "Spike Out Cancer" Night on October 14.

### **Personnel**

- Mr. Charles Jones tendered his letter of resignation. He is thanked for his service to our students as principal ad coach over the last 7 years.
- Mrs. Nancy Olsen tendered her letter of resignation due to retirement. She is thanked for her service to our students as teacher, class sponsor, MathCounts coach, NHS sponsor, and Website administrator over the last 15 years.
- Mrs. Marie Parker tendered her letter of resignation due to retirement. She is thanked for her service to our students as school nurse and bus driver for the past 27 years.
- Mrs. Cynthia Brown tendered her letter of resignation. She is thanked for her service to our students as 7-12 Science teacher this year.
- David Hellman tendered his letter of resignation. He is thanked for his service as Network Administrator and computer tech classes.
- Cindy Jean Stover has resigned as part-time evening custodian.

### *Principal*

1. On January 10 there were dental exams and sealants for PK-1<sup>st</sup> Grade.
2. On January 11, FFA students went to a District Contest in Scottsbluff.
3. Mrs. Gifford and I attended the NSAA District VI Meeting in Alliance.
4. One Act had an all-school performance on January 12.
5. Mrs. Wounded Arrow took students to the Kearney Honor Band on January 15-16.
6. MAC Choral Clinic was held on Monday, January 23.
7. The Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, January 26.
8. FFA Students had a District Contest at Gordon on February 1.
9. There was a rep from WNCC to talk to Juniors and Seniors on February 2.
10. Cats Committed sponsored a Neon Night on February 3. The boys' basketball team held a mini-camp and the girls' team helped students create signs and worked on cheers. Mrs. Gifford and Mrs. Boettcher organized OEF sessions to have students create their shirts. There were 56 students in grades K-8 that participated.
11. Mrs. Wounded Arrow took students to High Plains Honor Band in Chadron on Feb. 6-7.
12. Mrs. Olsen took a student to the MathCounts Competition at Scottsbluff on February 8.
13. The JH Girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the MAC Junior High Tournament held on February 9 and 11.
14. High School Winter Sports are winding down. Wyatt Reichenberg has qualified for State Wrestling, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at Districts. State Wrestling is in Omaha on February 16-18. Girls' Sub Districts are tomorrow and boys' Sub Districts are next week.

### *Board of Education*

Board Retreat Feb. 18th at 8:00am in the Library

All members need to complete the Board self-evaluation before the Saturday retreat.

### **Committee Reports**

*Transportation and Grounds:* No report.

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

*Policy Review:* No report.

*Personnel and Negotiations:* No report.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Passed with a motion by Bret Jeffries and a second by Laura Baker.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

-Approve the Minutes of the January 9th, 2023 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling \$326,795.15 for the February 13th, 2023 regular meeting.

-Approve NASB Membership.

### **Accept Certified Staff Resignations**

Accept the resignations of Charles Jones, Nancy Olsen, Cynthia Brown, and David Hellman, effective the end of the 2022-2023 contract year, with appreciation. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

### **Accept Classified Staff Resignation**

Accept the resignation of Marie Parker effective the end of the 2022-2023 contract year, with appreciation. Passed with a motion by Laura Baker and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

### **Next Meeting**

Board Retreat: February 18, 2023, 8:00am

Regular Meeting: March 13th, 2023, 7:00 PM

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Bret Jeffries.

Megan Allen: Yea, Laura Baker: Yea, Bret Jeffries: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea

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

Cash-Wa Distributing Supplies \$676.47; Connecting Point Copies \$264.94; Crossroads Music Supplies \$95.98; DAS State Acctg Network Service Charges \$238.13; ESU#13 SPED, DL, MIPS \$10,615.83; Flinn Scientific Inc Supplies \$64.95; Floyd's Bus #1 & #8 Repairs \$4,893.40; Frank Parts & Supplies \$348.40; Banner County School Account Reimbursement \$1,186.73; Gering Courier Annual Renewal \$108.99; GreatAmerica Leasing Corp Copier Leases \$250.00; Harrisburg Water System Water Usage \$565.27; Hemingford Public School Spanish 1st Semester \$2,100.00; Holiday Inn Express Lodging \$588.00; Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Honor Band Lodging \$259.90; High West Energy, Inc Utilities \$3,285.39; Home Depot Pro Supplies \$1,034.67; Kimball Public Schools SPED Transportation \$3,525.00; MaxScholar Licenses \$175.00; Menards Supplies \$129.90; Morrill County Clerk 2022 General Election Fees \$142.55; Motor Fuels Division 4th Qtr Fuel Tax \$176.00; NASB Policy Update Service Fee \$3,814.01; Nebraska/Central Equipment Parts & Supplies \$156.91; NKC Tire Tire & Mounting \$482.12; Ne Safety Center Level II Bus Training \$125.00; Pack Rat Enterprises, Inc Trash Removal \$350.00; Peetz Farmers Coop Propane \$8,070.42; J.W. Pepper & Son Inc Supplies \$40.89; Ron's Towing & Recovery LLC Bus Towing \$750.00; Scotts Bluff County Clerk 2022 General Election Fees \$100.00; Soar Pediatric Therapy LLC Dec&Jan P/T Services \$1,086.81; Staples Supplies \$196.56; Western Nebraska Observer Legal Notices \$84.06; Wells Fargo Card Services Background Ck & Supplies \$66.97; Wells Fargo Card Services Time Clock System \$38.25; Wiznerd Development Group LLC IT Support \$854.00; W.P.C.I. Drug Testing \$226.00; 125 Clearing Account February 2023 Payroll \$1,725.00; AFLAC February 2023 Payroll \$476.76; AFLAC February 2023 Payroll \$1,346.89; Banner Capital Bank February 2023 Payroll \$41,051.61; Banner Capital Bank February 2023 Payroll \$6,899.79; Banner County School February 2023 Payroll \$2,395.00; BCBS February 2023 Payroll \$50,054.88; Colonial Life February 2023 Payroll \$160.34; Colonial Life February 2023 Payroll \$329.62; Banner County School February 2023 Payroll \$36,887.12; Horace Mann February 2023 Payroll \$261.28; LegalShield February 2023 Payroll \$174.40; MG Trust Company February 2023 Payroll \$8,243.15; State of Nebraska February 2023 Payroll \$6,069.23; Principal February 2023 Payroll \$836.97; VSP February 2023 Payroll \$537.43; February 2023 Payroll \$122,178.18