

November 2017

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Going inside...



Beauty and the Beast is superb, Learn more about BHS



Trauernicht helps student



Trauernicht named Employee of the Month

Inez Trauernicht was the October employee of the month.

Inez is a para at Paddock Lane Elementary School and works in the ACP (Alternate Curriculum Program) classroom. She is a one on one para for a very special little girl with very special needs. The student she primarily works with needs constant help and attention. Inez helps her walk, eat, bathroom, work, learn and play; all with a smile on her face.

“Inez works in our ACP 1 classroom which requires the patience of a saint and she has it! Inez also always has a positive attitude toward work responsibilities. She is always willing to try new things, always does what is asked, and is always pushing the students. Inez takes initiative and carries out many additional

responsibilities beyond the regular job assignments,” said her nominator.

Inez is also a strong part of the Best Possible Summer experience. She is a support for teachers ensuring that students are able to participate and are striving for success.

“Inez never seems upset or angry and is always positive; even on hard days. In fact, she will even show up to school with her famous brownies once in a while, just to brighten others’ day. Inez goes above and beyond not only for her own student but for all students in the classroom. She is dependable, reliable, caring, and overall amazing. Inez is committed to her job,

(above) Inez Trauernicht works with a student in the Alternate Curriculum Program at Paddock Lane.

Beatrice High School

Students have numerous opportunities to shine

Building a house



'I have always appreciated the teamwork mentality of the staff. Willing to help out the needs of each other to ensure our students benefit. I also enjoy the blend of youth and experience of this staff. The new staff bring a lot of enthusiasm and positivity and our experienced staff are more than willing to share their expertise to assist these new members. In general, I believe our staff always has the students' interest in the forefront. Good mix! Our paras, custodial staff, cafeteria workers and of course our secretaries have made BHS a special place for me to work for the past 30 years.'

Bob Sexton, assistant principal



Exploring technology with a green screen



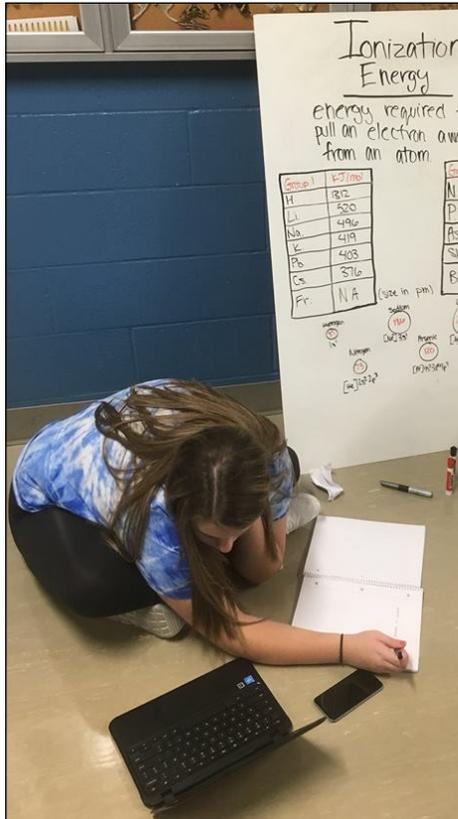
Helping others by painting a house, sending gift boxes to South Africa



Beatrice High School

Classes, clubs offer something for everyone

Learning about science



- 187 students (28.5%) BHS students made Honor Roll first quarter
- ACT scores were tied with state average (21.4) and higher than the National average (21.0) in 2016-17
- Exit Survey of class of 2017 told us 53 percent of seniors planned to enroll in a 4 year school, 31 percent in a 2 year school, 4 joined the military
- One National Merit Semi-Finalist
- The graduation rate last year was 88.08 percent
- The community of Beatrice donated roughly half of the 2.2 million dollar Athletic Complex completed in 2012 known as the House of Orange.
- Implemented a Random Drug Testing Policy to deter students from using drugs/alcohol. Since we implemented it, two surrounding schools have approved a similar policy for their districts.

Exploring options after high school



Experiencing an eclipse in a state of the art athletic complex



They first staked their claim with Beatrice Public Schools and now are among the best in the nation

Steel is Nebraska's Court Administrator



'Beatrice Public schools gave me the confidence to know anything was possible. Whether it was in the classroom, or in sports hard work paid off. It was in high school where I found out that I was a people person and could create relationships with all types of individuals. This has helped me in the work I do today with all individuals in all walks of life. It could be a defendant in the court system that is not happy with the outcome of their case or a State Senator working on new statewide policy reform. I am able to discuss the issue at hand and try to find common ground. BPS gives you many opportunities to find out what it is you are passionate about.'

Corey Steel



Beatrice Public Schools All-Stars

Corey Steel, class of 1993

Corey Steel is the state's court administrator. He was appointed in 2014.

"As the State Court Administrator I oversee the Judicial Branch's administrative functions such as human resources, finances, information technology, trial court services, court practices and procedures in the clerks offices, education of Judges and Judicial Branch staff, state

wide court strategic initiatives and serve as the Judicial Branch liaison to the Executive and Legislative branches of government," said Steel.

Steel had been deputy probation administrator for Juvenile Services and played a role in getting information to the Legislature regarding juvenile justice reform, according to a news release from the Ne-

braska Supreme Court.

He was a juvenile justice specialist for the Office of Probation Administration and helped transform the office's juvenile justice system, working with the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, Cross-Over Youth Practice Model and Juvenile Information Sharing Project.

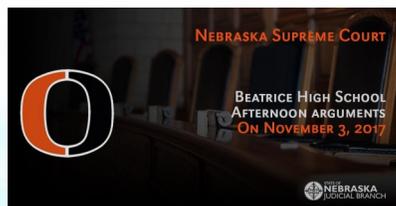
Steel served as acting chief probation officer in Omaha's juvenile probation office and also in Beatrice.

Earlier, he was Lancaster County Human Services juvenile justice coordinator. Steel began his probation career as a drug technician in May 1998 and was appointed juvenile probation officer in Lincoln in September 1998.

He was named the Judicial Branch's Employee of the Year for 2013.

Steel has degrees from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Doane College and a certification from the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute.

Corey Steel is the state's court administrator. He was instrumental in bringing the Nebraska Supreme Court to the Hevelone Center at Beatrice High School.



Board hears about progress in the district

Inez Trauernicht, ACE para, was recognized as the October Employee of the Month.

John Jarosh, middle school principal, congratulated Mike Policy, social studies teacher, for being named the American Teacher of the Year at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Jarosh shared some of the comments from those who recommended Policky noting he is a dedicated and professional educator. His students are valued and respected in the classroom and he created an award winning recycling program. Policky teaches students good citizenship and life lessons as well as Americanism and Patriotism. He is very organized and has coordinated an annual trip to Washington, D.C. for eighth grade students.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pat Nauroth said he and four board members were able to attend the Nebraska Association of School Boards area membership meeting in Nebraska City. He also shared a handout regarding property tax reform.

Student Report

Colton Gronewold said the fall high school sports activities are wrapping up. The girls' golf team missed state by four strokes and the softball team finished its season at districts last weekend. The band finished first at the Class B state competi-

tion. The boys tennis state meet is next Thursday. The Beauty and the Beast musical will be at the end of October.

Committee of the Whole

Jon Zimmerman, vice-president, reported that the Committee of the Whole met at the new preschool in September. The following topics were discussed; facility master plan and potential firms for the superintendent search. A preschool parent, Karren Husa, addressed the board. She spoke about the transition and benefits of having all preschool in one building. She commended the preschool staff for their hard work and enthusiasm.

School Community & Staff Relations

Janet Byars, committee chair, said the committee met at Beatrice Middle School. Staff indicated that students would benefit from greater parental involvement and they voiced concern about absenteeism. Staff also feel that the middle school administration are very supportive of staff and students. Other topics discussed included the continued success of ninth period activity, activity passes and coaches salaries.

Action Agenda

First reading was held on a number of topics but no votes were taken.

Administrators' Report

Kevin Janssen, elementary principal, introduced William Stokes, a second grader at Stoddard Elementary. Janssen shared information about the "Buddy Bench" concept with Board members noting that William suggested this during class one day. The concept originated in Germany and is very popular on the East and West coasts. Janssen researched the idea and shared it with the counselor and Betty Replogle who both agreed that it was a great concept. Rules and regulations were developed and each elementary playground is now equipped with a "Buddy Bench" and poster to identify it.

Janssen stated that he wanted to make sure that William was given the credit for the idea. Pieper thanked William for sharing this great idea with the district.

Jason Sutter, high school principal updated the board on several items including the Brett Wells Construction project which has provided student with "hands on" experiences with planning, blueprinting, foundation/concrete work and framing. During the next phrase students will have contact with a variety of sub-contractors and exposed to work that has not occurred in the existing construction course.

He also said a local manufacturing visit was held on Oct. 5.

Next Meetings

A special meeting will be held on Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. to select finalists for the superintendent opening in the Central Administration Building. The next board meeting will be on Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Central Administration Building.

Beatrice Public Schools Board of Education

Janet Byars

Doris Martin

Lisa Pieper, President

Nancy Sedlacek

Steve Winter

Jon Zimmerman, Vice-President

Board of Education Meetings

Nov. 28, 6 p.m.

Special Meeting

Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting



Two Stoddard students take a break on the new Buddy Bench.