

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on April 14, 2025. 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 April 9, 2025; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Jamie Koch called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Unified members present were Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, Sheri Norder, Ryne Philippi and Brad Williams. Local board members present were Jerry Baysinger, Baxter Beals, Lon Schoenholz, Derek Shaner, and Trey Strong. Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal Ruth Kowalski, Erika Brinegar, Rick Ault, Jerry & Jill Catlett, Cammie Freitag, Melinda Kerwood, and Jen Krupicka were also present.

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

A staff member presented on starting a Middle School Chess Club, and a member of the public spoke during the public forum.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, March 10, 2025, Unified Board meeting minutes, Treasurer’s Report, and the April claims. Ryan Miller moved, seconded by Krehnke to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, with an update of present board members in the March 10th minutes. (Roll call vote – 6-0)

Principal Kowalski reported on the following items – Congratulations to the Speech team on their successful season – Spring Concert went well – Winter Academic All-State: Speech – Addison Brase & Maia Oltmans, Girls Basketball – Alexis Hergott & Hayley Sliva, Boys Basketball – Eli Weber & Jacob Beavers – Seniors received their State FFA degrees – FFA banquet is April 25 in Bruning – FCCLA competed at state FCCLA convention – hosting MUDECAS Quiz Bowl on April 16 – Fall 2025 PreK projections – 20 – 3-year-olds & 10 – 4-year-olds return

Principal Wagner’s Report – Robotics team competed at the ESU 5 competition and brought home a 2nd place & 4th place – Thayer County Health Services presented at the JH Health Fair – Ms. Reinsch and Mr. Wagner took the 8th graders to Fairbury to learn about Financial Literacy

Jamie Koch reported on changing who is on the Buildings and Grounds committees. They are still gathering information from the architects.

Superintendent Lampe reported on the following items: Kinder Academy will be updating their garage to be used as an indoor play room – would like to pay for TCEDA Membership – looking into another bus – looking into ALICAP insurance for the school

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

- A. Krehnke moved, seconded by Miller to approve the camera system from ESU 5 for up to \$23,000.
- B. Krehnke moved, seconded by Norder to approve the Contract for Special Services with ESU 5 for the 25-26 school year.
- C. Williams moved, seconded by Norder to approve Melinda Kerwood as the 2-8 Principal for the 25-26 school year..
- D. Miller moved, seconded by Philippi to approve Kalli Mumm as a Pre-K teacher for the 25-26 school year.
- E. Norder moved, seconded by Philippi to approve Joy Barton as the High School SPED teacher for the 25-26 school year.
- F. Krehnke moved, seconded by Williams to approve Nathaniel Acton as the 2-8 Music Teacher for the 25-26 school year.
- G. Philippi moved, seconded by Williams to approve Kevin Bombeck as the Head Boys’ Basketball Coach for the 25-26 season.
- H. Williams moved, seconded by Miller to approve the following administrative salaries: Superintendent Lampe - \$147,5000, Principal Kowalski - \$97,500, Principal Kerwood - \$90,000.
- I. Krehnke moved, seconded by Norder to approve the updates to Policy 6027 – Field Trips, as presented.

Miller moved, seconded by Williams to enter executive session “to prevent needless injury to an individual” at 8:48 PM.

Williams moved, seconded by Miller to come out of the executive session at 9:18 PM.

President Koch adjourned the meeting at 9:19 PM.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary