

BRUNING-DAVENPORT U.S.D.

FEBRUARY 2025

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

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT: Bruning-Davenport School News

Bruning Davenport School News January 2025

"Winning is fun...Sure.
 But winning is not the point.
 Wanting to win is the point.
 Not giving up is the point
 Never being satisfied with what you've done is the point. "
 Pat Summit

Legendary Girls Basketball coach at the University of Tennessee.

Celebrations – Birthdays

Mrs. Soukup and Mrs. Rohr

January Daycare Meeting

Continue to trend in the positive with monthly balance sheet

Moving forward with an architect on expansion project.

January Board Meeting

Senior's addressed the board with details about the Senior trip.

Davenport board elected Derek Shaner to fill the Davenport vacancy.

Both Bruning and Davenport boards elected officers for the 25-26 year.

(Names will be posted separately)

Buildings Grounds Committee is visiting the Cross County school district facility on Jan 21st.

Approved resignations of:

Deb McDonald – 2-8 SPED teacher

JJ Wagner – 2-8 Principal

Approved:

Arnold Adams as 2-8 PE teacher and Asst AD

Rebecca Morris as custodian in the Davenport building

Derek Shaner as a substitute bus driver

Shannon Collier as a para

Extended contract of: Ruth Kowalski as Bruning Principal and Kel Lampe as Superintendent

Other News

Feb 21st we are hosting a JH music contest. I understand the precedent is to not have school, but the calendar says we are having school. We will have school as regularly scheduled with the 2nd - 3rd - 4th graders out of the building on a trip.

Help Wanted:

Bus Driver - Custodian
 2-8 SPED Teacher

Financials: Ending	12-30-24	24-25	23-24	22-23
Budget	5,962,296	4,993,402	4,898,087	
YTD expenditures	1,734,000	1,502,000	1,485,000	
Last month	416,000	362,000	358,000	
% Budget remaining	70.92%	72.12%	70.26%	
Davenport Building Fund	\$446,000			
Bruning Building Fund	\$350,000			
Depreciation Fund	\$865,000			
Davenport Activity Fund	\$213,000			
Bruning Activity Fund	\$283,000			
Nutrition Fund	\$288,000			

(Fiscal year Sept 1 – Aug 31)

Committee's:

Americanism Jerry Sarah Jamie Brad Jill C Dan B

BDEA Rick Beth D Melinda Cammie

BDS Coop Jeff Jamie Sheri

Calendar Jill C Jill R Daina Ali

Comm Outreach Daina Mark Maggie Dan P Val

Daycare

Adam Daina Heather Sarah K Lichelle Ciara Kathy O Kel

Discipline

Daina Cammie Ali Maggie Morgan Jill R Dan

Build/Grounds Pat Ryne Jeff Brad

Frontline

Grant

ILCD Deb Melinda

NCIS Negotiations/Calendar/Insurance/Schedule

Certified Chris Melinda Daina Jerry Sarah Ryan

Classified Erika DeEtta Barb W Jeff Jim Kevin

Safety Ali Chris Marci Logan Leah

Steering

Melinda Beth A Lichelle Jill Britany Rick Dan

Tech Website

Jill R Beth D Tara Micah Wade Kent

Transportation Dan Sheri Jeff Ryan

Wellness Brooke Lori B Cammie Morgan Maggie

Next Meeting

Yearly

As needed

Quarterly

As needed

At Inservice

Monthly

Annually

Annually

Weekly

As Needed

At Inservice

Varies

As Needed

As Needed

At Inservice

Bi Monthly

At Inservice

As needed

At Inservice

Upcoming upgrades and expenses:

\$80,000	Foundation repair to address the cracks in the Bruning gym.
\$12,000	Privacy fence West of the Bruning building.
\$14,000	Playground fence at Bruning.
?	Possible electric grid in both buildings.
?	Upgrade middle school science lab – Davenport.
?	Upgrade LED lighting in both buildings.

To be the best small school in the State



FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Bruning-Davenport USD = EXCELLENCE

The Nebraska Department of Education gives each school district in our state a rating, using test scores and attendance, along with other areas, as criteria. For the 2023-24 school year, we received an Excellent rating! Only 29% of the 323 school districts in Nebraska were able to reach these standards.

When I got our school report card, I reflected on our school district. We have to navigate unique obstacles as a unified district, with two school buildings, transportation, etc. Even though we may have to work through some complexities that other districts do not have to deal with, we expect and meet EXCELLENT standards. How awesome is that! Jimmy Casas states in his book Culture, “Expecting excellence...is essential when it comes to fostering a culture in which one’s best effort is the standard, and everyone in the school community is a leader” (p. 59, 2017). Here at Bruning-Davenport, we don’t just luckily bump into excellence, we expect it, and therefore put forth our best effort to reach it. This is the culture that has been built over the last few decades, and the culture we continue to foster. Our mission is to “Build Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow’s Society” and that’s exactly what we are doing, inside and outside of these school buildings. Each one of us is a leader in one way or another, because “you don’t have to have a title to be a leader. You just have to lead” (Casas, p. 59, 2017). This can look different from person to person, but it is nonetheless true.

While we are pushing through the cold winter, where it may be hard to stay focused and motivated, just remember to encourage yourself and your child to keep working hard. Let’s continue to strive for excellence! **Ruth Kowalski, Bruning Building Principal**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Mother Nature has been a lot friendlier this winter than she was last winter at this time. Besides some brutally cold days, this winter hasn’t been too bad.

The Junior High Winter Sports Season has come to an end. Both the girls and boys had some success during their basketball season this year. I can’t wait to watch them during track season.

Students did really well on their NSCAS Tests and MAPS Tests this winter. We will do our testing awards in the next couple of weeks. Many continue to excel in the classroom as well.

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! Also, if your students come to any of the high school sporting events, they need to be seated in the gymnasium watching the game, not running the hallways of the school. **JJ Wagner, Davenport building Principal**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER SCHOOL OFFICE TO BE PUT ON OUR MAILING LIST.

DAVENPORT BUILDING—402-364-2225

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Grade	Name	Date
8	Mikey Pena Lopez	2
9	Blake Miller	5
PreK	Westlyn Parks	5
	Michelle Sybrant	6
9	Traevon Houser	7
4	Kinsley Snyder	7
PreK	Ashton Anderson	9
3	Leah Kennel	11
9	Harm Lemke	11



Grade	Name	Date
10	Brodrick Dunn	17
4	Izelee Ernst	18
5	Teri Jo Hicks	18
6	Kaleb Follmer	26
7	Eli Galaway	26
	Mark Rotter	26
10	LeTrell Houser	27
6	Rustin Ozenbaugh	27
5	Greysen Strong	27
	Larae Buresh	27

Music Notes: This is an exciting time of year for students involved in grades 5-8 instrumental music. The Bruning-Davenport 5-8 Instrumental Music Contest takes place on Friday, February 21st at the Davenport School. Students are working hard to prepare solos, small groups, and large groups in preparation for this contest. Parents and community members are encouraged to come and support these young musicians. Eight schools are participating in the Bruning-Davenport 5-8 Instrumental Music Contest. Other participating schools include: Exeter-Milligan, Fillmore Central, Hampton, McCool Junction, Meridian, Shickley, and Thayer Central. Mrs. Valerie M. Ellis

Counselor's Corner: We have begun the Second Step Curriculum! Parents, you may be seeing home links for you to complete with your student. So far, the kids have been enjoying this!

Second Step Elementary helps teach kids skills that can help them in school, at work, and in life, such as listening, focusing attention, making friends, and problem-solving.

Second Step Middle School aims to decrease aggression, bullying, and substance abuse and increase students' social skills and school success.

Seniors are getting the FAFSA completed along with many scholarships and another couple have enrolled in their future colleges!

More news will come out on testing this Spring!! Thank you for supporting our students and teachers!

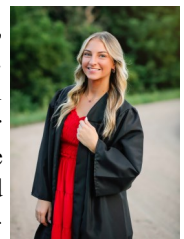


What's Happening @ Your Libraries February is Love Your Library month! Davenport students will be making poster mosaics together to celebrate. For each book read, students will be given a colored square sticker. They will then put the sticker on the posters in the hall to reveal a design or message when finished. It is hoped that students fill designs already made & have the opportunity to make one of the designs to hang in the hall. Don't be afraid to show your local libraries some love & curl up with a good book during this cold month of February!

FFA Update: Throughout the month of January, the Ag Demonstration team, composed of Kinzley Bohling, Karolyn Ozenbaugh, and Addison Brase, practiced hard preparing for finals. Their hard work paid off when they competed at the York County Fairgrounds on the fifteenth and received third place. With their impressive performance, they earned a spot at the State Convention which is held during the month of April. As the seniors have been working hard on earning their state degrees, they are preparing for their State Degree Interviews on the twenty-ninth which will be held at Tri County Public Schools. With this, our FFA Chapter is starting to prepare for the busy month of February. February is National FFA Week, be on the lookout for dress up days and activities! Addison Brase BD FFA Reporter

MEET A SENIOR

ALEXIS HERGOTT is the daughter of Robbin & Colby Hergott. She is active in Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Softball, FCCLA, NHS and STUCO at B-D USD. Alexis is a member of the United Methodist Church in Bruning. She enjoys playing sports, hunting and hanging out with friends in her spare time. Alexis plans to attend Bryan College of Health Sciences and going into their Nursing Program. Her favorite food is BBQ Mac & Cheese, her favorite TV shows are The Resident & Grey's Anatomy, her favorite song is *Where the Wild Things Are* by Luke Combs and she does not like to be alone. The most influential person in her life has been her Grandpa. "He showed me what love is and to live every day like it's your last. He taught me to never take anything or anyone for granted" says Alexis. She would also like people to know that she is excited to graduate, but will miss it all so much.



ESTHER COWART is the daughter of Sarah Cowart. She has one sister Rosie and one brother Peter. Esther is involved in FCA, FCCLA and One Act at B-D USD. She attends First Community Church in Hebron. Esther likes to draw, cook and play with her animals in her spare time. She plans to attend college and go into veterinary medicine. Esther's favorite food is Chicken Parmesan, her favorite TV show is *The Rookie*, her favorite song is *Reckless Love* by Cory Asbury and her favorite place to go to be alone is her backyard. The most influential person in her life has been her Mom. "Even when she is struggling, she keeps moving forward and never gives up on her plans. She always puts everyone else's needs before her own and it is really inspiring" says Esther



Beyond Donations: A Look at Where Money Goes! **Esther Cowart, Elissa Schaffer, and Harm Lemke-BD Entrepreneurs**

What does a charity consist of? Is it just a way to steal your money? Oftentimes charities are labeled as a ploy to get free money which causes many to steer away from donating. To determine what makes a good charity you need to consider the following: the mission statement of the charity, transparency, meaning where the money goes and how they are helping people in need, and administrative cost. Currently the US is suffering from several disasters across the states. Hurricane relief happening in the east, the west is facing devastating wildfires that are destroying the homes of thousands, and everyone needs donations. There are many people unaffected by these crises who want to help, but do not know how to contribute. Well we are here to help. As a class, we have been researching trusted charities that are meeting the needs of people who are suffering, and here is what we have found.

The World Central Kitchen is a charity that hit the ground running when it came to helping those suffering in California. Their mission is to be the **FIRST** to the frontlines to provide meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. Donating to them is worth it due to the high percentage of donations that go to support their program. At least **96%** of all proceeds contribute to their mission. The remaining 4% is used to fund the organization. By the research we have conducted, this charity is a legitimate organization that puts the needs of others above the want for something in return.

<https://donate.wck.org/give/499865#!/donation/checkout>

Direct Relief is a nonprofit organization that provides life-saving medical care to improve the health and lives of people affected by poverty and emergencies. Direct Relief's mission is to provide **CRUCIAL** help worldwide. They work to equip health professionals in resource-poor communities to meet the challenges of caring for people in need, while being extremely diligent, to have **93%** of its donations spent on programs. <https://www.directrelief.org/emergency/california-wildfires/>

The Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation is another highly rated charity. Due to the wildfires in California, the local areas need firefighters so they can stop the fires from getting worse than they already are. The LAFDF helps firefighters all over LA by donating equipment, preventing cancer, providing a behavioral health program, a youth program, and many other great things. Due to the fires, it is especially important for California firefighters to have the assets needed to protect communities and save lives. Over the past two years, the foundation has donated over 10 million dollars to fire departments in the city. <https://supportlafdf.org/>

If you are still unsure how to donate, the FCCLA is hosting a fundraiser that will be donating 100% of all proceeds to the World Central Kitchen in order to help the California wildfire victims.

<https://give.org/> <https://www.charitynavigator.org/> <https://www.charitywatch.org/> <https://www.guidestar.org/>

You want your donations to count. That's why it's important to ask questions whenever you're asked to give — whether over the phone, in direct mail, or online. Do some research before donating. You should know, for example, exactly how much of your donation goes to the program you want to support. Don't donate until you're sure it will make a difference. Here are some things you can do to make sure your donations get where they'll do good — and help you avoid donating to a scam.

If you want to give to charity: Search online for the cause you care about — like “hurricane relief” or “homeless kids” — plus phrases like “best charity” or “highly rated charity.” Once you find a specific charity you're considering giving to, search its name plus “complaint,” “review,” “rating,” or “scam.” If you find red flags, it might be best to find another organization.

Check out the charity's website. Does it give information about the programs you want to support, or how it uses donations? How much of your donation will go directly to support the programs you care about? If you can't find detailed information about a charity's mission and programs, be suspicious.

Use one of these organizations to help you research charities: [BBB Wise Giving Alliance](#), [Charity Navigator](#), [CharityWatch](#), and [GuideStar](#).

See what your state's charity regulator has to say about the charity. Don't know who that is? Look it up at nasconet.org.

Before you donate through an online portal that lets you choose from a list of charities, read the article [Donating Through an Online Giving Portal](#), available at FTC.gov/Charity. It explains how these online giving portals work.

If you get a call from a fundraiser: You don't have to give over the phone. Don't let any caller pressure you. A legitimate charity will be happy to get your donation at any time, so there's no rush. Take time to do the research.

Ask the fundraiser for the charity's exact name, web address, and mailing address, so you can confirm it later. Some dishonest telemarketers use names that sound like large well-known charities to confuse you.

Ask how much of your donation will go directly to the program you want to help. Then, call the organization directly and ask them, too, or see if the information is on their website. What else does the charity spend money on? Some fundraising can be very expensive, leaving the charity with little money to spend on its programs.

Ask if your donation will be tax-deductible. Not every call seeking a donation is from a charity. Some calls might be from Political Action

Committees or other groups where donations are not deductible. You can make sure that your donation is to a charity and tax deductible by looking up the organization in the IRS's [Tax Exempt Organization Search](#).

Check to see if the fundraiser and charity are registered with your state's charity regulator (if that's [required in your state](#)).

If you get a donation request through social media or a crowdfunding site: Keep in mind that crowdfunding sites often have little control over who uses them and how donations are spent. Research any charity before you give. Also, if tax deductions are important to you, remember that donations to individuals are not tax deductible. The safest way to give on social media or through crowdfunding is to donate to people you know who contact you about a specific project. Don't assume solicitations on social media or crowdfunding sites are legitimate, or that hyperlinks are accurate — even in posts that are shared or liked by your friends. Do your own research. Call your friends or contact them offline to ask them about the post they shared. You can always go directly to a charity's website and donate directly that way.

If you're ready to donate: Be careful how you pay. If someone asks you to pay by giving them the numbers from a gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it. That's how scammers ask you to pay. It's safest to pay by credit card or check — and only after you have done some research on the charity. If someone wants you to leave your donation in cash under your doormat, be suspicious. You're probably dealing with a scammer.

After you've donated: Review your bank account and credit card statements closely to make sure you're only charged the amount you agreed to donate — and that you're not signed up to make a recurring donation. It's a good practice to keep a record of all donations.

How to avoid donating to a sham charity: Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. That's something scammers do. Don't feel pressured to donate. Scammers will say anything to get you to give them money. They may say you already pledged to make the donation, or that you donated to them last year. They may even send you a mailer that says you already pledged. Don't let that pressure you into paying what could be a scammer.

Don't trust your caller ID. Technology makes it easy for scammers to have caller ID say the call comes from anywhere, including your local area code, or from a particular name. In reality, the caller could be anywhere in the world. If you want your donation to help your local community, ask questions about where your donation will be used and how much of your donation will be spent there.

Check out the name of the charity, especially if it sounds like a well-known organization. Some scammers use names that sound a lot like other charities to trick you.

Watch out for solicitations that give lots of vague and sentimental claims, but give you no specifics about how your donation will be used.

If someone is guaranteeing you sweepstakes winnings in exchange for a contribution, that's a scam.

How to handle calls from telemarketers:

Even if your number is on the National Do Not Call Registry, the Telemarketing Sales Rule lets fundraisers asking for charitable solicitations to call you until you tell them to stop. To do that, ask to be placed on the charity's do not call list.

Fundraisers who call you have to follow other rules too: They can't call you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They have to tell you the name of the charity they're calling for and tell you if the purpose of the call is to seek a donation. They can't deceive you or lie about: The fundraiser's connection to the charity. The mission or purpose of the charity. Whether a donation is tax deductible. How a donation will be used, or how much of the donation actually goes to the charity's programs. The charity's affiliation with the government. They can't use a robocall or prerecorded message to reach you unless you have supported the charity in the past. The caller ID on your phone has to show the name of the charity or fundraiser, along with a number that you can call to ask to be placed on the charity's do not call list.

If a fundraiser breaks any of these rules, that's a red flag. Do some more research before you donate to them. If you think you've been contacted by a scam charity, or a fundraiser that is not following the rules, please tell the FTC: [FTC.gov/Complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint). It's most helpful to tell the FTC the name of the charity or fundraiser and why you think it was a scam.

How to **donate wisely** and **avoid scams**



Look up a charity's report & ratings:

- give.org
- charitywatch.org
- guidestar.org
- charitynavigator.org



Never pay by **gift card** or **wire transfer**.
Credit card and **check** are safer.



Watch out for names that only
look like **well-known** charities.



Search the charity name online.

Do people say it's a scam?



Ask **how much** of your
donation **goes to the program**
you want to support.



Donating online?

Be sure where that money is going.

What Does My Future Look Like? Members of the Life Skills class at Bruning Davenport had the opportunity to participate in job shadow experiences in December. Job opportunities ranged from medical, agriculture, real estate, retail, and sports.

The students were a little shy about this opportunity, but their attitudes changed once the experience was complete.

A big thank-you to the businesses that opened their doors to this group.

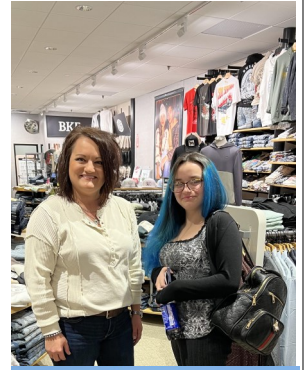
Jacob Labenz- Norder's

Natalie Linscomb-Fillmore County Hospital

Ben Manes and Traevon Houser- 2 hour ZOOM interview with Big 12 referee, Matt Beck, from Oklahoma State University

Kaden Dickson- Koch Construction

Alycia Meza- The Buckle



FOODS AND LIFE SKILLS: Thanks to Bruning Grocery for demonstrating knife skills and different meat cuts to the Foods and Life Skills Class, at Bruning Davenport.

Paul, did a great job explaining cuts of meat, using the tools of the trade, and explaining the way meat prices fluctuate. The students were impressed by how the store responds to customer demands and the innovation that takes place behind the meat counter.



SEW" EXCITED! This year, 8th grade FCS students will be making shorts and fidget blankets. The new machines were purchased with vocational education grant funds.



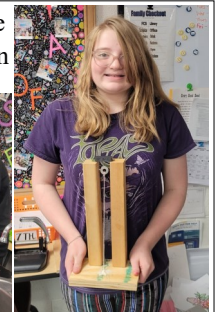
STUDY SKILLS CLASS: What do Study Skills and Shark Tank have in common? Well, the 6th grade class took on the challenge to re-invent their school planners. As part of the challenge they presented to a group of Sharks, who would choose the planner, based on ease of use, creativity, and innovation. The Sharks included, Jody, Mr. Wagner and Trey Strong from Carleton Bank.

Carter Alonzo received 1st place for his innovative digital planner. Although the digital planner is a few years away, Carter's idea is one that is worth investigating.

We hope that this group will be involved in choosing the planner for next year as they have great ideas.



SCIENCE: The 8th grade class has been busy learning about forces at a distance. Last week, they took on the challenge of building a magnetic levitation structure. Throughout the challenge, the students participated in the planning and design process, construction, evaluation, and optimization of their designs. Check out their final designs here!



OFFICIAL MINUTES, DAVENPORT BOARD MEETING

The Davenport Board of Education met in session on January 13, 2025, in Bruning. Pursuant to law and notices posted in Bruning-Davenport Schools, Cornerstone Bank, Bruning Bank, Bruning Post Office, Davenport Post Office, and also published in The Hebron Journal Register on January 8, 2025; all proceedings were taken while meeting was open to the public.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jeff Hoins. Other members present were Baxter Beals, Jamie Koch, Ryan Miller, and Brad Williams. Also present was Superintendent Kelly Lampe.

Hoins acknowledged the Nebraska Open Meetings Law and disclosed the location of the required information.

Baxter Beals read aloud the Oath of Office – Policy 2004

Discussion was had on appointing a new board member.

Brad Williams moved, seconded by Jamie Koch to approve a resolution in appointing Derek Shaner to the Davenport Public School Board. (Roll Call Vote (5-0)

Williams moved, seconded by Ryan Miller to approve the August 12, 2024 minutes as presented. (Roll Call Vote 5-0)

The Davenport local board selected the following members to the Unified Board: Jamie Koch, Ryan Miller, and Brad Williams.

Jamie Koch moved, Seconded by Brad Williams to approve the following officers. (Roll Call Vote 5-0)

President – Jeff Hoins, Vice-President – Baxter Beals, Secretary/Treasurer – Derek Shaner

Jamie Koch moved, seconded by Ryan Miller to approve the following committees (Roll Call Vote 5-0)

Committee Memberships:

- a) Americanism: Baxter Beals and Jamie Koch
- b) Building and Grounds: Jeff Hoins and Brad Williams
- c) Transportation: Ryan Miller and Derek Shaner

Koch moved, seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. (Roll Call Vote 5-0)

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

LUNCH MENU



February 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Corn dogs Mac N' Cheese Broccoli	4 Chicken Fajitas Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Refried Beans Corn	5 BBQ Meatballs Baked Potato Peas Roll	6 Pancakes Sausage Hash Browns Juice	7 Cheese Pizza Romaine Lettuce Cheesy Breadstick	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL	11 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chips & Cheese Baked Beans	12 Chicken Tenders w/Gravy French Fries Garlic Toast	13 Mostaccioli and Meat Sauce Lettuce Salad Garlic Bread	14 Flying (high in love) Saucers Green Beans Muffin	15
16	17 Chicken Noodle Soup Unrustable Carrots/Celery	18 Goulash Peas Banana Bread	19 Pulled Pork on a Bun Chips Baked Beans	20 Chicken Wings Cheesy Potatoes Celery Roll	21 Elementary-Sack Lunches Hamburgers Chips Dessert Bar	22
23	24 Polish Dog on a Bun Tater Tots Baked Beans Cake	25 Super Nachos Lettuce/Cheese/Salsa Green Beans Garlic Bread	26 Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Corn	27 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Grapes Juice	28 Cheeseburger Mac N' Cheese Carrots Apple Frudel	
	Bruning: --F/V Bar --Salad Bar Available Daily		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 Daily --Chef Salad Meal Option for 5-8th & Adults	

OFFICIAL MINUTES, BRUNING BOARD MEETING

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President Ryne Philippi called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Jerry Baysinger, Pat Kowalski, Sarah Krehnke, Sheri Norder, and Lon Schoenholz. Also present was Erika Brinegar.

President Philippi acknowledged the Nebraska Open Meetings Law and disclosed the location of the required information.

Lon Schoenholz read aloud the Oath of Office – Policy 2004.

Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Pat Kowalski to approve the October 14, 2024 minutes as presented. (Roll Call Vote 6-0)

The Bruning Board selected the following members to the Unified Board: Sarah Krehnke, Sheri Norder, and Ryne Philippi.

Sheri Norder moved, seconded by Jerry Baysinger to approve Lon Schoenholz as President. (Roll Call Vote 5-0, Schoenholz Abstained)

Krehnke moved, seconded by Norder to approve Pat Kowalski as Vice-President. (Roll Call Vote 5-0, Kowalski Abstained)

Krehnke moved, seconded by Kowalski to approve Jerry Baysinger as Secretary/Treasurer. (Roll Call Vote 5-0, Baysinger Abstained)

Committee Memberships:

- a) Americanism: Jerry Baysinger and Sheri Norder
- b) Building and Grounds: Pat Kowalski and Ryne Philippi
- c) Transportation: Sarah Krehnke and Lon Schoenholz

Discussion Items

- a) Krehnke moved, seconded by Ryne Philippi to approve MCK Contracting's bid for wooden privacy fence for \$8,880. (Roll Call Vote 5-0, Kowalski Abstained)
- b) Philippi moved, seconded by Krehnke to approve Cavapa Construction's bid for a chain link playground fence for \$6,800. (Roll Call Vote 6-0)

President Schoenholz adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

BRUNING-DAVENPORT USD ACTIVITY CALENDAR

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						1 NUDECAS Speech @ HTRS Lions Club Elem BB Tourney @ Dav	
2	3 CRC JHVocal/Band	4 Jr Class Field Trip	5 NHS Blood Drive	6	7 HS G/B BB Shelby-RC (Shelby) (V) 6:00/7:30PM JV TBA	8 Aurora Speech Meet	
9	10 No School Teacher In-Service	11 HS GBB @ Meridian (JV,V) 6:00/7:30PM	12 FFA Welding & Poultry Judging @ SCC Lincoln	13	14 Valentine's Day HS G/B BB High Plains (V) 6:00/7:30PM JV TBA	15 B-D Letter Club JV G/B BB Tourney @ Dav 9:00AM	
16	17 GBB Sub-Districts	18	19 CRC JH/HS Quiz Bowl ESU 5 JH Quiz Bowl 1:00	20 GBB Sub-Districts	21 Music Contest @ Dav Bldg. HS BBB @ Meridian (JV,V) 6:00/7:00PM	22	
23	24 BBB Sub-Districts ESU 5 HS Quiz Bowl @ 1:00PM JH Quiz Bowl Invite @ 4:00PM	25 District CDE @ Centennial	FFA WEEK - FEB 17-21			28 GBB Dist Finals	
FCCLA PEER EDUCATION CONF.							

January '25

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March '25

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**ALL DATES AND TIMES
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Davenport on January 13, 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 January 8, 2025; 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 Jamie Koch, Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, Sheri Norder, and Brad Williams. Local board members present were Baxter Beals, Jeff Hoins, Pat Kowalski, Ryne Philippi, and Lon Schoenholz. Also present were Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal JJ Wagner, Erika Brinegar, Addison Brase, Peyton Domeier, Melinda Kerwood, Krissy Ozenbaugh, Brooke Soukup, and Ali Strong.

Baysinger welcomed all guests and recognized the Open Meetings Act.

Seniors presented on Senior Sneak during the public forum.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of the December 9, 2024 Unified Board meeting, Treasurer's Report, and the January claims. Ryan Miller moved, seconded by Brad Williams to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote (6-0)

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

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

Election results for the Unified Board Officers: President – Jamie Koch, Vice-President – Ryne Philippi, 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, Pat Kowalski, and Lon Schoenholz.

BDS Coop Committee Members: Baxter Beals, Jami Koch, and Sheri Norder.

Principal Wagner reported on the following items – JH Basketball is almost wrapped up – STEPS training is still in process

Principal Kowalski's report – working on getting Fast Bridge set up – One-Act was 5th at State – BD has an 'Excellent' rating

Superintendent Lampe reported on the following – Daycare is moving forward with the architect and expansion – Buildings and Grounds Committee is going to visit Cross County – PowerSchool data breach is being investigated

New Business: (All motions require a roll call vote and all carried 6-0 unless noted.)

- A. Williams moved, seconded by Ryne Philippi to approve moving Policy 4064 – Early Retirement to 4021.
- B. Ryan Miller moved, seconded by Norder to approve Policy 4064 – Transporting Students, option 2.
- C. Williams moved, seconded by Philippi to approve updated to Policy 4059 – Behavioral Mental Health Training.
- D. Williams moved, seconded by Sheri Norder to approve the resignation of Debra McDonald.
- E. Williams moved, seconded by Philippi to approve Arnold (L.A.) Adams as 2-8 PE Teacher.
- F. Norder moved, seconded by Krehnke to approve Rebecca Morris as a custodian.
- G. Krehnke moved, seconded by Miller to approve Derek Shaner as a bus driver.
- H. Miller moved, seconded by Philippi to approve Shannon Collier as a paraeducator.
- I. Philippi moved, seconded by Williams to approve the mileage reimbursement rate of \$0.70.
- J. Krehnke moved, seconded by Norder to approve a 2-year extension for the contract of Principal Ruth Kowalski.
- K. Williams moved, seconded by Miller to approve a 2-year extension for the contract of Superintendent Kel Lampe.
- L. Williams moved, seconded by Krehnke to approve the resignation of JJ Wagner.
- M. Miller moved, seconded by Philippi to approve BDEA as the bargaining agent for certificated, non-supervisory employees for the 2026-27 school year.

Williams moved, seconded by Norder to go into executive session “to prevent needless injury to an individual” at 8:14 PM

Philippi moved, seconded by Williams to come out of executive session at 8:30 pm.

Williams moved, seconded by Philippi to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

GENERAL FUND BILLS

1/13/25

8475	Ameritas Life Insurance	355.52	20045	Helm Mechanical	840.00
8476	Ameritas Life Insurance (10 Month)	85.82	20046	Hoins Mowing	4230.00
8477	Cornerstone Bank/Direct Deposit	5,242.58	20047	Hometown Leasing	1391.26
8478	Internal Revenue Service	57,636.39	20048	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co	141.52
8479	Nebraska Department of Revenue	8,196.97	20049	Inspira Financial	150.00
8480	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	45372.09	20050	JW Pepper	84.19
20013	Accelerated Receivables Solutions	387.27	20051	KSB School Law, LLO	136.00
20014	AFLAC	477.88	20052	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	43.92
20015	AFLAC (10 MonthP	113.32	20053	Mierau & Co., Inc.	745.00
20016	American Funds Service Company	400.00	20054	Milligan Towing	425.00
20017	Blue Cross Blue Shield	64371.71	20055	Nebraska State Fire Marshall Agency	120.00
20018	Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	484.61	20056	Norris Public Power District	3911.95
20019	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	450.00	20057	Nutrien Ag Solutions	1941.62
20020	Mainstreet Bank	1,232.95	20058	One Source	5.00
20021	Payflex Account #304734	1415.33	20059	Protex Central, Inc.	660.00
20022	Berdon Pedersen	65.98	20060	Quilt Stitches	308.30
20023	Black Hills Energy	1996.00	20061	Romans Wiemer & Associates	7800.00
20024	Bruning Activity Fund	60.00	20062	Straight Line Motor Works	4213.25
20025	Bruning Grocery Inc	153.28	20063	Sysco Lincoln	217.32
20026	Bruning Lumber Co.	35.32	20064	Thayer County Clerk	200.00
20027	Bruning Transition Fund	146.00	20065	Thayer County NE	120.00
20028	Burton Enterprises, LLC	37.00	20066	The Garbage Company South	590.00
20029	Capital Business Systems Inc	79.31	20067	The Hebron Journal Register	86.26
20030	DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	292.87	20068	The Nebraska Signal	60.00
20031	Davenport Building Supply	32.56	20069	Truck Center Companies	8306.13
20032	Davenport Transition Fund	1769.58	20070	ULINE	106.76
20033	Diversified Drug Testing, LLC	260.00	20071	Village of Bruning	438.06
20034	Eakes Office Plus	6453.02	20072	Village of Davenport	1,604.43
20035	Educational Service Unit #5	52645.29	20073	Voss Plumbing Inc	330.00
20036	Ella Software LLC	144.00	20074	VVS Inc-Canteen	152.01
20037	Ernie Williamson Music Repair Shop	48.00	20075	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	27.71
20038	Fairbury Glass	464.28	20076	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	1,836.10
20039	Fiber Platform, LLC	643.84	20077	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	458.23
20040	Fillmore County Clerk	918.25	20078	Western Oil II LLC	1237.96
20041	Garrison Grone	400.00	20079	Windstream	513.35
20042	Gaylen Energy Supply	8939.36	20080	Woodward's Disposal Service Inc	60.00
20043	Geneva Tire & Auto, Inc	1140.52			
20044	Go Physical Therapy	1091.66			
				Payable Checks	307,529.89
				Payroll	195,006.31
				Total	502,536.20

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