BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.

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MARCH 2024

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BOLTS: "Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow's Society

"The #1 predictor of success is not talent, title, wealth or appearance, it is Grit!"

John Gordon

February Board Meeting

Bruning Activity Fund

(Fiscal year Sept 1 – Aug 31)

402-364-2225

Discussed the practiced of having extra – Curricular activities on snow days. The consensus was to take it on a case by case basis.

Discussed technology committee requests, one of which is to incorporate the use of laptops for high school students instead of the current chrome books. The technology director is getting pricing.

Discussed the possibility of moving PK-6 in one building and 7-12 in the other. A committee will be established to research.

Discussed establishing a signing – retention – referral compensation package to help with the recruitment and retainment of teachers and staff members.

Discussed defining and streamlining our discipline policy. This would involve developing a discipline committee that would develop a more detailed discipline policy.

Approved Twin Rivers school district into the Crossroads conference.

Approved Facility "Feasibility study" audit to analyze the state of our school facilities.

Set staff appreciation meal for Friday, March 15th at the Opera House in Fairfield at 6:00PM.

We need to form the following committee's: Discipline and Wellness (Do we already have one?)

The Classified committee will consist of Erika, DeEtta and Barb W. Along with board members Jeff, Jim and Kevin.

On committee's: Like to have a mix of certified, possible classified, maybe BOE member(s) and possible community stakeholders?

	Other news			Committe
	BVH Architects is the company stu	dying our facil	ities.	Americanis
	They will be in our building's Feb	22 nd .		BDEA
	·			BDS Coop
	Help Wanted:			Calendar
	Title 1 Teacher			Comm Outr
	Elem and/or secondary music			Daycare
	Intervention Para			Adam Ryne I
	SPED Para			Discipline
	Possible Industrial Arts teacher			Build/Grou
				Frontline
	Snow remover in Davenport	0.1.04	1.1.04	Grant
	Financials: Updated 2-1-24		1-1-24	ILCD
	Budget	\$5,387,784		NCIS N
	YTD expenditures	\$1,899,624	\$1,502,123	Certified
	Last month	\$ 397,500	\$ 362,793	Classified
	% Budget spent (5 months)	35.26%	27.8%	Safety
	Davenport Building Fund	\$ 476,000		Steering
	Bruning Building Fund	\$ 386,000		Tech Websi
	Depreciation Fund (Vehicles)	\$ 554,000		Transportat
	Davenport Activity Fund	\$ 130,000		
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\$ 244,000

Committee's:		Next Meeting
Americanism	Jerry Sarah Jamie Brad	Yearly
BDEA	Rick Beth D Melinda Cammie	
BDS Coop	Jeff Jamie Sheri	Quarterly
Calendar	Jill C Jill R Daina Ali	As needed
Comm Outreach	Daina Mark Cammie Maggie	Holly
Daycare		
Adam Ryne Heathe	r Barb L Sarah K Sheri Sarah P Ciara	Monthly
Discipline		Annually
Build/Grounds	Pat Ryne Jeff Brad	Annually
Frontline		Weekly
Grant		As needed
ILCD	Jen Melinda?	
NCIS Negotiat	ions/Calendar/Insurance/Schedule	Varies
Certified	Chris Melinda Daina Jerry Sa	arah Ryan
Classified	Erika DeEtta Barb W Jeff Jir	n Kevin
Safety	Ali Chris Marci Logan Susar	n Leah
Steering	Melinda Beth A Lichelle Jill	Britany Rick Dan
Tech Website	Jill R Beth D Tara Brooke M	licah Morgan Wade
Transportation	Dan Sheri Jeff Ryan	As needed
	Goal:	

To be the best small school in the State

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Is spring really around the corner? The beautiful weather we have had gives us the hopes that it is! As we finish up our winter activities, we gear up for spring and pray that the weather cooperates. Maybe we will have at least a few track and golf meets that don't have freezing temperatures or fifty mile an hour winds!

Our students have finished their winter testing, and our teachers are working hard to ensure they are ready for the Spring assessments. We are excited about the progress our students are making in the classrooms and are confident that we will see improvement as the year continues. I'm confident that all students can and will improve their comprehension scores from the beginning of the school year.

The program, Read Across America Day, is recognized on March 2nd. This is a great reminder or the importance of reading and literacy in our lives. Experts say that daily reading to children at an early age is an excellent way for parents to help children excel in their school work and even in other areas of their lives. A proven way to achieve this is by making sure a child is read to every day for 20 minutes. Please join our school family in celebrating the life of Dr. Seuss, by reading with your child this month. Our elementary classrooms will be celebrating by having a variety of activities! *Ruth Kowalski, Prek-1st & HS Principal*



FROM THE PRINCIPAL: The month of February has treated us much better weather wise. The kids have been able to get outside a bit and get some fresh air. Guess we'll have to see if March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb or vice versa...

We are finally done with NSCAS and MAPS Testing. The students did really well. I have been working on some Academic Awards for those that improved their scores and/or scored really high.

The Elementary and JH Quiz Bowl Teams are busy competing in various competitions. Mr. Ault has stated that he is looking forward to watching them grow and compete not only this year but in the future.

It sounds like the Valentine's Day parties were a lot of fun. It was nice to see all the creativity that went into everyone's boxes.

The 4th Grade had the opportunity to visit the State Capitol in Lincoln. What a great trip to help tie together some things from their Nebraska History class.

The Davenport Elementary made the trip over to Bruning for the FFA Petting Zoo. J.J. Wagner, 2nd-8th Principal

What's Happening @ Your Libraries: The national book awards were announced at the end of last month! Dave Eggers won the Newbery Medal for his book written from the perspective of a dog entitled *The Eyes and the Impossible*. It's about friendship, beauty, and freedom (as well as running very fast). It will be enjoyed by many of our readers here. Vashti Harrison won the best picture book category and was awarded the Caldecott Medal for her book entitled *Big*. It follows a child as she learns how to love herself, even as her life experiences along the way are sometimes hurtful and sometimes healing. Vashti was also honored with a Coretta Scott King honor book award as well as its being a National Book Award finalist. It's a beautiful book we can all take lessons from! Both of these titles will be hitting our library shelves in the near future.

Our students in Davenport are hard at work practicing their reading skills and filling up our Build It! mosaic in the hall. As you can see, it's starting to take shape nicely! We've even added some new colors since you last saw it (it took a **long** time to fill in all of those black squares!)! You may even have some guesses as to what the finished picture will depict. Stay tuned next month for our progress and to see if it supports your guess. Today's readers are tomorrow's leaders...so happy reading, everyone! Please watch your child's book bag for a note regarding our Dr. Seuss week activities that begin on March 4? **Mrs. Hinrichs & Mrs. Dolnicek, Library**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Grade	Na	ame	Date
PreK	Ashlyn	Mata	2
7	Aliviah	Barney	3
4	Ellie	Manes	4
11	Wyatt	Holtzen	5
8	Ben	Manes	7
9	Kennedy	Barney	11
10	Zechariah	Szydlo	11
11	Natalio	Diaz-McCall	12
12	Alexa	Houser	14
6	Macin	Kowalski	16



Gra	ade Nan	Name		
1 10 8 11 7	Bryce Toni Elizabeth Andi Riggins Alexis Erika Adisynn	Oettinger Szydlo Hinrichs Domeier Ozenbaugh Enghauser Brinegar Krehnke	16 19 20 21 23 26 29 30	
4	Cole	Kowalski	31	

FOURTH GRADE TO STATE CAPITOL: The 4th grade visited the Nebraska Capitol yesterday in Lincoln! They got to sit in on a session, and learned the history of the building. It was very educational, and the students did an awesome job listening and paying attention to their tour guide.



QUIZ BOWL: The BD 5th-6th grade quiz bowl team represented our district very well at the ESU 5 Quiz Bowl tournament. One team earned 2nd place overall: Morgan Bolte, Carter Voss, Brooklyn







Philippi, Mylah Schoenholz, and Shelby Miller. Everyone did a great job!

JH QUIZ BOWL: The Bruning-Davenport JH quiz bowl team got 2nd place at the ESU 5 quiz bowl on February 14th.



The Thayer County Spelling Bee was held this morning at the courthouse in Hebron. Participants were (pictured L to R): 5th Grade - Shelby Miller (2nd Place) 6th Grade - Brooklyn Philippi 7th Grade - Claire Lahners (4th Place) 8th Grade - Anthony Nutsch (2nd Place)



SCIENCE: The 6th grade class has been busy in science class learning about thermal energy transfer! For the final challenge of the lesson, the students were asked to design a cup to keep water cold. In order to meet the challenge demands, the cup was required to: keep the temperature of the water from changing less than 1 degree Celsius in regular light and less than 2 degrees Celsius in bright light over a period of 12 minutes, cost less than 50 cents to make, be environmentally friendly, and have a diameter of less than 10 cm. All of the students rose to the challenge and voted on their favorite cup design! Congratulations 6th graders on a job well done!



SPEECH: The Bruning Davenport speech team has been very busy over the past month. The team consists of eleven students performing 7 events. Addison Brase, and Maia Oltmans each with individual Entertainment speeches, Alexis Enghauser and Karolyn Ozenbaugh in Duet Acting, Karolyn Ozenbaugh with a Persuasive speech, Lauryn Koch with an Informative speech, Peggy Galaway with a Program of Oral Interpretation (POI), and an OID team comprised of Cynthia Ozenbaugh, Kennedy Barney, Grady Holtzen, LeTrell Houser, and Brodrick Dunn. We attended our first meet at Thayer Central in Hebron on January 20th. Our Novice performers, Peggy Galaway took 1st in POI, while our Freshman OID team took 5th. The following weekend we competed in Humboldt for the MUDECAS meet. That day Addison Brase finished 8th in Entertainment. Next, we traveled to Aurora on February 3rd. Our Novice performers again did well. Peggy Galaway took 3rd in POI, while our Freshman OID team took 3rd. In varsity, Addison Brase finished 2nd in Entertainment. On the 17th we headed to Sutton. Addison Brase finished 6th in Entertainment. On Wednesday, the 21st we made our way to Hampton for the Crossroads Conference meet. Addison Brase finished 7th in Entertainment.

Overall, our small but mighty team has seen significant growth this season. We are so proud of their growth so far. We look forward to competing in McCool Junction on the 24^{th} and attending the District competition being held in Lincoln, on Tuesday, March 12^{th} . State Speech will be held on Friday, March 22^{nd} in Kearney.





COUNSELOR'S CORNER: Throughout the month of February, our Elementary Guidance focus has been on self-love and empathy. We listened to stories about self-love and empathy and made "Self-love is sweet" jars for our bulletin board. 5th-8th grade shared about some articles in our Choice magazines. We discussed if we should have a Valentine's Day or not and health issues that teenagers may be going through. Throughout the next month, we will continue learning on ways to love ourselves, empathy for others, and positive relationships! Thank you for supporting our students and teachers!





HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH: The English 11 class had the opportunity to visit the Willa Cather Foundation in Red Cloud. The class has been studying Willa Cather and a variety of her writings.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES: The 6th grade Social Studies class are participating in their own version of the Greek Olympics to go along with their study of the Ancient Greeks. The students were divided into 7 city-states and made flags and pledges to show their pride. The students then signed up for 7 events to

be held in our own version of the Olympics. Events are: Arm Wrestling, Long Jump, M&M Separation, Bucket Head, Staring, Discus, and Foot Fencing.



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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Davenport on February 12, 2024. 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 February 7, 2024; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Jerry Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM. Unified members present were, Jamie Koch, Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, Sheri Norder, and Brad Williams. Local board members present were Jeff Hoins, Pat Kowalski, and Ryne Philippi. Also present were Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal JJ Wagner, Erika Brinegar, Shannon Collier, Emily Miller, Krissy Ozenbaugh, Logan Paup, and Brooke Soukup.

President Baysinger welcomed all guests and recognized the Open Meetings Act.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, January 17, 2024, Unified Board meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report, and the February claims. Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Brad Williams to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote (6-0)

Principal Wagner reported on the following – JH boys basketball completed their season – 9 students attended the JH CRC Vocal Clinic at Meridian – 2nd place finish at the ESU5 Elementary Quiz Bowl – Finishing up NWEA Testing

Principal Kowalski's report – Kerwood and Kowalski attended Marzano Summit in San Antonio and will share information at In-Service – Finishing up NWEA Testing

Superintendent Lampe reported on the following – Athletic Director position – policy on extracurricular activities on snow days – form committees for: technology/website, building reconfiguration, wellness, and discipline – update discipline policy – ways to get/retain teachers

Action Items: (All motions require a roll call vote and all are carried 6-0 unless noted.)

- A. Jamie Koch moved, seconded by Ryan Miller to approve the Twin Rivers' request to join the Crossroads Conference.
- B. Williams moved, seconded by Sheri Norder to approve authorization for the superintendent to sign a Letter of intent with Facility Advocates to finalize the agreed upon Scope off Work within the established budget.
- C. Miller moved, seconded by Krehnke to approve Bruning Bank and Cornerstone Bank as designated financial institutions for Bruning-Davenport USD.
- D. Williams moved, seconded by Koch to approve The Hebron Journal-Register as the designated local paper for publications.
- E. Partnership agreement with the ESU5 for Spanish DL 2024-25 school year. No Action Taken
- F. Krehnke moved, seconded by Miller to approve monthly automatic withdraw from the Depreciation Fund for \$663.40 until the end of the pick-up lease.
- G. Koch moved, seconded by Miller to approve the staff appreciation meal.

Baysinger moved, seconded by Williams to enter executive session "to prevent needles injury to an individual" at 8:08 PM. Koch moved, seconded by Williams to come out of executive session at 8:56 PM.

Williams moved, seconded by Koch to approve the extension of the Davenport building principal contract for JJ Wagner for 2024-25 school year.

Williams moved, seconded by Miller to approve the extension of the Bruning building principal contract for Ruth Kowalski for 2024-25 school year.

Norder moved, seconded by Baysinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

-	Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

GENERAL FUND BILLS 2/12/24

7785	Internal Revenue Service	39,748.58	19234	Galyen Energy Supply	12,011.91
7786	Nebraska Department of Revenue	5,866.39	19235	Geneva Tire & Auto, Inc	160.79
7787	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	36,979.95	19236	Hometown Leasing	1,391.26
19199	AFLAC	293.02	19237	Houser Superior Improvements, LLC	3,400.00
19200	AFLAC (10 Month)	70.26	19238	Junior Library Guild	3,501.40
19201	American Funds Service Company	800.00	19239	JW Peppers	253.48
19202	Ameritas Life Insurance	294.16	19240	Kelly Lampe	153.98
19203	Ameritas Life Insurance (10 Month)	101.18	19241	Krest Contractors, Inc.	1,350.00
19204	Blue Cross Blue Shield	55,046.65	19242	KSB School Law, LLO	110.00
19205	Blue Cross Blue Shield (10 Month)	4,551.59	19243	Lon Schoenholz	1,452.50
19206	Cornerstone Bank	3,908.18	19244	Marci Reinsch	43.55
19207	Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	511.26	19245	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	183.35
19208	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	850.00	19246	Melinda Kerwood	102.59
19209	Payflex Account #304734	1,414.33	19247	Mierau & Co., Inc.	675.00
19210	Upcredit Management Services, Inc	144.61	19248	NE Association of School Boards	3,371.00
19211	Black Hills Energy	1,769.00	19249	Norris Public Power District	2,190.97
19212	Boiler Chiller Systems	3,148.22	19250	Nutien Ag Solutions	1,682.80
19213	Bowman Electric LLC	224.25	19251	Pay Flex Systems Inc	150.00
19214	Bruning Grocery Inc	27.62	19252	Pitney Bowes Financial Services	108.45
19215	Bruning Insurance Agency	100.00	19253	Quality Inn	255.00
19216	Bruning Lumber Co.	117.63	19254	Really Good Stuff, Inc.	72.45
19217	Bruning Petty Cash	63.48	19255	Romans Wiemer & Associates	6,925.00
19218	Bruning Transition Fund	256.80	19256	Ruth Kowalski	46.56
19219	Burton Enterprises, LLC	74.00	19257	Straight Line Motor Works	722.05
19220	Central NE Rehabilitation Services	1,441.58	19258	The Garbage Company South	590.00
19221	Daina Philippi	36.00	19259	The Hebron Journal Register	118.67
19222	DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	267.63	19260	The Library Store, Inc.	238.76
19223	Davenport Petty Cash	12.87	19261	Tom's Music House	105.00
19224	Davenport Transition Fund	2,910.45	19262	Village of Bruning	461.66
19225	Dean Dirks	13.47	19263	Village of Davenport	1,649.37
19226	DEMCO Inc	98.83	19264	Voss Plumbing Inc	879.68
19227	Eakes Office Plus	1,069.79	19265	VVS Inc-Canteen	116.41
19228	Ecolab Pest Elimination	196.79	19266	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	1613.95
19229	Educational Service Unit #5	14,322.76	19267	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	187.85
19230	Erika Brinegar	21.04	19268	Western Oil II LLC	2501.77
19231	Fiber Platform, LLC	647.50	19269	Western Psychological Services	169.4
19232	Five Star Truck Center	20.50	19270	Windstream	512.16
19233	Galaway's Garage	33.98			
				Payable Checks	226,913.12
				Payroll	136,542.50

Total

363,455.62

LUNCH	MENU	Sch	nool Lunch	M	Iarch 2	024
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY 2
					NO SCHOOL	2
3	Chinese Chicken Rice Broccoli Cookie	Crispitos Spanish Rice Refried Beans	Hot Beef Sandwich	7 Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Breadstick	NO SCHOOL	Spring 12 1 AHEAD! 2 SET CLOCKS AHEAD
10	Crispy Chicken Sandwich Mozzarella Cheese Sticks California Blend	Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll	Buffalo Chicken Pizza Romaine Salad	Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Broccoli	French Toast Sticks Sausage Hash Browns Juice	SATURDAY NIGHT
St. Patrick's Day	Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Beans Cookie	Chicken Legs Mashed Potatoes Gravy Cornbread	Roast Beef on Flatbread Chips Corn	Chicken Wings Tater Tots Garlic Bread	Little Smokies w/Mac N' Cheese Broccoli Apple Frudel	2
24*	25 Tatertot Casserole Green Beans Sliced Bread	26 Chicken Nuggets w/mashed potatoes Dinner Roll	Chicken Fajitas Lettuce/Salsa/Cheese Refried Beans Churro	Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread	NO SCHOOL	30
HAPPY Caster	Bruning: F/V Bar Salad Bar Available Daily	NEBRASKA BEEF	GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST SERVED DAILY Milk served with ALL Meals	*Menu Subject to Change* *Second Entrée – \$1.00 * EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER	Davenport:F/V Bar DailyChef Salad Meal Options 5-8 Only & Adults	

BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD ACTIVITY CALENDAR

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			,		1 Girls State BB No School	2 Girls State BB
3	4	5	Boys State BB 8th Grade to SCC Lincoln Plant Science Class Field Trip	7 Boys State BB	No School Boys State BB End of 3rd Quarter	9 Boys State BB
10 Daylight Saving	11	12 Dist Speech @ Lincoln SW @ 8:30AM	13 Leaders in Ag Day	14 JH FFA Quiz Bowl @ Tri-Co.	15 Senior Sneak	16 Senior Sneak
17 St. Patrick's Day Senior Sneak	18	19 Golf - Fillmore Central Quad @ 4:00PM	Actions Day @ CCC Hastings	Youth Health Fair	State Speech	Jr/Sr Prom
24	25 ESU 5 HS Quiz Bowl	26 6th grade to Thayer Co. Fairgrounds for UNL Ext presentation ACT - Juniors Golf - Superior Quad @ 3:00PM	27 Eastern NE Schools Speech Meet	28 HS Track Thayer Central Invite @ Hebron 10:30AM Golf - Superior Meet 10:30AM	No School	30
31 Easter		February '24 S M T W T	F S S M T W 2 3 1 2 3 9 10 7 8 9 10 16 17 14 15 16 17	7 T F S 4 5 6 0 11 12 13 7 18 19 20	ALL DATES & TIMES SUE	BJECT TO CHANGE