

# BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.

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## FEBRUARY 2024

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**BOLTS: “Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow’s Society**

*FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, Mr. Kelly Lampe*

JANUARY 2024

“Do not seek happiness,

Live with passion and purpose and happiness will find you”

Jon Gordon

### January Board Meeting:

Elected Board Officers for 24-25 Bruning Davenport Schools.

Discussed Signing Bonus for new Teachers.

Discussed Retention Pay for staff members based on years of service.

Discussed having PK – 6 in one building and 7-12 in the other building.

Discussed Twin Rivers School district’s request to be admitted to the CRC League.

Approved movement on incorporating a Home EC/FACS teacher for 24-25.

Approved 22-23 Audit.

Approved Resolution to release Request for Qualifications for a Facility Feasibility study.

Approved 24-25 Negotiated Agreement.

Approved 24-25 Calendar.

Approved new mileage rate as mandated by the State.

Approved BDEA (Bruning Davenport Education Association) as the teachers Bargaining Agent.

We have updated our vehicle fleet with the addition of a 72-passenger bus, a 4-wheel drive truck and two mid-sized SUV’s.

We are having a feasibility study conducted to determine the status of our facilities. BVH Architects are conducting the study. A company that also does facility analysis and then develops a plan to address, called Facility Advocates, is also going to conduct an analysis.

A new safety system, including card key entry and multiple cameras will be installed and implemented this spring or summer. This will be paid for with some of our remaining Covid allotment. We have \$65,000 of Covid money remaining.

Teachers will begin implementing a new classroom curriculum software package called Boardworks. This is a complete curriculum for each class and subject, which can be interactive and 3D. This will also be paid for with Covid money.

We have established a “Website” committee to evaluate and update the school website.

### Help Wanted:

Elem and/or secondary music

Intervention Para

Possible FCS/Home Ec teacher

Possible Industrial Arts teacher

Possible Elementary PE

Snow remover in Davenport

### Financials: Updated 1-1-24

	<u>23-24</u>
Budget	\$5,387,784
YTD expenditures	\$1,502,123
Last month	\$362,793
% Budget spent (4 months)	27.8%
Davenport Building Fund	\$456,000
Bruning Building Fund	\$391,000
Depreciation Fund (Vehicles)	\$554,000
Davenport Activity Fund	\$140,000
Bruning Activity Fund	\$244,000
(Fiscal year Sept 1 – Aug 31)	

Possible Committee’s?

This is usually a combination of board, staff and even community

### Committee’s:

		<u>Next Meeting</u>
Americanism	Jerry Sarah Jamie Brad	Yearly
BD Ed Assoc.	Rick Beth D Melinda Cammie	
BDS Coop	Jeff Jim Kevin	Quarterly
Calendar	Jill C Jill R Daina Ali	As needed
Classified		Annually

Comm Outreach Daina Mark Cammie Maggie Holly

Daycare

	Adam Ryne Heather Barb L Sarah K Sheri Sarah P Ciara	Monthly
Discipline		Annually
Build/Grounds	Dan Ryne Jim Kevin	Annually
Frontline		Weekly
Grant		As needed

ILCD Jen Melinda?

NCIS	Negotiations/Calendar/Insurance/Schedule	Varies
	Certified Chris Rick Jerry Sarah Ryan	
	Classified ?? Jeff Jim Kevin	
Safety	Ali Chris Marci Logan Susan Leah	
Steering	Melinda Beth A Lichelle Jill Britany Rick Dan	
Technology	Jill Beth D Tara Brooke Micah Morgan	
Transportation	Pat Sheri Jeff Ryan	As needed

### Upcoming possible expenses:

Card key system

Camera system

### Goal:

To be the best small school in the State

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** Welcome to Nebraska winters! As I sit here and look out the window at all of the snow on the ground, a realization has come to me - I am powerless. No matter how much I want to have school every day, (yes, kids, I really do want to have school!) I am weak and have to succumb to the power of the weather. To be honest, this realization was rather disheartening. That was, until I read a quote by the author, Sara Raasch, that said, "Even the strongest blizzards start with a single snowflake." Once again, my vitality and motivation was restored! While I may not be able to overpower or control the weather, I make a difference. Each one of us makes a difference in this world. What type of "storm" do you want to start?

As we all know, we are the Bruning-Davenport Storm - that means we are something to be reckoned with. Just like a snow storm is made up of millions of small snowflakes, our school is made up of unique, amazing people. We strive to be the storm of academic success, but also the storm of Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow's Society (BOLTS). I see students stepping up to the challenges given to them by their teachers and coaches, and I am proud to be part of this Storm! **Mrs. Ruth Kowalski, PreK-1st & HS Principal**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** At this point, I just assume everyone has nightmares of my voice coming across your phone announcing another weather-related issue! Mother Nature certainly has reminded us who is boss these first few weeks of the second semester. With that being said, I have been really impressed with how the students in the Davenport building have handled all of the chaos and changes that the weather has brought upon us.

The Junior High Winter Sports Season has come to an end. They have done a great job of working hard and improving their skills. I look forward to watching them participate in track in the Spring!

From what I've seen so far, students have done a really great job of showing growth in the classroom as we try to accomplish NSCAS and MAPS Testing during all these snow days. I love it when students put their best foot forward and do their best on the academic side. Kudos to you parents for instilling in your children the importance of school work.

February brings forth a bunch of activities. Our students will be participating in Music Contests, Quiz Bowl competitions, a Field Trip for some classes, and of course, Valentine's Day parties. Just a reminder to make sure your students are coming to school properly dressed for the weather! **Mr. JJ Wagner, 2-8 Grades Principal**

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER:** A short month but still made time for our 2024 resolutions! K-4th grade made mindful snowballs for our bulletin board, "In a Flurry, not a Hurry!" In K-2nd grade we listened to stories about making resolutions and drew what they would like to accomplish in the new year. 3rd-4th graders also listened to stories about making resolutions and made booklets "A 2024 Me". 6th-8th shared new words that will inspire and guide their actions throughout the year. The December kindness calendar winners were: Gail Holtzen and Brantley Anderson. Thank you to the students and parents that completed the calendars! Here's to a wonderful new year! **Marci Reinsch, Guidance Counselor**

**SPEECH TEAM:** This year's speech season kicked off last Saturday at the Thayer Central Speech Meet. We have 11 participants on the team entered into 6 different events. Karolyn Ozenbaugh and Lexi Enghausen are performing a duet called, "Brutally Honest Life Coach." They placed 8th in their first meet! Addison Brase and Maia Oltmans are both performing Entertainment speeches. Addison helps us reminisce on all of the "firsts" we experience in our lives and Maia gives an intriguing insight into how "man's best friend" isn't everyone's favorite. Lauryn Koch is competing in the informative category talking about the interesting concept of The Mandela Effect. Peggy Galaway is competing in a new event called POI (Program Oral Interpretation). She takes several modes of literature (poetry, monologues, speeches, plays, etc.) and pieces it all together into one moving piece about what life is like for women in America. Finally, we have 5 freshmen including Cynthia Ozenbaugh, Kennedy Barney, Brodrick Dunn, LeTrell Houser, and Grady Holtzen performing an OID (Oral Interpretation of Drama) about comic book superheroes, and villains, that come to life.

We had a successful first meet and are looking forward to the rest of the season. All of the kids have been working extremely hard, especially with the limited practice time due to all of those snow days, to put their best foot forward. Speech is a great event to help teach students several important life skills, and these students have been amazing to work with! We are very excited to watch this team progress throughout the season and hopefully make it all the way to State!



### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Grade	Name	Date
7	Julian Pena Lopez	2
8	Blake Miller	5
PreK	Westlyn Parks	5
	Michelle Sybrant	6
8	Traevon Houser	7
3	Kinsley Snyder	7
2	Leah Kennel	11
8	Harm Lemko	11
5	Carter Alonzo	12
7	Adalyn Hock	16



Grade	Name	Date
9	Brodrick Dunn	17
8	Lillian Wadewitz	17
3	Izelee Ernst	18
4	Teri Jo Hicks	18
5	Kaleb Follmer	26
6	Eli Galaway	26
	Mark Rotter	26
9	LeTrell Houser	27
5	Rustin Ozenbaugh	27
4	Greysen Strong	27

# Bruning-Davenport USD Unified Board 2024

**Jerry Baysinger - President**

**Jamie Koch - Vice President**

**Sarah Krehnke - Sec./Treas.**

Ryan Miller

Sheri Norder

Brad Williams

## **Bruning Board**

**Ryne Philippi (President)**

**Pat Kowalski (VP)**

**Dan Domeier (Sec/Tres)**

\*Jerry Baysinger\*

\*Sarah Krehnke\*

\*Sheri Norder\*



## **Davenport Board**

**Jeff Hoins (President)**

**Kevin Parks (VP)**

**James Manes (Sec/Tres)**

\*Jamie Koch\*

\*Ryan Miller\*

\*Brad Williams\*

### **Bruning Committees**

Americanism - Baysinger, Krehnke

Building & Grounds - Kowalski, Philippi

Transportation - Domeier, Norder

### **Negotiations Committee**

Certified - Baysinger, Krehnke, Miller

Non-Certified - Hoins, Manes, & Parks

### **Davenport Committees**

Americanism - Koch, Parks

Building & Grounds - Hoins, Williams

Transportation - Manes, Miller

### **BDEA Officers**

Rick Ault - President

Beth Dolnicek - Vice President

Melinda Kerwood - Treasurer

Cammie Freitag - Secretary

### **BDS COOP**

Jeff Hoins

Jamie Koch

Sheri Norder

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on January 17, 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 January 10, 2024; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

Vice-President Koch called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm. Unified members present were Jeff Hoins, Jamie Koch, Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, and Sheri Norder. Local board members present were Dan Domeier, Pat Kowalski, Ryne Philippi, and Brad Williams. Also present were Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal Ruth Kowalski, Principal JJ Wagner, Erika Brinegar, Emily Miller, Whitney Miller, Logan Paup, Daina Philippi, Brooke Soukup, and Ali Strong.

Koch welcomed all guests and recognized the Open Meetings Act.

Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Sheri Norder to excuse the absence of Jerry Baysinger. Roll Call Vote (5-0)

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of the December 14, 2023 Unified Board meeting, Treasurer's Report, and the January claims. Jeff Hoins moved, seconded by Ryan Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote (5-0)

Bruning Election Results: President – Ryne Philippi, Vice-President – Pat Kowalski, Secretary/Treasurer – Dan Domeier. Committee Members are Americanism – Jerry Baysinger and Sarah Krehnke, Building and Grounds – Pat Kowalski and Ryne Philippi, and Transportation – Dan Domeier and Sheri Norder. Membership to the Unified Board: Jerry Baysinger, Sarah Krehnke, and Sheri Norder.

Davenport Election Results: President – Jeff Hoins, Vice-President – Kevin Parks, Secretary/Treasurer – Jim Manes. Committee Members are Americanism – Jamie Koch and Kevin Parks, Building and Grounds – Jeff Hoins and Brad Williams, Transportation – Jim Manes and Ryan Miller. Membership to the Unified Board: Jamie Koch, Ryan Miller, and Brad Williams.

Election results for the Unified Board Officers: President – Jerry Baysinger, Vice-President – Jamie Koch, 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, James Manes, and Kevin Parks.

BDS Coop Committee Members: Jeff Hoins, Jami Koch, and Sheri Norder.

Principal Wagner reported on the following items – a good turnout for the PTO movie before Christmas – JH girls are done with basketball and boys had to reschedule games

Principal Kowalski reported on the following items – the teachers received training for EduClimber – Kowalski and Kerwood are going to San Antonio for a Marzano training next month

Superintendent Lampe reported on the following – watching where we are at with snow days – consider reconfiguring the school buildings – new stove and microwave at the school house

**Discussion item:**

- A. Twin Rivers' request to join the Crossroads Conference – No Action Taken
- B. Home EC/FACS Teacher position – No Action Taken

**New Business:** (All motions require a roll call vote and all carried 5-0 unless noted.)

- A. Miller moved, seconded by Norder to approve the Audit Financial Statements prepared by the auditor for the year ending August 31, 2023.
- B. Brad Williams moved, seconded by Miller to approve the School Board Resolution to Release the Request for Qualifications. Whereas the Board of Education, intends to enter into an Energy Financing Contract with a Qualified Energy Service (ESCO), we authorize the Superintendent to adhere to the Request for Qualification (RFQ) process as identified, in State Statute sections 66-1062 to 66-1066, for selecting an ESCO to implement a variety of energy conservation measures.
- C. Krehnke moved, seconded by Williams to approve the Negotiated Agreement for the 2024-25 school year.
- D. Miller moved, seconded by Williams to approve the 2024-25 Master Calendar.
- E. Williams moved, seconded by Krehnke to approve the mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.67.
- F. Krehnke moved, seconded by Norder to approve BDEA as the bargaining agent for certificated, non-supervisory employees for the 2025-26 school year.

Norder moved, seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm.

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Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

1/8/24

7728	Internal Revenue Service	50,548.57	19162	Fiber Platform, LLC	647.50
7729	Nebraska Department of Revenue	7,889.76	19163	Gaylen Energy Supply	9,079.44
7730	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	39,074.77	19164	Jerry Spady	51.45
19132	AFLAC	293.02	19165	Jerry's Body Shop	459.45
19133	AFLAC (10 Month)	70.26	19166	JW Pepper	13.49
19134	American Funds Service Company	800.00	19167	KSB School Law, LLO	202.50
19135	Ameritas Life Insurance	294.16	19168	Lincoln Cornhusker Marriott	222.00
19136	Ameritas Life Insurance (10 Month)	119.18	19169	Loup Valley Lighting, Inc	248.10
19137	Blue Cross Blue Shield	55,046.65	19170	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	39.89
19138	Blue Cross Blue Shield (10 Month)	4,551.59	19171	Mid American Research	2,091.30
19139	Collection Associates	149.99	19172	Mierau & Co., Inc.	675.00
19140	Cornerstone Bank	3,908.18	19173	NASP Inc	600.00
19141	Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	511.26	19174	Nick's Farm Store	779.96
19142	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	850.00	19175	Norris Public Power District	1,900.42
19143	Payflex Account #304734	1,414.33	19176	Nutrien Ag Solutions	865.62
19144	Upcredit Management Services, Inc	289.29	19177	Pay Flex Systems Inc	150.00
19145	Acco Brands USA, LLC	138.72	19178	Protex Central, Inc.	571.00
19146	Admin Partners	100.00	19179	Rasmussen Mechanical Services	1,158.58
19147	Black Hills Energy	1,769.00	19180	School Nurse Supply	28.35
19148	Bowman Electric LLC	1,123.00	19181	Straight Line Motor Works	933.25
19149	Bruning Grocery Inc	76.04	19182	Tacony Corporation	77.85
19150	Bruning Insurance Agency	518.00	19183	The Garbage Company South	590.00
19151	Bruning Lumber Co.	40.42	19184	The Hebron Journal Register	67.64
19152	Burton Enterprises, LLC	37.00	19185	Tom's Music House	100.00
19153	By Design Printing	356.30	19186	University of Nebraska-Kearney	2,000.00
19154	Central NE Rehabilitation Services	1,266.13	19187	Village of Bruning	451.38
19155	College Board	252.72	19188	Village of Davenport	1,658.35
19156	Daina Philippi	25.76	19189	Voss Plumbing Inc	2,079.59
19157	DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	267.63	19190	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	3,426.29
19158	Davenport Building Supply	374.94	19191	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	162.24
19159	Davenport Transition Fund	2,856.73	19192	Western Oil II LLC	2,018.65
19160	Eakes Office Plus	6,431.98	19193	Windstream	644.61
19161	Educational Service Unit #5	23,984.26			

<b>Payable Checks</b>	<b>239,423.54</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b>165,822.48</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>405,246.02</b>

# LUNCH MENU



## February 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5 Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Carrots/Celery Cheesy Pull apart	6 Sloppy Joe on a Bun Tator Tots Baked Beans	7 Mini Waffles Sausage Links Hash browns Applesauce	8 Goulash Peas Cornbread	9 Flying Saucers Corn Muffin	10 
11	12 Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Brownie	13 Grilled Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Peas	14 Meatball Sub Baked Potato Cookie	15 Quesadilla Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Corn Churro	16 Hamburger on a Bun French Fries Ice Cream Cup	17
18	19 Turkey Bacon Sandwich Chips Green Beans	20 Chicken & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Corn Dinner Roll	21 Hot dog on a Bun Tator Tots Baked Beans	22 Cheeseburger Mac & Cheese Carrots Apple Frudel	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24
25	26 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn Dinner Roll	27 Tomato Soup Cheese Bread Grapes	28 Tator Tot Casserole Green Beans Bread Slice	29 Egg & Sausage Croissant Hash browns Juice Cup		
	Bruning: --F/V Bar --Salad Bar Available Daily		<b>GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST SERVED DAILY</b> Milk served with ALL Meals	*Menu Subject to Change* *Second Entrée-- \$1.00 * EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER	Davenport: --F/V Bar Daily --Chef Salad Meal Options 5-8 Only & Adults	

# BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD ACTIVITY CALENDAR

# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

  

January '24	February '24	March '24
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ALL DATES & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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