# **BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.**

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## DECEMBER 2023

## **BOLTS: "Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow's Society**

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:** "The greatest glory in living, lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall" Nelson Mandela

#### November Board Meeting:

Melinda presented a power point on a survey of perceptions on our school district from staff and community. Approved new security – camera – Card Key system Approved purchase of a new truck Approved the purchase of two 7 seat SUV's Approved a 3D interactive curriculum software package Approved Teghn Kobza – Para, Amy Tietjan – Sub, Becky Lowry – Sub Approved Superintendent contract through June 30, 2025 Tabled Feasibility study regarding facility rebuild/update Changed December board meeting date to December 14 (More details on costs coming soon)

Completed a facility audit with Facility Advocates Inc. They look at school facilities and report an update plan. We are meeting next week to go over the report.

Purchasing archery equipment for a middle school PE unit. It will cost us \$600 after most of it was paid for by a grant.

Barb Lampe will manage the Davenport Concession stand this Winter.

Daycare lawn and sidewalk project are completed. Daycare dishwasher on order. HVAC replacements in Bruning music room are completed.

JH science lab update coming soon.

I am setting up a Superintendent's office in Bruning. I will share with Lacey in the Nurse's station for now.

Help Wanted: Elem and/or secondary music Intervention Para Possible FCS/Home Ec teacher Possible Industrial Arts teacher Snow remover in Davenport		Possible Commit This is usually a Committee's: Americanism BD Ed Asso BDS Coop Classified	combination of board, staff and even comm	uunity e <u>xt Meeting</u> Yearly Quarterly Annually
Financials Budget YTD expenditures Last month % Budget spent (Sept – Oct) Davenport Building Fund Bruning Building Fund Depreciation Fund (Vehicles) Davenport Activity Fund Bruning Activity Fund (Fiscal year Sept 1 – Aug 31)	23-24 \$4,993,402 \$778,399 \$389,627 15.5% \$440,000 \$410,000 \$750,000 \$140,000 \$254,000	Daycare	Daina Mark Cammie Maggie Holly her Barb L Sarah K Sheri Sarah P Ciara Dan Ryne Jim Kevin Jen, Melinda Negotiations/Calendar/Insurance/Schedule Chris Rick Jerry Sarah Ryan Jeff Jim Kevin Ali Chris Marci Logan Susan Leah Melinda Beth A Lichelle Jill Britany Rick Dan	Monthly Annually Annually Weekly As needed Varies
Upcoming possible expenses: Card key system Camera system 72 passenger bus 1-2 suburban/vans 1-2 cars Possible pickup		Technology Transportation	Jill Beth D Tara Brooke Micah Morgan Pat Sheri Jeff Ryan <u>Goal:</u> e the best small school in the St	As needed

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** As we end the year of 2023, I reflect back on this last year. There have been a lot of ups and downs throughout the last twelve months, and it amazes me how we have come through it all. I recently attended the funeral of a dear woman who I had deemed "my second mom." I was best friends with her daughter growing up, and I practically lived at their house. Let me tell you, she was not afraid to include me in her lectures when we all got in trouble (not that I was ever a troublemaker!). Anyway, I sat there at her funeral and listened to the pastor talk about how she was like no one he had ever met before. She was that unique – brutally honest but one of the most generous people I've ever met, even when she herself didn't have much to give. This woman had gone through a lot of hard times, probably more than I even know about, but she was always kind. While she was honest with you even when you didn't want to hear it, she was honest because she cared. I admired her greatly, and strive to be like her, even in all of the hard times.

The Bruning-Davenport family has definitely felt our difficulties and tragedies throughout this year, but we can strive to be honest and kind. Be kind. It's simple. This is something we try to teach our students - be kind. It doesn't cost anything to lend a helping hand or give a compliment. While I know it sounds cliché, those small acts of kindness go a long way, especially as we go through this holiday season. You never know what another person might be going through, so be kind. We want all of our kids to be successful academic students, but more importantly, we want them to be decent human beings and outstanding leaders. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community and school district. Let's continue to be wonderful and work together to make 2024 the best year yet. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! *Ruth Kowalski, PreK-1st & High School Principal* 

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** Welcome to the crazy, busy holiday season! Junior High sports are back in action with both the girls and boys playing basketball. The season will fly by so be sure to remind your students to keep their grades up so they can participate in all the contests.

The JH Band sounded amazing playing the National Anthem at the Veteran's Day program and all the 8<sup>th</sup> graders did great with their parts of the program as well.

The music program will be coming up on December 18<sup>th</sup>. We're trying something a little different this year by having both programs on the same night. Elementary will hit the stage at 6 followed by a short intermission and then JH/HS will perform beginning at 7.

The elementary has been busy with different activities. They really enjoyed trick or treating around the Davenport building and getting to visit a lot of businesses around town. Thanks to all that allowed them to come visit! They also got to attend a Tree Conference in Hastings where they got to do a lot of activities. It sounds like dissecting owl pellets was a real HOOT!

Just a reminder, as the weather continues to turn to the cooler side, please make sure your students are coming to school with the proper attire to not only be comfortable in the school but outside for recess as well. *JJ Wagner, M2-8 Principal* 

**FA Update:** This month our FFA chapter sent six members to the National FFA Convention in Indiana (Karolyn O., Alexa H., Gatlin H., Tobby V., Isaiah E., Landon G.). They took a bus with other schools and made many stops along the way for fun tours. Some of these tours included Shatto Dairy, Battlefield Lavender Farm, Stonie's Sausage Shop, American Tractor Museum, Missouri National Vatures Margarian Tractor Concerns and Concerns

National Veterans Memorial, Tuttle Orchard, Abbott's Candy, and One Happy Donkey Farm. They also attended the rodeo at the National Convention. On Thursday, members attended opening session and the FFA expo. The members on this trip learned a lot about the FFA organization, enjoyed networking with others in the agricultural industry, and look forward to learning more about what the agricultural industry has in store for the future. With that being said, there were no competitions this month, but our chapter is preparing for LDE's (Leadership Development Events) coming up in December, one of our biggest contests all year. **Peyton Domeier BD FFA Reporter** 



The PreK-1st graders got to put on their Halloween costumes and do a parade for the high schoolers!



The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders got to Trick or Treat around the school and around Davenport. Thanks to all the businesses that participated!



HIGH SCHOOL: The Juniors and a few Seniors attended the Thayer County career fair! They got to listen to a speaker and met several college and career representatives!





**BDS FOOTBALL:** BDS boys on the D2 District 1 All-District Team. <u>First Team Offense:</u> Tanner Bolte and Seth Stengel <u>First Team Defense:</u> Jaron Norder and Eli Weber <u>Second Team Offense:</u> Carson Loos and Kesston Dickson

**LIBRARY:** Season's readings! As you can see by the pictures, our Davenport students are working hard to complete our sticker mosaic together by reading books. They earn one sticker for every book they read & 2 stickers if they read from the category of the month. November's category was biography or autobiography. December brings a new category. Keep up the good work! Have a wonderful holiday season, everyone!

**PREK:** The preschoolers had a visit from

Dr. Leann Heinrichs to talk about going to the

doctor and how to stay healthy! We pretended

to help a "patient" and be the doctors and

nurses! Thank you Dr. Heinrichs!

SUPERIOR ELKS LODGE: The Supe-

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rior Elks lodge donated dictionaries to each of the third graders. The students were ex-cited to take their dictionaries home and thanks the Elks for their donation!

MEET A SENIOR

JAZMYNE MCCALL is the daughter of Crystal McCall. She has two sisters, Jayda and Jaliyah and a brother Natalio. Jazymne is involved in Track, FCCLA, and Yearbook. Jazmyne's interest and hobbies are watching and making Tiktok videos, shopping on Shein and listening to music. Her future plans are to work and make her own business. Jazymne's favorite food is Mexican, her favorite artist is NBA Youngboy and Rod Wave and her favorite place to go to be alone is her room or in a car. The most influential person in her life has been her Mom. "She always leads me down the right path and is always there for me when I need her the most" says Jazmyne.

LANDON GARDNER is the son of Layta Gardner and Jacob Rundback. His siblings are Brayden, Kreden, Tinsley and Maxton. Landon is involved in golf, Drama, NHS, FFA, Quiz Bowl, Striv and Letter Club. His future plans are to attend a community college and get an Associates Degree in Business. Landon's favorite food is a medium rare ribeye steak, his favorite TV show is Agents of Sheild and his favorite song is *Straight and Narrow* by Sam Barber. The most influential person in his life has been his Mom. " She has strived and done everything she possibly could to give me the life I have today and I couldn't be more grateful for it" says Landon. He would like for people to know that he is an open book and he is always excited for new opportunities.

ALEXA HOUSER is the daughter of Ryan and Kristine Houser. She has one sister Katelynn. Alexa in involved in Basketball, Softball, Track, Band, One Act, Letter Club and FFA. She is also a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and is involved with the Luther League. Alexa enjoys hunting, fishing, being outdoors and spending time with family and friends in her spare time. Her fu-ture goals are to attend SCC Beatrice and major in Criminal Justice. She would like to become a local police officer and a volunteer firefighter/EMT. Her favorite food is Nacho's from a Mexican Restaurant, her favorite TV show is The Rookie, her favorite song is Hey Driver by Zach Bryan and her favorite place to go to be alone is her room. The most influential person in her life has been her Grandpa Houser. "He always shows me love, laughs with me and makes sure I listen to what he says. He has helped me become the person I am today and I enjoy hunting and fishing with him" says Alexa. She would like for everyone to know that she has a black lab name Nala who makes her smile every day.

JARON NORDER is the son of Ted and Sheri Norder. He has two brothers, Grant and Caden. He is active in Football, Basketball, Track, NHS, Quiz Bowl, Letter Club, FFA, One Act and BDS Legion Baseball. Jaron is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and is active in Luther League and the Sons of the Legion in Bruning. He enjoys hunting, fishing, playing sports, hanging with friends and spending time with family. He plans to study Agribusiness in the future. His favorite food is Poor Man Steak, his favorite TV Show is the Last Dance, his favorite song is *Dreams* by Fleetwood Mac and his favorite place to go to be alone is his tree stand. The most influential person in Jaron's life has been his father. "Without his hard work and dedication, I wouldn't be anywhere near where I am if it wasn't for him. He would also like people to know that he has a strong faith

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Grade		Date		
7	Kyler	Koch	2	
4	Jackson	Shook	4	
PreK	Barrett	Werner	4	
11	Kesston	Dickson	8	
	Natalie	Hinrichs	8	
8	Peter	Mateo	10	
	Diane	Smith	11	
	Logan	Zeleny	12	
12	Isaiah	Eickmann	13	
1	Jaliyah	Diaz-McCall	14	



Grade		ame	Date		
	Lichelle	Houchin	16		
PreK	Rory	Elting	16		
5	Laelynn	Schlichtman	17		
10	Taylor	McBride	18		
K	Benjamin	Mata	21		
6	Cody	Reutter	22		
6	Brooklyn	Philippi	25		
PreK	Elliot	Eirich	27		
2	Iyla	Miller	28		

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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on November 13, 2023. 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 November 8, 2023; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Jerry Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Unified members present were Jeff Hoins, Jamie Koch, Ryan Miller, and Sheri Norder. Local board members present were Pat Kowalski, James Manes, and Brad Williams. Also present were Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal Ruth Kowalski, Principal JJ Wagner, and Erika Brinegar. Beth Ardissono, Emily Miller, Melinda Kerwood, Krissy Ozenbaugh, Jill Rohr, Brooke Soukup, and Ali Strong.

Sheri Norder moved, seconded by Ryan Miller to approve the absence of Sarah Krehnke. (Roll Call Vote (5-0)

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

Melinda Kerwood presented on the external review of the school and the opinion survey regarding the school.

A parent spoke during the public forum.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, October 9, 2023, Unified Board meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report, and the November claims. Miller moved, seconded by Jeff Hoins to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote (5-0)

Action Items: (All motions require a roll call vote and all are carried 5-0 unless noted.)

- A. Norder moved, seconded by Jamie Koch to approve Teghn Kobza as a paraprofessional.
- B. Miller moved, seconded by Norder to approve Amy Tietjen as a substitute.
- C. Koch moved, seconded by Miller to approve Becky Lowery as a substitute.
- D. Hoins moved, seconded by Miller to approve the 2-year Superintendent contract for Kelly Lampe.
- E. Hoins moved, seconded by Koch to approve the Drift Net Security System for \$10,000 a year for 3 years.
- F. Koch moved, seconded by Hoins to approve the purchase of 2 Hyundai Palisades from Sid Dillon and to lease the Dodge Ram pick-up from Twin Rivers.
- G. Miller moved, seconded by Norder to approve the purchase of Boardworks teacher resources for \$19,224.
- H. Long-term vision facilities feasibility study. No action taken
- I. The December meeting has been moved to December 14th at 7:30 PM in Davenport. No action taken

#### **Discussion Items:**

- A. Dan Bird returned our facility audit. No action taken.
- B. PE is seeking funding from Nebraska Game and Parks for archery equipment. No action taken.
- C. The board packets will be e-mailed each month instead of mailed. No action taken.

Superintendent Lampe reported on the following – Kinder Academy outdoor area is completed – Mini splits are installed in the Bruning music room – starting on the updates to the Davenport science lab – Student Council is looking at fundraisers for new furniture in the lounge – working on a new para intervention program – have teachers interested to fill vacant positions

Principal Wagner reported on the following – update on JH basketball – took 6 students to NAESP Leadership Conference at Doane –  $2^{nd} - 4^{th}$  graders went to a Tree Conference in Hastings –  $5^{th}$  grade won the Thayer Central Quiz Bowl

Principal Kowalski reported on the following – congratulations to the Volleyball and Football teams on representing our school. The Mini splits are working well in the music room

Koch moved, seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

#### GENERAL FUND BILLS 11/13/23

	Internal Revenue Service	42,939.14	19011	Fiber Platform, LLC	647.50
7597	Nebraska Department of Revenue	6,612.93	19012	Galaway's Garage	1,847.17
7598	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	38,015.84	19013	Gaylen Energy Supply	75.60
7599	VOID*****	0.00	19014	Geneva Home Center	45.91
18977	AFLAC	293.02	19015	Hastings Tribune	200.00
18978	AFLAC (10 Month)	70.26	19016	Hebron True Value	80.98
18979	American Funds Service Company	800.00	19017	Interstate Books4School	106.95
18980	Ameritas Life Insurance	294.16	19018	Jerry's Body Shop	70.00
18981	Ameritas Life Insurance (10 Month)	83.18	19019	JW Pepper	183.60
18982	Blue Cross Blue Shield	55,568.55	19020	Kelly Lampe	24.19
18983	Blue Cross Blue Shield (10 Month)	4,551.59	19021	KSB School Law, LLO	1,020.00
18984	Cornerstone Bank	2,494.23	19022	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	37.44
18985	Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	499.13	19023	Mid American Research	844.00
18986	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	850.00	19024	Mierau & Co., Inc.	675.00
18987	Payflex Account #304734	1,414.33	19025	Miller Seed & Supply Company, Inc.	629.74
18988	Upcredit Management Services, Inc.	266.73	19026	Nearpod, Inc.	5,000.00
18989	Apple, Inc.	498.00	19027	Nebraska Safety Center	200.00
18990	Bauer Built Tire	985.54	19028	Noel Lawn Care	2,321.12
18991	Black Hills Energy	1,769.00	19029	Norris Public Power District	2,861.05
18992	Bowman Electric LLC	473.50	19030	Nutrien Ag Solutions	2641.04
18993	Bruning Grocery Inc	186.82	19031	Pay Flex Systems Inc	150.00
18994	Bruning Motor Service	1,133.70	19032	Pitney Bowes Financial Services	108.45
18995	Bruning Transition Fund	132.00	19033	Renaissance	2,169.00
18996	Burton Enterprises, LLC	37.00	19034	Ruth Kowalski	214.40
18997	By Design Printing	173.15	19035	Scholastic, Inc.	708.77
18998	Central NE Rehabilitation Services	1,419.64	19036	School Specialty LLC	75.12
18999	Daina Philippi	22.93	19037	The Hebron Journal Register	78.04
19000	DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	267.63	19038	Tom's Music House	168.95
19001	Davenport Activity Fund	5,320.87	19039	Truck Center Companies	153.69
19002	Davenport Petty Cash	38.31	19040	Village of Bruning	805.18
19003	Davenport Transition Fund	861.87	19041	Village of Davenport	2,080.70
19004	Dean Dirks	138.78	19042	Voyager Sopris Learning	795.80
19005	Diversified Drug Testing, LLC	143.00	19043	VVS Inc	291.50
19006	Eakes Office Plus	1,314.71	19044	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	2,061.24
19007	EdClub Inc	444.50	19045	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	754.99
19008	Educational Service Unit #5	17,318.91	19046	Western Oil II LLC	3,551.06
19009	ESU Coordinating Council	93.00	19047	Windstream	514.43
19010					

Payable Checks	221,718.56
Payroll	145,522.88
Total	367,241.44

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ALL DATES & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE 22 15 HS G/B V BB @ Dorchester HS G/B V BB Law/Nel @ Dav 6:00/7:30 JV TBA 3:00/4:30 JV TBA 29 School Dismiss @ 1:00PM 00 HS G/B V BB Hampton @ Bru 6:00/7:30 JV TBA -HS G/B V BB @ Cross Co.6:00/7:30 JV TBA Hardwood Classic TBA HS G/B BB Runza End of 2nd qrt Friday HS G/B V BB @ East Butler 3:00/4:30 JV TBA 30 16 JH GBB Tourney @ Blue Hill 23 N 9 NSAA Gym Moratorium Saturday 9:00AM

31		24			17	,	10		ى			LUNCH
Bruning: F/V Bar Salad Bar Available Daily	3.	25	w/caramel Brownie	Bubble Up Bake Apple Slices	18 Chicken Pot Pie	Gravy Sausage Patty Hash browns Juice Cup	11 Biscuits & Sausage	Goulash Peas Garlic Bread	4		MONDAY	MIBNU
NEBRASKA BEEF		26	Green Beans Jello Cup	Ravioli w/meat sauce	19	Chicken Strips w/ gravy dipping sauce French Fries Garlic Bread	12	Pulled Pork on a Bun Baked Beans Chips	5	fuello	TUESDAY	Ser
GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST SERVED DAILY Milk served with ALL Meals		27	Cornbread	Chicken Alfredo Broccoli	20	Baked Potato Bar Taco/Ham/Cheese Calif. Blend Veg. Cookie	13	Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Dinner Roll	6 Chicken Drumstick		WEDNESDAY	School Lunch
*Menu Subject to Change* *Second Entrée – \$1.00 * EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER		28	Cheesy Bread	Tater Tot Casserole Corn	21	Meatball Sub Smiley Fries Green Beans	14	Hard Shell Taco Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Refried Beans Churro	7		THURSDAY	
Davenport: F/V Bar Daily Chef Salad Meal Options 5-8 Only & Adults		29	Hash browns Juice Cup	Waffles Sausage Patty	22	Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza Lettuce Salad Breadstick	15	Beef & Noodles Carrots Muffin	8	Hot Ham & Cheese Baked Beans Pudding Cup	FRIDAY	ecember
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