

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, October 14, 2024 7:00 PM

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street

Blair, NE 68008

Agenda

1. Call to Order

Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public and attached to the online agenda.

Mrs. Kari Loseke, Board President, will call the Board of Education Regular meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

The Board Secretary will conduct roll call attendance.

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Gilson will lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda

5. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items

6. Approval of the Consent Agenda

6.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting

6.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published

- September 16, 2024 Board of Education Work Session, Special Board Meeting and Regular Meeting Minutes

6.3. Receipt of Communications

6.4. Treasurer's Report

- General Fund

- Building Fund and Savings & Depreciation

6.5. Audit of Claims

- Activity Fund
- General Fund

7. Business

7.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda

7.2. Recognitions

7.3. Acceptance of Gifts

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.4.1. Blair Cubs Volleyball

We received a request from Jess Lansman, on behalf of the youth volleyball program Bear Cubs, for permission to hold a Bear Cubs skill development program on Sundays starting on October 20th - December 1st.

Mr. Siecke, District Activities Director, highly recommends approval of this request. Sundays are the only days we have available gym time over the winter, and this organization is working hand in hand with our coaches to improve volleyball in Blair.

7.5. Comments From The Public

This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may address the board about matters of public concern.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

- Getting started: When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.
- Time Limit: The board has the discretion to limit the amount of time set aside for public participation and unless stated otherwise, will employ a time limit of 5 minutes or less.
- Personnel or Student Topic: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that our policies require you to follow the district's complaint procedure before addressing the board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions or comments you make about individual staff members or students. Please remember that slanderous comments will not be tolerated.
- General Rules: This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from within the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Offensive language, personal attacks, and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.

- No action by the Board: The Board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.

7.6. Committee Reports

7.6.1. Policy/Curriculum/Americanism Committee

The Policy Committee met on Thursday, September 26, 2024. Meeting minutes are attached.

1. Civics Law Requirements
2. Social Studies Standards Review K-12 Document

203.09 Standing Committee on American Civics

Title IX Policy: 103.02 Title IX Policy
Policy 103.03 Title IX - Procedure for Complaints of Sexual Harassment

7.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. Meeting minutes are attached.

7.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. Meeting minutes are attached.

500.4-Full-Time & Part-Time Enrollment (Option Enrollment)
500.5-Resolution

7.7. Approval of New Teachers

7.8. Acceptance of Retirement

Retirement

Teri Otte, Grade 2, Deerfield Elementary (28-Years of Service)

7.8.1. Acceptance of School Board Member Resignation

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to accept the resignation of Board Member, Tim Welch.

7.9. Method of Appointment

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to adopt a procedure for the appointment of a new member to the Board of Education to fill the vacancy thereon created by the resignation of Tim Welch:

- Appoint the non-elected candidate from the last election who received the highest number of votes, after confirming the candidate's willingness to fill the vacancy. The benefit is this is simple and politically neutral.
- Board members informally recruit candidates and Board votes to appoint successor.
- Formal advertisement and interview process. The board can adopt a motion to use a formal "vacancy filling process". The process includes advertising, have the candidates complete an application to provide information about their background, and reasons for wanting to be on the board. Interview the candidates, but the interviews can not be held in a closed session. Some boards interview through a committee process.

7.9.1. Appoint the Non-Elected Candidate

The Board can adopt a motion to appoint the non-elected candidate from the last election who received the highest number of votes, after confirming the candidates willingness to fill the vacancy.

7.9.2. Recruit Candidate

The Board can adopt a motion to informally recruit candidates and Board votes to appoint successor.

7.9.3. Formal Advertisement and Interview Process

The Board can adopt a motion to use a formal "Vacancy Filling Process". The process includes advertising, have the candidates complete an application to provide information about their background, and reasons for wanting to be on the Board. Interviewing the candidates can not be held in closed session but some Boards interview through a committee process.

7.10. Informational Items

Monthly Board Reports

- Blair High School
- Otte Middle School
- Arbor Park Elementary
- Deerfield Elementary

8. Adjournment

THE NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT
NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 84-1407 through 84-1414

A. BASIC PROVISION. The basic statement of our state policy on public meetings is found at Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1408. That statute provides, “[i]t is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret. Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.”

1. **History.** Section 84-1408 was passed as a part of LB 325 in 1975. That bill repealed previously existing public meetings provisions and substituted new provisions which were intended to preserve the features of the previous law and strengthen and expand their authority. Government Committee Statement on LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1975). LB 325 was passed to ensure that all meetings of public bodies would be open to the public, except when protection of the public interest clearly called for a closed session concerning specific matters. *Id.* 2004 Neb. Laws LB 821, § 34 formally established the name of §§ 84-1407 through 84-1414 as the “Open Meetings Act.”

2. **Purpose.** The Nebraska open meetings laws are a statutory commitment to openness in government. *Wasikowski v. Nebraska Quality Jobs Board*, 264 Neb. 403, 648 N.W.2d 756 (2002); *Steenblock v. Elkhorn Township Board*, 245 Neb. 722, 515 N.W.2d 128 (1994); *Grein v. Board of Education of the School District of Fremont*, 216 Neb. 158, 343 N.W.2d 718 (1984). Their purpose is to ensure that public policy is formulated at open meetings of the bodies to which the law is applicable. *Dossett v. First State Bank, Loomis, NE*, 261 Neb. 959, 627 N.W.2d 131 (2001); *Marks v. Judicial Nominating Commission for Judge of the County Court of the 20th Judicial District*, 236 Neb. 429, 461 N.W.2d 551 (1990); *Pokorny v. City of Schuyler*, 202 Neb. 334, 275 N.W.2d 281 (1979). In Nebraska, the formation of public policy is public business, which may not be conducted in secret. *Schauer v. Grooms*, 280 Neb. 426, 786 N.W.2d 909 (2010); *Johnson v. Nebraska Environmental Control Council*, 2 Neb. App. 263, 509 N.W.2d 21 (Neb. Ct. App. 1993).

3. **Construction.** The open meetings laws should be broadly interpreted and liberally construed to obtain their objective of openness in favor of the public. *Schauer v. Grooms*, 280 Neb. 426, 786 N.W.2d 909 (2010); *State ex rel. Upper Republican Natural Resources District v. District Judges of the District Court for Chase County*, 273 Neb. 148, 728 N.W.2d 275 (2007); *State ex rel. Newman v. Columbus Township Board*, 15 Neb. App. 656, 735 N.W.2d 399 (Neb. Ct. App. 2007); *Alderman v. County of Antelope*, 11 Neb. App. 412, 653 N.W.2d 1 (Neb. Ct. App. 2002); *Rauert v. School District I-R of Hall County*, 251 Neb. 135, 555 N.W.2d 763 (1996); *Grein, supra*. The beneficiaries of the openness sought by the Open Meetings Act include citizens, members of the general public, and reporters or other representatives of the news media. *State ex rel. Newman v. Columbus Township Board*, 15 Neb. App. 656, 735 N.W.2d 399 (Neb. Ct. App. 2007).

4. **Exceptions.** Section 84-1408 requires open meetings except “as otherwise provided by the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.” The Attorney General has concluded that the Nebraska Legislature is not covered under the open meetings statutes because the Nebraska Constitution separately provides for public access to that body. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 120 (July 25, 1985).

5. **Subsequent Legislative Limitations.** The Legislature holds the power to decide the scope of citizen access to governmental meetings. As a result, the Legislature has the right to limit access to public meetings and the effect of the Open Meetings Act through later statutory provisions which provide that certain information in the possession of government should remain confidential without exception or limitation. *Wasikowski v. Nebraska Quality Jobs Board*, 264 Neb. 403, 648 N.W.2d 756 (2002).

B. PUBLIC BODIES COVERED UNDER THE ACT. Under § 84-1409(1), public bodies covered by the Open Meetings Act include: (1) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State; (2) governing bodies of all agencies of the executive department of state government created by law; (3) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created pursuant to law; (4) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the state whether of continuing or limited existence; (5) advisory committees of the governing bodies of political subdivisions, of the governing bodies of agencies of the executive branch of state

government, or of independent boards, commissions, etc.; and (6) “instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions.”

1. **History.** The initial portion of § 84-1409(1) defining public bodies was originally part of LB 325 passed in 1975. It has been amended several times to add additional entities to the list of bodies covered, and the Certificate of Need Review Committee was removed in 1997. See 1997 Neb. Laws LB 798; 1989 Neb. Laws LB 429 and LB 311; 1983 Neb. Laws LB 43. The language concerning “instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions” was added in 1989 to reach entities such as the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority. Floor Debate on LB 311, 91st Nebraska Legislature, First Session, May 9, 1989, at 6039, 6040.

2. **Cases and Opinions.** A number of cases and opinions of the Attorney General deal with various aspects of the definitions of public body found in § 84-1409(1).

a. “Political subdivision” is not defined within the public meetings statutes. However, the Attorney General has indicated that generally the term denotes any subdivision of a state which has as its purpose carrying out functions of the state which are inherent necessities of government and which have always been regarded as such by the public. 1979-80 Rep. Att’y Gen. 140 (Opinion No. 98, dated April 25, 1979). Presumably, this term includes cities, counties, villages, etc., and their governing boards are covered by the open meetings statutes.

b. In *Nixon v. Madison County Agricultural Society*, 217 Neb. 37, 348 N.W.2d 119 (1984), the Court held that a county agricultural society, organized under the Nebraska statutes, was subject to the provisions of the open meetings law. The Court noted that, although the society at issue resembled a private corporation in some respects, the fact that it had the right to receive support from the public revenue gave it a public character. The agricultural society apparently was an “independent board . . . created by constitution, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law.” Based upon the *Nixon* case, the Attorney General concluded that county extension services which have the right to receive support from public revenues are subject to the open meetings law. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 219 (July 24, 1984). Also based upon the *Nixon* case, the Attorney General has indicated that county agricultural societies are subject to the

open meetings statutes. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 91007 (January 28, 1991). In addition, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-238 requires that result.

c. In *Marks v. Judicial Nominating Commission for Judge of the County Court of the 20th Judicial District*, 236 Neb. 429, 461 N.W.2d 551 (1990), the Court held that the open meetings statutes do not apply to the activities of a judicial nominating commission which is meeting to select nominees for judicial vacancies. Such a nomination procedure does not involve the formulation of public policy subject to the Act.

d. The Nebraska Court of Appeals, in *Johnson v. Nebraska Environmental Control Council*, 2 Neb. App. 263, 509 N.W.2d 21 (Neb. Ct. App. 1993), held that the open meetings statutes apply to the governing bodies of all agencies of the executive branch of government, including the Nebraska Environmental Control Council.

e. In *State ex rel. Newman v. Columbus Township Board*, 15 Neb. App. 656, 735 N.W.2d 399 (Neb. Ct. App. 2007), the Nebraska Court of Appeals concluded that the electors of a Nebraska township, when assembled at the township’s annual meeting, constitute a governing body of the township which is subject to the Open Meetings Act and its provisions concerning notice and preparation of an agenda.

f. The Nebraska Court of Appeals indicated in *Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009), that a county board of equalization is a public body as defined in § 84-1409. The court also held in that case that when two boards are made up of the same members, the duties and functions of the two boards, rather than their membership, determine if they are the same or separate and distinct bodies.

g. Committees of faculty, administration and students created by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to advise the Chancellor of the University in his administrative/management function with respect to budget cuts were part of the management structure of the University and not public bodies subject to the open meetings statutes. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 92020 (February 12, 1992).

h. In Op. Att’y Gen. No. 11 (January 20, 1983), the Attorney General indicated that the Environmental Control Council is a public body subject to the open

meetings law. On the other hand, the Department of Environmental Control is not. Section 84-1409 applies to governing bodies of state agencies, not the agencies themselves.

i. An employee grievance appeal hearing conducted by a hearing officer is not a meeting of a public body since the word “body” is commonly understood to refer to a group or number of persons, and thus does not include an individual conducting a hearing. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 210 (May 16, 1984).

j. In 1989, the Attorney General indicated that the Central Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission was not subject to the Nebraska open meetings law because it was a multi-state body which was not created by constitution or statute and which was not a governing body of a Nebraska state agency. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 89008 (February 14, 1989). However, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-3521 (the Waste Compact agreement itself) provided that meetings of the Compact Commission must be open to the public with reasonable advance publicized notice, and that the Compact Commission must adopt by-laws consistent in scope and principle with the open meetings law of the host state. Section 71-3521 was repealed by 1999 Neb. Laws LB 530, § 2, and Nebraska withdrew from the Central Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact.

k. A county welfare board is subject to the open meetings law as an independent board created by statute. 1979-80 Rep. Att’y Gen. 351 (Opinion No. 244, dated March 4, 1980).

l. In Op. Att’y Gen. No. 95014 (February 22, 1995), the Attorney General indicated that the Mayor’s Citizen Review Board, appointed by the Mayor of Omaha to advise the Mayor with respect to alleged misconduct of police officers, was not subject to the open meetings statutes because it did not fall under the definition found in § 84-1409(1), and because the board was essentially an administrative body which was part of the management structure of the City.

m. In Op. Att’y Gen. No. 93065 (July 27, 1993), the Attorney General concluded that parole reviews under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 83-1,111 may be closed, and are not subject to open meetings requirements.

n. The Excellence in Education Council created to make recommendations to the Governor regarding selection of projects for Education Innovation grants is a public body which is subject to the open meetings statutes, and its decisions concerning specific recommendations must be done in open session. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 94092 (November 22, 1994).

o. The Quality Jobs Board created under the Quality Jobs Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-4901 through 77-4935 is a public body subject to the Open Meetings Act. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 96071 (October 28, 1996).

p. A County Hospital Authority formed under the Hospital Authorities Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 23-3579 through 23-35,120 is a public body which is subject to the Open Meetings Act. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 97012 (February 14, 1997).

q. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture (the State Fair Board) is not a public body which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, primarily because it has no statutory right to public revenue and also because of case law which indicates that it is a private corporation. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 01038 (November 27, 2001).

r. A county clerk, county attorney and county treasurer acting as a group under § 32-567(3) to make an appointment to fill a vacancy on a county board constitute a public body which is subject to the Open Meetings Act. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 97050 (September 18, 1997).

s. The Attorney General has indicated informally that the Nebraska Board of Pardons and the Board of Inquiry and Review created under Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 80-317 through 80-319 to receive and act upon applications submitted for membership in Nebraska Veterans Homes are subject to the state’s open meetings statutes.

t. In Op. Att’y Gen. No. 15016 (October 29, 2015), the Attorney General concluded that the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA) constituted a hybrid public/private entity subject to the Open Meetings Act. The Attorney General based his conclusion on the fact that MECA was a creation of city ordinance and was responsible for managing and controlling the City of Omaha’s public events facilities.

3. **Other Statutes.** Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-238 requires county agricultural societies and county fair boards to comply with the open meetings statutes. Previously, under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 85-1502 all coordination activities conducted by the association of community college area boards were subject to the open meetings statutes. This provision was repealed in 2013 Neb. Laws LB 211, § 3.

4. **Exceptions.** Section § 84-1409(1)(b) exempts two types of entities and the Judicial Resources Commission from the provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

a. **Subcommittees.** Subcommittees of the various bodies described earlier in § 84-1409 are not public bodies under the Open Meetings Act unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting, or unless those subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy or taking formal action on behalf of the parent body. For example, in *Meyer v. Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska*, 1 Neb. App. 893, 510 N.W.2d 450 (Neb. Ct. App. 1993), the court indicated that meetings of an executive subcommittee of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents with the University President to discuss his tenure were not subject to the open meetings laws because of that portion of the statute. Section 84-1409(1) was also amended by 2011 Neb. Laws LB 366 to specifically provide that all meetings of subcommittees of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board established to rate grant applications under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

- i. In *City of Elkhorn v. City of Omaha*, 272 Neb. 867, 880-881, 725 N.W.2d 792, 805-806 (2007), the court indicated that while “subcommittee” is not defined in the Open Meetings Act, a subcommittee is generally a “group within a committee to which the committee may refer business.” In addition, “making policy,” which subjects a subcommittee to the Open Meetings Act under § 84-1409, apparently includes “receiving background information about a policy issue to be decided.” *Id.* In contrast, “nonquorum gatherings” of members of a public body “intended to obtain information or voice opinions” do not seem to involve violations of the Act. *Id.* See also *Koch v. Lower Loup Natural Resources District*, 27 Neb. App. 301, 931 N.W.2d 160 (Neb. Ct. App. 2019) (Notwithstanding statements from staff and/or committee members that committee meetings were open to the public, the Nebraska Court of Appeals found that the committee was a

subcommittee of the NRD board and, therefore, not subject to the Open Meetings Act.).

ii. The language applying the open meetings statutes to certain subcommittee meetings when there is a quorum of the public body present was added to § 84-1409(1) as a result of LB 1019 passed by the Legislature during the 1992 regular session.

b. **Entities Conducting Judicial Proceedings.** Entities conducting judicial proceedings are not public bodies under the Open Meetings Act unless the court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders. LB 325, the original open meetings statute of 1975, was directed strictly at policy making bodies which were legislative or quasi-legislative. Floor Debate on LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session, May 14, 1975, at 4618.

- i. In *McQuinn v. Douglas County School District No. 66*, 259 Neb. 720, 612 N.W.2d 198 (2000), the Nebraska Supreme Court held that a hearing before a school board on the question of the nonrenewal of a probationary certificated teacher's contract where the matters before the board pertained solely to disputed adjudicative facts involved a judicial function, and on that basis, the hearing was not subject to the open meetings statutes. In that context, a school board exercises a judicial function if it decides a dispute of adjudicative fact or if a statute requires it to act in a judicial manner. Adjudicative facts are those ascertained from proof adduced at an evidentiary hearing which relate to a specific party. The *McQuinn* case is discussed further in *Bligh v. Douglas County School District No. 0017*, 2008 WL 2231063, 2008 Neb. App. LEXIS 106 (Neb. Ct. App. 2008) (Not approved for publication).

ii. The Attorney General has determined that hearings before various agencies are judicial and not subject to the open meetings law: 1975-76 Rep. Att'y Gen. 127 (Opinion No. 105, dated July 14, 1975) (hearing before a County Board of Mental Health); Op. Att'y Gen. No. 184 (January 31, 1984) (hearing before the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission); Op. Att'y Gen. No. 210 (May 16, 1984) (hearing before a hearing officer appointed by the State Personnel Board); Op. Att'y Gen. No. 02016 (May 21, 2002) (contested case hearing

before the Power Review Board on application of electricity suppliers for construction or acquisition of generation facilities); Op. Att’y Gen. No. 05014 (October 19, 2005) (appeal hearing regarding the Nebraska Veterans’ Aid Fund before the Nebraska Veterans’ Advisory Commission). But, the Attorney General has concluded that a hearing before the Certificate of Need Review Committee is covered by the open meetings statutes. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 87019 (February 13, 1987).

iii. Parole hearings conducted by the Board of Parole are judicial in nature and not subject to the open meetings statutes. However, other statutes specifically pertaining to operation of the Board of Parole require that such parole hearings be conducted with elements of notice and in a manner open to the public. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 93065 (July 27, 1993).

iv. When the State Board of Education holds hearings in contested cases under the state Administrative Procedure Act, such hearings are not subject to the Open Meetings Act. The Board is not required to give notice of such hearings to the public under those statutes, and it may conduct its deliberations and decision-making process for such hearings by a telephone conference call. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 99046 (November 15, 1999).

c. **Judicial Resources Commission**. During the 2022 legislative session, language was added to § 84-1409(1)(b) excluding “the Judicial Resources Commission or subcommittees or subgroups of the commission” from the list of public bodies subject to the Act. See 2022 Neb. Laws LB 922, § 12.

C. MEETING DEFINED. Under § 84-1409(2), meetings, for purposes of the open meetings statutes, are defined as "all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body." Section 84-1410(5) also provides that the open meetings statutes shall not apply to "chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power."

1. The legislative history of LB 325, from 1975, indicates that meetings of a public body do not include social meetings or meetings which were not called

by the body. Government Committee Hearing on LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1975) at 2-3.

2. However, § 84-1409 was amended by LB 43 in 1983 to include "formal or informal" meetings. The legislative history of that bill indicates that a meeting between a state senator and the members of a local school board to discuss legislation would constitute an "informal called meeting." Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee Hearing on LB 43, 88th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1983) at 5-8.

3. The provision of § 84-1410(5) pertaining to "chance" meetings, etc., was added by LB 43 in 1983.

4. The legislative history of LB 43 from 1983 indicates that a "meeting" does not occur absent a quorum. Government Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee Hearing on LB 43, 88th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1983) at 19. In addition, the Attorney General has concluded that the presence of a majority of the members of a public body is necessary for a meeting to occur. 1975-76 Rep. Att'y Gen. 150 (Opinion No. 116, dated August 29, 1975). In *Johnson v. Nebraska Environmental Control Council*, 2 Neb. App. 263, 509 N.W.2d 21 (Neb. Ct. App. 1993), the Nebraska Court of Appeals indicated that "private quorum conferences" are an evasion of the law. The Nebraska Supreme Court also indicated that subgroups of the Omaha City Council constituting less than a quorum of that body were not public bodies on that ground. *City of Elkhorn v. City of Omaha*, 272 Neb. 867, 725 N.W.2d 792 (2007).

5. Even when a quorum of public body is present in one location, there is no meeting under the Open Meetings Act if there is no interaction or discussion among members of the body regarding policymaking for the public body. *Schauer v. Grooms*, 280 Neb. 426, 786 N.W.2d 909 (2010). The secret formation of public policy forbidden by the Open Meetings Act is the formation of public policy as a group. *Id.* As a result, there is no meeting of a public body based upon the unspoken thoughts of its members who happen to be sitting in the same room. *Id.* The Open Meetings Act is not so broad and sweeping as to require public access to any gathering of any sort that is attended by a quorum of a public body. *Id.* See also *Salem Grain Company, Inc. v. City of Falls City*, 362 Neb. 548, 924 N.W.2d 678 (2019), in which the Nebraska Supreme Court found that a dinner attended by members of the Falls City Community Redevelopment Authority and emails exchanged

between authority members did not constitute a “meeting” as defined in § 84-1409(2) of the Act.

6. In *Johnson v. Nebraska Environmental Control Council*, 2 Neb. App. 263, 509 N.W.2d 21 (Neb. Ct. App. 1993), the Court of Appeals held that informational sessions where the Council heard reports from staff of the Department of Environmental Control were briefings which were subject to the requirements of the open meetings statutes. The Court stated that listening and exposing itself to facts, arguments and statements constitutes a crucial part of a governmental body’s decision making. As a result, receiving information triggers the requirements of the statutes, and the open meetings law applies to meetings at which briefing or the formation of tentative policy takes place, as well as to meetings where action is contemplated or taken.

7. *Rauert v. School District I-R of Hall County*, 251 Neb. 135, 555 N.W.2d 763 (1996), involved allegations by the plaintiff that a quorum of the defendant school board met in the office of the superintendent of schools on a regular basis for “clandestine” meetings before the beginning of most scheduled board meetings where business was discussed and decided and checks were signed to pay claims which had not been approved in public session. The board then allegedly moved and voted on business at its public meeting with little or no discussion in order to deprive the public of the right to be fully informed. The Supreme Court held that the District Court properly failed to find a violation of the Open Meetings Act with respect to those allegations in the absence of any evidence as to the specific dates and details of the alleged “clandestine” meetings.

8. In *Schauer v. Grooms*, 280 Neb. 426, 786 N.W.2d 909 (2010), the Nebraska Supreme Court considered the propriety of a situation where two separate groups of a city council, neither of which constituted a quorum of that body, toured an ethanol facility for informational purposes. The court ultimately concluded that there was no meeting of the city council as a result of the tours—there was no quorum of the council present, the small groups were merely acquiring information, and there was no evidence that the council was, through the tour, attempting to reach a consensus and form public policy in secret.

9. In *Schauer*, the court also noted that the Open Meetings Act does not require policymakers to remain ignorant of the issues they must decide until

the moment the public is invited to comment on a proposed policy. Moreover, the public would be ill served by restricting policymakers from reflecting on and preparing to consider proposals, or from privately suggesting alternatives. As a result, the court indicated that the Legislature, by excluding nonquorum subgroups from the definition of a public body, balanced the public's need to be heard on matters of public policy with a practical accommodation for a public body's need for information to conduct business. *Schauer v. Grooms*, 280 Neb. 426, 786 N.W.2d 909 (2010) (citing *City of Elkhorn v. City of Omaha*, 272 Neb. 867, 725 N.W.2d 792 (2007)); *Koch v. Lower Loup Natural Resources District*, 27 Neb. App. 301, 931 N.W.2d 160 (Neb. Ct. App. 2019).

10. The Attorney General has indicated that an "emergency meeting" may be conducted by electronic and telecommunications equipment including radio and telephone conferences. 1975-76 Rep. Att'y Gen. 150 (Opinion No. 116, dated August 29, 1975). On the other hand, the open meetings statutes do not generally authorize the use of telephone conference calls for non-emergency meetings of a public body, and absent members of a public body may not be counted to achieve a quorum through the use of a conference call. Op. Att'y Gen. No. 92019 (February 11, 1992). [Section 84-1411 has been amended a number of times to allow specified public bodies including the governing body of an entity formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, the board of an educational service unit, the governing body of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act, a community college board of governors, the governing body of public power district, the governing body of a public power and irrigation district, or the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to meet by telephone conference call in certain circumstances. See 1999 Neb. Laws LB 461; 2000 Neb. Laws LB 968; 2007 Neb. Laws LB 199; 2009 Neb. Laws LB 36, 2012 Neb. Laws LB 735, 2013 Neb. Laws LB 510 and Section D.2. below.]

11. An "informational and educational" meeting of a public body governing a political subdivision where members generally discuss matters pertaining to their subdivision, hear reports from various department heads of the subdivision as to their duties and learn the workings of the subdivision is a meeting of the public body for "briefing" purposes which is subject to the open meetings statutes. Op. Att'y Gen. No. 92043 (March 17, 1992). In

addition, the Attorney General has also indicated informally that a meeting of a public body “for the purpose of receiving training or doing planning (such as a retreat)” should probably be treated as subject to the Open Meetings Act.

12. In Op. Att’y Gen. No. 94035 (May 11, 1994), the Attorney General indicated that discussions and deliberations by the State Board of Education in connection with the selection of a Commissioner of Education were subject to the requirements of the open meetings statutes. In addition, that opinion indicated that interviews with individual candidates for the Commissioner position were also subject to the requirements of the open meetings statutes, if a quorum of the Board was present for those interviews. However, in the latter interview situation, a brief closed session (as discussed below) might be warranted for a candid discussion by the Board and the candidate which might potentially elicit responses injurious to the reputation of an individual.

13. A workshop held by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska with a professional facilitator to discuss communication practices and the roles of the Board and the University President was not subject to the Open Meetings Act on the basis of § 84-1410(5) which exempts chance meetings or attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops. The University also asserted that there would be no briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, vote, or taking of other action at the workshop. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 04027 (October 20, 2004).

D. PUBLIC MEETINGS; NOTICE AND AGENDA REQUIRED. Section 84-1411(1)(a) and (2)(a) require that (1) each public body must give **reasonable advance publicized notice** of the time and place of each meeting; (2) the notice must be transmitted to all members of the body and to the public; and (3) the notice must contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice, or a statement that such an agenda, which must be kept continually current, is readily available for inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours.

1. **Notice.** 2024 Neb. Laws LB 287, § 74 amended § 84-1411 to authorize public bodies to publish notice on newspaper websites and “a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers” (i.e., nepublicnotices.com) to satisfy publication requirements in instances when publication in a

newspaper is not feasible. These provisions became operative on April 17, 2024.

a. Until January 1, 2025:

- i. Governing bodies of political subdivisions and their advisory committees must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on the newspaper's website. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(1)(b)(i).
- ii. Governing bodies of cities of the second class or villages and their advisory committees or governing bodies of rural or suburban fire protection districts must either publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on the newspaper's website, or post written notice in three conspicuous public places in the city, village or district. The posting locations must remain the same for each meeting. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(1)(b)(ii)(A)-(B).
- iii. For all other public bodies, notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(1)(b)(iii).
- iv. In case of the newspaper's refusal, neglect, or inability to timely publish the notice, the public body shall (1) post the notice on its website, if available, and (2) post the notice in a conspicuous public place within the body's jurisdiction. The public body shall keep a written record of such posting, which shall be evidence that posting occurred and fulfilled the publication requirement. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(1)(b)(iv).
- v. Governing bodies of political subdivisions and their advisory committees may also provide notice of their meetings by any other

appropriate method designated by the public body. Section 84-1411(1)(c). Section 84-1411(1)(d) requires each public body to record the method(s) and date(s) of such notice in its minutes.

b. Beginning January 1, 2025:

- i. Governing bodies of political subdivisions and their advisory committees must give notice by (1) publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting, (2) posting on the newspaper's website, if available, and (3) posting on nepublicnotices.com. The newspaper shall place the notice in the newspaper and on the websites. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(2)(b)(i)(A).

OR

Give notice by (1) posting on the newspaper's website, if available, and (2) posting on nepublicnotices.com if no edition of a newspaper will be finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting. The newspaper shall place the notice in the newspaper and on the websites. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(2)(b)(i)(B).

- ii. Governing bodies of cities of the second class and villages, and their advisory committees, or governing bodies of rural or suburban fire protection districts must give notice by (1) publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting, (2) posting on the newspaper's website, if available, and (3) posting on nepublicnotices.com. The newspaper shall place the notice in the newspaper and on the websites. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(2)(b)(ii)(A).

OR

Give notice by (1) posting on the newspaper's website, if available, and (2) posting on nepublicnotices.com if no edition of the newspaper will be finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting. The newspaper shall place the notice in the newspaper and on the websites. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(2)(b)(ii)(B).

OR

Give notice by posting written notice in three conspicuous places in the city, village or district. Notice must be posted in the same three places for each meeting. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(2)(b)(ii)(C).

- iii. For all other public bodies, notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(2)(b)(iii).

 - iv. In case of the newspaper's refusal, neglect, or inability to publish the notice, the public body shall (a) post the notice on its website, if available, (2) submit a post on nepublicnotices.com, and (3) post the notice in a conspicuous public place within the public body's jurisdiction. The public body shall keep a written record of such posting, which shall be evidence that posting occurred and fulfilled the publication requirement. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(2)(b)(iv).
2. **Agenda.** Under § 84-1411(1)(e), an agenda maintained at the office of a public body for public inspection must be kept continually current and may not be altered later than 24 hours before the scheduled commencement of the public meeting (or 48 hours before commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board if that meeting is noticed outside the corporate limits of the municipality). A public body may modify an agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

a. New language was added to § 84-1413 in 2021 requiring the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a metropolitan class, primary

class, or first class city, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and school boards to make available on their websites the agenda [and minutes] of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda must be placed on the website at least twenty-four hours before the meeting. The public body shall make the agenda available on the website for at least six months. This requirement became effective July 31, 2022. 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, § 14.

3. **Specificity of the Agenda.** LB 898 from 2006 added language to § 84-1411(1) which states that agenda items shall be “sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting.” That statutory change arose out of a sense that lack of specificity in meeting agendas was a major issue of concern around the state. Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Hearing on LB 898, 99th Nebraska Legislature, Second Session (2006) at 19. The intent of the change was to require public bodies to include sufficient detail in their agendas regarding issues to be discussed or acted upon so as to provide information and notice to the public. Floor Debate on LB 898, 99th Nebraska Legislature, Second Session, March 28, 2006 at 11701 (Statement of Senator Preister). The change was also intended to require sufficient detail in an agenda so that members of the public are not forced to look at past agendas in order to understand the issue to be discussed and/or the action to be taken. *Id.*

4. **Circumvention of Open Meetings Act.** Under § 84-1411(3), virtual conferencing may not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established by the Open Meetings Act. Neither may emails, faxes, or other electronic communication be used for such purposes.

5. **News Media.** Section 84-1411(4) requires that the secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to that list of media of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

6. **Virtual Appearance.** Under § 84-1411(7), a public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing. 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, § 12.

7. **History.**

- a. The provision of § 84-1411 which prohibits altering an agenda within 24 hours of a meeting was added in 1983 to prevent addition of last-minute matters to an agenda which did not really represent emergencies. Floor Debate on LB 43, 88th Nebraska Legislature, First Session, March 22, 1983, at 1896.

- b. In *Rauert v. School District I-R of Hall County*, 251 Neb. 135, 555 N.W.2d 763 (1996), the court stated that the Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of their meetings, in part so that the public may attend and speak at those meetings.

- c. The Legislature has imposed only two conditions on public bodies regarding the method of notification for their meetings: 1. the public body must give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting, and 2. the method of notification must be recorded in the public body's minutes. *City of Elkhorn v. City of Omaha*, 272 Neb. 867, 725 N.W.2d 792 (2007). There is no minimum time period for public notification of a special meeting, and an agenda for a public meeting can be created (not altered) later than 24 hours before the scheduled meeting. *Id.* In the *City of Elkhorn* case, the court held that notice of a meeting of the Omaha City Council posted and placed on the city's website at 10:15 a.m. for a meeting at 10:00 p.m. the same day was sufficient under the facts of the case where the local newspaper

printed an article about the meeting in its afternoon edition and four television broadcasters were present at the meeting. The court also indicated that any defect in notice intended for the benefit of council members would not invalidate a council meeting when all of the members of the council attended without objection.

- d. The purpose of the agenda requirement is to give some notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting so that persons who are interested will know which matters are under consideration. *Schauer v. Grooms*, 280 Neb. 426, 786 N.W.2d 909 (2010); *Pokorny v. City of Schuyler*, 202 Neb. 334, 275 N.W.2d 281 (1979); *State ex rel. Newman v. Columbus Township Board*, 15 Neb. App. 656, 735 N.W.2d 399 (Neb. Ct. App. 2007). In *Pokorny*, the agenda at issue, considered with all the previous records of the city council involved, was sufficient to satisfy the open meetings statutes. *Pokorny* also indicates that posting notice at 10 p.m. on March 15 before a meeting at 10:30 a.m. on March 16 does not constitute reasonable notice. Posting notice one week ahead does.

- e. In *Hansmeyer v. Nebraska Public Power District*, 6 Neb. App. 889, 578 N.W.2d 476 (1998), *aff'd*, 256 Neb. 1, 588 N.W.2d 589 (1999), the Court of Appeals considered whether an agenda item which simply stated "Work Order Reports" was sufficient to give adequate public notice of a decision to approve a work order which involved expenditure of over \$47 million for the construction of a 96-mile power transmission line across privately held property to connect two power substations. The court held that the agenda item was insufficient under the Open Meetings Act. The court also seemed to suggest, based upon the *Pokorny* case, that the sufficiency of an agenda item might be measured, at least to some degree, in the context of the other meetings of the public body immediately prior to the public meeting in question.

- f. A member of the public should not be required to hunt up and read the documents underlying an agenda of a public body to determine what is actually on that agenda. *Hansmeyer v. Nebraska Public Power District*, 6

Neb. App. 889, 578 N.W.2d 476 (1998), *aff'd*, 256 Neb. 1, 588 N.W.2d 589 (1999).

- g. If a public body uses or publishes its agenda to give the required notice for a particular meeting, then the notice contained in the agenda must comport with the law for giving notice of what is to be considered at the meeting. *Hansmeyer v. Nebraska Public Power District*, 6 Neb. App. 889, 578 N.W.2d 476 (1998), *aff'd*, 256 Neb. 1, 588 N.W.2d 589 (1999).

- h. A notice of a hearing, given by a school board, which stated that a hearing would be held, and that an agenda would be available for inspection, once established, is not proper notice. An agenda must be available. *Allen v. Greeley County School District No 501*, 1994 WL 272223, 1994 Neb. App. LEXIS 186 (Neb. Ct. App. 1994) (Not approved for publication).

- i. When governmental subdivisions which hold annual meetings, such as townships, conduct their annual meetings, electors who participate in the annual meeting must place matters which they wish to discuss on the agenda for the annual meeting. *State ex rel. Newman v. Columbus Township Board*, 15 Neb. App. 656, 735 N.W.2d 399 (Neb. Ct. App. 2007). Electors under those circumstances may not simply appear at the annual meeting and bring up any subject falling within the broad powers of electors if that subject is not on the agenda. *Id.*

- j. Two separate public bodies may publish notice of their meetings on the same sheet of paper and need not use separate sheets when the notices contain only the time and place of their meetings, and when the notices direct interested citizens to the place where agendas for each body may be found. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009). In addition, two separate public bodies may combine their agendas when the combined agendas make it clear which

items are to be addressed by each body. *Id.* The same rule applies to combined minutes. *Id.* The *Wolf* case involved a situation where a county board met both as a county board and as a county board of equalization.

- k. Placing notice of future meetings in minutes of a prior meeting does not give sufficient notice under the Open Meetings Act. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009).
- Notice of recessed or reconvened meetings of a public body must be given in the same fashion as notice of the original meeting. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009).
- m. In *Schauer v. Grooms*, 280 Neb. 426, 786 N.W.2d 909 (2010), the Nebraska Supreme Court seemed to indicate that the requirement to formally record the method of notice in the meeting minutes may be met by a public body if it is possible, through the minutes of past meetings, to discern a customary and consistent method used by the public body to notify the public of its meetings. It does not appear that the choice of method for giving notice of meetings must be formally set forth in the minutes of the public body as such. *See also Robinson v. Morrill County School District #63*, 299 Neb. 740, 910 N.W.2d 752 (2018) (Failure to record the particular method of notice used by the school board in the meeting minutes does not nullify actual notice properly given. The record showed that Robinson and members of the public received reasonable advanced notice and attended the meeting. The record further showed that the method of notice for the meeting at issue was used by the school board and recorded in its minutes at least 21 times during the preceding two years.).
- The Attorney General has concluded that “advance publicized notice” means a separate, specific advance notice must be given for each

meeting. 1971-72 Rep. Att’y Gen. 314 (Opinion No. 137, dated August 8, 1972).

- o The Attorney General has also determined that (1) an agenda may not be used as the minutes of a meeting, (2) reasonable notice under the statute means notice reasonably calculated to give appropriate notice to citizens of the time and place of a meeting and notice which complies with the formal requirements of the statute. 1975-76 Rep. Att’y Gen. 150 (Opinion No. 116, dated August 29, 1975).

- p. In Op. Att’y Gen. No. 96071 (October 28, 1996), the Attorney General indicated that the Quality Jobs Board should give its normal 10-day published notice of meeting rather than an “informal’ notice where the Board had recessed a previous meeting on a tax credit application pending a renewed meeting call from the Governor after issuance of an opinion from the Attorney General.

E. PUBLIC MEETINGS BY VIRTUAL CONFERENCING. Section 84-1411(3) allows certain public bodies to meet by virtual conferencing. Virtual conferencing was added to the Open Meetings Act in 2021 with the enactment of LB 83. Virtual conferencing is defined as “conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.” Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1409(3), amended 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, § 11. Provisions relating to videoconferencing and telephone conference calls were struck.

1. **Public Bodies Eligible.** In 1993, § 84-1411 was amended by LB 635 to allow certain public bodies to meet by means of videoconferencing. Under the current version of § 84-1411(2), the public bodies allowed to meet by virtual conferencing include: (1) various bodies of state government including state agencies, boards, commissions, councils and committees, together with their advisory committees; (2) organizations created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act; (3) the governing body of a public power district with a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (4) the governing

body of a public power and irrigation district with a chartered territory of more than one county in this state; (5) boards of educational service units; (6) the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council; (7) an organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act; (8) a community college board of governors; (9) the Nebraska Brand Committee; (10) a local public health department; (11) a metropolitan utilities district; (12) a regional metropolitan transit authority; and (13) a natural resources district.

a. The Judicial Resources Commission was removed from the list by 2022 Neb. Laws LB 922, § 13.

2. **Requirements.** The public bodies listed above may hold meetings by virtual conferencing if the following requirements are met:

a. Reasonable advance publicized notice is given pursuant to § 84-1411(1) and (2). The notice must include a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference.

b. There must be at least one physical site open to the public and identified in the notice.

c. The public body must make reasonable arrangements to accommodate the public's right to attend and participate as provided in § 84-1412, including reasonable seating.

d. The physical site must have at least one member of the public body or designee in attendance.

e. The virtual conference is recorded by audio or visual recording devices.

f. Members of the public are provided a reasonable opportunity to provide input, including public comment or questions, to the same extent if virtual conferencing was not used.

g. The physical site must have at least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting.

h. The public body must provide links to the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Act.

See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(3)(b)(i)-(iii).

3. Limitation on Number of Virtual Meetings. Except as provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 70-1014(1), 70-1014.02(2) or 79-2204(4), public bodies authorized to conduct virtual conferencing can hold no more than one-half of their meetings by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. The following entities may hold more than one-half of their meetings by virtual conferencing if at least one meeting in a calendar year is not virtual: An organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas, an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, the governing body of a risk management pool and any advisory committee of the governing body, and any advisory committee of any state entity created in response to the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act. See § 84-1411(3)(b)(iv). Amended by 2024 Neb. Laws LB 287, § 74 and LB 399, § 4.

4. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(9) (enacted 2022 Neb. Laws LB 908) authorizes public bodies not listed in § 84-1411(3)(a) to hold meetings by virtual conferencing if the following requirements are met: (a) the purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted on at a subsequent in-person meeting of the public body; (b) no action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; and (c) the public body complies with subdivisions § 84-1411(3)(b)(i) and (ii) (see E.2.a.-f. above).

5. Hybrid Meetings Not Allowed. Following the enactment of 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, the Attorney General considered whether one or more members of a public body could attend and participate virtually at an in-person meeting. The Attorney General informally concluded that § 84-1411 authorizes virtual attendance by members of the public body only at meetings that satisfy the requirements pertaining to virtual conferencing.

6. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 does not apply to meetings subject to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 70-1034 conducted by the Nebraska Power Review Board or a public power district, a public power and irrigation district, an electric membership association, an electric cooperative company, a municipality having a generation and distribution system, or a registered group of

municipalities. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(10), added as a result of 2024 Neb. Laws LB 1370, § 8.

F. EMERGENCY MEETINGS. Section 84-1411 allows public bodies to hold emergency meetings without reasonable advance public notice under two statutory schemes.

1. **Emergency Meetings Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(6).** In order to hold an emergency meeting under § 84-1411(6), a public body must meet the following requirements: (1) the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes, and any formal action taken shall pertain only to the emergency; (2) the provisions of § 84-1411(5) dealing with notice to the media shall be complied with in connection with an emergency meeting; and (3) complete minutes of the emergency meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public no later than the end of the next regular business day.

a. Emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, § 12.

b. In *Steenblock v. Elkhorn Township Board*, 245 Neb. 722, 515 N.W.2d 128 (1994), the Court indicated, in a case involving allegations of a violation of the open meetings statutes, that an emergency is defined as “any event or occasional combination of circumstances which calls for immediate action or remedy; pressing necessity; exigency; a sudden or unexpected happening; an unforeseen occurrence or condition.” In that case, the Court held that a township board meeting to consider the job status of a township employee, convened as an emergency meeting because of a snowstorm, was not a proper emergency meeting because the employee was given two weeks’ notice of his resultant termination, and because the reasons given for the employee’s termination were based upon his past performance.

c. In *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009), the Court of Appeals considered whether a number of items taken up at meetings of a county board without any listing on the board’s agenda were “emergency” items. In making that determination in each case, the court

focused upon whether there was anything in the record which indicated that a particular item required immediate action or involved pressing necessity.

d. The Attorney General has also stated that an item of an emergency nature is one that requires immediate resolution by the public body, and one which has arisen in circumstances impossible to anticipate at a time sufficient to place on the agenda of a regular, called, or special meeting of the body. 1975-76 Rep. Att'y Gen. 150 (Opinion No. 116, dated August 29, 1975).

e. In Op. Att'y Gen. No. 95063 (August 9, 1995), the Attorney General indicated that action taken during a meeting of the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission by a telephone conference call which did not comply with the requirements of the open meetings statutes for emergency meetings was void.

2. **Emergency Meetings Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411(8)**. Section 84-1411(8) allows any public body in the state to meet by virtual conferencing if an emergency is declared by the Governor under the Emergency Management Act, and the territorial jurisdiction of the public body falls within the declaration. Unlike emergency meetings authorized under § 84-1411(6), public bodies may do any of the things set out in the definition of public meeting in § 84-1409(2): "Briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action" This provision was added to § 84-1411 by 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, § 12.

- a. **Requirements.** Public bodies must meet several requirements when holding meetings under § 84-1411(8): (i) reasonable advance publicized notice must be provided pursuant to § 84-1411(1) and (2); (ii) the notice must include information regarding meeting access for the public and news media; (iii) access to the meeting must be provided via a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference; (iv) the public body must provide links to the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; (v) reasonable arrangements must be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting; (vi) notice to the media under § 84-1411(5) must be provided; (vii) the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes; and (viii) complete minutes of the meeting specifying the nature of the

emergency and any formal action taken by the public body shall be made available in accordance with § 84-1413(5).

G. PUBLIC MEETINGS; RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING. Section 84-1412 establishes the rights of members of the public attending a meeting of a public body.

1. Members of the public have the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a public meeting except closed sessions under § 84-1410, may be videotaped, recorded, televised, broadcast, photographed, etc. by any person.

2. With the enactment of 2024 Neb. Laws LB 43, § 21, **public bodies must allow members of the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting, except for closed sessions.** This provision became operative on July 19, 2024.

3. Public bodies may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, or recording their meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing.

4. Members of the public cannot be required to identify themselves as a condition for admission to a public meeting. In 2021, § 84-1412(3) was amended to require public bodies to have any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including providing an address and the name of any organization represented by such person. The public body may waive the address requirement to protect the security of the individual. 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, § 13.

4. No public body shall, to circumvent the open meetings laws, hold its meeting in a place known to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience. However, a public body shall not be in violation of this prohibition if it meets in its traditional meeting place in this state.

5. LB 898 from 2006 added language to § 84-1412 which provides that public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the

public. At the beginning of any meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information. The legislative history of LB 898 indicates that “posting” a copy of the Open Meetings Act means putting it up in some fashion, including attaching it to a bulletin board, hanging it by a chain or fastening it to a wall. Floor Debate on LB 898, 99th Nebraska Legislature, Second Session, March 28, 2006, at 11697 (Statement of Senator Preister). “Posting” does not include placing the Act on a table as a loose document which can be removed and therefore might not be available throughout the meeting. *Id.* If a meeting of a public body is moved to another location to accommodate a larger audience, then the posted copy of the Act should be moved and posted in the new location. *Id.*

6. In 2008, LB 962 amended § 84-1412 to provide that public bodies may not require that “the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to . . . [a] meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda.” That change was made so that members of the public are not required to place themselves on the agenda of a public body prior to a meeting in order to speak on agenda items during the times at that meeting set aside for public comment. Floor Debate on LB 962, 100th Nebraska Legislature, Second Session, February 28, 2008 at 2 (Statement of Senator Preister). That change in statutory language was not intended to affect the right of a public body to make reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, or recording its meetings. *Id.*

7. A public body may hold a meeting outside the State of Nebraska only if all the following conditions are met: a. a member entity of the public body is located outside of the state and the meeting is in that member’s jurisdiction; b. all out-of-state locations identified in the notice of meeting are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience; c. reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public’s rights to attend, hear and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an instate location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance; d. no more than 25% of the public body’s meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state; e. out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established by the Open Meetings Act; and f. the public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least 21 days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation. These requirements for out-of-state meetings were added to

§ 84-1412 by 2001 Neb. Laws LB 250, § 2, and amended to add meetings by virtual conferencing in 2021. 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, § 13.

9. A public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear discussion and testimony at a public meeting.

10. Public bodies shall make at least one copy of reproducible written material discussed at an open meeting available at the meeting or at the in-state location for virtual conferencing provided in § 84-1412(6)(c) for examination and copying by members of the public. The materials may be provided in paper or electronic form. 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, § 13.

11. **History.** Many of the initial provisions in § 84-1412 dealing with the rights of the public were added as a result of LB 43 in 1983.

a. The language requiring a reasonable effort to allow all parties to hear a public meeting does not involve an absolute requirement that all persons present shall be able to hear. Floor Debate on LB 43, 88th Nebraska Legislature, First Session, March 21, 1983, at 1794-1795.

H. PUBLIC MEETINGS; MINUTES AND VOTING PROCEDURES. Section 84-1413 contains several provisions regarding the minutes which are to be maintained by public bodies and the voting procedures for public bodies.

1. **Minutes.** Every public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed. The minutes of all meetings and evidence or documentation received or disclosed during open session shall be public records, open to public inspection during normal business hours. Minutes shall be written or kept as an electronic record and available for inspection within 10 working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional 10 working days if the employee responsible for writing the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

- a. 2015 Neb. Laws LB 365, § 2 amended § 84-1413 to provide that minutes of the meetings of school boards and educational service units may be kept as an electronic record. In 2022, the Legislature extended the ability to keep minutes electronically to all public bodies. 2022 Neb. Laws LB 742, § 2.

- b. As noted in D.2.a. above, beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city councils of metropolitan class, primary class, and first class cities, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and school boards shall place their agenda and minutes on their websites. Minutes shall be posted once they are available for inspection as provided in § 84-1413(5). The information shall be available on the website for at least six months. 2021 Neb. Laws LB 83, § 14.

2. **Voting Procedures.** Any action taken on any question or motion duly made and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

a. Electronic Voting Devices. The roll call or viva voce vote requirements of the Open Meetings Act may be satisfied by a public body which uses an electronic voting device which allows the vote of each member of the governing body to be readily seen. 2016 Neb. Laws LB 876, § 1. Prior to the enactment of LB 876, only certain public bodies, e.g., a municipality, a county, a learning community, a joint entity created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, a joint public agency created pursuant to the Joint Public Agency Act or an agency formed under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, were authorized to use electronic voting devices under the Act.

3. In *State ex rel. Schuler v. Dunbar*, 208 Neb. 69, 302 N.W.2d 674 (1984), the Supreme Court held that the requirement of § 84-1413(2) that the record shall state how each member of a body voted could not be satisfied by a nunc pro

tunc amendment to the body's minutes showing that the recording of the vote in the minutes was performed prior to the time the actual recording in the minutes took place. However, when the same case was before the court a second time, the court held that, as a general rule, a public body may, if no intervening rights of a third person have arisen, order the minutes of its own proceedings at a previous meeting to be corrected according to the facts to make them speak the truth. *State ex rel. Schuler v. Dunbar*, 214 Neb. 85, 333 N.W.2d 652 (1983).

4. Section 84-1413 is violated by a failure to make or take a vote in accordance with the statute rather than a failure to record a properly taken vote. *State ex rel. Schuler v. Dunbar* (1983), *supra*.

5. Section 84-1413(2) dealing with roll call votes does not require the record to state that the vote was by roll call but only requires that the record show if and how each member voted. Neither does that statute set a time limit for recording the results of a vote. *State ex rel. Schuler v. Dunbar* (1983), *supra*.

6. The statutory requirements here dealing with voting and minutes are mandatory since the Legislature provided that action taken in violation of this statute is void. *State ex rel. Schuler v. Dunbar* (1981), *supra*.

7. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009) seems to indicate that the Open Meetings Act does not require that minutes of meetings be "published," but only that they be written and available for inspection within 10 working days or prior to the next convened meeting of the public body.

8. The legislative history of the original open meetings statutes, LB 325 from 1975, indicates that the requirement of a roll call vote was directed at votes on questions that would bind the particular public body. Other procedural questions were not covered. Government Committee Hearing on LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1975) at 10.

9. The Attorney General has stated that nothing in the open meetings statutes requires approval of the minutes of a public body prior to their publication. Op. Att'y Gen. No. 162 (December 28, 1981).

10. In Op. Att’y Gen. No. 98045 (November 4, 1998), the Attorney General indicated that detailed minutes of all matters discussed need not be maintained when a public body is meeting in closed or executive session, so long as the requirements of § 84-1410 pertaining specifically to the minute entries necessary for a closed session are met.

I. CLOSED SESSIONS OF A PUBLIC BODY. Section 84-1410, pertaining to closed sessions of public body, has generated the most controversy of all the portions of the open meetings statutes. Section 84-1410(1) provides that any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary (1) for the protection of the public interest, or (2) for the prevention of needless injury to an individual, if such individual has not requested a public meeting. Closed meetings may not be held for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body. Nothing in § 84-1410 should be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public.

1. Under § 84-1410(1), examples of reasons for a closed session include:

a. Strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body.

b. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices.

c. Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.

d. Evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting.

e. For a Community Trust created under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster. [Amended into § 84-1410(1) by 2011 Neb. Laws LB 390.]

f. For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional

negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arm's length. [Amended into § 84-1410(1) by 2012 Neb. Laws LB 995.]

These examples are not exclusive; they are merely examples, and other reasons may exist. Government Committee Hearing on LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1975) at page 3; 1975-76 Rep. Att'y Gen. 150 (Opinion No. 116, dated August 29, 1975); Op. Att'y Gen. No. 65 (April 17, 1985).

2. LB 898 from 2006 amended some of the provisions of § 84-1410 pertaining to the mechanics of holding a closed session. The subject matter of the closed session and reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to hold a closed session. The vote to hold a closed session must be taken in open session, and the entire closed session motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commences and ends must be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer shall restate on the record immediately prior to the closed session the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed session to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting must be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken, and "formal action" in that context is defined in § 84-1410(2) to mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy. Under an amendment to § 84-1410(2) effected by LB 621 in 1994, formal action by the body in that context does **not** include, "negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in a closed [strategy] session authorized [for collective bargaining, real estate purchases, etc.] under subdivision 1(a) of [Section 84-1410]."

3. Any member of the public body can challenge the continuation of a closed session if he or she determines that the session has exceeded the original reason for the closed session, or if he or she contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such a challenge can only be overruled by a majority vote of the members of the

public body. The challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

4. **History.** One of the purposes for the initial open meetings statute, LB 325 from 1975, was to tighten restrictions on closed or executive sessions of public bodies. Introducer's Statement of Purpose for LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1975). The fourth example of reasons for closed meetings was added by LB 43 in 1983. The provisions dealing with pending or imminent litigation and defining formal action in a closed session were added as a part of LB 1019 in 1992.

5. It is not entirely clear what vote of the public body is necessary to go into closed session. The statute states that "an affirmative vote of a majority of [the body's] voting members" is necessary for a closed session. On its face, the normal meaning of this language would presumably be a majority of those members present and voting. This is particularly true since the later subsection (3) of § 84-1410 requires a "majority vote of the members of the public body" to overrule a challenge to the continuation of the closed session. However, the legislative history of LB 325 makes it quite clear that the legislators intended to make the requirement for a closed session a vote of the majority of the body rather than a vote of the majority of those present and voting. Floor Debate on LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session, May 14 and May 20, 1975, at 4616, 5015. Moreover, there is some indication that "voting" members in § 84-1410(1) refers to particular members of bodies such as the Board of Regents which has both voting and non-voting members. Government Committee Hearing on LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1975) at 27-28. The safer approach is to authorize a closed session of the public body by a majority vote of the members of the body rather than by a majority vote of just those members present.

6. The landmark case for what is permissible in a closed session is *Grein v. Board of Education of the School District of Fremont*, 216 Neb. 158, 343 N.W.2d 718 (1984). *Grein* involved a closed session by a school board for discussion of the low bid on a construction project. The Nebraska Supreme Court held that the closed session was improper. That case indicates:

a. Provisions of the statute permitting closed sessions must be narrowly and strictly construed. *See also State ex rel. Upper Republican Natural Resources*

District v. District Judges of the District Court for Chase County, 273 Neb. 148, 728 N.W.2d 275 (2007).

b. The public interest which is protected in § 84-1410(1) is “that shared by citizens in general and by the community at large concerning pecuniary or legal rights and liabilities.” 216 Neb. at 165, 343 N.W.2d at 723. *See also Wasikowski v. Nebraska Quality Jobs Board*, 264 Neb. 403, 648 N.W.2d 756 (2002).

c. Good faith motivation for a closed session is not a cure for non-compliance with the public meetings laws.

d. The prohibition against decisions or formal actions in a closed session proscribes crystallization of a secret decision and then ceremonial acceptance in open session.

e. There is a guiding principle with respect to closed sessions: “If a public body is uncertain about the type of session to be conducted, open or closed, bear in mind the policy of openness promoted by the Public Meetings Laws and opt for a meeting in the presence of the public.” 216 Neb. at 168, 343 N.W.2d at 724.

7. *Pokorny v. City of Schuyler, supra*, indicates that there is nothing in the open meetings statutes which requires that negotiations for the purchase of land be conducted in open meeting, but deliberations of a public body as to whether an offer to purchase should be made must be done in an open meeting.

8. In a case involving the revocation of a land surveyor’s license, the supreme court held that a closed session was improper since there was no showing of either necessity or of the reasons set out in § 84-1410(1). *Simonds v. Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors*, 213 Neb. 259, 329 N.W.2d 92 (1983).

9. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-832 (1996), dealing with hearings involving cancellation, amendment or termination of a teacher’s contract mandates a closed hearing upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the school board’s members present and voting and upon specific request of the certificated employee or the certificated employee’s representative. However, under that section, formal action by the school board requires that the school board reconvene in open

session. *Stephens v. Board of Education of School District No. 5, Pierce County*, 230 Neb. 38, 429 N.W.2d 722 (1988).

10. The provisions of the open meetings statutes dealing with closed sessions, in part, reflect the Legislature's judgment of the appropriate balance between the public's interest in open discussion of governmental issues and the rights of individuals, such as state employees, to have their performance as employees considered in private if they so choose. *Meyer v. Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska*, 1 Neb. App. 893, 510 N.W.2d 450 (Neb. Ct. App. 1993).

11. If the primary purpose for a closed session of a public body is authorized under the open meetings statutes, then any necessary discussion of incidental matters is also authorized. *Meyer v. Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska*, 1 Neb. App. 893, 510 N.W.2d 450 (Neb. Ct. App. 1993). In the *Meyer* case, the Nebraska Court of Appeals indicated that the University Board of Regents could properly discuss the appointment of an interim president for the University during a closed session called to evaluate and consider the employment status of the president.

12. In *Wasikowski v. Nebraska Quality Jobs Board*, 264 Neb. 403, 648 N.W.2d 756 (2002), the court held that if a person who is present at a meeting of a public body observes an alleged violation of the Open Meetings Act in the form of an improper closed session and fails to object, then that person waives his or her right to object to the closed session at a later date. However, that case appears to be legislatively overruled by LB 898 from 2006 which provides that it shall not be a defense to a citizen lawsuit under § 84-1414(3) that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at that time.

13. There is no absolute evidentiary privilege which applies to all communications made during a closed session of a public body, and communications made during such closed sessions are discoverable. *State ex rel. Upper Republican Natural Resources District v. District Judges of the District Court for Chase County*, 273 Neb. 148, 728 N.W.2d 275 (2007). However, to the extent that communications made during a closed session implicate other recognized privileges such as the attorney-client privilege, those communications are protected. *Id.*

14. The statutory provision allowing public bodies to hold closed sessions for strategy sessions regarding litigation or threatened litigation by necessity encompasses discussions and decisions regarding whether to make or reject a settlement offer. Such decisions regarding litigation strategy should not have to be discussed publicly, during an open session, in front of the body's opponent. *Becker v. Allen*, 1996 WL 106217, 1996 Neb. App. LEXIS 73 (Neb. Ct. App. 1996) (Not approved for publication). In addition, the strategic meetings which a public body has with its attorney when threatened with or engaged in litigation, in which the public body may give direction to its attorney, are protected by the attorney-client privilege. *Id.*

15. **Opinions of the Attorney General:**

a. A closed session is not proper simply because matters permitting a closed session might arise. Such a closed session is permitted only when such matters do arise and must be dealt with. Op. Att'y Gen. No. 94035 (May 11, 1994); Op. Att'y Gen. No. 11 (January 20, 1983).

b. Discussions of legal matters between a county board and a county attorney involving pending litigation or legal consequences of specific action are suitable for a closed session. 1975-76 Rep. Att'y Gen. 150 (Opinion No. 116, dated August 29, 1975).

c. A public body can go into a proper closed session for discussion of personnel matters and then reconvene for a public vote with no lengthy explanation of the rationale underlying the decision. Op. Att'y Gen. No. 89063 (October 12, 1989).

d. The closed session exception for prevention of needless injury to reputation is for the protection of individual employees and not for the protection of governmental officers on the public body. *Id.*

e. In Op. Att'y Gen. No. 98045 (November 4, 1998), the Attorney General indicated that detailed minutes of all matters discussed need not be maintained when a public body is meeting in closed or executive session, so long as the requirements of § 84-1410 pertaining specifically to the minute entries necessary for a closed session are met.

f. A county clerk, county attorney and county treasurer acting as a group under § 32-567(3) to make an appointment to fill a vacancy on a county board may not go into closed session for evaluation of the merits of the candidates based upon the express language of § 84-1410(1). Op. Att’y Gen. No. 97050 (September 18, 1997).

g. In Op. Att’y Gen. No. 17-004 (June 5, 2017), the Attorney General indicated that the Public Service Commission may not discuss management and operational issues outside of a duly convened meeting which satisfies all requirements of the Open Meetings Act, except when conducting judicial proceedings. Alternatively, the commission could discuss these issues in closed sessions under limited circumstances or form subcommittees of less than a quorum, which are generally excluded from the act.

h. The Attorney General has indicated informally that developing testimony for an upcoming Legislative hearing is not a proper reason for a state agency to go into closed session. On the other hand, the Attorney General has also indicated informally that discussion of “sensitive medical and financial information” pertaining to specific individuals who applied for admission to a state home could be conducted in a closed session so long as the actual vote on admission was done in an open meeting.

J. CIRCUMVENTION OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. Section 84-1410(4) prohibits a person or a public body from circumventing the purpose of the open meetings statutes by failing to invite a portion of its members to a meeting or by designating itself as a subcommittee of the whole body. That section also prohibits the use of any closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax or other electronic communication for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the open meetings statutes.

1. This provision was added to the open meetings statutes by LB 43 in 1983. This section was directed at the intentional circumvention of the open meetings statutes rather than inadvertent acts. Government, Military and Veterans’ Affairs Committee Hearing on LB 43, 88th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1983) at 5.

2. 2004 Neb. Laws LB 1179 added emails, faxes and other electronic communications to the list of mediums which could not be used to circumvent the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

3. Similar language prohibiting the use of virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communications to circumvent any of the public government purposes of the Open Meetings Act is contained in § 84-1411(3).

4. The Attorney General has indicated that intent is a necessary element of the conduct prohibited by § 84-1410(4), and that members of a public body can communicate with other members of that body by electronic means, even if that communication is directed to a quorum of the body, so long as there is no course of communication which becomes sufficiently involved so as to evidence an intent or purpose to circumvent the Open Meetings Act. Op. Att'y Gen. No. 04007 (March 8, 2004).

K. ACTIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT. Section 84-1414 sets out various enforcement options available to individuals who believe that the open meetings statutes have been violated.

1. Any motion, resolution, rule, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the public meetings statutes shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within 120 days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any such motion or other action taken in substantial violation of the public meeting statutes shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced after more than 120 days but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

2. Under § 84-1414(3), any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the open meetings statutes, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the open meetings statutes to discussions or decisions of the public body. *City of Elkhorn v. City of Omaha*, 272 Neb. 867, 725 N.W.2d 792 (2007). The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under

§ 84-1414(3). Under LB 898 from 2006, it shall not be a defense to such a suit that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object to violations at such time.

3. The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the provisions of the open meetings statutes.

4. **History.** The original version of § 84-1414(1), which was a part of LB 325 passed in 1975, simply provided that actions taken in violation of the public meetings statutes should be void. The void/voidable distinction was added by LB 43 in 1983. The apparent intent of that later language was to allow a court to void an action by a public body taken when there was any violation of the open meetings statutes if the action was filed within four months of the meeting in question. After four months, the violation of the open meetings statutes would have to be substantial to allow a court to void the action of the public body. In any event, no action could be brought after one year of the public meeting in question. Floor Debate on LB 43, 88th Nebraska Legislature, First Session, March 22, 1983, at 1892.

5. The legislative history of LB 325 from 1975 indicates that the initial intent of that statute was to have the county attorney responsible for enforcement proceedings involving public bodies at a local level. The Attorney General would be responsible for enforcement against state entities. Floor Debate on LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session, May 14, 1975, at 4620.

6. The Nebraska Supreme Court has indicated that action by a public body which is proper under the open meetings statutes may cure defects in actions previously taken by the same public body. In such an instance, an action by a public body which previously might have been declared void will be declared proper. *Pokorny v. City of Schuyler, supra*. On the other hand, under those circumstances, the original improper meeting itself is still void. *Steenblock v. Elkhorn Township Board*, 245 Neb. 722, 515 N.W.2d 128 (1994). *Pokorny* also indicates that the effect of an invalid public meeting under the open meetings laws is the same as if the meeting had never occurred.

7. A county lacks capacity to maintain an action to declare its official conduct void for noncompliance with the open meetings statutes. *County of York v. Johnson*, 230 Neb. 403, 432 N.W.2d 215 (1988).

8. Reading of a city ordinance in accordance with a city charter constitutes “formal action” of a city council which may be voided in a lawsuit under § 84-1414(1). *City of Elkhorn v. City of Omaha*, 272 Neb. 867, 725 N.W.2d 792 (2007).

9. A number of Nebraska cases deal with waiver of rights under the Open Meetings Act by a failure to make a timely objection to violations of the Act. *Stoetzel & Sons, Inc. v. City of Hastings*, 265 Neb. 637, 658 N.W.2d 636 (2003) (if a person who attends a meeting of a public body believes that copies of documents discussed by the body should be made available to the public at the meeting, a timely objection should be made, or that person waives his or her right to object); *Wasikowski v. Nebraska Quality Jobs Board*, 264 Neb. 403, 648 N.W.2d 756 (2002); *Otey v. State*, 240 Neb. 813, 485 N.W.2d 153 (1992); *Witt v. School District No. 70, Frontier County*, 202 Neb. 63, 273 N.W. 2d 669 (1979) (any person who has notice of a meeting and attends the meeting is required to object specifically to a lack of public notice at the meeting or waive his rights to object on that ground under the open meetings statutes); *Hauser v. Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council*, 264 Neb. 944, 653 N.W.2d 240 (2002) (if a person present at a meeting observes and fails to object to an alleged open meetings violation in the form of a failure to conduct roll call votes before taking action on questions or motions pending, that person waives his or her right to object at a later date); *Alexander v. School District No. 17 of Thurston County*, 197 Neb. 251, 248 N.W.2d 335 (1976) (where teachers had notice of a termination hearing, appeared, and no objection was made to a failure of the school board to give proper notice under the open meetings statutes, those teachers waived any objection they might have had to violations of the open meetings law). Those cases appear to be legislatively overruled by LB 898 from 2006 which provides that it shall not be a defense to a citizen lawsuit under § 84-1414(3) that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at that time.

10. In *Robinson v. Morrill County School District #63*, 299 Neb. 740, 910 N.W.2d 752 (2018), the Nebraska Supreme Court declined to consider the propriety of the school board's closed session to deliberate on the cancellation of Robinson's teaching contract following an evidentiary hearing since Robinson failed to object to the closed session or the process followed by the school board in closing the meeting.

11. Actions for relief under the open meetings statutes are tried as equitable cases, given the fact that the relief sought is in the nature of a declaration that particular action taken in violation of the laws is void or voidable. Such cases are also considered as equitable cases on appeal. *Stoetzel & Sons, Inc. v. City of Hastings*, 265 Neb. 637, 658 N.W.2d 636 (2003); *Hauser v. Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council*, 264 Neb. 944, 653 N.W.2d 240 (2002); *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009); *Hansmeyer v. Nebraska Public Power District*, 6 Neb. App. 889, 578 N.W.2d 476 (1998), *aff'd*, 256 Neb. 1, 588 N.W.2d 589 (1999).

12. The *Hansmeyer* case also discusses the distinction between "void" and "voidable" under § 84-1414. "Void" means ineffectual and having no legal force or binding effect, while "voidable" means that which may be avoided or declared void, not absolutely void. In *Hansmeyer*, the court considered factors such as whether any purpose would be served or whether decisions were made in secret without public discussion in determining whether a voidable vote by the Nebraska Public Power District should, in fact, be voided.

13. Once a meeting has been declared void pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, the members of the public body involved are prohibited from considering any information which they obtained at the illegal meeting. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009); *Alderman v. County of Antelope*, 11 Neb. App. 412, 653 N.W.2d 1 (2002).

14. The decision to award attorney's fees to a "successful plaintiff" in an action under § 84-1414 is discretionary with the trial court. *Hansmeyer v. Nebraska Public Power District*, 6 Neb. App. 889, 578 N.W.2d 476 (1998), *aff'd*, 256 Neb. 1, 588 N.W.2d 589 (1999). The court in *Hansmeyer* also held that the plaintiffs in that case were "successful plaintiffs" who could recover attorney's fees under

§ 84-1414 because there was a finding that a substantial violation of the open meetings statutes had occurred, and because the public body involved amended its practices to prepare proper agendas after the plaintiffs filed their action. The court reached that conclusion even though it ultimately determined that the improper action of the public body at issue should not be voided. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009) also contains a discussion regarding the basis for an award of attorney's fees in that case, including the court's analysis of why it reduced a fee award on appeal.

15. Voiding an entire meeting is a proper remedy for violations of the Open Meetings Act. *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009). The court in the *Wolf* case also specifically considered whether violations of the Open Meetings Act were "substantial" violations in determining whether it was appropriate to void actions of a county board when the enforcement lawsuit was filed more than 120 days after the meetings in question.

16. In *Wolf v. Grubbs*, 17 Neb. App. 292, 759 N.W.2d 499 (Neb. Ct. App. 2009) there was no evidence in the record which established that a county board had published notice of its meetings anywhere. The Court of Appeals held that in the absence of contrary evidence, it may be presumed that public officers faithfully performed their official duties. *Id.* In addition, absent evidence showing misconduct or disregard for the law, the regularity of official acts is also presumed. *Id.* In *Wolf*, the court also indicated that the plaintiffs had the burden at all times to show that it was more probable that notices of meetings were not posted than probable that they were.

17. The United States District Court for the District of Nebraska has indicated that it has supplemental jurisdiction over claims under § 84-1414 based upon 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a). *Buzek v. Pawnee County Nebraska*, 207 F. Supp. 2d 961 (D. Neb. 2002).

18. "Citizens," as well as members of the general public and reporters or other representatives of the news media, are the intended beneficiaries of the Open Meetings Act, and have standing to bring an action under that Act. *Schauer v. Grooms*, 280 Neb. 426, 786 N.W.2d 909 (2010). This is true even though individual citizens may not be able to allege a particularized injury as a result of action by a public body or the pecuniary interest in the public body's action

which might be necessary for common law standing. *Id.* An action under § 84-1414 is permissible when the ultimate result of the questionable meetings of the public body is annexation. *Id.*

19. The plaintiffs in *Pierce v. Drobny*, 279 Neb. 251, 777 N.W.2d 322 (2010), contended that a local school board held a number of secret meetings without notice or public participation to plan for a special election for the issuance of bonds for a new school. A resolution authorizing the special election was subsequently passed by the board at a public meeting, and at the special election, voters approved the school bond issue. The plaintiffs sought to void the board's resolution for the special election under the Open Meetings Act rather than filing an election contest. The Nebraska Supreme Court held that an election contest was the exclusive remedy under such circumstances, and that a separate challenge under the Open Meetings Act did not exist once the bond issue was voted upon by the public.

L. CRIMINAL SANCTIONS. Section 84-1414(4) provides that any member of a public body who knowingly violates or conspires to violate the Open Meetings Act, or who attends or remains at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of any provision of that Act, shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for a first offense, and a Class III misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense.

1. The legislative history of LB 325 from 1975 indicates that the criminal sanctions included in this section were originally directed at intentional behavior rather than at inadvertence. Government Committee Hearing on LB 325, 84th Nebraska Legislature, First Session (1975) at 16.

2. The criminal sanctions for violation of the open meetings statutes were first increased as a result of LB 1019 passed in 1992. Also, that same bill in 1992 added language which made knowingly remaining at or attending a meeting in violation of the open meetings statutes a crime. The present language which applies criminal sanctions to those members of a public body who remain at a meeting knowing that the public body is in violation of the open meetings statutes was added by LB 621 in 1994.

3. Under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-106 (2016), a Class IV misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$500 and no imprisonment. In addition, a

Class III misdemeanor is punishable by up to 3 months imprisonment or up to a \$500 fine, or both. A Class III misdemeanor has no minimum penalty.

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Board of Education Work Session
September 16, 2024 6:00 PM
Blair Central Office
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Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted in the room at a location accessible to members of the public and attached to the online agenda. The meeting notice was published in the Washington County Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Work Session to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, Steve Callaghan and Ginger Fredericksen.

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

3. Reading Task Force Presentation

The Reading Task Force is a dedicated group of teachers formed to explore ways to support and improve instruction in classrooms. They shared a presentation on the current reality of our curriculum, revealing areas needing improvement.

4. Adjournment

The Board of Education Work Session adjourned at 7:06pm

Board of Education Special Meeting

September 16, 2024 7:10 PM

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

Information concerning the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 84, Article 14 of Nebraska State Statutes, is posted in the room at a location accessible to members of the public and attached to the online agenda. The meeting notice was published in the Washington County Pilot-Tribune & Enterprise on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Special meeting to order at 7:10pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, Steve Callaghan and Ginger Fredericksen.

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

Mr. Tom Shearer, Business Manager, shared the Blair Community Schools Budget Hearing and Final Tax Request presentation.

3. 2024-25 Budget Hearing – Entered into at 7:14pm – 7:35pm

The Board convened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2024-25 Budget for the Board to consider amendments relative thereto. Public comments were heard from two (2) patrons.

4. 2024-25 Tax Request Hearing – Entered into at 7:35pm – 7:39pm

The board convened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2024-25 Tax Request for the Board to consider amendments relative thereto. No public comments were heard.

5. Adjournment

The Special Board Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

Board of Education Regular Meeting

September 16, 2024

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:39pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, Steve Callaghan and Ginger Fredericksen.

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Gilson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda - None

5. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items - None

6. Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

6.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting

6.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published

6.3. Receipt of Communications

6.4. Treasurer's Report

6.5. Audit of Claims

7. Business

7.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda - None

7.2. Recognitions

7.3. Acceptance of Gifts

7.3.1. Pacific Life Foundation

The Otte Blair Middle School was awarded a 2024 Pacific Life Foundation 3T's of Education grant in

the amount of \$1,000. The grant funds will be used to support programs at Otte Blair Middle School in the areas of teacher training, technology, or textbooks.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the 2024 Pacific Life Foundation 3T's of Education in the amount of \$1,000 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.3.2. Blair Dance Team Donation

The Blair Dance Team received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Sid Dillon Chevy Sports Sponsorship. The funds will be used by the Blair Dance Team to fund their trip to Florida for the National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, Florida, Friday, January 31, 2025-Sunday, February 2, 2025.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation from Sid Dillon Chevy Sports Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 to help fund the Blair Dance Teams trip to Nationals passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.3.3. Precision Machine of Omaha Donation

Precision Machine of Omaha has donated \$15,000 worth of equipment to the Precision Machine program at Blair High School. With the approval of the equipment will come costs associated with moving the equipment from Omaha to Blair as well as some electrical work for power. The cost estimate is \$3,560.00.

Motion Passed: I move to accept a donation from Precision Machine of Omaha for \$15,000 worth of equipment to the Precision Machine program at Blair High School passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.4.1. FBLA 2024 National Fall Leadership Conference

A letter was received from Mrs. Vicki Schrick, FBLA Adviser, requesting permission for FBLA members to attend the National Fall Leadership Conference in Columbus, Ohio from Thursday, November 7th through Sunday, November 10th, 2024. Mrs. Schrick and Mrs. Amy Lueders, Assistant FBLA Adviser, will provide guidance and support to the members at this event. The advisor fees will be covered by Blair FBLA and students will cover their own expenses for the trip.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the request for FLBA members to attend the National Fall Leadership in Columbus, Ohio from Thursday, November 7th through Sunday, November 10th, 2024 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.4.2. Blair High Sparx Dance Team

A letter was received from Cashell Shonka, Blair High Dance Team Head Coach, requesting permission for the Blair High Sparx Dance Team to attend a dance competition on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024. The competition is located at Millard North High School in Omaha, Nebraska.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the Blair High Sparx Dance Team to attend a dance competition on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.5. Comments from The Public – Public comments were heard from five (5) patrons.

7.6. Committee Reports

7.6.1. Policy/Curriculum Committee

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Deb Parks.

Motion Passed: I move to reaffirm policy-Title IX and to approve the first reading on revised policy 103.03-TitleIX – Procedure for Complaints of Sexual Harassment passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes

Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the 2025-26 school calendar as presented passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 4:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the bid from SEI in the amount of \$17,578 for the installation of cameras and door fobs at the BCAT Building passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the bid from Craftsman Window Coverings, Inc. in the amount of \$5,975.00 for the purchase and installation of shades at Deerfield Elementary passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Brandi Petersen.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the purchase from Electronic Sound, Inc., in the amount of \$56,320 for the installation of Telecenter U All Page System at Deerfield Elementary, Arbor Park Elementary, Otte Middle School, and Blair High School using funds from the Savings Depreciation Fund passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve second and final reading on revisions to Policy 612.10-Curriculum Review Cycle passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with ESU#3 to provide Physical Therapy services to ESU#3's Brook Valley Program for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.7. Surplus Sale

Motion Passed: I move to accept the bids for the sale of surplus items totaling \$2,383.30 passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes

Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to authorize the administration to sell, donate, recycle or dispose of items remaining from the Surplus Sale passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.8. Approval of the 2024-25 Budget

Motion Passed: I move approve the 2024-25 budget for Washington County School District 589-0001 as presented passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.9. Approval of the 2024-25 Tax Request Resolution

Motion Passed: I move to approve the 2024-25 Tax Request Resolution for Washington County School District 89-0001 as presented with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.10. Approval of New Teachers – None

7.11. Acceptance of Resignations – None

7.12. Superintendent Report

7.13. Informational Items

8. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn meeting at 8:50pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

Angie Conety
Secretary Board of Education

Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Blair Community Schools
 Financial Report to the Board of Education
 Cash-Bank Reconciliation
 September 30, 2024

09/01/2024 through 9/30/24

Book Balance

Beginning Balance		\$6,592,810.73
Total Receipts		\$5,792,479.06
Total Disbursements		-\$2,771,848.06
Reconciled Book Balance-Ending Balance		\$9,613,441.73

Bank Balance

Beginning Balance		\$375,983.91
Deposits	\$5,777,239.39	
Interest	\$94.10	
Total Receipts		\$5,777,333.49
Total Disbursements		-\$3,012,824.63
Bank Balance Ending Balance		\$3,140,492.77
Less Outstanding Checks/Wires		-\$47,226.58
Reconciled Bank Balance-Ending Balance		\$3,093,266.19

Reconciled Balance		\$3,093,266.19
Total Investments		\$6,520,175.54
Total General Fund Balance		\$9,613,441.73

Leslie Watts

 Leslie Watts, Board of Education Treasurer

10/2/24

 Date

Blair Community Schools
 Financial Report to the Board of Education
 Building Fund
 September 30, 2024

09/01/2024 through 9/30/24

Beginning Balance	\$2,172,725.54
Total Receipts	\$1,051,433.82
Total Disbursements	-\$375,946.96
Building Fund Balance	\$2,848,212.40

Bank Balance

Bank Balance Ending Balance	\$1,153,154.40
Less Outstanding Checks/Wires	-\$127,102.00
Reconciled Bank Balance	\$1,026,052.40
Total Investments	\$1,822,160.00
Total Building Fund Balance	\$2,848,212.40

Blair Community Schools
 Financial Report to the Board of Education
 Savings Depreciation
 September 30, 2024

09/01/2024 through 9/30/24

Beginning Balance	\$2,439,349.15
Total Receipts	\$7,122.24
Total Disbursements	-\$13,270.32
Savings Depreciation Fund Balance	\$2,433,201.07

Bank Balance

Bank Balance Ending Balance	\$2,439,768.07
Less Outstanding Checks/Wires	-\$6,567.00
Total Savings Depreciation Fund Balance	\$2,433,201.07

ACTIVITY FUND & STUDENT FEE FUND-CHECKS ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 2024 TO BE RATIFIED 10/14/2024

VENDOR	TOTAL	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$127.66	DF/W ADV COUNCIL	LAMINATION
VISA	\$71.90	DF/W ADV COUNCIL	WALMART
VISA	\$160.00	DF/W ADV COUNCIL	BIG DAY EVENTS
VISA	\$29.50	DF/W ADV COUNCIL	WEST ANNA BOUTIQUE
VISA	\$659.75	DF/W ADV COUNCIL	WEST ANNA BOUTIQUE
VISA	\$21.98	DF/W ADV COUNCIL	COSTCO
VISA	\$27.90	DF/W ADV COUNCIL	TARGET
VISA	\$77.00	DF/W ADV COUNCIL	CASEYS
VISA	\$100.00	DF/W ADV COUNCIL	TST SQUARE CONUT
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$159.75	AP ADVISORY COUNCIL	SPED SUPPLIES
VISA	\$117.70	AP ADVISORY COUNCIL	SCOOTERS COFFEE
KRISTI RASMUSSEN	\$90.00	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
NICOLE CLOUDT	\$90.00	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
THE SIGN DEPOT	\$589.19	OBMS STUDENT SENATE	STUDENT SENATE SHIRTS
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$178.93	OMS RUNNING CLUB	OMS XC SUPPLIES
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$416.04	OBMS STUDENT SENATE	OMS SUPPLIES
PEPSI CO	\$479.80	OBMS STUDENT SENATE	OMS COCESSIONS
VISA	\$47.07	OBMS STUDENT SENATE	WALMART
VISA	\$525.41	OBMS STUDENT SENATE	SAMS CLUB
POUNDS PRINTING INC	\$216.00	ADULT SPORT PASSES	ATHLETIC PASSES
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$104.45	CROSS COUNTRY	BHS XC SUPPLIES
HAUFF SPORTS	\$149.90	CROSS COUNTRY	WHITE FIELD PAINT
PLATTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL	\$140.00	CROSS COUNTRY	CROSS COUNTRY ENTRY
DARREN HARSIN	\$200.00	FOOTBALL	FOOTBALL PRESENTER
TYLER MEURET	\$70.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
SCOTT BONERTZ	\$70.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
ARIC NIELSEN	\$70.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
BRADY CAROLL	\$70.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
BRAXTON ARNDT	\$75.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
JOHN BENSON	\$75.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
TIMOTHY ARNDT	\$75.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
ARIC NIELSEN	\$75.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
BRYCE KERKMAN	\$75.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
BRENT TRAVIS	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
BRIAN BOCK	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
ZACHARY LUTZ	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
SEAN MONAHAN	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
JASON VILLALOBOS	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
JOE WOLSLEGER	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
BRADY RUMP	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
NATHAN RUMP	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
GREG RUMP	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
BRYAN RUMP	\$140.00	FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
FLEET US LLC	\$798.06	FOOTBALL	LINE PAINT SUPPLIES
OFFICE DEPOT	\$212.49	FOOTBALL	BHS SUPPLIES
JENNIFER FANGMEIER	\$500.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	FEARLESS FASTPITCH
MATT TITKEMEIER	\$75.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
RODNEY MARTIN	\$75.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
MARK GROTH	\$225.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
PHIL WISEMAN	\$225.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
FREDERICK INTORRE	\$225.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
LUKAS KLUEBER	\$145.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
RODNEY MARTIN	\$145.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
CRAIG MCGEE	\$150.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
LANDEN SWIFT	\$150.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
THARON FRED HEUSTON JR	\$165.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	OFFICIAL

VENDOR	TOTAL	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION
MIKE CHANDLER	\$225.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
AARON ROSSE	\$225.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
DARWIN ROHDA	\$225.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
RODNEY MARTIN	\$140.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	OFFICIAL
DARWIN ROHDA	\$140.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
GLEN COBLE	\$217.50	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
RON JONES	\$217.50	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
J D HOOGESTRAAT	\$217.50	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
MICHAEL HERZ	\$217.50	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
SHANE FARLEY	\$217.50	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
PAUL TEAFORD	\$217.50	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
SCOTT WAGNER	\$217.50	GIRLS SOFTBALL	UMPIRE
HAUFF SPORTS	\$410.77	GIRLS SOFTBALL	SOFTBALL SUPPLIES
HAUFF SPORTS	\$717.75	GIRLS SOFTBALL	BHS SB SUPPLIES
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$447.91	GIRLS SOFTBALL	SOFTBALL SUPPLIES
NFCA	\$90.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP
PAPILLION-LAVISTA SOUTH HS	\$250.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	SOFTBALL ENTRY FEE
LINCOLN SOUTHEAST	\$175.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	SOFTBALL ENTRY FEE
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$79.98	GIRLS BASKETBALL	GBB SUPPLIES
RACHEL BROWN	\$114.06	GIRLS GOLF	GIRLS GOLF SUPPLIES
ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$180.00	GIRLS GOLF	GOLF ENTRY FEE
ANGIE DIEHM	\$45.00	VOLLEYBALL	VB OFFICIAL
DAVE DIBBEN	\$45.00	VOLLEYBALL	VB OFFICIAL
RON MCCRACKEN	\$70.00	VOLLEYBALL	VB OFFICIAL
JACKIE WARRICK	\$70.00	VOLLEYBALL	VB OFFICIAL
MERRI DIBBEN	\$120.00	VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
DANIEL DIBBEN	\$120.00	VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
MERRI DIBBEN	\$120.00	VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
DAVE DIBBEN	\$120.00	VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
CANDYCE MCLEAREN	\$165.00	VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$79.99	VOLLEYBALL	VB SUPPLIES
HAUFF SPORTS	\$247.75	VOLLEYBALL	WHITEBOARD
ROCKBROOK CAMERA & VIDEO	\$399.99	BEAR TRACKS	ITEM # 212020
ROCKBROOK CAMERA & VIDEO	\$1,299.99	BEAR TRACKS	ITEM #208072
ROCKBROOK CAMERA & VIDEO	\$125.99	BEAR TRACKS	ITEM # 207300
ROCKBROOK CAMERA & VIDEO	\$129.99	BEAR TRACKS	ITEM # 208924
VISA	\$50.00	BOARD OF ED	AMAZON.COM
HOUCHEN BINDERY	\$182.20	BOOKS & FINES	BOOK REBINDING
AMY LUEDERS	\$38.50	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	CASEYS
NEBR THESPIANS	\$140.00	DRAMATICS	REGISTRATIONS
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$256.56	SPEECH CLUB	SPEECH SUPPLIES
WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL	\$282.00	F. F. A.	DAIRY JUDGING LUNCH
SPARTAN STORES LLC	\$65.13	F. F. A.	FFA SUPPLIES
VISA	\$293.75	F. F. A.	COSTCO
EMERSON-HUBBARD SCHOOLS	\$2,500.00	F. F. A.	NAT'L FFA CONVENTION
VISA	\$5.01	F. B. L. A.	WALGREENS
VISA	\$10.97	F. B. L. A.	HOBBY LOBBY
CISHIRTS	\$134.82	F. B. L. A.	FBLA SHIRTS
J B J CUSTOM SHIRTS	\$644.08	F. B. L. A.	FBLA SHIRTS
METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$24.00	DUAL ENROLLMENT	DUAL ENROLL COURSE
THE SIGN DEPOT	\$60.00	SCIENCE & ROBOTICS CLUB	ROBOTICS BANNER
VEX ROBOTICS	\$1,400.00	SCIENCE & ROBOTICS CLUB	ROBOTICS REGISTRATION
COMPLETE	\$945.00	HS STUDENT SENATE	HOCO DJ
TRISHA ROGERS	\$400.00	HS STUDENT SENATE	HOCO PHOTO BOOTH
AE SUPPLY	\$4,900.00	HS STUDENT SENATE	DRINKING FOUNTAIN
MARK KWIKKEL	\$257.84	ALL SPORTS	STORAGE ORGANIZER
MEDCO SUPPLY INC.	\$78.87	ALL SPORTS	SPORTS SUPPLIES

VENDOR	TOTAL	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION
MEDCO SUPPLY INC.	\$3,221.08	ALL SPORTS	CRAMER COLLAPSIBLE BOTTLE
MEDCO SUPPLY INC.	\$82.62	ALL SPORTS	TRAINER SUPPLIES
MEDCO SUPPLY INC.	\$1,126.62	ALL SPORTS	TRAINER SUPPLIES
MEDCO SUPPLY INC.	\$31.76	ALL SPORTS	TRAINER SUPPLIES
MEDCO SUPPLY INC.	\$34.77	ALL SPORTS	TRAINER SUPPLIES
MEDCO SUPPLY INC.	\$77.40	ALL SPORTS	TRAINER SUPPLIES
VISA	\$330.00	ALL SPORTS	COMP SPORTS MED INC
THE SIGN DEPOT	\$628.62	CAMP-FOOTBALL	FB CAMP SHIRTS
THE SIGN DEPOT	\$909.54	CAMP-FOOTBALL	LINEMAN CAMP SHIRTS
BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$1,000.00	CAMP-SOFTBALL	SB CAMP PAYOUT
KAILEY O'GRADY	\$150.00	CAMP-SOFTBALL	SOFTBALL TEAM PHOTOS
HAUFF SPORTS	\$247.75	CAMP-GIRLS BASKETBALL	WHITEBOARD
HAUFF SPORTS	\$3,770.58	CAMP-VOLLEYBALL	VB SUPPLIES
VISA	\$2,300.00	CAMP-BASEBALL	ULTIMATE BASEBALL ACA
AMY LUEDERS	\$232.81	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	PAINT SUPPLIES
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$237.37	F. F. A.	FFA CONCESSION SUPPLY
VISA	\$845.76	BHS CONCESSIONS	SAMS CLUB
MARK KWIKKEL	\$315.00	BHS CONCESSIONS	CONCESSION SUPPLIES
HAUFF SPORTS	\$14.88	JR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL	SCOREBOOKS
JOSHUA ADAMS	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
VINCE VIGNERI	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
ARLO JOHNSEN	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
MARLIN FERGUSON	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
MICHAEL HAGGE	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
STEVE RUSSELL	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
RICHARD MORRISSY	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
MONTREZ HOWARD	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
JEREMY HOFF	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
MICHAEL HAGGE	\$60.00	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	OFFICIAL
RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN	\$5,718.95	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	FB UNIFORMS
RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN	\$295.95	JR HIGH FOOTBALL	FB UNIFORMS
HAUFF SPORTS	\$14.87	JR. HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL	SCOREBOOKS
DONNA CALLAGHAN	\$90.00	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
TAYLER KLASSEN	\$90.00	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
KILEY KASTRUP	\$90.00	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
CHARLES GUBBELS	\$100.00	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
ELOISE HIEMKE	\$165.00	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
CHARLES GUBBELS	\$90.00	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
KRISTI RASMUSSEN	\$90.00	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	OFFICIAL
HAUFF SPORTS	\$11.90	JR. HIGH VOLLEYBALL	SCOREBOOKS
DIETZE MUSIC HOUSE	\$35.00	BAND INSTRUMENT USEAGE	BHS BAND SUPPLIES
DIETZE MUSIC HOUSE	\$75.00	BAND INSTRUMENT USEAGE	BAND SUPPLIES
DIETZE MUSIC HOUSE	\$125.00	BAND INSTRUMENT USEAGE	BAND SUPPLIES
SPARTAN STORES LLC	\$28.80	HOME EC LAB FEES	BHS FCS SUPPLIES
VISA	\$210.70	HOME EC LAB FEES	COSTCO
SPARTAN STORES LLC	\$17.98	HOME EC LAB FEES	BHS FCS SUPPLIES
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	\$68.13	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	WELDING GAS
VISA	\$56.95	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	WALMART
PROFESSIONAL FORMS INC	\$4,078.90	PE UNIFORMS (STUDENT FEES)	BADGER, BLACK PRO MESH SH
PROFESSIONAL FORMS INC	\$187.27	PE UNIFORMS (STUDENT FEES)	ESTIMATED SHIPPING/HANDLI
OMAHA SPORTS COMMISSION	\$200.00	CROSS COUNTRY	CROSS COUNTRY ENTRY
ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$50.00	CROSS COUNTRY	ENTRY FEE
BENNINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$100.00	CROSS COUNTRY	XC ENTRY FEE
RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN	\$850.11	FOOTBALL	FB UNIFORMS
HAUFF SPORTS	\$1,250.65	FOOTBALL	FB SUPPLIES
RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN	\$1,589.00	FOOTBALL	FB UNIFORMS
RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN	\$3,710.95	FOOTBALL	FB UNIFORMS

VENDOR	TOTAL	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION
BELLEVUE EAST HIGH SCHOOL	\$200.00	GIRLS SOFTBALL	SB ENTRY FEE
PLATTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL	\$120.00	GIRLS GOLF	ENTRY FEE
OAKLAND-CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL	\$125.00	GIRLS GOLF	ENTRY FEE
WAHOO HIGH SCHOOL	\$125.00	VOLLEYBALL	VB ENTRY FEE
ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$150.00	VOLLEYBALL	ENTRY FEE
NORRIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	\$160.00	VOLLEYBALL	ENTRY FEE
NORRIS MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$160.00	VOLLEYBALL	ENTRY FEE
NEBR FFA ASSOCIATION	\$25.00	F. F. A.	FFA DUES
FBLA PBLA INC	\$315.00	F. B. L. A.	FBLA DUES
UNIVERSAL DANCE ASSOCIATION	\$490.00	DANCE TEAM	DANCE COMPETITION
COMPOUND SPORTSWEAR LLC	\$1,352.00	WRESTLING - GIRLS	GIRLS WR UNIFORMS
CHRISTEN DEMING	\$30.00	CLASS OF 2026	SR PARKING LOT SPOT REFUND
ALLISON DOVICO	\$20.00	PE UNIFORMS (STUDENT FEES)	OMS PE UNIFORM REFUND

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS - 10/14/2024

VENDOR	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE INC	\$3,566.13	TRASH SERVICES
AJ'S SERVICE AND REPAIR INC	\$2,573.06	BUS REPAIRS & INSPECTIONS, SUBURBAN REPAIRS
ALBIREO ENERGY	\$2,035.00	OMS HVAC REPAIRS
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$10,290.21	CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES, LIBRARY BOOKS & SUPPLIES, CUSTODIAL & SAFETY SUPPLIES, SPED SUPPLIES, OFFICE SUPPLIES, GRANT SUPPLIES
APPLE INC	\$897.00	PREK IPADS
ASHLEY MCCOY	\$54.27	EMPLOYEE MILEAGE
BALLS OUT MOTORS LLC	\$353.80	MOWER REPAIRS
BIL-DEN GLASS	\$420.00	DOOR REPAIRS (DF,OMS,BHS)
BJOREM SPEECH PUBLICATIONS LLC	\$9.00	PREK SPEECH PATH SUPPLIES
BLAIR ACE HARDWARE	\$237.17	MAINTENANCE, CUSTODIAL, & ART CLASS SUPPLIES
BOYS TOWN	\$27,000.00	SPED TUITION (AUG24) & MIC PROGRAM ANNUAL FEE
BRIDGETTE OLSON	\$25.59	EMPLOYEE MILEAGE
CAMELOT TRANSPORTATION INC	\$697.50	SPED STUDENT TRANSPORTATION TO BOYSTOWN- SEP24
CAPITAL BUSINESS SYSTEMS INC	\$5,250.88	COPIER SERVICES
CINDY PAGE	\$26.80	EMPLOYEE MILEAGE
CITY OF BLAIR	\$5,403.06	SRO
CITY OF BLAIR	\$3,963.23	UTILITY - WATER/SEWER
CJ'S TREE SERVICE	\$400.00	TREE TRIMMING (AP)
CODY PETERSEN	\$516.92	EMPLOYEE REIMB- CONFERENCE LODGING, MEALS, MILEAGE
CONTROL SERVICES INC	\$2,115.00	HVAC REPAIRS (DF,AP)
COUNTRY TIRE	\$2,445.40	SPED BUS REPAIRS, SUBURBAN REPAIRS
CPI TELECOM	\$754.93	PHONE REPAIRS (BCAT BUILDING)
CROWNE PLAZA KEARNEY	\$299.90	SIXPENGE TRAINING LODGING
CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES INC	\$70.20	SPED CURRICULUM (DF)
DAIKIN APPLIED	\$5,030.00	HVAC REPAIRS (AP)
DICK'S ELECTRIC	\$3,648.78	ELECTRICAL REPAIRS (DF, AP, OMS, BHS)
DIETZE MUSIC HOUSE	\$495.34	BAND SUPPLIES & MUSIC (BHS,OMS)
EAKES OFFICE PLUS	\$117.13	FAX SVCS - SEP24
ECHO GROUP INC.	\$1,171.05	ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES (BHS)
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #2	\$2,970.00	SPED TUITION
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #3	\$1,905.00	PRESCHOOL, SPED TRAININGS, UDL FOUNDATION TRAINING
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #5	\$3,000.00	SNDLC MEMBERSHP 24-25
ELECTRONIC SOUND INC	\$258.50	SCHOOL BELL MAINTENANCE (BHS)
EMERGENCYKITS.COM	\$369.51	TWO WAY RADIOS (BHS)
ENTERPRISE PUBLISHING CO INC	\$623.69	LEGAL NOTICES
EVERYDAY SPEECH LLC	\$1,149.98	SPEECH PATH SPED SOFTWARE LICENSE
EXPLORE LEARNING	\$920.00	SCIENCE SOFTWARE LICENSE
FAIRWAY OIL CO	\$7,667.86	BUS & VEHICLE FUEL
FASTWYRE BROADBAND CABLE	\$2,223.27	TELEPHONE & NETWORK SERVICES
FIREGUARD LLC	\$4,305.00	FIRE ALARM SERVICES
FIRST WIRELESS INC	\$6,076.01	2 WAY RADIOS (DF, AP)
FLOORS INC	\$1,732.50	DEEP CARPET CLEANING (BHS)
GRAINGER	\$323.18	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES
GRUNWALD MECHANICAL	\$12,318.42	PLUMBING REPAIRS (DF, AP, OMS, BHS, N)
HD SUPPLY INC	\$8,876.80	CUSTODIAL AND MAINTENANCE, GYM FLOOR WAX SUPPLIES
HEARTLAND FOUNDATION	\$8,621.00	SPED TUITION- AUG&SEPT
IDEAL PURE WATER	\$544.84	PURIFIED WATER
INSPIRA FINANCIAL	\$650.00	FLEX PLAN FEE - SEP24
IXL LEARNING	\$28,965.00	IXL SITE LICENSE
J W FLOORING INC	\$895.00	FLOORING REPAIRS (BHS)
KEYMASTERS LOCKSMITH	\$942.20	OMS KEYS
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	\$297.85	PRESCHOOL SUPPLIES
LESLEY WARD	\$270.28	EMPLOYEE MILEAGE
LESSONPIX	\$72.00	SPED SPEECH PATH SOFTWARE LICENSE
MACGILL & CO	\$315.78	PRESCHOOL & HEALTH OFFICE SUPPLIES
MARCIE REED	\$1,425.76	PARENT MILEAGE
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	\$959.26	WELDING GAS
MATT ASCHOFF	\$60.00	EMPLOYEE REIMB- BUS DRIVER CDL FEE
MCKINNIS ROOFING INC	\$1,633.59	ROOF REPAIRS (OMS, BHS)
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS INC	\$3,694.54	HVAC REPAIRS (DF, AP, BHS, N)
MIDWEST WINDOW FILMS LLC	\$797.26	SOUTH WINDOW COVERING

NANNEN PHYSICAL THERAPY	\$20,833.34	OCCUPATIONAL & PHYSICAL THERAPY CONTRACTED SERVICES
NASB	\$405.00	BOARD MEMBER TRAINING & NAEP MEMBERSHIP DUES
NAT'L FFA ORGANIZATION	\$792.00	GRANT FUNDED-AG ED JACKETS
NCSA	\$160.00	SPED TRAINING- NASES
NEBR COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC ED	\$200.00	BUSINESS ED - STOCK MARKET GAMES
NEBR SAFETY CENTER	\$230.00	BUS DRIVER TRAINING
NEBSPRA	\$50.00	TEACHER TRAINING
NORTHERN SPEECH SERVICES	\$280.02	SPED SPEECH PATH SUPPLIES
OFFICE DEPOT	\$5,306.73	PRESCHOOL, SPED, OFFICE, PAPER SUPPLIES
OMAHA PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$35,175.17	UTILITY - ELECTRICITY
ONESOURCE THE BACKGROUND CK CO	\$328.45	BACKGROUND CHECKS
PERRY GUTHERY HAASE GESSFORD	\$682.50	LEGAL SERVICES
PEST SOLUTIONS 365	\$725.00	PEST CONTROL (S, DF, AP, OMS, BHS, N)
PURPLE COMMUNICATIONS INC.	\$269.50	SPEECH INTERPRETOR SERVICES
QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC	\$1,000.00	POSTAGE
ROTARY CLUB OF BLAIR	\$2,425.00	ROTARY DUES- SUPERINTENDENT
S E SMITH & SONS	\$114.08	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES
SCHMIDT SPEECH LANG PATHOLOGY LLC	\$8,308.80	SPEECH PATH CONTRACTED SERVICES
SHOTWELL GLASS	\$100.00	BHS GLASS REPAIRS
SMITTY'S AUTO SERVICE	\$62.83	SPED VEHICLE REPAIRS
SPARTAN STORES LLC	\$477.52	SPED & FCS SUPPLIES
STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$131.60	OFFICE & COPY CENTER SUPPLIES
STERICYCLE INC	\$357.13	SHREDDING SERVICES
STEVE WEISS MUSIC	\$222.95	BAND SUPPLIES (BHS)
STRATUS BUILDING SOLUTIONS	\$20,236.00	CONTRACTED CUSTODIAL SERVICES - OCT24
SUPER DUPER PUBLICATIONS	\$427.75	SPEECH PATH SUPPLIES
TAHER INC	\$3,225.25	COMMITTEE MEETINGS, BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCHEON
THE AUTISM HELPER INC	\$17.50	B-3 SPEECH PATH SOFTWARE LICENSE
THE HOME DEPOT PRO	\$6,746.11	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES
THE OMNI GROUP	\$12.00	403B FEE- SEP24
THE SIGN DEPOT	\$155.88	GROUNDS SIGNS
UNITE PRIVATE NETWORKS LLC	\$838.57	DISTRICT NETWORK SERVICES
US CELLULAR	\$217.45	STUDENT MIFI FOR INTERNET ACCESS
VENTRIS LEARNING	\$526.75	GUIDANCE BOOKS (K-5)
VERIZON	\$130.05	WIRELESS SERVICES
WALKER ORGAN TUNING & REPAIR	\$285.00	BHS PIANO REPAIRS
Summary	\$296,187.36	

GENERAL FUND-CHECKS ISSUED TO BE RATIFIED 10/14/2024

VENDOR	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
VISA	\$18,653.59	TRAVEL, DUES, TRAINING & INSERVICE, SUPPLIES, MISC, REPAIRS, MEETINGS, EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY NEEDS, SUMMER ORDER CLASSROOM SUPPLIES & MATERIALS, BAND COMPETITION FEE
BOYS TOWN	\$16,690.71	CONFERENCE (ARBOR PARK)
ELKHORN SOUTH BAND	\$200.00	BHS BAND COMPETITION FEE
NACIA	\$500.00	CONFERENCE FOR ASST SUPERINTENDENTS
BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	\$261.32	BHS LIBRARY PURCHASE OF LIBRARY BOOKS FROM OMS BOOK FAIR
Summary	\$36,305.62	

GENERAL FUND-SEPTEMBER 2024 PAYROLL & BENEFITS TO BE RATIFIED 10/14/2024

GROSS PAYROLL	\$1,374,897.18	GROSS SALARY & WAGES
NET PAYROLL - DIRECT DEPOSITS	\$953,079.65	NET PAY CHECKS- DIRECT DEPOSIT TOTALS
NET PAYROLL - MANUAL CHECKS	\$2,852.97	NET PAY CHECKS - MANUAL CHECK TOTALS
NEBRASKA REVENUE NEB EPAY.	\$48,800.53	NE STATE W/H
OMNI FINANCIAL1 CORP COLL	\$4,267.00	P/R DEDUCTION - 403(B) INVESTMENTS
OUTGOING WIRE TO US TREASURY	\$323,646.70	FEDERAL W/H, FICA W/H & FICA TAXES
RETIREMENT	\$259,107.49	RETIREMENT DEDUCTION & BENEFIT
VISION SERVICE PLAN INSURANCE CO	\$1,499.28	P/R DEDUCTION - VISION INSURANCE
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.	\$5,089.74	EMPLOYEE LTD INSURANCE
SECTION 125	\$8,341.51	P/R DEDUCTION - FLEX PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$284,373.95	EMPLOYEE HEALTH & DENTAL INSURANCE
REVCO SOLUTIONS	\$564.36	P/R DEDUCTION - GARNISHMENT
ERIN MCCARTNEY	\$185.00	P/R DEDUCTION - GARNISHMENT
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	\$150.00	P/R DEDUCTION - GARNISHMENT
DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY	\$133.33	P/R DEDUCTION - GARNISHMENT

BUILDING FUND-CHECKS ISSUED TO BE RATIFIED 10/14/2024

VENDOR	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
FISHER TRACKS INC	\$127,102.00	TRACK AT KRANTZ RESURFACING
Summary	\$127,102.00	

LUNCH FUND CLAIMS 10/14/2024

VENDOR	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
HOME TOWN REPAIR SERVICES	\$3,155.00	TILT SKILLET REPAIRS (BHS, OMS, AP)
S & S PUMPING SERVICE	\$200.00	PUMP GREASE TRAP (BHS)
GRUNWALD MECHANICAL	\$1,115.00	DISHWASHER REPAIR (BHS)
TRIMARK	\$10,278.40	FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT (BHS, OMS ,AP, DF)
TAHER	\$102,204.29	FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT - SEP24
Summary	\$116,952.69	

BUILDING FUND CLAIMS 10/14/2024

VENDOR	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
MATHESON	\$48,058.31	WELDING LAB EXHAUST SYSTEM
FISHER TRACKS INC	\$4,300.00	NEW TRACK LINE PAINTING
MECHANICAL SYSTEMS INC	\$28,242.86	AUTO SHOP AIR LINES AND NEW DAIKEN HEAT PUMP (OMS)
SUPERIOR LIGHTING	\$7,791.52	ADDITIONAL INTERIOR LIGHTING (DF)
Summary	\$88,392.69	

SAVINGS/DEPRECIATION FUND CLAIMS 10/14/2024

VENDOR	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
STERLING COMPUTERS CORPORATION	\$32,378.86	ACCESS POINT (S, DF, AP, OMS, BHS)
SECURITY EQUIPMENT INC	\$8,789.00	SECURITY CAMERA ADDITION (BCAT AUTO SHOP)
SPORTS GRAPHICS	\$4,020.00	GIRLS WRESTLING WALL MAT HOLDERS
METRO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SOUTH	\$1,104.65	DIGITAL TEXTBOOKS (BHS)
Summary	\$46,292.51	

Americanism Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Call to Order at 12:00pm

Central Office

Committee Members Present: Deb Parks (Chair), Denise Cada and Courtney Tabor

Others Present: Dr. Randall Gilson, Dr. Violet Glasshoff, Brett Schwartz, Shane Keeling, and Steve Callaghan

1. Discussion

The Americanism Committee convened to meet the requirements of the American Civics Education Bill (LB 399), which was signed by the Governor on March 27, 2019. The Committee reviewed the district's social studies curriculum to ensure alignment with state standards and to verify that it provides foundational knowledge in civics, history, economics, financial literacy, and geography. After examination, no changes to the current social studies curriculum were recommended by the administration.

This portion of the meeting will serve as the second of two (2) yearly required Americanism Committee meetings and the minutes will reflect so.

Policy/Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Immediately Followed the Americanism Committee Meeting

Central Office

1. Old Business

A. Title IX

Dr. Gilson presented the second and final reading of the following Title IX policies for the Blair Governing Board's consideration and adoption:

Policy 103.02 - Title IX Policy

Policy 103.03 - Title IX - Procedure for Complaints of Sexual Harassment

After discussion, the Policy Committee voted to recommend the adoption of these Title IX policies and amendments for the Governing Board's approval.

A motion may be brought at the October 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting **to approve the second and final reading on revised policy 103.03-Title IX - Procedure for Complaints of Sexual Harassment as presented.**

B. Reading Update

The Policy Committee reviewed the Reading Task Force's recommendations and analyzed class-by-class FastBridge data for grades K-3. The following recommendations were made for implementation:

New Curriculum Adoption: All grades K-5 will begin with a new curriculum in August 2025. The curriculum vetting process will focus on evaluating EL, Bookworms, and Fishtank, with a presentation scheduled for the November board meeting.

Training and Support: Training and support will be provided beginning in the second semester of the 2025 school year.

Science Curriculum: The science curriculum adoption will proceed concurrently with the new reading curriculum.

Student and Staff Support for 2024-25:

- Kindergarten: Heggerty to be Part of the Core Curriculum
- 1st Grade: Heggerty as an Intervention Tool
- 2nd Grade: UFLI as an Intervention

Professional Development:**

- Writing for K-5 will include a book study
- Reading for K-3 will focus on the Nebraska Literacy Project

The Policy Committee recommended these changes for approval and implementation.

A motion may be brought at the October 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting **to approve the implementation of the recommended changes for K-5 Reading as presented.**

2. New Business

C. Pyramid Early Childhood Grant

Blair Community Schools has had the opportunity to partner with Vanderbilt University and Stanford Research Institute Education for preschool and kindergarten teachers to participate in an innovative study about the effects of the Pyramid Model's impact. The purpose of the study is to determine if training and coaching in the Pyramid Model changes teacher-child interactions, classroom climate, and improves children's social skills, self-regulation, and academic skills. The goals are to investigate how Pyramid Model training enhances teacher-child interactions and classroom climate. Also, to assess the social-emotional and academic outcomes of young children through evidence-based practices. The benefits are to learn research-based strategies to improve classroom dynamics, receive support in solving classroom challenges, and to enhance students' social emotional competence and reduce challenging behaviors.

There is a randomized control for year 1 (24-25) and sustainability year 2 (25-26). This study is funded by the Education and Research grants of the US Department of Education.

D. Change in Job Title /Elementary Teacher Leader to Assistant Principal

Discussion was held on a request submitted by Mrs. Hartvigsen to change the job titles of the Teacher Leaders at Deerfield Elementary and Arbor Park Elementary to "Associate Administrator" or "Assistant Administrator." The proposed title change would better reflect the administrative responsibilities of these positions and align more accurately with community perceptions.

After discussion, the Policy Committee decided to maintain the current Teacher Leader titles and recommended no changes to the contract status or job descriptions.

E. Public Relations Director Job Description

Discussion was held on a request for a Contract Change from Dr. Freudenburg. Dr. Freudenburg requested that her current teacher's contract be changed to an administrator's contract. This request

was reviewed in conjunction with the district's overall administrative structure and the recently developed job descriptions for these positions.

The Policy Committee recommended retaining the existing contract status and made no changes to Dr. Freudenburg's contract at this time.

F. Next Scheduled Policy Committee Meeting

Monday, October 21, 2024 at 12:00pm.

3. Adjournment

G. Adjournment:

The committee adjourned at 2:00pm.

Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Call to Order at 4:00pm

Central Office

Committee Members Present: Steve Callaghan (Chair) and Tim Welch

Absent Committee Member: Ginger Fredericksen

Present: Dr. Randall Gilson, Jeffrey Steinbeck, Denise Cada, and Angie Conety

1. Old Business

A. Window Film Security Glass

The committee discussed the possibility of installing security film on the entrances of the school buildings. The security film acts as a protective layer on windows, making them more resistant to shattering and enhancing the overall safety of students and staff. They reviewed pricing received from Midwest Window Tint. The committee will have further discussion to determine the best course of action and the ideal locations for installing the protective film.

B. Keymasters – Omaha NE

Last month, Mr. Steinbeck met with Keymasters, a locksmith service from Omaha, to go through Otte Middle School, Arbor Park Elementary, Deerfield Elementary, and Blair High School. The goal would be to create a unified locking system where all doors in each building would operate with a single key. The plan would include installing classroom door handles that stay locked from the inside and can only be keyed open from the outside. You can use the handle to exit the room and the lock will stay locked, still allowing students and teachers to exit freely. The high school went to this two years ago and all building principals would like to implement similar systems. Mr. Steinbeck met with each principal and the locksmith to go over a building map and took the locksmith to each door to look at what it will take to do this.

Blair High School. Most of the high school's doors have already been updated to operate with a single key, making it easier for staff to access various areas quickly and efficiently. The bid is for redoing locks on the remaining doors that were not included in the initial lock replacement project.

Otte Middle School, Deerfield Elementary and Arbor Park Elementary. The door handles at these buildings have been mapped out with the intention of getting from numerous keys to one key.

Keymasters Locksmith Bid:

- Material - \$105,031.10 (With a 15% discount)
- Labor - \$31,205.00
- **Total Project - \$136,236.10**

The proposed safety project will be presented to the Finance Committee on October 8, 2024. The BG&T Committee was in support of the project due to the importance of enhancing the safety of our schools.

C. Arbor Park Concrete

The concrete project at Arbor Park Elementary is complete. The new concrete pathways lead from the kindergarten classrooms to the playground and front sidewalk area. Mr. Johnson, Principal, was very pleased with how it turned out.

D. Blair High School Gym Skylight Coverings

The Blair High school main gym skylights have been a continuous discussion with the committee. In March 2024, the first request to cover the main gym skylights was presented as the skylights create visibility challenges with the excess light for volleyball players. At that time, Mr. Steinbeck received a bid from McKinnis Roofing in the amount of \$12,559.39 to have them install dark rubberized covering designed to withstand extreme temperatures. However, the Board ultimately decided not to approve this proposal, believing it was more of a want than a necessity, especially since the skylights have been there for years. The committee discussed to explore more affordable alternatives, suggesting that Mr. Steinbeck contact McKinnis Roofing to inquire whether painting the existing skylights might be a viable solution. Mr. Steinbeck received a bid from Bob Pearson at Pearson Painting to put a Uniflex roof coating on the skylights with a bid of \$4,200.

The committee is in support of the project and feels the Uniflex roof coating is a fair alternative for a reasonable price.

E. Reading Discussion

Dr. Gilson shared an update about the K-5 reading curriculum.

2. New Business

F. Director of Operations Monthly Report – September 2024

Mr. Steinbeck shared a Director of Operations report. The report is attached to the agenda for viewing.

G. High School Gym Door Replacement

The administration at the high school asked Mr. Steinbeck to look at the replacing the gym doors, as they are not closing properly and the hardware is in poor condition. In the condition they are in right now, allows the doors to be opened at any time during the day. This poses a security risk if there is a threat in the hallway while physical education (PE) classes are taking place in the gym.

Mr. Steinbeck received a quote from Bil Den in the amount of \$15,551.380 to replace the four (4) sets of doors and hardware in the main gym. The PE teachers have also requested new hardware for the two doors to the storage room, so they can be opened and latched easily when bringing equipment out. In the past, a floor stopper was used, but it was removed to avoid scratching the purple baseline of the gym floor. The cost to upgrade the storage room doors is \$383. The total cost to have the gym doors upgraded is \$15,934.80.

A motion may be brought at the October 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting to approve the quote from Bil Den in the amount of \$15,934.80 to have the high school gym doors upgraded.

H. High School Carpet

Mr. Steinbeck recently discovered that four (4) math classrooms located in the southwest wing of the high school were not included in the original summer carpet replacement project. The estimated cost to carpet these additional rooms would be around \$15,000. The committee acknowledged the need to update the classrooms, however they are recommending holding off on this due to the number of other improvement projects around the district that need addressed.

I. Double Buzz Entrance – Blair High School and Deerfield Elementary

Deerfield Elementary and Blair High School would benefit from a double buzz entrance system for security. This would involve having two locked doors that visitors must pass through, with a button at the secretary's desk to allow them entry. The committee was in support for the implementation of

double buzz entrances and would like to see this district wide, as it enhances the safety and security of our students and staff. Mr. Steinbeck will be obtaining bids for the project through SEi.

J. Sander Truck Replacement

Mr. Siecke is looking for a sander truck to replace the aging Dodge that the transmission went out on last winter. He is currently evaluating options from Sid Dillon and Woodhouse to find a suitable replacement. If a replacement truck is located, we will need to install a plow to the front of the truck.

K. Next Scheduled BG&T Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 4:00pm.

3. Adjournment

L. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Call to Order at 12:00pm

Central Office

Committee Members Present: Kari Loseke, and Courtney Tabor

Absent Committee Member: Brandi Petersen (Chair)

Also Present: Dr. Randy Gilson, Tom Shearer, Denise Ray, Erin Field, Dr. Violet Glasshoff, Brett Schwartz, Scott Macholan, and Angie Conety

1. Old Business

A. Otte Middle School (OMS) Weight Room Equipment Proposal

The addition of a new PE teacher starting in the 2024-25 school year allows 8th grade students at the school to have a full block of PE instead of just a half block. The OMS Physical Education (PE) Department proposed the purchase of weight room equipment for OMS, with an estimated cost of \$8,170. By providing the students with this equipment, teachers could better prepare them for 9th grade PE by training them on how to properly use the machines. The high school's equipment is too new to be passed down to the middle school. Mrs. Erin Field, OMS Assistant Principal and Activities Director, proposed utilizing funds from a dormant activity account called "6th Grade Activities" and funds generated from organized Junior High Dances to finance the weight equipment. The individual pieces of equipment in the proposal were each less than \$5,000. The committee agreed to move forward with the proposal as presented.

B. Meraki Switch Renewal

Scott Macholan, Director of Technology, informed the Meraki Switch is up for renewal. Mr. Macholan is proposing a one-year extension to the contract with CDW, the current provider, at a cost of \$10,549.88. The Meraki Switch is the core component to our network that gives us access to the internet, phones, etc. It serves as the connection point for all wall jacks, wireless access points, and printers.

A motion may be brought at the October 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting to approve a one-year contract with CDW for the District's Meraki Switch in the amount of \$10,549.88.

C. Fortinet AP Quote

Scott Macholan recommends the purchase of new access points for Wi-Fi at both Krantz Field and the BHS Greenhouse. Mr. Macholan stated we will lose access to internet services within the next couple of months if not replaced. To address this issue, he has obtained a quote from Sterling for \$6,889.50 to purchase new access points.

A motion may be brought at the October 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting to approve the purchase of new access points for Krantz Field and the BHS Greenhouse from Serling for the amount of \$6,889.50.

D. Bank Depository / Investments

Mr. Shearer informed that he and Dr. Gilson were introduced to RVR Bank representatives, Nick Vrba, Cindy Slykuis, and Joel Bacon on September 23rd. The representatives inquired about banking opportunities to better serve Blair Community Schools. RVR is currently an official bank depository along with Washington County Bank. Mr. Shearer sought committee opinion on banking or opportunity for

banks to bid on certificates of deposit with cash reserves. The committee recommended no changes at this time.

E. Open Enrollment 2025-26

Dr. Gilson reviewed our current enrollment, policy 500.4-Full-Time & Part-Time enrollment (Option Enrollment), and a draft Option Enrollment Resolution. Per provisions of policy 502.02- Non-Residents, the Board must set student capacities in relation to allowing a maximum number of option students for the next school year in any program, class, grade level, or school building. Special Education capacity will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with state law and the available resources as determined by the District's Director of Special Education or Superintendent.

Beginning with the 2023-24 school year, all school districts are required to track and report the reason any Enrollment Option application was denied. The Department of Education will collect the above information at the end of each school year and compile a final report to be submitted to the Legislature by September 1st each year. School districts are now required to establish, publish and report the maximum capacity for a program, class, grade level, or school building by October 15th for the next school year.

A motion may be brought at the October 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting to approve the resolution for the Option Enrollment capacities for the 2025-26 school year as presented.

F. Board Member Resignation

Dr. Gilson informed Mr. Tim Welch has submitted his resignation from the Blair Board of Education, effectively immediately. The Board will take action on precedence within the district as well as the requirements set forth by Nebraska State Statutes and Blair Board of Education policies. This will help navigate the process of accepting the resignation and filling the vacancy.

Methods of Appointment:

1. Appoint the non-elected candidate from the last election who received the highest number of votes, after confirming the candidate's willingness to fill the vacancy.
2. Board members informally recruit candidates and Board votes to appoint successor.
3. Formal advertisement and interview process. The board can adopt a motion to use a formal "vacancy filling process". The process includes advertising, have the candidates complete an application to provide information about their background, and reasons for wanting to be on the board. Interview the candidates, but the interviews cannot be held in a closed session. Some boards interview through a committee process.

Relevant Board Policies

201.06 [Vacancies](#)

201.02 [Board Membership – Elections and Appointments](#)

2. New Business

G. Monthly Financials – September 2024

Mr. Shearer provided the financial recap of the monthly financials to the committee.

H. 2024-25 Budget Update

Mr. Shearer originally filed the budget with NDE, State Auditor, & Washington County Clerk on September 19, 2024. However, the Washington County Assessor called on September 24, 2024 and informed Mr. Shearer that she made a correction to the Certified Valuation that she originally posted to their website that was dated August 9, 2024 with an updated Certified Valuation dated August 16, 2024. The Assessor added \$5,295 of valuation. Mr. Shearer was not notified of this change until September 24, 2024 when the County Clerk realized that the Certified Valuation did not match the district's submitted budget. Mr. Shearer was allowed to resubmit a corrected budget to NDE, Washington County Clerk, and State Auditor on September 25, 2024. This was just considered a clerical correction so no public notice or public hearings were required for the correction. This valuation change did not impact the expenditure budget or the property tax request. It only reduced the GF/Total levy by \$0.000001.

I. Scoreboard Advertiser Sponsor Update

Mr. Shearer and Dr. Gilson provided an update regarding the current scoreboard sponsors and potential sponsors with the committee.

J. Next Scheduled Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 at 12:00pm.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17pm.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 500.4, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 500.4, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 500.4, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 500.4, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 500.4, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 500.4 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member _____ moved for its passage and adoption, member _____ seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: _____.
The following members voted against the same: _____.
The following members were absent or not voting: _____. The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
89-0001, a/k/a BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

BY: _____
President or Other Authorized Board Officer

ATTEST:

Secretary or Other Authorized Board Officer

Appendix “1” to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix “1” to Policy 500.4 for the current school year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the current school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has “0” as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten	20 (140)	125	15
First	22 (154)	123	31
Second	22 (154)	135	19
Third	24 (168)	143	25
Fourth	24 (192)	175	17
Fifth	24 (168)	161	7
Building Capacity, Elementary	976	862	114
Sixth	24 (168)	153	15
Seventh	24 (168)	157	11
Eighth	24 (168)	158	10
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center	504	468	36
Ninth	26 (182)	169	13
Tenth	26 (182)	152	30
Eleventh	26 (182)	161	21
Twelfth	26 (182)	172	10
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center	728	654	74

* Special education capacity will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with state law and the available resources as determined by the District’s Director of Special Education or designee.

**2024-2025
STATE OF NEBRASKA
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FORM**

County-District #: 89-0001 Class #: 111
Blair Community Schools
TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Washington County

This budget is for the Period SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 through AUGUST 31, 2025

Upon Filing, The School Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX REQUIRED FOR:		Principal and Interest on Bonds	All Other Purposes	TOTAL
General Fund		\$ -	\$ 18,027,741.00	\$ 18,027,741.00
Bond Fund(s) [If More Than 1 Bond Fund - Total All Together]		\$ 2,001,629.00		\$ 2,001,629.00
Special Building Fund		\$ -	\$ 1,814,462.00	\$ 1,814,462.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total All Funds		\$ 2,001,629.00	\$ 19,842,203.00	\$ 21,843,832.00

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of September 1, 2024
(Include Bond Fund(s) and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund)

Principal	\$ 17,360,000.00
Interest	\$ 1,985,565.00
Total Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 19,345,565.00

County Clerk's Use Only

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements
Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?
 YES NO
If YES, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names
Did the subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?
 YES NO
If YES, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th.

Has your School District held a successful election to override the levy limits provided in Statute 77-3442, which is in effect for 2024-2025 school fiscal year?
 YES NO

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2024

Submit budget to:

- Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
- County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk
- Nebraska Dept. of Education -Upload to NDE Portal only

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

2024-2025 BUDGET ADOPTED									
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Column 3)	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 5)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 6)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	NECESSARY CASH RESERVE (Column 8)	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS (Col 7 + Col 8) (Column 9)
General	12,033,845.00	22,930,016.00	17,847,464.00	40,777,480.00	4,529,671.00	33,543,769.00	38,073,440.00	2,704,040.00	40,777,480.00
Depreciation	2,540,408.00	3,600,408.00		3,600,408.00			3,600,408.00		3,600,408.00
Employee Benefit	4,260.00	4,266.00		4,266.00			4,266.00		4,266.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-		-
Activities	306,141.00	1,006,511.00		1,006,511.00			1,006,511.00		1,006,511.00
School Nutrition	1,104,687.00	2,219,587.00		2,219,587.00			2,219,587.00		2,219,587.00
Bond	1,053,484.00	11,090,734.00	1,981,613.00	13,072,347.00			11,981,613.00	1,090,734.00	13,072,347.00
Special Building	3,503,193.00	3,533,493.00	1,796,317.00	5,329,810.00			5,329,810.00		5,329,810.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	3,865.00	3,965.00		3,965.00			3,965.00		3,965.00
Cooperative	-	100,000.00		100,000.00			100,000.00		100,000.00
Student Fee	212,144.00	392,144.00		392,144.00			392,144.00		392,144.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	20,762,027.00	44,881,124.00	21,625,394.00	66,506,518.00	4,529,671.00	33,543,769.00	62,711,744.00	3,794,774.00	66,506,518.00

PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX RECAP

	General Fund	Bond Fund(s) [Total Of All Bond Funds]	Special Building Fund	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund
PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM COLUMN 3 (Line A)	17,847,464.00	1,981,613.00	1,796,317.00	-
COUNTY TREASURER'S COMMISSION 1% OF TAXES COLLECTED (Line B)	180,277.00	20,016.00	18,145.00	-
TOTAL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Line A + Line B) (Line C)	18,027,741.00	2,001,629.00	1,814,462.00	-

CERTIFIED STATE AID		MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	
\$	3,591,273.00	\$	1,775,000.00

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2024	
4,836,483.00	3,312.00

2023-2024 ACTUAL/ESTIMATED								
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Column 3)	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 5)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 6)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE (Col 4 - Col 7) (Column 8)
General	11,535,659.00	23,809,047.00	14,911,400.00	38,720,447.00	4,004,273.00	22,682,329.00	26,686,602.00	12,033,845.00
Depreciation	2,613,690.00	3,509,125.00		3,509,125.00			968,717.00	2,540,408.00
Employee Benefit	4,437.00	4,441.00		4,441.00			181.00	4,260.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	400,913.00	970,953.00		970,953.00			664,812.00	306,141.00
School Nutrition	1,111,474.00	2,174,116.00		2,174,116.00			1,069,429.00	1,104,687.00
Bond	1,081,703.00	1,307,293.00	1,725,718.00	3,033,011.00			1,979,527.00	1,053,484.00
Special Building	1,800,555.00	2,223,620.00	3,200,548.00	5,424,168.00			1,920,975.00	3,503,193.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	3,849.00	3,854.00	11.00	3,865.00			-	3,865.00
Cooperative	-	6,600.00		6,600.00			6,600.00	-
Student Fee	229,999.00	410,574.00		410,574.00			198,430.00	212,144.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	18,782,279.00	34,419,623.00	19,837,677.00	54,257,300.00	4,004,273.00	22,682,329.00	33,495,273.00	20,762,027.00

NOTE: Total Disbursements and Transfers (Column 7) is the sum of Column 5 and Column 6 for the General Fund only. For all other funds, numbers will pull automatically from the Worksheets.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES
\$ **1,800,114.00**

2022-2023 ACTUAL								
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Column 3)	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 5)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 6)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE (Col 4 - Col 7) (Column 8)
General	11,512,840.00	18,514,811.00	18,798,768.00	37,313,579.00	4,032,454.00	21,745,466.00	25,777,920.00	11,535,659.00
Depreciation	2,751,328.00	3,630,720.00		3,630,720.00			1,017,030.00	2,613,690.00
Employee Benefit	4,433.00	4,437.00		4,437.00			-	4,437.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	374,343.00	1,042,964.00		1,042,964.00			642,051.00	400,913.00
School Lunch	971,691.00	2,178,828.00		2,178,828.00			1,067,354.00	1,111,474.00
Bond	1,042,962.00	1,234,835.00	1,827,171.00	3,062,006.00			1,980,303.00	1,081,703.00
Special Building	1,406,192.00	1,599,310.00	1,779,503.00	3,378,813.00			1,578,258.00	1,800,555.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	63,392.00	63,519.00	2,600.00	66,119.00			62,270.00	3,849.00
Cooperative	-	27,300.00		27,300.00			27,300.00	-
Student Fee	231,915.00	404,003.00		404,003.00			174,004.00	229,999.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 18,359,096.00	28,700,727.00	22,408,042.00	51,108,769.00	4,032,454.00	21,745,466.00	32,326,490.00	18,782,279.00

NOTE: Total Disbursements and Transfers (Column 7) is the sum of Column 5 and Column 6 for the General Fund only. For all other funds, numbers will pull automatically from the Worksheets.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	
\$	1,762,303.00

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
ADDRESS PO BOX 288; 1326 PARK ST
CITY & ZIP CODE BLAIR, NE 68008-0288
TELEPHONE 402-426-2610
WEBSITE www.blairschools.org

BOARD CHAIRPERSON _____
CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER _____
NAME KARI LOSEKE DR. RANDALL GILSON
TITLE / FIRM NAME Chairperson SUPERINTENDENT
TELEPHONE 402-426-2610 402-426-2610
EMAIL ADDRESS kloseke@blairschools.org randy.gilson@blairschools.org

PREPARER _____
TOM SHEARER
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE _____
402-426-2610
tom.shearer@blairschools.org

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- Board Chairperson
- Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- Preparer

Blair Community Schools

2024-2025 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Non-Bond Property Tax Request (1) \$ 20,244,636.00
(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes from **prior year** budget - Cover Page)

Base Limitation Percentage Increase (2%) _____ 2.00 % (2)

Real Growth Percentage Increase
$$\frac{30,451,473.00}{2024 \text{ Real Growth Value per Assessor}} \div \frac{2,420,715,320.00}{\text{Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation per Assessor}} = \frac{1.26}{\%} \text{ (3)}$$

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) _____ 3.26 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) \$ _____ 659,975.13

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) \$ _____ 20,904,611.13
(Without needing to attend Joint Public Hearing, or be included on postcard notification)

ACTUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

2024-2025 ACTUAL Non-Bond Property Tax Request (7) \$ _____ 19,842,203.00
(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes from Cover Page)

Property Tax Request is within allowable growth percentage. Political subdivision is NOT required to complete postcard notification requirements, or participate in the joint public hearing.

If line (7) is **greater than** line (6), your political subdivision **is required** to participate in the joint public hearing, and complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You must provide the required information to the County Assessor electronically by September 4th. You are not required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632. The joint public hearing is completed in lieu of this hearing.

If line (7) is **less than** line (6), your political subdivision **is not required** to participate in the joint public hearing, or complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You are required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632.

SCHEDULE A GENERAL FUND LID EXCLUSIONS

County-District #

89-0001

Blair Community Schools

Line No.		2024-2025 Amount Budgeted To Spend
1	Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster: (List repair)	
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9	Total Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster (Lines 1 through 8)	\$ -
10	Judgments: (List the types of judgments obtained against your School District to the extent such judgment is not paid by liability insurance)	
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		
17	Total Judgments (Lines 11 through 16)	\$ -
18	Distance Education Courses	
19	Amounts eligible as exclusion for Voluntary Termination Agreements	
20	Retirement Contribution Increase	\$ 416,610.00
21	Native American Impact Aid	
22	Total General Fund Lid Exclusions - To LC-2 Form (Line 9 + Line 17 to 21)	\$ 416,610.00

Superintendent Pay Transparency Notice—Proposed Contract - Dr. Randall Gilson

Notice is hereby given that Blair Community Schools has approval of a proposed superintendent employment contract/contract amendment on its agenda for the board meeting to be held on June 10, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Blair Community Schools Central District Board Room located at 1326 Park Street in Blair, Nebraska 68008.

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After the 2024/25 school year, how many years remain on the contract:
 (Column F must be completed if additional years remain on contract.)

The estimated costs to the district for the 2024/25 year and future years are listed below:

	2024/25 Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits	Future Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits per Contract	TOTAL CONTRACT COST
Base Pay for the Total FTE	\$ 190,900.00	\$ 190,900.00	\$ 381,800.00
Compensation for activities outside of the regular salary:			
• Extended contracts / Activities outside of regular salary			\$ -
• Bonus/Incentive/Performance Pay			\$ -
• Stipends			\$ -
• All other costs not mentioned above			\$ -
Benefits and Payroll Costs Paid by district:			
• Insurances (Health, Dental, Life, Long Term Disability)	\$ 658.00	\$ 658.00	\$ 1,316.00
• Cafeteria Plan Stipend			\$ -
• Cash in lieu of insurance	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
• Employee's share of retirement, deferred compensation, FICA and Medicare if paid by the district			\$ -
• District's share of retirement, FICA and Medicare	\$ 32,164.00	\$ 32,164.00	\$ 64,328.00
• IRS value of housing allowance			\$ -
• IRS value of vehicle allowance			\$ -
• Additional leave days			\$ -
• Annuities			\$ -
• Service credit purchase			\$ -
• Association / Membership dues	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 5,600.00
• Cell Phone/Internet reimbursement	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00	\$ 1,920.00
• Relocation reimbursement			\$ -
• Travel allowance/reimbursement	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 7,200.00
• Mileage Allowance			\$ -
• Educational tuition assistance			\$ -
• All other benefit costs not mentioned above			\$ -
Totals:	\$ 236,082.00	\$ 236,082.00	\$ 472,164.00

State of Nebraska, County of Washington
 Tracy Prettyman, Being by me first duly sworn,
 deposes and says that she is the Business
 Manager of the Pilot-Tribune, a legal weekly
 newspaper printed and published at Blair, in
 Washington County, Nebraska and of general
 circulation in said County and State: that said
 newspaper has a bona fide circulation of more
 than 3000 copies weekly, in said County: and
 has been published in said County for more
 than 52 successive weeks prior to the first
 publication of the attached notice, that the
 attached notice was published in said
 newspaper for 1 consecutive week(s) being
 the issues of:

9/10/2024
 Date(s)

Tracy Prettyman
 Tracy Prettyman, Business Manager

Subscribed in my presence, and sworn to
 before me this date:

September 10, 2024

Shauna L. Gerke
 Notary

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
 SHAUNA L. GERKE
 My Comm. Exp. July 24, 2027

Cost information

Printers Fee	\$	139.13
Aff & billing prep fee		
Notary Fee		
Copy Fee		
Additional Affidavits		
25% mins discount		
Total Amount Due	\$	139.13

Affidavit of Publication:

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Blair Community Schools (89-0001) in Washington County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 15th day of September, 2024 at 7:00 o'clock, P.M., at School District Central Office (formerly North School), 1328 Park St, Blair, NE 68008 for the purpose of hearing, support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relating thereto. The budget details is available at the office of the Chief/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: <https://rap.education.ne.gov>

FUNDS	Actual	Actual/Estimated	Budgeted	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	Disbursements & Transfers 2022-2023 (1)	Disbursements & Transfers 2023-2024 (2)	Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (3)			
General	\$ 25,777,920.00	\$ 26,688,602.00	\$ 38,073,440.00	\$ 2,704,040.00	\$ 22,930,016.00	\$ 18,027,741.00
Develation	\$ 1,017,030.00	\$ 968,717.00	\$ 3,600,408.00	\$ -	\$ 3,800,408.00	\$ -
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ 181.00	\$ 4,266.00	\$ -	\$ 4,266.00	\$ -
Conference	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Activities	\$ 642,051.00	\$ 664,812.00	\$ 1,006,511.00	\$ -	\$ 1,006,511.00	\$ -
School Nutrition	\$ 1,087,354.00	\$ 1,089,429.00	\$ 2,219,587.00	\$ -	\$ 2,219,587.00	\$ -
Bond	\$ 1,980,303.00	\$ 1,979,527.00	\$ 11,981,813.00	\$ 1,090,734.00	\$ 11,090,734.00	\$ 2,001,629.00
Special Building	\$ 1,578,258.00	\$ 1,920,875.00	\$ 5,329,810.00	\$ -	\$ 3,533,493.00	\$ 1,814,462.00
Qualified Capital	\$ 62,270.00	\$ -	\$ 3,965.00	\$ -	\$ 3,965.00	\$ -
Purpose Undertaking	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ 174,004.00	\$ 198,430.00	\$ 392,144.00	\$ -	\$ 392,144.00	\$ -
Student Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 32,328,490.00	\$ 33,495,273.00	\$ 62,711,744.00	\$ 3,794,774.00	\$ 44,881,124.00	\$ 21,843,832.00

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Breakdown of Property Tax

Bond Purposes \$ 2,001,629.00

Non-Bond Purposes \$ 19,842,203.00

Total \$ 21,843,832.00

PT 09-10-24



NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Blair Community Schools (89-0001) in Washington County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September, 2024 at 7:00 o'clock, P.M., at School District Central Office (formerly North School), 1326 Park St, Blair, NE 68008 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: <https://nep.education.ne.gov>

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers		Necessary Cash Reserve	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement
	2022-2023 (1)	2023-2024 (2)	2024-2025 (3)	(4)			
General	\$ 25,777,920.00	\$ 26,686,602.00	\$ 38,073,440.00	\$ 2,704,040.00	\$ 22,930,016.00	\$ 18,027,741.00	
Depreciation	\$ 1,017,030.00	\$ 968,717.00	\$ 3,600,408.00		\$ 3,600,408.00		
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ 181.00	\$ 4,266.00	\$ -	\$ 4,266.00		
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Activities	\$ 642,051.00	\$ 664,812.00	\$ 1,006,511.00	\$ -	\$ 1,006,511.00		
School Nutrition	\$ 1,067,354.00	\$ 1,069,429.00	\$ 2,219,587.00	\$ -	\$ 2,219,587.00		
Bond	\$ 1,980,303.00	\$ 1,979,527.00	\$ 11,981,613.00	\$ 1,090,734.00	\$ 11,090,734.00	\$ 2,001,629.00	
Special Building	\$ 1,578,258.00	\$ 1,920,975.00	\$ 5,329,810.00		\$ 3,533,493.00	\$ 1,814,462.00	
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 62,270.00	\$ -	\$ 3,965.00	\$ -	\$ 3,965.00	\$ -	
Cooperative	\$ 27,300.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00		
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	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ 2,001,629.00	\$ 19,842,203.00	\$ 21,843,832.00

State of Nebraska, County of Washington
 Tracy Prettyman, Being by me first duly sworn,
 deposes and says that she is the Business
 Manager of the Pilot-Tribune, a legal weekly
 newspaper printed and published at Blair, in
 Washington County, Nebraska and of general
 circulation in said County and State: that said
 newspaper has a bona fide circulation of more
 than 3000 copies weekly, in said County: and
 has been published in said County for more
 than 52 successive weeks prior to the first
 publication of the attached notice, that the
 attached notice was published in said
 newspaper for 1 consecutive week(s) being
 the issues of:

9/10/2024
 Date(s)

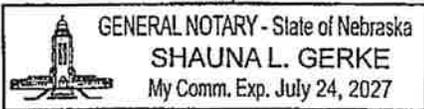
Tracy Prettyman
 Tracy Prettyman, Business Manager

Subscribed in my presence, and sworn to
 before me this date:

September 10, 2024

Shauna L. Gerke

Notary



Cost information	
Printers Fee	\$ 185.50
Aff & billing prep fee	
Notary Fee	
Copy Fee	
Additional Affidavits	
25% mins discount	
Total Amount Due	\$ 185.50

Affidavit of Publication:

Fund	2023-2024 Budget Information				2024-2025 Budget Information				
	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Property Tax Revenue	2023 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate Divided By (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation)	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Revenue	Proposed 2024 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	36,602,835.00	18,559,775.00	0.629161	0.566211	39,073,440.00	18,027,741.00	0.638178	1%	4%
Food Fund(s) K-12	13,976,728.00	1,993,725.00	0.075976	0.070790	11,981,813.00	2,001,629.00	0.070857	-7%	-14%
Facility Building Fund	6,474,337.00	3,684,881.00	0.140000	0.130443	5,329,810.00	1,818,462.00	0.082731	-44%	-3%
Qualified Capital Purpose Leasing Fund K-12	3,953.00	.	0.000000	0.000000	3,965.00	.	0.000000	000%/01	0%
Total	64,140,873.00	22,244,381.00	0.445197	0.707444	55,398,228.00	21,849,372.00	0.773964	-9%	-1%

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Property Valuations	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change
	2,632,040,815	2,824,884,732	7%

Blair Community Schools (69-0001) in Washington County, Nebraska
 Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

PUBLISHED IN FULLY OPEN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STATE STATUTE SECTION 77-1632, THAT THE GOVERNING BODY WILL MEET ON THE 15th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION HEREIN, AT BLAIR DISTRICT CENTRAL OFFICE (FORMERLY NORTH SCHOOL), 1326 PARK ST. BLAIR, NE 68008 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING SUPPORT, OPPOSITION, CRITICISM, SUGGESTIONS OR OBSERVATIONS BY ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE MATTER HEREIN.



Updated for County Assessor Valuation change on 8-16-24 after 8-9-24 original

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Blair Community Schools (89-0001) in Washington County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2024 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. immediately following the Budget Hearing, at School District Central Office (formerly North School), 1326 Park St, Blair, NE 68008 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change
Property Valuations	2,632,040,875	2,824,890,027	7%

2023-2024 Budget Information

Fund	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Property Tax Request	2023 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation)
General Fund	36,682,855.00	16,559,775.00	0.629161	0.586210
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	13,979,728.00	1,999,725.00	0.075976	0.070789
Special Building Fund	5,474,337.00	3,684,861.00	0.140000	0.130443
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	3,953.00	-	0.000000	0.000000
Total	56,140,873.00	22,244,361.00	0.845137	0.787442

2024-2025 Budget Information

	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2024 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	38,073,440.00	18,027,741.00	0.638175	1%	4%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	11,981,613.00	2,001,629.00	0.070857	-7%	-14%
Special Building Fund	5,329,810.00	1,814,462.00	0.064231	-54%	-3%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	3,965.00	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0%
Total	55,388,828.00	21,843,832.00	0.773263	-9%	-1%

Arlington High School rushers produce 376 yards in win

Football team improves to 7-1

BY GRANT EGGER
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Offensively, the Arlington High School football team ran for 376 yards and four scores.

Defensively, it held the host Conestoga Cougars to just 15 and none.

So, which unit played better Friday as the Eagles earned a 30-7 win?

"Tough call there as we did what we wanted to do on both sides of the ball to-



Dallin Franzluebers

road during the second week. Killian McIntosh scored the first rushing touchdown of the first half before Dallin Franzluebers stalled the second and Ben Flesner found the end zone for the third.

"We wanted to fix a few of our base running plays and get off the ball much faster this week," Schlueter said when asked about Arlington's game plan and the execution thereof. "I think we accomplished both."

The Eagles pushed their advantage to 30-0 during the third quarter when Franzluebers, a former cross-country runner, produced his

second touchdown run of more than 30 yards. He finished with a team-best 12 carries for 141 yards altogether.

Cooper Staats, meanwhile, ran for 72 yards as McIntosh finished with six carries for 51. Flesner had 44 yards on the ground, too, while Owen Ladehoff had 25 and Oliver Ladehoff added 23.

Arlington's runners all produced their yardage behind offensive linemen and lead backs who played better during Friday's game than they had against Fort Calhoun in the season-opening defeat.

"Blocking was definitely the biggest improvement," Schlueter said. "Both knowing who to block and aggressively doing so."

Altogether, Arlington out-yarded Conestoga by 245, 400-155. Owen Ladehoff and McIntosh combined for 24 passing yards on four completions, while McIntosh also completed three 2-point conversion passes to Trent Koger (two) and Franzluebers (one).

The Eagles next face Raymond Central on the road. The Class C2 matchup is Friday at 7 p.m.

ARLINGTON 30, CONESTOGA 7

AHS (1-1) 16680-30
CON (0-2) 0007-7

SCORING SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

A: Killian McIntosh 1-yard run
A: Dallin Franzluebers 32-yard run

SECOND QUARTER

A: Ben Flesner 2-yard run

THIRD QUARTER

A: Franzluebers 33-yard run

FIFTH QUARTER

C: Grant Tesaker 57-yard pass from Logan Lutt

Arlington High School Eagles boys 2nd, girls 3rd at XC opener

9th-graders help team top-5 individual finishes

BY GRANT EGGER
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Arlington High School cross-country runners earned five top-10 individual finishes Thursday during the Eagles' season-opening meet at Omaha Concordia.

Coach Michaela Curran's team finished second in the boys' standings and third in the girls' rankings, but Hailey O'Daniel finished second to no one. The senior led the way across 5 kilometers, claiming a first-place finish in 21:06.37.

Experienced AHS runners Kolby Tighe (third in 18:01.35) and John Morrison (eighth in 19:03.05) earned top-10 results, too, but so did freshmen Ashton Vollmer and Corinne May in their debuts. They both took fifth in their respective races despite coming into the meet a bit on edge.

"I was nervous all week," May said.

"I was like, 'I'm not ready,'" Vollmer added.

The later Eagle finished the boys' race in 18:54.89.

"Everybody had me worried about the hills," Vollmer said. "But hills weren't really a problem, though."

Instead, the ninth-grader stepped up and succeeded in his first 5K high school race.

"Very surprised I was able to keep it up for so long," he said. "Normally, I use up all my energy in the beginning and burn out."

May, meanwhile, finished the girls' race in 22:44.32. She said her teammates were com-

plimentary of the effort.

"They just told me I did a really good job, had really good finish and that that was really good race," May explained.

The freshman felt better about the whole thing after the fact, too.

"I'm just a lot more relieved," May said. "It just didn't feel as long as I thought it was going to."

In addition to O'Daniel and May, Whitney Wollberg claimed 18th for the Arlington girls at Concordia. Izzabella Credeur was 29th, too, while Sofie Lewis took 30th.

Gus Burns, meanwhile, was 18th in the boys' race ahead of teammate Brayden Fuchs, who took 20th. Ethan Hilgenkamp was 22nd as well.

Eagles Henry Lancaster, Rafaelo Magnino and Zady Lambert earned top-10 junior varsity finishes, too. They were fifth, eighth and 10th, respectively.

7th- and 8th-graders run, too

Arlington junior high runners also started their seasons Thursday in Omaha.

The Eagle girls won the team title at Concordia with Miranda Morrison leading the way in fourth. Kristina Lucas (seventh), Willa Wollberg (eighth) and Stella Stratman (ninth) notched top-10 results, too.

Domitic Morrison, meanwhile, won the boys' 2,600-meter race in 10:20.85. He was followed by top-10 finishing teammate Logan Hilgenkamp, who claimed fifth.



Arlington senior Hailey O'Daniel runs alone in the lead Thursday at Omaha Concordia. The Eagle earned first in the girls' 5-kilometer run.



Ashton Vollmer of Arlington sprints to the finish line Thursday at Omaha Concordia.

CONCORDIA INVITE

THURSDAY AT OMAHA CONCORDIA

BOYS

TEAM STANDINGS: Omaha Concordia 31, Arlington 33, Omaha Westview 35, Cornerstone Christian 47, Ashland-Greenwood 50.

5K RACE WINNER: Payton Day, Concordia, 17:34.61. ARLINGTON RESULTS: 3, Kolby Tighe, 18:01.35, 5, Ashton Vollmer, 18:54.89, 6, John Morrison, 19:03.05, 18, Gus Burns, 20:02.67, 20, Brayden Fuchs, 20:11.05, 22, Ethan

GIRLS

Hilgenkamp, 20:22.84, Top-10 JM: 5, Henry Lancaster, 21:19.35, 8, Rafaelo Magnino, 22:01.37, 10, Zady Lambert, 22:10.37.

TEAM STANDINGS: Westview 31, Concordia 40, Arlington 47, Omaha Mercy 51, Ashland 66.

5K RACE WINNER: Hailey O'Daniel, Arlington, 21:06.37. ARLINGTON RESULTS: 1, O'Daniel, 21:06.37, 5, Corinne May, 22:44.32, 18, Whitney Wollberg, 24:56.29, 29, Izzabella Credeur, 27:38.33, 30, Sofie Lewis, 28:00.48.



Arlington Eagles Corinne May, right, and Whitney Wollberg run Thursday at Omaha Concordia.



Arlington's Kolby Tighe runs down the final stretch to the finish line Thursday at Omaha Concordia.



Arlington's Brayden Fuchs competes Thursday at Omaha Concordia.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF IRONHORSE, LLC

office of the Company is 12608 County Road 27, Blair, Nebraska 68009

Paschke Estate Planning, 1650 Washington St., PO Box 70, Blair, NE 68008

which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska

perpetual (6) The affairs of the company shall be conducted by its members

Truhlsen & Paschke Estate Planning 1650 Washington St, PO Box 70 Blair, NE 68008 Phone 402-426-8877 ZNEZ

(1) The name of the limited liability company is IRONHORSE, LLC

(3) The registered agent of the Company is Grant M Paschke, Attorney at Law at Truhlsen &

(4) The purpose for which the company is organized is to engage in any lawful act or activities for

(5) The company commenced its existence on August 27, 2024, and the period of duration is

Grant M Paschke, Attorney

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CORP./ORG.

DREW LAW FIRM P.C. LLO

PO Box 462 1612 Lincoln Street Blair, Nebraska 68008

as 402 PROTECTION GROUP METRO, LLC. The designated address of the company is 1070 James Drive, Blair, NE 68008

The address of the registered agent is Drew Law Firm P.C., LLO, 1612 Lincoln St., PO Box 462, Blair, Nebraska 68008

any authorized business activity August 27th, 2024, and has perpetual duration. The affairs of the Company shall be conducted by its Managers

David V Drew, Organizer

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has organized a limited liability company known

as 402 PROTECTION GROUP METRO, LLC. The designated address of the company is 1070 James Drive, Blair, NE 68008

The address of the registered agent is David V. Drew. The general nature of the business to be transacted by the Company is

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City of Fort Calhoun

Washington County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513 that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2024 at 10:00 o'clock P.M. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing subject to certain criteria regarding the consideration of the following proposed budget. The budget shall be available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2023-2024 Actual Encumbrances & Transfers	\$ 3,197,950.00
2023-2024 Actual Estimated Encumbrances & Transfers	\$ 1,235,400.56
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Encumbrances & Transfers	\$ 4,250,026.50
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 1,842,491.00
2024-2025 Total Reserves & Cash	\$ 3,249,512.53
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 610,039.50
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 2,818,822.00

Breakdown of Property Tax: Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Functions \$ 455,039.50 Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds \$ 215,000.00

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 17-1632 that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2024 at 10:00 o'clock P.M. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing subject to certain criteria regarding the consideration of the following proposed budget. The budget shall be available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

	2021	2024	Change	%
Operating Budget	\$ 8,811,100.00	\$ 8,297,026.43	-\$ 514,073.57	-5.8%
Property Tax Required	\$ 881,722.00	\$ 670,919.50	-\$ 210,802.50	-23.9%
Reserve	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 12,434,317.00	\$ 434,317.00	3.6%
Tax Rate	0.849000	0.551000	-\$ 0.298000	-35.1%
Tax Rate After Tax Required for Current Allocation	0.524200	0.524200	\$ 0.000000	0.0%

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PUBLIC NOTICES

To place a legal notice,
email legals@entrprisepub.com
or call 402-426-7121.
Deadline: 11 a.m. Friday

HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Blair, Nebraska
Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held before the Blair City Council on Tuesday, Sept. 24th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 218 South 16th Street in Blair, Nebraska.
Public Hearings will be held and recommendations made on the following items:
Consider a Conditional Use Permit application submitted by Lads Blair, LLC, 100 Matawan Road, Suite 300, Matawan, New Jersey, to allow plastic dental part manufacturing on Tract 1, Mutual Addition of Blair, Washington County, Nebraska (9330 State Highway 133), for the life of the building.

A Replat Application submitted by First Christian Church, 1133 N. 28th Ave., Blair, Nebraska, for Lots 4, 5, 6 & 7 and Outlot A, Bella Vista First Addition Replat, a replat of Lots 2 and 3, Bella Vista First Addition, a subdivision in the City of Blair, Washington County, Nebraska (1133 N. 28th Ave).
All interested parties will be given the opportunity to speak.
Jeff Beiermann

Community Development Director
City of Blair
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PT 09-10-24

MEETINGS

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
LEGAL NOTICE to be published in the paper on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

The Board of Education of Blair Community Schools will meet on Monday, September 16, 2024 at 6:00pm for a Public Work Session and at 7:00pm for a Special Board of Education meeting. The purpose is to present the proposed 2024-25 Budget Hearing and the 2024-25 Tax Request. Hearing Members of the school district community will have the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed budget prior to its adoption by the Board. There will be a regular Board of Education meeting immediately following the meeting.

DREW LAW FIRM P.C., LLO
P.O. Box 462
1612 Lincoln Street
Blair, Nebraska 68008

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF 402 PROTECTION GROUP LINCOLN, LLC
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has organized a limited liability company known as 402 PROTECTION GROUP LINCOLN, LLC. The designated address of the company is 1070 James Drive, Blair, NE 68008. The address of the registered agent is Drew Law Firm P.C.

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perpetual duration. The affairs of the Company shall be conducted by its Managers.
David V. Drew, Organizer
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CORP./ORG.

MEETINGS
LEGAL NOTICE
The Washington County Extension Board will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 17 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Washington County Extension Office, 597 Grant Street, Blair. All Washington County citizens having business with the Extension Board are invited to participate. A current agenda is available for public inspection at the Washington County courthouse. Please contact the Extension Office if you need to be placed on the agenda.
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DREW LAW FIRM P.C., LLO
P.O. Box 462
1612 Lincoln Street
Blair, Nebraska 68008

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF 2L LAND COMPANY, INC.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has formed a Corporation under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The name of the Corporation is 2L Land Company, Inc. The address of the initial registered office is P.O. Box 462, 1612 Lincoln Street, Blair, Nebraska, 68008, and the initial registered agent is David V. Drew. The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is to transact any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Nebraska Business Corporation Act.

The authorized capital stock of the Corporation is Ten Thousand (10,000) Shares of common stock with a par value of One Dollar (\$1.00) per share. The Corporation commenced existence on the filing and recording of its Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, and it shall have perpetual existence.
The affairs of the Corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and such subordinate officers and agents as may be prescribed by the By-Laws.
David V. Drew, Incorporator
Drew Law Firm P.C., LLO
1612 Lincoln Street,
Blair, Nebraska 68008
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PT 09-03, 09-10, 09-17-24

MEETINGS

MEETINGS
Notice
The Washington County Agriculture Society (Fair Board) will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rybin Building at the

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Blair Community Schools (89-0001) in Washington County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632 that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2024 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. immediately following the Budget Meeting at Blair School Central Office (James North Street) 1133 N. 28th St. Blair, NE 68008 for the purpose of hearing, receiving, discussing, suggesting or approving of any or all items relating to setting the final tax request.

Property Valuations	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change
	2,532,368,875	2,924,684,712	392,315,837

2023-2024 Budget Information	2024-2025 Budget Information		
	2024-2025	2024-2025	
State Fund	1,112,458,000	1,112,458,000	0.00%
State Fund M-11	1,378,725,000	1,378,725,000	0.00%
Special Building Fund	1,474,517,000	1,474,517,000	0.00%
Qualified Senior Citizen	1,072,000	1,072,000	0.00%
Unallocated Fund M-11	1,072,000	1,072,000	0.00%
Total	5,036,777,000	5,036,777,000	0.00%

MEETINGS
Notice
The Washington County Agriculture Society (Fair Board) will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Rybin Building at the

Salary and Improvement District # 7

Washington County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632 that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September 2024 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. immediately following the Budget Meeting at Blair School Central Office (James North Street) 1133 N. 28th St. Blair, NE 68008 for the purpose of hearing, receiving, discussing, suggesting or approving of any or all items relating to setting the final tax request.

2023-2024 Actual Expenditures & Transfers	2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Expenditures & Transfers
2023-2024 Actual Expenditures & Transfers	2,924,684,712
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Expenditures & Transfers	2,924,684,712

Breakdown of Property Tax

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Washington County Agricultural Society
Washington County, Nebraska

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NOXIOUS WEED MUST BE CONTROLLED

You are required to control noxious weeds on your property

The noxious weeds are: Musk Thistle, Plumeless Thistle, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Knapweed (spotted and diffuse), Purple Loosestrife, Salscedar, Pigweeds and Knotweeds (Japanese and Green), and Seneca Lepododia. Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of September, 2024, pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act, section 2-953, subsection 1(a), in every person who owns or controls land in Washington County, Nebraska, that noxious weeds being grown or growing on, such land shall be controlled at such frequency as to prevent establishment, provide eradication, or reduce further propagation or dissemination of such weeds.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the County Weed Superintendent is required to:

- Proceed pursuant to the law and issue legal notice to the landowner of property infested with noxious weeds and giving such landowner 15 days to control the noxious weed infestation. Conviction for noncompliance may result in a \$100 per day fine to the landowner, with a maximum fine of \$1,500 or;
- Should more immediate control be required, proceed pursuant to the law and have the weeds controlled by such method as he/she finds necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be enforced as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means, as provided by law.

Also, the public is notified that noxious weed seed and propagative parts may be disseminated through the movement of machinery and equipment, trucks, grain and seed, hay, straw, nursery stock, fencing materials, soil, manure, and soil as well as articles of similar nature. Methods of treatment have been prescribed by the Director of Agriculture and may be obtained from the County Weed Superintendent.

By Order of Washington County Weed Control Authority

Please publish this notice on Sept 10, 2024 as a display ad and send one proof of publication to Washington County, Weed Department, P.O. Box 130, Blair, NE 68008

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**CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2024**

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

Name of School District	Class of School	Base School Code	Unified/Learning Comma. Code	School District Taxable Value	School District Real Growth Value *	School District Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation	Real Growth Percentage ^a
BLAIR SCHOOL 1	3	99-0001		2,824,890,027	30,451,473	2,420,715,320	1.26

* Real Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1631 which includes (i) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (iii) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, and (iv) a change in the use of real property; and (v) the annual increase in the excess value for any tax increment financing project located in the political subdivision, if applicable.

^a Real Growth Percentage is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1631 and is equal to the school district's Real Growth Value divided by the school district's total real property valuation from the prior year.

I ROBIN ANDREASEN, WASHINGTON County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-509.

Robin Q. Andreason

(signature of county assessor)

8/16/24

(date)

CC: County Clerk, WASHINGTON County

CC: County Clerk where school district is headquartered, if different county, _____ County

- **Reminders to School District: 1) A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document and 2) Property Tax Request excludes the amount of principal or interest on bonds issued or authorized to be issued by a school district. Laws 2023, LB727, § 49.**

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS
TAX YEAR 2024
{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

Name of Base School District BOND(S)	Specify appropriate description of grade level applicable to the bond, e.g. elementary, high sch 9-12, or K-12	Base School Code	School BOND Taxable Value
BLAIR SCHOOL 1 BOND		89-0001	2,824,890,027

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2024/25 BUDGET AUTHORITY AND ALLOWABLE RESERVE PERCENTAGE CERTIFICATION

COUNTY: WASHINGTON
COUNTY-DISTRICT NUMBER: 89-0001-000
DISTRICT NAME: BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Certified Budget Authority	\$31,831,226	Budget Based
Allowable Reserve Percentage	35 %	
Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority	\$367,477	

Certified Budget Authority:

Certified Budget Authority is calculated three ways. The greater of the Budget Based Calculation, the Student Growth Adjustment Calculation, or the Formula Needs Calculation becomes a district's Certified Budget Authority.

Budget Based Calculation: $((GFBE - SGF - SPED - GFLE) \times 1.025)$

Student Growth Adjustment Calculation: $((GFBE - SGF - SPED - GFLE) + (SGA +/- SGACORR))$

Formula Needs Calculation: $((FN \times 1.10) - (SPED \times 1.025))$

		Data Source
GFBE	2023/24 General Fund Budget	2023/24 LC-2 Line B-100
SGF	2023/24 Special Grant Funds	2023/24 LC-2 Line B-110
SPED	2023/24 Special Education Budget	2023/24 LC-2 Line B-120
GFLE	2023/24 General Fund Lid Exclusions (Schedule A)	2023/24 LC-2 Line B-130
SGA	2024/25 Student Growth Adjustment	2024/25 State Aid
SGACORR	2024/25 Student Growth Correction	2024/25 State Aid
FN	2024/25 Formula Needs	2024/25 State Aid

2024/25 Basic Allowable Growth Rate (BAGR) is 2.5%.

Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority:

This amount is equal to the lesser of 2% of 2023/24 adjusted expenditures (2% of LC-2 Line B-140) or 2023/24 Total Unused Budget Authority (LC-2 Line B-175) if the district has Unused Budget Authority available.

Please Note: To access this additional budget growth, the amount must be manually entered on Line A-355 of the 2024/25 LC-2.

Any questions about this information or how it is to be used in meeting the budgeting requirements of state law can also be directed to School Finance at the Nebraska Department of Education, Box 94987, Lincoln, NE 68509-4987, or by calling (402)450-0867 or (402)540-0649.

District Number: 89-0001-000
 District Name: BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
 District Phone: (402)426-2610

Instructions (https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2122_LC2Instructions.pdf)

Checklist (/Budget_Document_Checklist.pdf)

2024/25 Section A: Calculation of Total Allowable Budget Authority

Certified Budget Authority	A-101	31,831,226
Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority [Maximum Amount: \$367,477]	A-355	367,477
Total Adjusted Budget Authority	A-361	32,198,703
Total Allowable Budget Authority	A-780	32,198,703

The School District Budget Spreadsheet provided by the Auditor of Public Accounts is uploaded here.

MAKE SURE THE SPREADSHEET IS CLOSED BEFORE YOU UPLOAD.

Choose File No file chosen

Upload Budget Data

Excel file ONLY - 20MB limit

Update the budget data any time a change is made to the Budget Spreadsheet.

2024/25 Section B: General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers and Unused Budget Authority

2024/25 General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-100	38,073,440
2024/25 Special Grant Funds	B-110	928,456
2024/25 Special Education Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-120	4,529,671
2024/25 General Fund Lid Exclusions	B-130	416,610
Total Adjusted General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-140	32,198,703
2024/25 Unused Budget Authority	B-150	0

Update the LC2 System budget data any time a change is made to your School District Budget Spreadsheet.

Total Unused Budget Authority

2023/24 Total Unused Budget Authority	B-160	367,477
2024/25 General Fund Expenditure Growth	B-162	367,477
Adjusted Unused Budget Authority	B-165	0
2024/25 Unused Budget Authority	B-170	0
Total Unused Budget Authority (Carries forward into future school fiscal years)	B-175	0

Additional Budget Authority Approved by Patron

Did you hold a successful special election for additional **BUDGET** Authority?
 (Not a levy override) B-180 Yes No

2024/25 Section C: Allowable Reserves and Total Reserves

2024/25 Applicable Allowable Reserve Percentage	C-170	35.00
2024/25 Total Allowable Reserves	C-180	13,325,704
2024/25 General Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	C-300	2,704,040
2024/25 Depreciation Fund Total Requirements	C-310	3,600,408
2024/25 Employee Benefit Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	C-320	0
Total Reserves	C-340	6,304,448

Levy Override Approved by Patron

Did you hold a successful election of your patrons for a levy override that applies to the current year? B-400 Yes No

Certified Assessed Valuation B-490 2,824,890,027

2024/25 Section D: Property Tax Request Authority

2024/25 Property Tax Request Authority D-110 19,842,203

Did 70% of the School Board approve to exceed the Certified Property Tax Request Authority? D-120 Yes No

Was a successful election of the patrons held to exceed the Property Tax Request Authority? D-150 Yes No

Additional Property Tax Authority due to successful levy override (Calculation of B-420 multiplied by Certified Assessed Valuation listed above) D-170 0

Total Property Tax Authority Allowed D-180 19,842,203

2024/25 Property Tax Request General Fund D-210 18,027,741

2024/25 Property Tax Request Special Building Fund D-220 1,814,462

2024/25 Total Property Tax Request D-230 19,842,203

2024/25 Unused Property Tax Request Authority D-240 0

Total Property Tax Reduced as a result of increased SPED & Foundation Aid D-310 4,544,035

Recalculate LC-2 after making changes to individual lines (Form not saved)

Recalculate LC-2

Save a copy of the LC-2 without submitting to NDE (Save before moving to another page)

Save LC-2

Submit completed LC-2 to NDE.

You can upload your Budget Documentation on the next screen.
Mailed or emailed budgets will not be accepted by NDE.

District Approval

Log Out of LC-2 system (If you log out without saving and/or submitting your data, changes will be lost.)

Log Out

District Number: 89-0001-000
District Name: BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
District Phone: (402)426-2610

Special Grant Fund List

[Return to LC2](#)

Total Special Grant Funds 3.00 928,456

[Save Grants](#)

If you made any changes to the Special Grant Fund List, click here before returning to the LC2.

[Print Grants](#)

*** Items denoted with a * must be approved by the State Board of Education.
Email your request for approval of these items to:**

Theresa Haarberg at theresa.haarberg@nebraska.gov

Grant Description	Line	Amount
ACE/Cultural Connections	1.11	0
Adult Education - English Literacy/Civics Grants	1.115	0
Adult Education & Family Literacy Act Grants	1.12	0
Adult Education Volunteer Coordination Program	1.125	0
Annenberg Foundation Grants (Rural Challenge)	1.13	0
ARP-HCY I & II	1.135	0
Artist-in-Schools/Communities Grants	1.14	0
Beyond School Bells Grant	1.145	0
Building Safe and Responsive Schools Grants	1.15	0
Career and Technical Education Grants (Carl Perkins)	1.155	20,643
Career Pathway Advancement Project (CPAP)	1.16	0
Century Link/NETA Grants	1.165	0
Child Care & Development Fund	1.17	0
Clean School Bus FY22-26	1.175	0
Community 4 Kids Grant	1.18	0
Community Incentive Grants	1.185	0
Department of Justice STOP Violence Grant	1.19	0
Distance Learning Grants (Federal)	1.195	0
Early Childhood Education Endowment Program Ages Birth-3 (Sixpence) Grants	1.2	84,985
Early Childhood Education Program Ages 3-5 Grants	1.205	69,466
Early Intervention Act and IDEA Part C (Infants/Toddlers with Disabilities) Grants	1.21	0
Education Improvement Fund Grants (includes Distance Education Incentive Grants, Expanded Learning Opportunity Grants and Innovation Grants)	1.215	0

EducationQuest Foundation Community Grants	1.22	0
ESEA Title I Grants (includes Accountability, Support for Improvement, Disadvantaged, Migrant Education, and Neglected or Delinquent)	1.225	194,722
ESEA Title II Part A - Support Effective Instruction (Principal and Teacher Training and Recruiting/Class Size Reduction)	1.23	51,787
ESEA Title III Grants - Immigrant Education Grants	1.235	0
ESEA Title III Grants – Language Instruction for English Learners	1.24	3,000
ESEA Title IV Part A - Student Support & Academic Enrichment Grants	1.245	12,967
ESEA Title IV Part B - 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants	1.25	0
ESEA Title IX – McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grants	1.255	0
ESEA Title VI Grants - Rural and Low-Income (Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Grants)	1.26	0
ESEA Title VII Grants - Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education	1.265	0
ESSERS III - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (CARES, CRRSA, ARP)	1.27	0
Forest Service Grants (Conservation Education)	1.275	0
GEERS – Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund (CARES, CRRSA)	1.28	0
Great Plains Communications Grants (Commitment to the Schools)	1.285	0
Head Start Grants	1.29	0
High Ability Learner Incentive Grants (Gifted)	1.295	0
High School Equivalency Assistance Act Grants	1.3	0
IDEA Part B, C Sec 619 Flow-Through Grants (includes Base, Enrollment/Poverty, CEIS, and Non-public)	1.305	490,886
IDEA Special Education Discretionary Grants (includes State Improvement Grants (SpDG/PBIS), Deaf-Blind Grants, Part B Sec 611 & Sec 619 State Set-Aside Grants, and other Office of Special Education Program (OSEP) Grants	1.31	0

Immigrant Impact Education Grants	1.315	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Improving Health & Education Outcomes for Young People	1.32	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Indian Education Grants	1.325	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act/American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)	1.33	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Innovation in Education Program Grants (includes funds from USDE)	1.335	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Johnson-O'Malley Grants	1.34	<input type="text" value="0"/>
JROTC	1.345	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Kiewit Foundation Grants	1.35	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Magnet School Grants	1.355	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Medicaid Administrative Activities in Public Schools (MAAPS) Grants	1.36	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	1.365	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Mentoring for Success Grants	1.37	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Microsoft Settlement Agreement	1.375	<input type="text" value="0"/>
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	1.38	<input type="text" value="0"/>
National Science Foundation Grants	1.385	<input type="text" value="0"/>
NDEQ	1.39	<input type="text" value="0"/>
NE Emerging Technologies Initiative-Pathways to STEM grant	1.395	<input type="text" value="0"/>
NE Improving Student Health	1.4	<input type="text" value="0"/>
NE Improving Student Health (CARES Act)	1.405	<input type="text" value="0"/>
NE Youth Suicide Prevention 21	1.41	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Nebraska Arts Council Grants	1.415	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Nebraska Community Foundation/TeamMates Grants	1.42	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Nebraska Environmental Trust Grants	1.425	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Grants (Conservation Education, Outdoor Classroom)	1.43	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Nebraska Grant for School Emergency Management	1.435	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Nebraska Humanities Grants	1.44	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Grants	1.445	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Nebraska STOP School Violence Prevention Training Program	1.45	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Nebraska STOP School Violence Threat Assessment Program	1.455	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Preschool Development Grant (PDG)	1.46	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness & Resiliency in Education)	1.465	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Refugee School Impact Grant	1.47	<input type="text" value="0"/>
reVISION Action Grant	1.475	<input type="text" value="0"/>
South Omaha Scholastic Foundation (formerly known as Ritonya•Buscher•Poehling Scholarship and Teacher Grant Fund)	1.48	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Safe Routes to Schools Grant	1.485	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Save the Children Grant	1.49	<input type="text" value="0"/>
School Climate Transformation Grant	1.495	<input type="text" value="0"/>
School Health Program Grants	1.5	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Smaller Learning Communities Program Grants	1.505	<input type="text" value="0"/>
SPED Planning Region Team	1.51	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Stackable, instructionally embedded, Portable Science (SIPS) Assessments.	1.515	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Statewide Longitudinal Data System	1.52	<input type="text" value="0"/>
State Personnel Development Grant	1.522	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Stronger Connections Bipartisan Safer Community Grant	1.523	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Summer Food Service Program	1.525	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Supplemental Nutrition (CRRSA & ARP?)	1.53	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Teaching American History (TAH) Grants	1.535	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Technology Information Infrastructure Assistance Program Grants (U.S. Department of Commerce)	1.54	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Textbook Loan Grants (Rule 4)	1.545	<input type="text" value="0"/>
USDA Nutrition Service Grants	1.55	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Vocational Rehabilitation Grants	1.555	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant	1.557	<input type="text" value="0"/>
Young Adult Tobacco Prevention	1.56	<input type="text" value="0"/>

Exclusions listed below require State Board approval

Grant Description	Line	Amount
*Insurance Settlements	1.565	<input type="text" value="0"/>
*Interfund Loans	1.57	<input type="text" value="0"/>
*Reimbursements for Wards of the Court	1.575	<input type="text" value="0"/>
*Short-Term Borrowings	1.58	<input type="text" value="0"/>
*Special Supplementary Grants from City or County Governments	1.585	<input type="text" value="0"/>
*Special Supplementary Grants from City or County Governments	1.59	<input type="text" value="0"/>
*Special Supplementary Grants from Corporations, Foundations, or Other Private Interests	1.595	<input type="text" value="0"/>
*Special Supplementary Grants from Corporations, Foundations, or Other Private Interests	1.6	<input type="text" value="0"/>



Shearer, Tom <tom.shearer@blairschools.org>

2024/25 LC-2 has been received by NDE

1 message

theresa.haarberg@nebraska.gov <theresa.haarberg@nebraska.gov>
To: tom.shearer@blairschools.org

Wed, Sep 25, 2024 at 10:10 AM

District Number: **89-0001-000**

Fiscal Year: **20242025**

The 2024/25 LC-2 for the school district has been received by the Nebraska Department of Education.

If you have questions regarding the submission of the LC-2 using the NDE Portal, please contact the NDE Help Desk at 888-285-0556 or ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in the LC-2, please contact: Stephanie DeGroot at stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov or Theresa Haarberg at theresa.haarberg@nebraska.gov

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES
REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Blair Community Schools

Washington

SUBDIVISION NAME

COUNTY

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

BLAIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 WASHINGTON COUNTY

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

**2024/25 Approved
Requests Relative to the Budgeting Provisions
of the Tax Equity & Educational Opportunities Support Act
at the September 6, 2024 State Board Meeting**

Recommendation 1

Distance Education Courses [Section 79-1028.01(1)(d)]

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
04-0001	Banner County Public Schools	\$690
61-0049	Palmer Public School	\$56,400

Recommendation 2

Early Childhood Education Grants [Section 79-1028.01(2)(c)]

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
10-0007	Kearney Public Schools	\$133,250
21-0089	Arnold Public Schools	\$51,250
28-0066	Westside Community Schools	\$133,250
56-0001	North Platte Public Schools	\$133,250
82-0001	Loup City Public Schools	\$133,250

Recommendation 3

Insurance Settlement [Section 79-1003(38)]

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
33-0021	Cambridge Public Schools	\$65,000

Recommendation 4

Retirement Contribution Increase [Section 79-1028.01(1)(e)&(f)]

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
01-0018	Hastings Public Schools	\$849,240
04-0001	Banner County School	\$55,891
05-0071	Sandhills Public Schools	\$30,121
06-0000	Boone Central Public Schools	\$94,613
07-0010	Hemingford Public Schools	\$106,603
10-0007	Kearney Public Schools	\$1,422,201
19-0039	Leigh Community Schools	\$60,775
22-0031	Homer Community Schools	\$122,366
24-0004	Overton Public Schools	\$70,662
24-0011	Cozad Community Schools	\$182,279
27-0001	Fremont Public Schools	\$1,173,117
28-0001	Omaha Public Schools	\$11,361,879
28-0010	Elkhorn Public Schools	\$2,140,189
28-0017	Millard Public Schools	\$4,045,340
28-0066	Westside Community Schools	\$1,342,292
31-0506	Franklin Public Schools	\$69,410
33-0021	Cambridge Public Schools	\$103,702
40-0126	Doniphan-Trumbull Public Schools	\$120,267
45-0044	Stuart Public Schools	\$55,474

Recommendation 4 (Continued)
Retirement Contribution Increase [Section 79-1028.01(1)(e)&(f)]

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
45-0239	West Holt Public Schools	\$159,390
48-0300	Tri County Public Schools	\$138,929
54-0505	Isanti Community School	\$82,740
56-0001	North Platte Public Schools	\$729,386
56-0037	Hershey Public Schools	\$118,013
59-0001	Madison Public Schools	\$130,667
59-0005	Battle Creek Public Schools	\$109,871
61-0049	Palmer Public School	\$79,268
63-0030	Twin River Public Schools	\$91,294
66-0111	Nebraska City Public Schools	\$371,446
71-0005	Lakeview Community Schools	\$165,921
71-0067	Humphrey Public Schools	\$82,881
77-0046	Springfield Platteview Comm Schools	\$281,126
85-2001	Bruning-Davenport USD	\$70,317
89-0001	Blair Community Schools	\$416,610
90-0595	Winside Public Schools	\$73,370
93-0096	Heartland Community Schools	\$91,641

Recommendation 5
Short-Term Borrowings [Section 79-1003(38)]

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved
77-0046	Springfield Platteview Comm Schools	\$1,000,000

Recommendation 6
Special Supplementary Grant [Section 79-1003(38)]

County-District Number	School District Name	Amount to be Approved	Source
01-0018	Hastings Public Schools	\$500,000	Hastings Public Schools Foundation
04-0001	Banner County Pub Schools	\$13,200	Safety and Security Grant
10-0007	Kearney Public Schools	\$131,154	Safety and Security Grant
10-0069	Ravenna Public Schools	\$30,000	Safety and Security Grant
28-0001	Omaha Public Schools	\$535,731	Buffett Early Childhood Fund
		\$440,000	Education Quest
		\$140,000	Common Sense Media
		\$25,500	Knowledge Network
		\$88,479	Lozier Foundation
		\$51,608	Omaha Public Schools Foundation
		\$1,250,000	KIOS Radio Station Donations/Corp for Public Broadcasting
		\$10,518,682	Sherwood Foundation

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Blair Community Schools passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Blair Community Schools resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$ 18,027,741.00
Bond Fund:	\$ 2,001,629.00
Special Building Fund:	\$ 1,814,462.00
Qualified Capital Purpose	\$ -
Undertaking Fund:	

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 7.33 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.787444 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. Blair Community Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.773264 per \$100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Blair Community Schools will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by -1.34 percent.

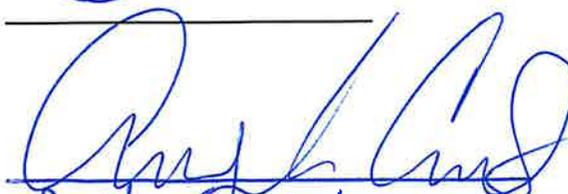
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Motion by BRANDI PETERSEN, seconded by COURTNEY TABOR to adopt Resolution.

Roll Call Vote as Follows:

Deb Parks	YES	NO
Steve Callaghan	YES	NO
Denise Cada	YES	NO
Ginger Fredericksen	YES	NO
Kari Loseke	YES	NO
Brandi Petersen	YES	NO
Courtney Tabor	YES	NO
Tim Welch	YES	NO

Dated this 16th day of September, 2024


 Board Secretary
 Angela Conety

Board of Education Work Session

September 16, 2024 6:00 PM

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Work Session to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, Steve Callaghan and Ginger Fredericksen.

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

3. Reading Task Force Presentation

The Reading Task Force is a dedicated group of teachers formed to explore ways to support and improve instruction in classrooms. They shared a presentation on the current reality of our curriculum, revealing areas needing improvement.

4. Adjournment

The Board of Education Work Session adjourned at 7:06pm

Board of Education Special Meeting

September 16, 2024 7:10 PM

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Special meeting to order at 7:10pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, Steve Callaghan and Ginger Fredericksen.

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

Mr. Tom Shearer, Business Manager, shared the Blair Community Schools Budget Hearing and Final Tax Request presentation.

3. 2024-25 Budget Hearing – Entered into at 7:14pm – 7:35pm

The Board convened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2024-25 Budget for the Board to consider amendments relative thereto. Public comments were heard from two (2) patrons.

4. 2024-25 Tax Request Hearing – Entered into at 7:35pm – 7:39pm

The board convened a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed 2024-25 Tax Request for the Board to consider amendments relative thereto. No public comments were heard.

5. Adjournment

The Special Board Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm

Board of Education Regular Meeting

September 16, 2024

Blair Central Office

1326 Park Street, Blair NE 68008

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1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kari Loseke, President, called the Board of Education Regular meeting to order at 7:39pm.

2. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Brandi Petersen, Kari Loseke, Denise Cada, Courtney Tabor, Deb Parks, Tim Welch, Steve Callaghan and Ginger Fredericksen.

2.1. Approval of Absent Board Members – None

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Gilson led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Emergency Additions to the Agenda - None

5. Call for Removal of Consent Agenda Items - None

6. Consent Agenda

Motion Passed: I move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

6.1. Waiver of reading minutes from previous meeting

6.2. Acceptance of minutes of the previous meeting as published

6.3. Receipt of Communications

6.4. Treasurer's Report

6.5. Audit of Claims

7. Business

7.1. Items removed from Consent Agenda - None

7.2. Recognitions

7.3. Acceptance of Gifts

7.3.1. Pacific Life Foundation

The Otte Blair Middle School was awarded a 2024 Pacific Life Foundation 3T's of Education grant in

the amount of \$1,000. The grant funds will be used to support programs at Otte Blair Middle School in the areas of teacher training, technology, or textbooks.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the 2024 Pacific Life Foundation 3T's of Education in the amount of \$1,000 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.3.2. Blair Dance Team Donation

The Blair Dance Team received a donation in the amount of \$1,000 from Sid Dillon Chevy Sports Sponsorship. The funds will be used by the Blair Dance Team to fund their trip to Florida for the National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, Florida, Friday, January 31, 2025-Sunday, February 2, 2025.

Motion Passed: I move to accept the donation from Sid Dillon Chevy Sports Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000 to help fund the Blair Dance Teams trip to Nationals passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Tim Welch.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.3.3. Precision Machine of Omaha Donation

Precision Machine of Omaha has donated \$15,000 worth of equipment to the Precision Machine program at Blair High School. With the approval of the equipment will come costs associated with moving the equipment from Omaha to Blair as well as some electrical work for power. The cost estimate is \$3,560.00.

Motion Passed: I move to accept a donation from Precision Machine of Omaha for \$15,000 worth of equipment to the Precision Machine program at Blair High School passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Steve Callaghan.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.4. Consideration of Communications

7.4.1. FBLA 2024 National Fall Leadership Conference

A letter was received from Mrs. Vicki Schrick, FBLA Adviser, requesting permission for FBLA members to attend the National Fall Leadership Conference in Columbus, Ohio from Thursday, November 7th through Sunday, November 10th, 2024. Mrs. Schrick and Mrs. Amy Lueders, Assistant FBLA Adviser, will provide guidance and support to the members at this event. The advisor fees will be covered by Blair FBLA and students will cover their own expenses for the trip.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the request for FLBA members to attend the National Fall Leadership in Columbus, Ohio from Thursday, November 7th through Sunday, November 10th, 2024 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.4.2. Blair High Sparx Dance Team

A letter was received from Cashell Shonka, Blair High Dance Team Head Coach, requesting permission for the Blair High Sparx Dance Team to attend a dance competition on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024. The competition is located at Millard North High School in Omaha, Nebraska.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the Blair High Sparx Dance Team to attend a dance competition on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 passed with a motion by Ginger Fredericksen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.5. Comments from The Public – Public comments were heard from five (5) patrons.

7.6. Committee Reports

7.6.1. Policy/Curriculum Committee

The Policy/Curriculum Committee met on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Deb Parks.

Motion Passed: I move to reaffirm policy-Title IX and to approve the first reading on revised policy 103.03-TitleIX – Procedure for Complaints of Sexual Harassment passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes

Ginger Fredericksen Yes
Kari Loseke Yes
Deb Parks Yes
Brandi Petersen Yes
Courtney Tabor Yes
Tim Welch Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the 2025-26 school calendar as presented passed with a motion by Deb Parks and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada Yes
Steve Callaghan Yes
Ginger Fredericksen Yes
Kari Loseke Yes
Deb Parks Yes
Brandi Petersen Yes
Courtney Tabor Yes
Tim Welch Yes

7.6.2. BG&T Committee

The Buildings, Grounds, and Transportation Committee met on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 4:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Steve Callaghan.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the bid from SEI in the amount of \$17,578 for the installation of cameras and door fobs at the BCAT Building passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada Yes
Steve Callaghan Yes
Ginger Fredericksen Yes
Kari Loseke Yes
Deb Parks Yes
Brandi Petersen Yes
Courtney Tabor Yes
Tim Welch Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve the bid from Craftsman Window Coverings, Inc. in the amount of \$5,975.00 for the purchase and installation of shades at Deerfield Elementary passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada Yes
Steve Callaghan Yes
Ginger Fredericksen Yes
Kari Loseke Yes
Deb Parks Yes
Brandi Petersen Yes
Courtney Tabor Yes
Tim Welch Yes

7.6.3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 12:00pm. A report from the committee was given by Brandi Petersen.

Motion Passed: I move to approve the purchase from Electronic Sound, Inc., in the amount of \$56,320 for the installation of Telecenter U All Page System at Deerfield Elementary, Arbor Park Elementary, Otte Middle School, and Blair High School using funds from the Savings Depreciation Fund passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

- Denise Cada Yes
- Steve Callaghan Yes
- Ginger Fredericksen Yes
- Kari Loseke Yes
- Deb Parks Yes
- Brandi Petersen Yes
- Courtney Tabor Yes
- Tim Welch Yes

Motion Passed: I move to approve second and final reading on revisions to Policy 612.10-Curriculum Review Cycle passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

- Denise Cada Yes
- Steve Callaghan Yes
- Ginger Fredericksen Yes
- Kari Loseke Yes
- Deb Parks Yes
- Brandi Petersen Yes
- Courtney Tabor Yes
- Tim Welch Yes

Motion Passed: I move to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with ESU#3 to provide Physical Therapy services to ESU#3’s Brook Valley Program for the 2024-25 school year passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

- Denise Cada Yes
- Steve Callaghan Yes
- Ginger Fredericksen Yes
- Kari Loseke Yes
- Deb Parks Yes
- Brandi Petersen Yes
- Courtney Tabor Yes
- Tim Welch Yes

7.7. Surplus Sale

Motion Passed: I move to accept the bids for the sale of surplus items totaling \$2,383.30 passed with a motion by Courtney Tabor and a second by Ginger Fredericksen.

- Denise Cada Yes
- Steve Callaghan Yes

Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

Motion Passed: I move to authorize the administration to sell, donate, recycle or dispose of items remaining from the Surplus Sale passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.8. Approval of the 2024-25 Budget

Motion Passed: I move approve the 2024-25 budget for Washington County School District 589-0001 as presented passed with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.9. Approval of the 2024-25 Tax Request Resolution

Motion Passed: I move to approve the 2024-25 Tax Request Resolution for Washington County School District 89-0001 as presented with a motion by Brandi Petersen and a second by Courtney Tabor.

Denise Cada	Yes
Steve Callaghan	Yes
Ginger Fredericksen	Yes
Kari Loseke	Yes
Deb Parks	Yes
Brandi Petersen	Yes
Courtney Tabor	Yes
Tim Welch	Yes

7.10. Approval of New Teachers – None

7.11. Acceptance of Resignations – None

7.12. Superintendent Report

7.13. Informational Items

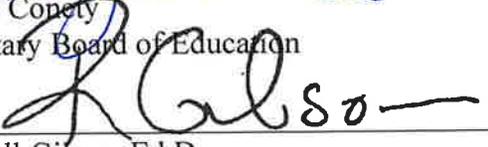
8. Adjournment

Motion Passed: I move to adjourn meeting at 8:50pm passed with a motion by Steve Callaghan and a second by Courtney Tabor.

- Denise Cada Yes
- Steve Callaghan Yes
- Ginger Fredericksen Yes
- Kari Loseke Yes
- Deb Parks Yes
- Brandi Petersen Yes
- Courtney Tabor Yes
- Tim Welch Yes



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Secretary Board of Education



Randall Gilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent



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September 25, 2024

I confirm that the 2024-2025 Budget Materials for Blair Community Schools were received on September 25, 2024. These Budget Materials supersede the materials received on September 19, 2024 because a Budget Clerical Correction was made to the Certified Valuation and General Fund Levy. Budget Materials included:

1. The 2024-2025 State of Nebraska School District Budget Form (pages 1-6)
2. Schedules A, B, and D (Schedule C consolidated with Schedule B)
3. Report of Joint Agreement & Interlocal Agreements
4. Affidavit of printed publication for Notice of Budget Hearing & Budget Summary, and relating Affidavit of Printer, Original
5. Affidavit of printed publication for Notice of Budget Hearing & Budget Summary, and relating Affidavit of Printer, Original
6. Photo copies from 9-10-2024 Newspaper of published Notice listed in #4 & #5
7. Copies of Certifications of Taxable Value for School Districts Tax Year 2023
 - i. Certification of Taxable Value for School Districts
 - ii. Certification of School Bond Taxable Value
8. 2023/24 Certified Budget Authority & Allowable Reserve %
9. School Budget Form LC-2 (including special grants list and email confirmation that 2023/24 LC-2 & LC-2 Budget Document was submitted and received by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE))
10. Report of Joint Public Agency and Interlocal Agreements
11. Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names, Business names
12. 2024/25 State Board Approved Request for Retirement Contribution Increase from 9/6/2024 State Board Meeting
13. The 2024/2025 Tax Resolution for Washington County School District #89-0001 signed by the Board Secretary, dated 9/16/2024
14. September 16, 2024 Board of Education Meeting Minutes approving both the budget and tax resolution signed by the Board Secretary and Superintendent
15. Copy of unsigned County Clerk Budget Materials receipt.

Barbara L. Sullivan, Washington County Clerk

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Submitted

9/25/2024 10:51:55

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Comments

Washington County Assessor originally published a certified valuation dated 8-9-24. The Assessor corrected that certified valuation on 8-16-24, adding \$5,295 to the certified valuation. The assessor did not notify me of her correction until 9-24-24.

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Shearer, Tom <tom.shearer@blairschools.org>

LC-2 Budget Document has been submitted

1 message

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Wed, Sep 25, 2024 at 10:59 AM

To: tom.shearer@blairschools.org

District Number: **89-0001-000**

Fiscal Year: **20242025**

The Budget Document for the 2024/25 LC-2 for the school district has been received by the Nebraska Department of Education.

If you have questions regarding this submission, please contact the NDE Help Desk at 888-285-0556 or ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in the LC-2, please contact: Stephanie DeGroot at stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov or Theresa Haarberg at theresa.haarberg@nebraska.gov



Shearer, Tom <tom.shearer@blairschools.org>

2024/25 LC-2 has been approved by NDE Staff

1 message

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To: tom.shearer@blairschools.org

Wed, Sep 25, 2024 at 11:21 AM

The 2024/25 LC-2 submitted by the school district has been approved by School Finance Staff. Any changes made by the School Finance staff to the date submitted by the school district may be viewed by accessing the school districts LC-2 from the NDE Portal. These changes are denoted by the symbol (i) on the LC-2.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in the LC-2, please contact: Stephanie DeGroot at stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov or Theresa Haarberg at theresa.haarberg@nebraska.gov