**Minutes of the Banner County School District  
Board of Education Meeting**

**Monday, June 9, 2025**

Notice of the Monday, June 9, 2025, 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, in the Western Nebraska Observer, and on the school website.

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Banner County School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:03PM, in the school cafeteria, 200 School Street, Harrisburg, Nebraska.  
The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was displayed on the wall.

**Roll Call/Welcome**

Present: John-Robert Faden, Ronald Johnson, Jake Knaub, Douglas Olsen, and Ryan Olsen.

Also present: Evelyn Browne, Superintendent/BOE Secretary and Troy Holmberg, Principal.

Motion to excuse BOE member Laura Baker from the June 9th, 2025 regular meeting of the Banner County BOE. Passed with a motion by Ronald Johnson and a second by Jake Knaub.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Douglas Olsen invited members and guests to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Approve the agenda for the June 9th, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Banner County Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Ronald Johnson and a second by Jake Knaub.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

**Awards and Recognition**

President Douglas Olsen commended the following students, staff, and patrons:  
-Mike Johnson and Jim Milner were honored with the BCEA Friend of Education Award on Patron's Day.   
- A Honor Roll Students: Isaac Olsen, Shawnie Mason, Luke Olsen, Knox Hottell, Kambrie Loutzenhiser, Eli Allen, Bailie Gilbert  
-A/B Honor Roll Students: Keira Bolander, Karleigh Leslie, Destiny Rowell, Micah Dittbenner, Logan Mason, Leeigh McGowan, Jackson Onstott, Tack Cross, Kassie Loutzenhiser, Madalinn May, Tate Olsen, George Teeple

-Logan Mason painted the Banner County design, which is one of 93 counties in the collaborative artwork: "Art Grows Here" on display at the MONA (Museum of Nebraska Art) in Kearney.  
-Isaac Olsen was invited to the MAC vs MNAC all-star game in Big Springs on May 31st due to being named first team all-conference in MAC. President Olsen thanked Brandon Avila and Tod Wenger for taking the trip to support Isaac.  
-Staff would like to recognize Greg Coons, our new custodian, for his work and positive attitude.

**Comments from the Audience**

There was no public comment.

**Hearing on Parental and Family Engagement, Bullying Prevention, and Student Fees**

Open a public hearing at 7:09 PM for the purposes of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of patrons relating to Board of Education Policy 1005.12 Parental and Family Engagement, Policy 504.20 Bullying Prevention, and Policy 504.19 Student Fees. Passed with a motion by Douglas Olsen and a second by Ronald Johnson.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

At 7:12 PM, the Board closed the hearing on Policies 1005.12, 504.20, and 504.19 with no decisions being made.  President Douglas Olsen declared the meeting in regular session at that time.

**Reports**

*Superintendent*

**Community**-Golf Scramble was a great success for our 1st event thanks to many sponsors, the 21 teams who competed, and all the student helpers. We are looking forward to next year. Many thanks to Wittni Boettcher and Bandon Avila for the planning up front that resulted in a very smoothly run tournament.  
**Facilities & Transportation**

-Summer maintenance moving along. DL room prepared for ESU13 installation later this year.

-Baby changing table installed in Handicap Bathroom.

-NDEE Clean Diesel Rebate Program will reimburse 25% of the cost of a diesel or gasoline bus up to a maximum rebate of $31,000. There will be 11 rebates awarded. Application will open soon (due July 25th).  
**Student Programs & Enrollment**- Current 2024-2025 Enrollment - 127   PK = 8; K-5= 57; 6-8= 24; 9-12=36; LL-1; VLTS-1  
  Option IN - 37           Option Out - 22  
-Perkins Grant of $3500 approved for 3-D printer and filament.  
**Personnel**-Training dates scheduled for teachers in core programs over the summer: ELA (6-12) and Social Studies (K-5)  
-Danielle Villagrana will attend JAG conference in Omaha, June23-27  
-BCSWILDCAT emails have been created for all Board members and non-staff coaches.

*Principal*

**Graduation- May 17th**Eight seniors participated in graduation ceremonies. We wish them the best of success in future endeavors.  
**Academic/Activity Banquet- May 15th**The banquet was well attended and included a tribute to Mr. Gifford at the end.  
**High School Passing Rate/Credits**Second semester, roughly 98% passing rate (5 failed courses of 270 graded courses)  
Credit reduction for two students due to excessive absences  
Four students earned back full credits in all classes by making up owed time  
**NWEA Spring Results**In the spring, students in grades K-2 take the NWEA Growth assessment in the areas of math and reading. Students in 3-8 take the NSCAS Summative assessment in math and reading.  The NWEA company produces both assessments.  
Elementary (K-5) Results: Reading (K-5): Median 67th Percentile  Math (K-5): Median 78th Percentile  
Middle School (6-8) Results: Reading:  Median 40th Percentile Math: Median 53th Percentile    
**Principal’s Retreat**- I attended the ESU 13 principal retreat on June 3rd - Topics included KSB legal updates, AI use in schools, restorative practices, and review of research on the role of the principal

*Board of Education*

No report.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Ronald Johnson.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

-Approve the Minutes of the May 12th, 2025 regular meeting.

-Approve the payment of bills and salaries totaling $385,402.45 for the June 9th, 2025, regular meeting.

-Annual Transportation Report

-Approve obsolete technology equipment

-Approve Revisions to the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

**Committee Reports**

*Transportation and Grounds:* Committee met on June 9, 2025 at 6:30pm to review bus bids. Recommendation in on the agenda.

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

*Policy Review:* Policy Committee meeting to review policy changes as a result of legislative changes set for June 25th at 5:30 PM.

*Personnel and Negotiations:* No report.

**Approve Fees, Charges, Payments, & Tuition**

Approve the fees, charges, payments, and tuition for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Ronald Johnson.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

**Renew Parental and Family Engagement, Bullying Prevention, Student Wellness, and Student Fees Policies**

Renew BOE Policies Parental and Family Engagement 1005.12; Student Fees 504.19; School Wellness 508.13; Bullying Prevention 504.20; Harassment by Students 504.18. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Ronald Johnson.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

**Approve purchase of student Chromebooks, laptops, and accessories**

Approve the purchase of 25 student Chromebooks, 3 student laptops, and accessories from CDW-G for $13,403.67. Passed with a motion by Ronald Johnson and a second by John-Robert Faden.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

**Award LP Bid**

Approve and accept the bid from Peetz Farmers Coop to supply propane to the School District and associated members of the Interlocal for the fixed price of $1.22 per gallon delivered to the Interlocal members' propane tanks beginning September 1, 2025, and ending on August 31, 2026. All other bids are rejected, Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by John-Robert Faden.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

**Award bus bid**

Approve the bid and purchase of a 2026, Freightliner, 65-passenger bus for the bid of $124,250, from Omaha Truck Center, the cost of the bus to be included in the 2025-2026 transportation budget. All other bus bids are rejected. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Ronald Johnson.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

**Approve 1st reading of new and revised policies**

Approve 1st reading of revised policies 504.06, 504.12, 509.50 and new policy 507.05. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Ronald Johnson.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

**Comments from the Audience**

There was no public comment.

**Next Meeting**

Policy Committee Meeting: June 25th, 2025, 5:30 PM

Regular Meeting: July 14th, 2025, 7:00 PM

**Meeting Adjourned**

Adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Passed with a motion by Jake Knaub and a second by Ronald Johnson.  
John-Robert Faden: Yea, Ronald Johnson: Yea, Jake Knaub: Yea, Douglas Olsen: Yea, Ryan Olsen: Yea

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

AMPLIFY EDUCATION, INC $1,458.40; BCS ACTIVITY FUND $20,000.00; BSN SPORTS LLC $76.60; CLASS INTERCOM $1,495.00; CONNECTING POINT $566.01; COZAD SIGNS, LLC $172.00; DAS STATE ACCTG $292.87; ESU #13 $11,671.33; STEPHANIE FARRO $305.50; FLOYD'S $8,169.84; CAMERON GEARY $57.72; CARLA GORANSON $269.75; GRAINGER $495.36; GREATAMERICA LEASING CORP $227.29; HARRISBURG WATER SYSTEM $927.37; HD SUPPLY $468.58; HIGH WEST ENERGY, INC. $2,710.38; HOLIDAY INN-KEARNEY NE $134.95; HOME DEPOT $386.34; HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT $1,457.95; IMAGINE LEARNING LLC $400.00; JJ PRATT ENTERPRISES, LLC $2,877.00; JOSTENS, INC $246.99; KIMBALL AUTO PARTS LLC $834.69; THE LAMPO GROUP LLC $306.46; LEXIA VOYAGER SOPRIS INC $225.00; MENARDS $118.91; NASB $2,981.39; PACK RAT DISPOSAL $380.00; PYRAMID SCHOOL PRODUCTS $394.29; QUICK CARE MEDICAL SERVICES $125.00; SANDBERG IMPLEMENT, INC. $8.38; SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND $35.97; SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND $40,000.00; SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC $77.99; SOAR PEDIATRIC THERAPY LLC $1,307.55; STAPLES ADVANTAGE $303.90; JESSICA STAUFFER $6.50; SARA STEER $119.96; VERIZON WIRELESS $161.13; WELLS FARGO CARD SERVICES $46.75; WELLS FARGO CARD SERVICES $1,047.03; WELLS FARGO CARD SERVICES $729.67; WIZNERD DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC $1,172.50; AFLAC $912.88; FEDERAL TAX $39,676.51; MG TRUST COMPANY $8,428.17; NE DEPT OF REVENUE $5,535.48; NPERS $36,906.05; VSP $630.06; 125 CLEARING ACCOUNT $410.00; BANNER COUNTY SCHOOL $915.00; BANNER COUNTY SCHOOL BLDG FUND $1,650.00; BCBS NE $53,354.56; COLONIAL LIFE $183.93; COLONIAL LIFE $177.34; HORACE MANN $264.34; LEGALSHIELD $57.80; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOC LLC $447.59; PRINCIPAL $854.02; PAYROLL $129,748.42