

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on January 12, 2026. Pursuant to laws and notices posted at Bruning-Davenport Schools, Cornerstone Bank, Bruning Bank, Bruning Post Office, Davenport Post Office, and also published in The Hebron Journal Register on January 7, 2026; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Vice President Philippi called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm. Unified members present were Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, and Brad Williams. Local board members present were Jerry Baysinger, Baxter Beals, Tony Norder, Aaron Oltmans, Lon Schoenholz, Derek Shaner, and Trey Strong. Also present were Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal Melinda Kerwood, Principal Ruth Kowalski, Erika Brinegar, Cammie Freitag, Amy Peterson, and Logan Zeleny.

Philippi welcomed all guests and recognized the Open Meetings Act.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A parent spoke of concerns during the public forum.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of the December 8, 2025, Unified Board meeting, Treasurer's Report, and the January claims. Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Brad Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote (4-0)

Bruning Election Results: President – Lon Schoenholz, Vice-President – Ryne Philippi, Secretary/Treasurer – Tony Norder. Committee Members are Americanism – Sarah Krehnke and Tony Norder, Building and Grounds – Jerry Baysinger and Ryne Philippi, and Transportation – Lon Schoenholz and Trey Strong. Membership to the Unified Board: Jerry Baysinger, Sarah Krehnke, and Trey Strong.

Davenport Election Results: President – Jeff Hoins, Vice-President – Baxter Beals, Secretary/Treasurer – Derek Shaner. Committee Members are Americanism – Baxter Beals and Aaron Oltmans, Building and Grounds – Jeff Hoins and Brad Williams, Transportation – Ryan Miller and Derek Shaner. Membership to the Unified Board: Ryan Miller, Aaron Oltmans, and Brad Williams.

Election results for the Unified Board Officers: President – Jerry Baysinger, Vice-President – Ryan Miller, Secretary/Treasurer – Sarah Krehnke.

The Unified Board appointed negotiation committee members: Certified Negotiation Committee – Jerry Baysinger, Sarah Krehnke, and Ryan Miller; Classified Negotiation Committee – Jeff Hoins, Lon Schoenholz, and Trey Strong.

BDS Coop Committee Members: Baxter Beals, Tony Norder, and Trey Strong.

Principal Kerwood's report – JH girls' basketball is wrapped up, and boys are starting – a good turnout for the Christmas concert and appreciate Mr. Acton and Mr. Stutheit for all their work – Planning an activity for the Davenport building on January 30th

Principal Kowalski's report – Speech season is about to begin – Looking at an AI policy for the school – High School will be taking a field trip to the SAC museum

President's report – No updates from the Buildings and Grounds.

Superintendent Lampe's report – Daycare financials are in the positive – Teacher negotiations are in progress – looking at Sharon Endorf with NASB to come down and offer some board member trainings

New Business: (All motions require a roll call vote and all carried 6-0 unless noted.)

- A. Williams moved, seconded by Miller, to approve BDEA as the bargaining agent for certificated, non-supervisory employees for the 2027-28 school year.
- B. Trey Strong moved, seconded by Krehnke, to approve the mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.725.
- C. Krehnke moved, seconded by Williams, to approve the VOIP Phone System through Eakes.
- D. Miller moved, seconded by Strong, to approve, with regrets, the resignation of Jill Catlett, effective the end of the 2025-26 school year.
- E. Williams moved, seconded by Miller, to approve Regan Alfs as a substitute teacher, pending paperwork.

Williams moved, seconded by Krehnke to go into executive session "to prevent needless injury to an individual" at 8:10 pm.

Strong moved, seconded by Aaron Oltmans to come out of executive session at 8:34 pm.

Williams moved, seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary