

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on March 9, 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 March 4, 2026; all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Unified members present were Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, Aaron Oltmans, and Brad Williams. Local board members present were Baxter Beals, Tony Norder, Ryne Philippi, Lon Schoenholz, and Derek Shaner. Also present were Principal Ruth Kowalski, Erika Brinegar, Lori Balke, and Cammie Freitag. Jack Moles and Paul Sheffield arrived at 8:15 PM.

Baysinger welcomed all guests, recognized the Open Meetings Act, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Brad Williams, to approve the absence of Unified member Trey Strong. (Roll Call 5-0)

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of the February 9, 2026, Unified Board meeting, Treasurer's Report, and the March claims. Krehnke moved, seconded by Aaron Oltmans, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote (5-0)

Principal Kerwood's report – JH Quiz Bowl team earned 1st place at CRC meet – thank you to JH basketball coaches and athletes for their hard work – Tim Reith, meteorologist, came and spent time with the 6th grade students and shared his experience – congratulations to Kaelyn Schoenholz and Mr. Ault as Kaelyn was named the 2026 American Mothers Inc Essay Winner for Nebraska – 4th graders went to the Nebraska State Capitol

Principal Kowalski's report – strong improvement on the high schoolers' MAP testing scores – elementary went to the Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora – Prom is April 11 in Davenport – Speech team has districts on March 16th at Raymond Central – State is March 28 – State FFA is March 25-27 and State FCCLA is March 29-31 – Character Strong classes having been working on their community involvement and are currently doing a canned food drive from March 9-March 16 – Track and golf have begun

President's report – Buildings and grounds committee met with the architect firm on March 5 to continue work on building/facilities feasibility study. Thayer Central Community Schools has reached out and has expressed interest in meeting with Bruning-Davenport USD to explore possible opportunities

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

- A. Williams moved, seconded by Oltmans, to approve Laurie Douglas as the High School Math teacher for the 2026-27 school year.
- B. Ryan Miller moved, seconded by Krehnke, to approve the Hot Lunch prices by \$0.10; Breakfast \$2.25 – PreK-4th \$2.95 – 5-12 \$3.20 – Adults \$4.45 – Milk \$0.70
- C. Oltmans moved, seconded by Williams, to approve Becky Follmer as a substitute teacher.

NRCSA representative Jack Moles discussed what NRCSA does and the opportunities it provides for rural school districts.

Miller moved, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary