

Minden Public Schools
Board of Education
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minden High School Media Center
543 West 5th
Minden, NE 68959-0301
Monday, March 16, 2026 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
 - 1.a. Open Meetings Act is Posted
 - 1.b. Mission Statement
 - 1.c. Roll Call
 - 1.d. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3.a. Consider Minutes from February 9 Americanism Meeting and Regular Meeting
 - 3.b. Consider Financial Reports
 - 3.c. Consider Expenditures and Claims for Payment
4. Reports
 - 4.a. Board Committees
 - 4.b. Principals
 - 4.c. Superintendent
5. Policy Review and Updates
 - 5.a. Consider and Discuss Amendments to Policy 1040 Annual Report, Policy 3540 Bidding Construction Projects, Policy 5601 Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol, and Policy 7050 Bids and Contracts
 - 5.b. Consider and Discuss Policy 5209 School Library Materials and Parent Access
6. Action Items
 - 6.a. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Certified Staff Resignation
 - 6.b. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on New Certified Teacher Contract
 - 6.c. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Out-of-State Tech Club Trip
 - 6.d. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action Regarding the Approval of Schematic Design Phase Documents for the Facility Project
7. Next Meeting & Educational Opportunities
8. Adjournment per Board President Action at 7:41 pm

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 9, 2026**

The agenda for the February 9, 2026 meeting was posted at the United States Post Office in Minden, Minden Exchange Bank, First Bank and Trust Company, Kearney County Courthouse, and the Minden city office. Agendas were mailed to the United States Post Office in Upland and Heartwell. The agenda was posted in the superintendent's office and notice was published in the local paper.

The board meeting began at 7:08 pm with all board members present.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the January 12 meeting, financial reports, and claims for payment with the exception of the LandMark Implement payment of \$7,250.00 for the 2025-26 skid steer payment until further information is obtained. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krull and second by Reed to approve the amendments to Policy 3131 Procurement Plan and Policy 3132 Internal Controls. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Craig to approve with regret the resignation of Karen Space at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Reed to approve the contracts of Maxton Yarnell as High School Industrial Arts Teacher, Melissa Myers as Special Education Teacher, Kylea Strasburg as Elementary Teacher, Hannah Merrill as Elementary Teacher all for the 2026-27 school year, and Chelsey Jacobitz as District Special Services Director beginning August 1, 2026. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhynalds and second by Krull to approve membership in Nebraska Association of School Boards. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Raun and second by Glanzer to approve the 2026-27 school calendar. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to approve the ESU 10 Special Education Contract and Cooperative Service Agreements. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krull and second by Craig to approve a total package increase of 4.0% for administrator salaries for the 2026-27 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Reed to approve the Superintendent's contract for the 2026-27 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

At 7:54 pm, the meeting was adjourned per Board President action.

Secretary, Board of Education

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Americanism Meeting
February 9, 2026**

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At 7:00 pm, the Board President opened the Americanism hearing.

Public comment was offered; there was no response from those in attendance.

Dr. James Widdifield presented on Americanism in Minden Public Schools.

The hearing was closed at 7:07 pm per Board President action.

Secretary, Board of Education

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT
February 28, 2026

SCHOOL BALANCE - January 31, 2026		\$885,501.55
Current Months Receipts		\$2,592,599.76
Transfers from Investments		\$0.00
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts		\$3,478,101.31
Less: Disbursements		\$1,059,515.31
Transfer to Investments		\$2,000,000.00
Total Disbursements		\$3,059,515.31
SCHOOL BALANCE - February 28, 2026		\$418,586.00
 BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT - February 28, 2026		 \$424,671.74
Deposits In Transit		\$0.00
LESS : Outstanding Checks		\$6,085.74
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE - February 28, 2026		\$418,586.00
(Balance - February 28, 2025 = \$218,251.64)		
 GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS		 \$3,934,614.44
Money Market Minden Exchange	\$2,557,517.91	2.02% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$1,377,096.53	1.51% demand
(Balance February 28, 2025 = \$2,229,699.62)		
 DEPRECIATION FUND INVESTED		 \$325,506.10
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$275,919.99	2.02% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$49,580.92	1.11% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$5.19	
(Balance February 28, 2025 = \$180,399.78)		
 BUILDING FUND		 \$2,680,756.78
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$1,118,172.09	2.02% demand
CD Minden Exchange Bank - 6/15/26 maturity	\$750,000.00	3.80% term
Money Market First Bank	\$134,589.46	1.51% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Building Fund	\$677,990.73	3.43% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$4.50	
(Balance February 28, 2025 = \$937,068.23)		
 BOND FUND		 \$1,270,969.43
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$560,467.53	2.02% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Bond Fund	\$710,501.90	3.43% demand
(Balance February 28, 2025 = \$1,144,647.76)		
 LUNCH FUND		 \$35,104.14
Money Market First Bank	\$1,911.42	1.01% demand
Checking First Bank	\$33,192.72	
(Balance February 28, 2025 = \$26,449.61)		
 FUNDS PLEDGED FOR DEPOSITS		
Minden Exchange Bank	\$7,000,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC
First Bank	\$2,065,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC

Scott W. Johnson, Treasurer

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT SUPPLEMENT
ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS
February 28, 2026

Bank	Account #	Beginning Balance	Plus: Receipts	Plus/(Minus) Transfers/Loans	Minus: Expenditures	Ending/ Reconciled Balance	Previous Year Ending Balance
General Fund							
MEB	401505	\$885,501.55	\$2,592,599.76	(\$2,000,000.00)	\$1,059,515.31	\$418,586.00	\$218,251.64
MEB	601096	\$554,913.11	\$2,604.80	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,557,517.91	\$874,180.94
FB&T	801472	\$1,375,513.75	\$1,582.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,377,096.53	\$1,355,518.68
	Subtotal	\$2,815,928.41	\$2,596,787.34	\$0.00	\$1,059,515.31	\$4,353,200.44	\$2,447,951.26
Depreciation Fund							
MEB	401919	\$5.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.19	\$5.19
MEB	613109	\$275,497.31	\$422.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275,919.99	\$131,395.98
FB&T	807982	\$49,539.12	\$41.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,580.92	\$48,998.61
	Subtotal	\$325,041.62	\$464.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$325,506.10	\$180,399.78
Building Fund							
MEB	106690	\$4.50	\$0.00	\$7,791.90	\$7,791.90	\$4.50	\$4.50
MEB	603209	\$682,378.68	\$443,585.31	(\$7,791.90)	\$0.00	\$1,118,172.09	\$152,232.95
MEB	CD	\$750,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$0.00
FB&T	801407	\$134,434.77	\$154.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$134,589.46	\$132,480.57
NLAF	9300655	\$676,209.52	\$1,781.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$677,990.73	\$652,350.21
	Subtotal	\$2,243,027.47	\$445,521.21	\$0.00	\$7,791.90	\$2,680,756.78	\$937,068.23
Bond Fund							
MEB	620112	\$384,512.90	\$175,954.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$560,467.53	\$463,602.94
NLAF	9300692	\$709,896.33	\$605.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$710,501.90	\$681,044.82
	Subtotal	\$1,094,409.23	\$176,560.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,270,969.43	\$1,144,647.76
Lunch Fund							
FB&T	801399	\$1,909.95	\$1.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,911.42	\$1,890.90
FB&T	990119	\$43,171.27	\$34,921.50	\$0.00	\$44,900.05	\$33,192.72	\$24,558.71
	Subtotal	\$45,081.22	\$34,922.97	\$0.00	\$44,900.05	\$35,104.14	\$26,449.61
Grand Total		\$6,523,487.95	\$3,254,256.20	\$0.00	\$1,112,207.26	\$8,665,536.89	\$4,736,516.64

2025/26 Projections vs. Actuals for General Fund As of February 28, 2026

Income

2024/25 Budgeted Income = \$13,339,362.54

Month	Projected Income	Actual Income	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,595,749.51	\$1,496,569.58	(\$99,179.93)	(\$99,179.93)
October	\$566,922.91	\$641,420.61	\$74,497.70	(\$24,682.23)
November	\$220,099.48	\$108,633.28	(\$111,466.20)	(\$136,148.43)
December	\$312,141.08	\$518,932.61	\$206,791.53	\$70,643.10
January	\$2,012,909.81	\$1,546,409.73	(\$466,500.08)	(\$395,856.98)
February	\$1,768,437.72	\$2,596,382.27	\$827,944.55	\$432,087.57
March	\$1,187,203.27			
April	\$642,957.27			
May	\$3,436,219.79			
June	\$1,236,558.91			
July	\$176,079.59			
August	\$184,083.20			

Cash Flow

Month	Projected Cash Flow	Actual Cash Flow	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$196,569.33	\$230,163.19	\$33,593.86	\$33,593.86
October	(\$632,988.78)	(\$554,424.67)	\$78,564.11	\$112,157.97
November	(\$948,273.32)	(\$1,023,386.76)	(\$75,113.44)	\$37,044.53
December	(\$874,868.34)	(\$540,464.77)	\$334,403.57	\$371,448.10
January	\$910,481.98	\$489,775.71	(\$420,706.27)	(\$49,258.17)
February	\$587,162.65	\$1,537,272.03	\$950,109.38	\$900,851.21
March	\$40,334.27			
April	(\$561,255.19)			
May	\$2,273,581.34			
June	\$18,010.59			
July	(\$937,816.93)			
August	(\$1,067,437.60)			

Expenses

2024/25 Budgeted Expenses = \$14,335,862.54

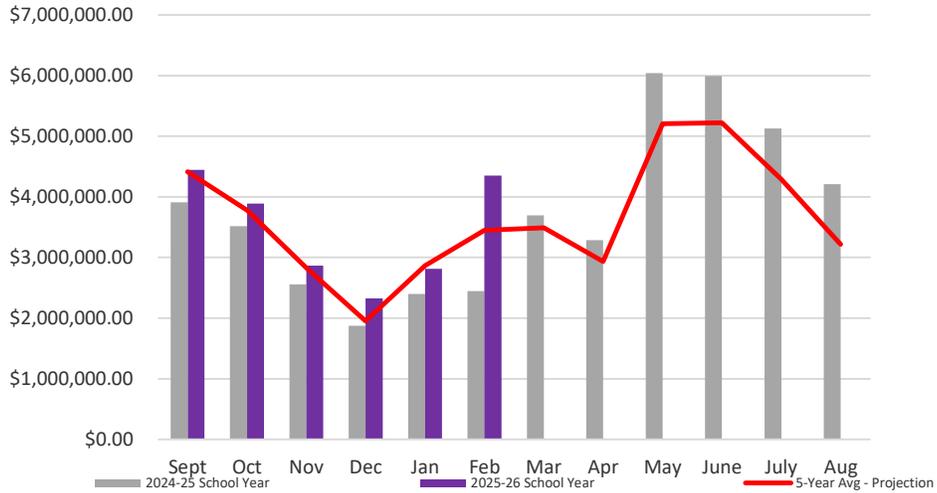
Month	Projected Expenses	Actual Expenses	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,399,180.18	\$1,266,406.39	(\$132,773.79)	(\$132,773.79)
October	\$1,199,911.69	\$1,195,845.28	(\$4,066.41)	(\$136,840.20)
November	\$1,168,372.80	\$1,132,020.04	(\$36,352.76)	(\$173,192.96)
December	\$1,187,009.42	\$1,059,397.38	(\$127,612.04)	(\$300,805.00)
January	\$1,102,427.83	\$1,056,634.02	(\$45,793.81)	(\$346,598.81)
February	\$1,181,275.07	\$1,059,110.24	(\$122,164.83)	(\$468,763.64)
March	\$1,146,869.00			
April	\$1,204,212.46			
May	\$1,162,638.45			
June	\$1,218,548.32			
July	\$1,113,896.52			
August	\$1,251,520.80			

General Fund Balance

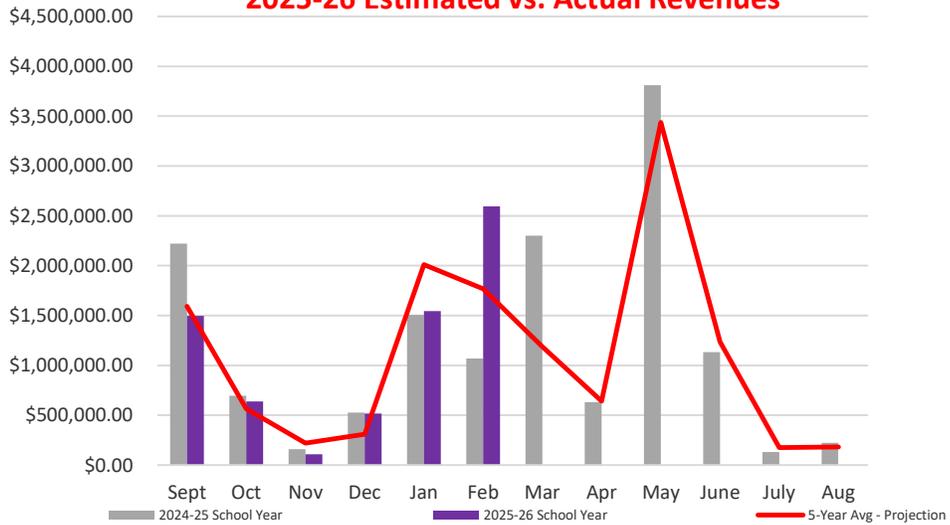
Beginning Reconciled GF Balance = \$4,214,265.71

Month	Projected GF Balance	Actual Reconciled GF Balance	Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$4,410,835.04	\$4,444,428.90	\$33,593.86
October	\$3,777,846.26	\$3,890,004.23	\$112,157.97
November	\$2,829,572.94	\$2,866,617.47	\$37,044.53
December	\$1,954,704.60	\$2,326,152.70	\$371,448.10
January	\$2,865,186.58	\$2,815,928.41	(\$49,258.17)
February	\$3,452,349.23	\$4,353,200.44	\$900,851.21
March	\$3,492,683.50		
April	\$2,931,428.31		
May	\$5,205,009.65		
June	\$5,223,020.24		
July	\$4,285,203.31		
August	\$3,217,765.71		

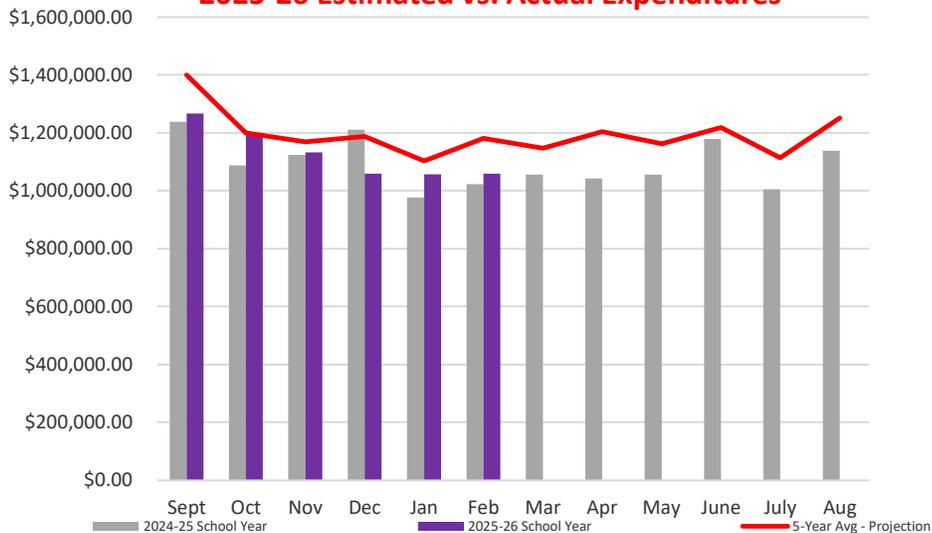
2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual General Fund Balance



2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual Revenues



2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual Expenditures



General Fund Revenues - Thru 02/28/26

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Received	Remaining Balance	Percent Received
01100 - Taxes Levied/Assessed	\$9,508,972.54	\$1,758,060.29	\$7,750,912.25	18.49%
01115 - Carline Taxes	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
01120 - Public Power District Sales Tax	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%
01125 - Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$425,000.00	\$271,260.80	\$153,739.20	63.83%
01140 - Penalty & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$14,250.00	\$6,447.02	\$7,802.98	45.24%
01370 - Preschool Tuition and Fees	\$20,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$3,500.00	82.50%
01510 - Interest	\$40,000.00	\$28,723.45	\$11,276.55	71.81%
01910 - Rental of School Facilities & Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	\$975.00	2.50%
01911 - Local License Fees	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	0.00%
01920 - Contributions and Donations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
01921 - Police Court Fines	\$500.00	\$25.00	\$475.00	5.00%
01925 - Categorical Grants from Corporations/Private Sources	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	
01980 - Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures	\$0.00	\$480.15	(\$480.15)	
01990 - Miscellaneous Local Revenue	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	0.00%
02110 - County Fines & License Fees	\$20,000.00	\$13,893.60	\$6,106.40	69.47%
03110 - State Aid	\$1,320,697.00	\$792,420.00	\$528,277.00	60.00%
03120 - Special Education - School Age	\$1,400,000.00	\$598,636.00	\$801,364.00	42.76%
03125 - SPED Transportation - School Age	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
03131 - Property Tax Credit	\$0.00	\$1,795,354.21	(\$1,795,354.21)	
03180 - Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	\$20,000.00	\$5,859.68	\$14,140.32	29.30%
03400 - State Apportionment	\$148,750.00	\$190,258.11	(\$41,508.11)	127.90%
03535 - High Ability Learners Payments	\$7,358.00	\$7,848.00	(\$490.00)	106.66%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%
04301 - CLSD Grant	\$0.00	\$4,282.01	(\$4,282.01)	
04505 - "ESSA Title I, Part A"	\$109,196.00	\$9,872.00	\$99,324.00	9.04%
04509 - "ESSA Title II, Part A"	\$22,363.00	\$0.00	\$22,363.00	0.00%
04516 - IDEA Preschool Base (619)	\$2,442.00	\$0.00	\$2,442.00	0.00%
04518 - IDEA Part B (611) Base & E-P Allocation	\$178,673.00	\$32,552.00	\$146,121.00	18.22%
04521 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	\$1,111.00	0.00%
04525 - Carl Perkins Grant	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
04708 - Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	\$20,000.00	\$24,413.27	(\$4,413.27)	122.07%
04709 - Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAAPS)	\$17,500.00	\$1,771.52	\$15,728.48	10.12%
05300 - Sale of Property	\$5,000.00	\$5,156.45	(\$156.45)	103.13%
05690 - Other Non-revenue Receipts	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
Total	\$13,339,362.54	\$5,564,338.56	\$7,775,023.98	41.71%

General Fund Expenditures

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Disbursed	Remaining Balance	Percent Spent
01100 - Regular Instruction	\$6,612,921.85	\$3,589,410.09	\$3,023,511.76	54.28%
01125 - Academic Intervention (Flex Funding)	\$102,981.59	\$58,754.25	\$44,227.34	57.05%
01200 - School Age SPED	\$1,761,833.00	\$978,767.91	\$783,065.09	55.55%
01291 - Preschool Age 3-5	\$11,630.53	\$883.10	\$10,747.43	7.59%
01292 - Preschool Age 0-2	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	0.00%
01300 - Summer School	\$20,942.64	\$137.55	\$20,805.09	0.66%
02120 - Guidance Counselor	\$331,913.32	\$188,670.94	\$143,242.38	56.84%
02130 - Health Services	\$95,608.07	\$53,960.35	\$41,647.72	56.44%
02141 - School Psychologist - School Age	\$130,264.42	\$74,435.19	\$55,829.23	57.14%
02151 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$204,381.65	\$111,442.49	\$92,939.16	54.53%
02152 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	0.00%
02153 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
02161 - Occupational Therapy	\$42,500.00	\$23,226.75	\$19,273.25	54.65%
02171 - Physical Therapy	\$13,500.00	\$7,614.00	\$5,886.00	56.40%
02172 - Physical Therapy	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	0.00%
02173 - Physical Therapy	\$1,250.00	\$1,777.06	(\$527.06)	142.16%
02190 - Student Activities	\$206,366.92	\$131,753.23	\$74,613.69	63.84%
02212 - Instruction & Curriculum Development	\$0.00	\$125.00	(\$125.00)	
02213 - Instructional Staff Training	\$20,000.00	\$10,917.96	\$9,082.04	54.59%
02220 - Media Center	\$282,687.51	\$157,954.03	\$124,733.48	55.88%
02230 - Technology Support	\$168,661.49	\$98,533.25	\$70,128.24	58.42%
02240 - Assessment Coordinator	\$18,972.75	\$6,528.28	\$12,444.47	34.41%
02310 - Board of Education	\$48,100.00	\$23,806.22	\$24,293.78	49.49%
02320 - Superintendent	\$327,998.17	\$189,814.79	\$138,183.38	57.87%
02330 - District Legal Services	\$30,000.00	\$10,463.50	\$19,536.50	34.88%
02410 - Principal	\$783,796.24	\$425,444.86	\$358,351.38	54.28%
02510 - Business Office	\$223,787.40	\$113,602.68	\$110,184.72	50.76%
02610 - Custodial	\$511,904.80	\$369,382.77	\$142,522.03	72.16%
02620 - Building Maintenance	\$975,951.29	\$462,468.72	\$513,482.57	47.39%
02630 - Grounds Maintenance	\$211,011.25	\$76,347.84	\$134,663.41	36.18%
02640 - Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$29,481.79	\$14,283.69	\$15,198.10	48.45%
02650 - Non-Pupil Vehicle	\$6,500.00	\$3,195.64	\$3,304.36	49.16%
02660 - Security	\$90,500.00	\$51,117.14	\$39,382.86	56.48%
02670 - Safety	\$49,150.00	\$7,404.24	\$41,745.76	15.06%
02710 - School Bus Driving	\$255,772.60	\$178,766.08	\$77,006.52	69.89%
02712 - School Age SPED Driving	\$80,266.89	\$49,582.00	\$30,684.89	61.77%
02713 - Below Age 5 SPED Driving	\$12,964.89	\$5,892.56	\$7,072.33	45.45%
02730 - School Bus Driving Vehicle Maintenance	\$136,250.20	\$63,430.88	\$72,819.32	46.55%
02732 - School Age SPED Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$412.14	\$2,587.86	13.74%
03400 - Expenditures from Private/Corporate Grants	\$0.00	\$5,750.13	(\$5,750.13)	
03535 - High Ability Learners	\$46,200.69	\$24,918.40	\$21,282.29	53.94%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$7,500.00	\$1,718.46	\$5,781.54	22.91%
06200 - Title IA	\$141,559.00	\$75,339.95	\$66,219.05	53.22%
06301 - CLSD Grant	\$0.00	\$4,271.31	(\$4,271.31)	
06406 - IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	\$2,442.00	\$2,733.75	(\$291.75)	111.95%
06408 - IDEA Part B (611)	\$178,673.00	\$111,235.09	\$67,437.91	62.26%
06412 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,111.59	\$1,111.00	\$0.59	99.95%
06700 - Carl Perkins	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
08000 - Transfers (Outgoing)	\$150,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$25,000.00	83.33%
09000 - Reimbursed by Other Funds/Entities	\$0.00	\$4,501.39	(\$4,501.39)	
Total	\$14,335,862.54	\$7,896,886.66	\$6,438,975.88	55.08%

Bank Statement Reconciliation

Description

Adjustment Date

Adjustment Amount

Minden High School Activities 02/01/2026 through 02/28/2026

Bank Statement Reconciliation Summary

Statement Balance	\$ 339,606.82
- Outstanding checks	\$ 18,093.05
+ Outstanding Deposits	\$ 0.00
+ Outstanding Adjustments	\$ 0.00
- Outstanding Investment Transfers	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 321,513.77
+ Investments	\$ 37,000.00
Book Balance	\$ 358,513.77

Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
03/11/2026	6605	Black Hills Energy	Bus Barn Natural Gas	\$ 1,057.44
03/11/2026	6605	Black Hills Energy	East Natural Gas	\$ 2,588.25
03/11/2026	6605	Black Hills Energy	MS Activity Building Natural Gas	\$ 2,519.85
03/11/2026	6605	Black Hills Energy	MS/HS Natural Gas	\$ 7,881.97
03/11/2026	6606	City Of Minden	Utilities	\$ 17,793.56
03/11/2026	6607	Clearly	Telephone Service	\$ 824.14
03/11/2026	6608	Kearney County Health Services	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 35.00
03/17/2026	EFT	CenturyLink	Telephone Services	\$ 461.44
03/17/2026	EFT	Minden Exchange Bank	Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 35.20
03/17/2026	EFT	Wright Express Fleet Services	Station Fuel Purchases	\$ 900.47
03/10/2026	6612	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	Vision Insurance	\$ 1,244.07
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Dental Insurance	\$ 173.49
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 2PT	\$ 4,453.80
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 2,279.97
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins FAM	\$ 25,772.89
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SNG	\$ 3,617.90
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 2PT	\$ 31,039.20
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 14,953.14
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins FAM	\$ 96,791.10
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SNG	\$ 7,540.38
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SPD	\$ 4,568.76
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins Split	\$ 1,724.40
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental 2PT	\$ 838.08
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental FAM	\$ 2,428.86
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental SPD	\$ 134.90
03/10/2026	6613	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$ 619.02
03/10/2026	6614	Fiduciary Trust Company	Flatwater Wealth TSA	\$ 500.00
03/10/2026	6615	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	Horace Mann Life Insurance	\$ 1,275.00
03/10/2026	6616	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Feba Life Insurance	\$ 203.50
03/10/2026	6616	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long-Term Disability	\$ 1,871.45
03/10/2026	6616	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Term Life Policy	\$ 479.07
03/10/2026	6617	Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co.	HSA Contribution	\$ 9,292.02
03/10/2026	6618	Minden Public Schools	District Court	\$ 1,186.00
03/10/2026	6618	Minden Public Schools	F/b Dependent Care	\$ 6,540.05
03/10/2026	6618	Minden Public Schools	F/b Medical Dental	\$ 4,633.38
03/10/2026	6618	Minden Public Schools	Increased Retirement Percent	\$ 4,868.38
03/10/2026	6618	Minden Public Schools	NE Retirement	\$ 98,136.66
03/10/2026	6619	Minden Public Schools.	Computer Lease Purchase	\$ 405.07
03/10/2026	6620	Mps Payroll	Federal Withholding	\$ 46,303.56
03/10/2026	6620	Mps Payroll	FICA	\$ 79,898.50
03/10/2026	6620	Mps Payroll	Medicare	\$ 18,685.96
03/10/2026	6621	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	State Withholding - NE	\$ 18,734.03
03/17/2026	6622	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	7th Grade LA Supplies	\$ 68.69
03/17/2026	6622	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Kindergarten Roundup Supplies	\$ 77.27
03/17/2026	6622	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Metals Shop Supplies	\$ 324.95
03/17/2026	6622	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Tech Supplies	\$ 62.67
03/17/2026	6622	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Woods Shop Supplies	\$ 9.99
03/17/2026	6623	ASK Supply Co.	Transportation Supplies	\$ 350.00
03/17/2026	6624	Aurora Cooperative	Fuel	\$ 4,597.02
03/17/2026	6625	Blick Art Materials	HS Art Supplies	\$ 756.25
03/17/2026	6626	Communications Engineering, Inc.	HS Security Camera Replacement	\$ 3,136.00
03/17/2026	6627	Companion	HS Library Software Conversion	\$ 825.00

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Date	Check Number	Check	Payee	Reason	Amount
03/17/2026	6628		Computer Hardware, Inc.	Chromebooks	\$ 6,265.00
03/17/2026	6629		Cornerstone Electric	HS Electrical Repair	\$ 133.40
03/17/2026	6630		DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	Internet Service	\$ 402.63
03/17/2026	6631		Demco Media	Dry Erase Media Center Tables	\$ 1,701.17
03/17/2026	6632		Eakes Office Solutions	Custodial Supplies	\$ 2,334.97
03/17/2026	6633		Educational Service Unit #10	Deaf Education Services	\$ 495.30
03/17/2026	6633		Educational Service Unit #10	MTSS Training	\$ 150.00
03/17/2026	6633		Educational Service Unit #10	Powerschool Services	\$ 201.20
03/17/2026	6634		Educational Service Unit #11	Educational & Tech Services	\$ 882.12
03/17/2026	6634		Educational Service Unit #11	Special Education Services	\$ 3,428.53
03/17/2026	6635		Elan Financial Services	HS Software Subscription	\$ 5.00
03/17/2026	6635		Elan Financial Services	NASB Legislative Conference	\$ 156.36
03/17/2026	6635		Elan Financial Services	Newspaper Subscription	\$ 32.99
03/17/2026	6636		Embassy Suites	NSBA Conference Lodging	\$ 338.00
03/17/2026	6637		Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C.	OT & PT Services	\$ 7,015.00
03/17/2026	6638		Hometown Leasing	Copier & Printer Lease	\$ 3,855.49
03/17/2026	6639		Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC	Bus 20C Tire	\$ 486.89
03/17/2026	6640		JW Pepper & Son, Inc.	HS Instrumental Sheet Music	\$ 475.99
03/17/2026	6641		Lampe's Clean Air Specialists	HVAC Filters	\$ 1,721.75
03/17/2026	6642		Landmark Implement Carquest	Bus 21P Repair	\$ 23.29
03/17/2026	6643		LandMark Implement, Inc.	25-26 Skid Steer Rental	\$ 7,250.00
03/17/2026	6644		Mason's Market	2nd Grade Supplies	\$ 76.91
03/17/2026	6644		Mason's Market	HS FCS Supplies	\$ 71.93
03/17/2026	6644		Mason's Market	HS Life Skills Supplies	\$ 166.56
03/17/2026	6644		Mason's Market	MS Science Supplies	\$ 9.85
03/17/2026	6644		Mason's Market	Preschool Supplies	\$ 23.64
03/17/2026	6645		Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	HS Metals Shop Gas	\$ 210.05
03/17/2026	6646		Menards - Kearney	FB Field Restroom Repairs	\$ 103.26
03/17/2026	6646		Menards - Kearney	HS Industrial Arts Supplies	\$ 70.21
03/17/2026	6647		Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	East Digital Controls Maintenance Contract	\$ 1,325.00
03/17/2026	6647		Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	East HVAC Repairs	\$ 4,369.00
03/17/2026	6647		Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	East Mechanical Maintenance Contract	\$ 1,968.75
03/17/2026	6647		Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS HVAC Repairs	\$ 3,777.00
03/17/2026	6647		Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS Mechanical Maintenance Contract	\$ 4,281.25
03/17/2026	6647		Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	MS Mechanical Maintenance Contract	\$ 4,625.00
03/17/2026	6648		Minden Hardware	Supplies & Repairs	\$ 140.01
03/17/2026	6649		Mps Lunch Fund	Transfer to Lunch Fund	\$ 50,000.00
03/17/2026	6650		Napa Auto Parts	Bus 21P Air Filter	\$ 5.05
03/17/2026	6650		Napa Auto Parts	Bus 21P Air Hose	\$ 13.19
03/17/2026	6650		Napa Auto Parts	Van 24V1 Air Filter	\$ 11.53
03/17/2026	6651		Ne Association School Boards	NASB Membership Dues	\$ 5,699.00
03/17/2026	6651		Ne Association School Boards	President's Workshop	\$ 150.00
03/17/2026	6652		NE Rural Community Schools Association	NRCSA Legislative Forum Lodging	\$ 143.44
03/17/2026	6653		Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	HS Boiler Certificates	\$ 180.00
03/17/2026	6653		Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	MS & East Boiler Certificates	\$ 216.00
03/17/2026	6654		Novus Windshield Repair	Black Edge Windshield Repair	\$ 75.00
03/17/2026	6655		Omnify Benefits	COBRA and FSA Fees	\$ 281.60
03/17/2026	6656		One Source	Background Checks	\$ 141.50
03/17/2026	6657		Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O	Legal Services	\$ 684.00
03/17/2026	6658		Pony Express Ford	Bus 20C Service	\$ 194.55
03/17/2026	6658		Pony Express Ford	Bus 21P Service	\$ 92.95
03/17/2026	6658		Pony Express Ford	Bus 22P Service	\$ 92.95

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
03/17/2026	6658	Pony Express Ford	Grey Edge Service	\$ 82.95
03/17/2026	6659	Presto-X Company	Pest Control Services	\$ 203.40
03/17/2026	6660	Richard Widdifield	Bus 21P Repair	\$ 458.90
03/17/2026	6661	Spracklin Chiropractic	Bus Driver Physical	\$ 100.00
03/17/2026	6662	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Legal Postings	\$ 113.30
03/17/2026	6663	University of Nebraska - Lincoln (ASD)	ASD Network Conference Registration	\$ 220.00
03/17/2026	6664	Verizon	Transportation Tracking Subscription	\$ 255.10
03/17/2026	6665	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Hotspot Data Plan	\$ 160.04
03/17/2026	6666	Village Uniform	East Mat & Mop Service	\$ 153.48
03/17/2026	6666	Village Uniform	HS Mat & Mop Service	\$ 503.26
03/17/2026	6666	Village Uniform	MS Mat & Mop Service	\$ 366.15
03/17/2026	6667	Widdifield, James T	February Reimbursement	\$ 375.28
03/17/2026	6668	Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Shredding Service	\$ 62.50
Subtotal				\$ 655,106.37
Net Payroll - March 2026				\$ 472,366.94
Total General Fund Disbursements - March 2026				\$ 1,127,473.31

Secretary Kevin Raun

Lunch Fund Checks and Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
EFT	2/5/2026	Sysco - EFT	Commodities	\$ 9,200.27
6146	2/5/2026	Mason's Market	Ketchup	\$ 12.78
6147	2/5/2026	LinPepCo Partnership	Beverages	\$ 1,877.45
6148	2/5/2026	Village Uniform	Kitchen Apron and Rag Service	\$ 341.47
6149	2/5/2026	Cash-wa Distributing Co.	Commodities	\$ 8,080.66
6150	2/5/2026	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Zevo Fruit Fly Traps & Refills	\$ 256.80
6150	2/5/2026	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Lunch Room Printer Ink	\$ 45.58
609	3/10/2026	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	EE Vision Insurance Premiums	\$ 52.01
610	3/10/2026	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health & Dental Insurance Premiums	\$ 4,991.47
611	3/10/2026	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 36.98
611	3/10/2026	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long Term Disability	\$ 11.58
612	3/10/2026	Minden Public Schools	EE & ER Retirement Contributions	\$ 2,659.41
613	3/10/2026	Mps Payroll	EE & ER FICA, Medicare, & Federal Income Tax	\$ 2,924.50
614	3/10/2026	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	EE Nebraska Income Tax Withholding	\$ 339.63
Subtotal				\$ 30,830.59
Net Payroll - March 2026				\$ 13,306.10
Total Lunch Fund Disbursements				\$ 44,136.69

Building Fund Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
661	3/17/2026	CMBA Architects	New Elementary Project Architectural Services - 8.46% Complete	\$ 116,689.80
661	3/17/2026	CMBA Architects	New Elementary Project Architectural Services - 15.96% Complete	\$ 110,066.20
662	3/17/2026	Ziembra Roofing Company	MS Gym Ice Blockers Installation	\$ 6,950.00
Total Building Fund Disbursements - March 2026				\$ 233,706.00

Internal Board Policies - OrganizationStanding Committees

It shall be the policy of Minden Public Schools that the following will be the standing committees of the Board of Education:

1. Negotiations Committee
2. Committee on American Civics
3. Transportation/Facilities
4. Finance Committee
5. Policy Committee
6. Legislation Committee

It shall further be the policy of Minden Public Schools that the Superintendent shall appoint the members of the above committees.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-724
Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-520

Date of Adoption: July 8, 2019
Date Reaffirmed: March 8, 2021

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March 2026 Report to the Board of Education Mr. Nathan Strasburg, Administrator

The following information is a list of highlights at C.L. Jones Middle School:

Whippets of the Month-

Congratulations to our February Whippets of the Month! These students were selected by our staff based on the criteria of academic performance, character, and behavior. Students receive a certificate and Pizza Hut gift certificate.

The students include:

4th- Charli Schwenka, Brennea Propp

5th- Easton Dornhoff, Jaxon Ingraham, Raylene Neumiester

6th- Everleigh Pasbrig, Aiden Gottsch, Brooklyn Johnson

7th- Charlotte Freitag, Blakeleigh Harsin, Keaton Wilson, Mason Strong, Zoey Martinez

8th- Lexie Anderson, Luke Werner, Jenna Petersen, Garrett Hartman



CLJMS Middle School Dance-

The Student Council hosted a dance for 7th and 8th grade students on February 13, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at C.L. Jones Middle School. This event was exclusively for current C.L. Jones Middle School 7th and 8th grade students and no out-of-town guests were permitted to participate. The students seemed to have a lot of fun and I am appreciative of the student council for doing this for our kids!

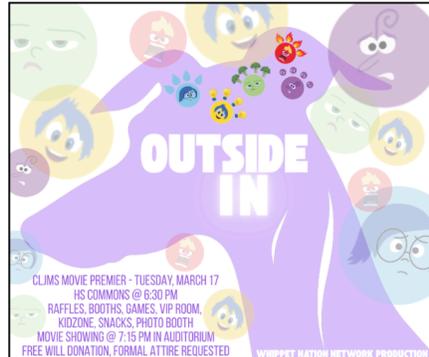
4th-6th Vocal Concert-

The vocal concert was moved up by about a month since Mrs. Ellis will be going on maternity leave soon. The concert went very well and it consisted of 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. The music club also sang several songs. Mrs. Ellis also recognized students that were selected for the Honor Choir and Sing Across Nebraska. Mrs. Ellis and the students put on a great performance!



CLJMS Movie Premier-

Mrs. Maulsby and her students have been busy filming scenes for the upcoming student movie. The premier of the movie will be March 17th at 6:30 in the high school theater. Mrs. Maulsby does a great job of incorporating students and staff into the film. It has been fun to watch some scenes and to be a part of the movie this year. This year's film is titled "Outside In" and will be based loosely on the popular film "Inside Out." Be sure to attend this year's premier!



Kearney County Spelling Bee-

CLJMS hosted the Kearney County Spelling Bee on Wednesday, February 25th. I would like to thank Mrs. Christensen, Laurie, and all the other volunteers for all their work in running this event. It went off without a hitch. The list of winners from each division is below and I'm happy to say there are plenty of Minden students represented!

4th Grade:

- 1st Gwendolen Smock (Minden)
- 2nd Jayden Schiley (Wilcox-Hildreth)
- 3rd Emmett Hofstetter (Minden)

5th Grade:

- 1st Quentin Griffiths (Minden)
- 2nd Sophie Graham (Minden)
- 3rd Mason Latta (Minden)

6th Grade:

- 1st Leigha Smith (Axtell)
- 2nd Gracie Halkyard (Axtell)
- 3rd Alivia Knispel (Minden)

7/8 Grade:

- 1st Ivan Hammond (Axtell)
- 2nd Tehya Toline (Minden)
- 3rd Laura Behrhorst (Axtell)

FFA Carnival-

Mrs. Oertle and the FFA students sponsored a carnival for our 7th grade students on Wednesday, February 25th from 2:30-3:30 in the activity gym. This carnival was in recognition of National FFA week. The 7th grade students had a chance to participate in various activities. We appreciate the FFA getting our students interested in their program!

Important Dates-

End of 3rd Quarter- March 10th

Spring Break- March 11th-13th

8th Grade Field Trip to Lincoln- March 25th

No School (Good Friday)- April 3rd

Minden High School

March 2026

Board of Education Report



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences were held during February with an overall attendance rate of 34%, compared to 37% during the fall. While the percentage reflects a slight decline, several factors likely contributed, including a very busy week of activities and the growing convenience of digital communication platforms.

We continue to see strong and consistent engagement from parents through PowerSchool, Schoology, and Rooms. These tools allow for timely updates, messaging, and ongoing communication that often reduces the need to wait for formal conference evenings. While in-person conversations remain valuable, it is encouraging to see families utilizing flexible digital options to stay connected to their student's progress.

NRCSA Spring Conference Presentation – March 19th

I am honored to join Dr. Marc Doss from the University of Missouri at the NRCSA Spring Conference to discuss the Network for Educator Effectiveness software we use for staff evaluations. This marks our second year implementing this powerful evaluation tool. I look forward to sharing the success Minden Public Schools has experienced with this system and the positive impact it has had on our staff growth and development.

National Merit Scholarship Finalist

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a highly respected academic competition that recognizes outstanding high school students across the United States. Students enter by taking the PSAT, and those with the highest scores advance through multiple stages of evaluation that include academic performance, test results, leadership, and school recommendations. Finalists represent an elite group of seniors nationwide and are eligible to compete for scholarships to be awarded later this spring.

Minden High School is proud to share that Rebecca Lempka has been identified as a National Merit Finalist. In speaking with Mr. Horner, he noted that in his 28 years at Minden Public Schools, Rebecca may be the first Minden student to advance to the finalist round. This is an exceptional accomplishment and a testament to Rebecca's dedication and academic excellence. We look forward to celebrating her continued success.

Counseling Office Update – Mr. Horner

The spring semester is one of the busiest seasons in the counseling office.

Local Scholarship Season

Minden is blessed with a strong network of local scholarship donors. Scholarship applications are available to seniors as fillable PDFs and are submitted through the counseling office before being distributed to donor organizations for review. Students can track available scholarships through the “Scholarships 2026” group in their Schoology accounts.

Local scholarship winners will be announced at Honors Night on Wednesday, May 13. We are grateful for the continued generosity of our community partners who invest in the future of our students.

PreACT & ACT – March 24

Preparations are underway for PreACT and ACT testing on March 24:

- Sophomores will take the PreACT, which provides valuable practice with a timed testing format and serves as a strong predictor for future ACT performance.
- Juniors will take the ACT. In addition to fulfilling state reporting requirements, these scores can be used for college admissions and scholarship opportunities. The exam is provided at no cost to students.

College Visits

Recently, Mr. Horner took eight juniors on a campus visit to Central Community College. Students toured programs on the Holdrege and Hastings campuses, visited a residence hall, experienced dining services, and explored additional programs at the Grand Island campus.

Spring junior visits are especially valuable as students begin actively planning for life beyond high school. Colleges appreciate early engagement, and these visits help students make informed post-secondary decisions.

High School Math Department Report

Our math department continues to demonstrate strong instructional focus and student engagement across all courses.

Mrs. Brandt

Pre-Algebra, Algebra II, College Prep Math, Precalculus

- **Pre-Algebra:** Students have mastered solving linear equations and are now applying those skills to real-world problem-solving situations.
- **Algebra II:** Students are finding roots and manipulating polynomial functions and equations.
- **Precalculus:** The class is beginning trigonometric functions, building on geometry foundations and preparing students for Physics and Calculus I.

Students continue to show strong effort and academic growth.

Mrs. Crocker

Algebra 1A, Applied Geometry, General Math, Geometry

- **Algebra 1A:** Students are graphing and writing linear equations.
- **Geometry:** Students are proving triangles congruent and similar, exploring special properties of segments in triangles, and identifying the centroid by applying medians to determine a triangle's "balance point." The class will soon transition into trigonometry and solving triangles.
- **General Math:** Students are working in the rational numbers unit, strengthening number sense through real-life applications.

Professional Learning

Mrs. Crocker attended a Math PLC Day at ESU 11 focused on *Building Thinking Classrooms*. This professional learning emphasized student-led instruction, vertical learning stations, and collaborative problem-solving. As we move through year two of our new curriculum implementation, these strategies are helping refine differentiation and strengthen student engagement.

Ms. Prososki

Algebra 1B, Algebra I, Consumer Math

- **Algebra 1B:** Students are reviewing linear equations, absolute value equations, and proportions.
- **Algebra I:** Students are simplifying polynomial expressions through addition, subtraction, multiplication, and factoring.
- **Consumer Math:** Students are beginning a practical unit focused on purchasing or renting vehicles and understanding vehicle insurance — valuable life skills that directly connect math to real-world financial decision-making.



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MARCH 2026 BOARD MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT

SWC SPEECH MEET RECAP:

The speech team competed in the Southwest Conference Speech Meet at McCook on Monday March 9th. As a team, we finished as the SWC Runner Up!! Individual results are below:

Duet Acting: Wright/Kovacs 3rd, Porter/Martin 5th
Humorous Pros: Frank Kovacs 3rd, Arabella Reed 4th
Serious Pros: Arabella Reed 3rd, Miles Heath 8th
Poetry: Miles Heath 2nd, Emory Porter 3rd
Entertainment: Natalie Uribe 3rd, Danica Schoone 6th
Informative: Hope Mason 7th, Grace Hansen 11th
OID: Lopez/Mason/Porter/Uribe 5th, Heath/Tira/Porter 9th
Persuasive: Frank Kovacs 3rd, Rebecca Lempka 6th
POI: Arabella Reed 2nd, Emory Porter 4th
Extemporaneous: Carson Wright 5th, Hallie Hartman 6th

BASKETBALL:

The boys basketball team had a solid season and competed at a high level with some solid opponents. The boys traveled to Gothenburg High School for sub-districts where they were defeated by Doniphan Trumbull in the second round. The team finished the season with an overall record of 13-10 which is commendable considering the overall depth of some really solid teams in our conference this season. I would like to thank the coaches for all of their hard work and dedication over this season and we look forward to seeing how they continue to build and develop the program in the future years! I also want to thank the Minden community for the support they gave our boys team all season.

The girls varsity basketball team also finished the season with an overall record of 13-10. The girls had sub districts at Malcolm High School and were defeated by Holdrege in the second round. I would also like to recognize the girls basketball coaches and players for representing Minden High School with class throughout the season. As we look to the future, the girls team graduates some key senior players, but also returns a promising group of younger players that will look to lead the program in the coming seasons.

WRESTLING:

The high school girls wrestling team qualified 2 wrestlers for the state tournament at the CHI Center in Omaha. The qualifiers included Marlie Peterson and Victoria Hansen. Both of the girls competed well at the state tournament with Marlie Peterson dropping two close matches and Victoria Hansen finishing with one win and two losses. Coach Ostrom and Coach Oertle put in a great deal of work this season and I would like to recognize them for their dedication to building our girls wrestling program. Our girls team was full of younger wrestlers this year with no seniors on the roster. Looking ahead to next season, the team will be a much more experienced team with several returning wrestlers looking to take the next step and qualify for the state tournament!

The high school boys wrestling team also had another successful season. Despite facing many injuries that heavily impacted the season for our team, our boys represented Minden High School well. The boys team qualified four wrestlers for the state tournament including Parker Hatch, Byron Kring, Cael Smith, and Evan Lutkemeier. Both Parker and Byron picked up a win at the state tournament and finished with one win and two losses. Cael Smith and Evan Lutkemeier were able to claim third place finishes to earn medals! As we look ahead to next season, the boys wrestling team is poised to compete for a team state championship once again. With no seniors on the roster, there will be a large portion of the roster that will have a realistic

chance to qualify for the state tournament and should contend for medals. We continue to be proud of the way the boys wrestling coaches lead our program!

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW:

The spring sports season is in the early stages as teams were allowed to begin practices on Monday March 2nd. There are 34 girls on the high school team this season as well as 39 boys! The first track and field meet of the season is scheduled for Friday March 20th at the UNK indoor meet followed by the Marsch Beck Invitational here at home on Tuesday March 24th! The boys golf team has their first meet on Thursday April 2nd at Southern Hills Golf Course in Hastings when they will play against Adams Central in a dual. Currently there are twelve on the roster for the 2026 boys golf team. We are looking forward to a great spring sports season for both track and field as well as boys golf!

STATE CONFERENCES for CTSO Groups:

FBLA State Leadership Conference: April 16th-18th in Kearney

FCCLA State Leadership Conference: March 29th-31st in Lincoln

FFA State Conference: March 25th-27th in Lincoln

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday March 16th: District Speech @ Aurora 9am

Friday March 20th: Track @ UNK Indoor 11am

Saturday March 21st: SWC Band/Vocal/Art Festival @ Ogallala

Tuesday March 24th: Marsh Beck Track and Field Invite 2pm

Friday March 27th: Track @ Holdrege 1pm

Friday March 27th and Saturday March 28th: Class B State Speech @ Horizon Middle School in Kearney



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**March 2026 BOARD MEETING
MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT**

With the end of the third quarter comes the end of the winter sports season. Our girls wrestling team ended with 14 girls that competed in eight tournaments. We hosted our first middle school girls wrestling invite on January 26th with the following teams competing: Horizon, Sunrise, Holdrege, Ogallala, McCook and Minden. Our girls wrestling program continues to grow which is good news for our high school girls wrestling program!

Our 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams finished their seasons very well. Our 7th grade team finished with 19 players on their team and finished with a record of 6-4 with their A team. The 8th grade finished with 15 players on their team. Both teams played very hard and enjoyed playing basketball together. We have added a few new teams the past couple years as some of our opponents have gotten smaller and can't field enough teams to give all of our players time on the court in games. We have added Kearney Sunrise, GINW, and Hastings High, these teams are upper level teams that give us great opportunities for growth. Next year we expect the numbers in the upcoming 7th grade to be lower as there are only 39 students in this grade level and 20 boys.

We are very fortunate to have three gyms that can be used by our club teams for youth sports training especially throughout the winter when it's so cold outside. Keeping our youth active both physically as well as mentally and emotionally with a team gives them so many experiences that will benefit them down the road. From January through April we average 2-3 teams using our gyms during the week and 3-4 teams on Sundays. The success that our teams are having the past several years really is attributed to the time spent by our youth coaches and players learning different skills for their sports as well as the mindset it takes to be competitive. We have a lot to be thankful for in Minden and a lot of people to thank for giving their time to work with our youth.

After spring break our 7th-8th grade girls and boys will have the opportunity to participate in track. We anticipate a large number of participants this spring much like past years. The coaches for middle school track are: Lisa Clapper, Tiffany Widdifield, Jacob Tracy, and Trak Lewis. Kylee Stepp is going to volunteer with our track team as well and we appreciate her willingness to help! Having extra help with track is very beneficial when there are so many athletes and they are spread out across the track and field area.

I am presently working on issuing contracts for all sporting events that we will host next school year. We have decided to use a new company for scheduling all contests, it is called Bound. Mr. Strong did a lot of shopping to see which company would be our best choice. At this point we are liking the extra options that come with using Bound.

Another task this time of year is talking to our coaches regarding scheduling for the next year and working with schools to add contests where needed or move them to better fit our upcoming school calendar. In most of our sports we try to stay around 8-10 contest dates spread across 8 weeks of the season. Boys and girls wrestling both have 8 contests but we are looking to add a contest next season for the both teams is possible.

Mr. Strong and I are working together to fill our extra duty positions that are open. Presently in the middle school I have 3-middle school girls basketball positions and one boys basketball position available at this time. I will work on getting these positions filled in the next month or at least before school is out.

Mr. Strasburg and I are working on teacher observations again and will continue to get into classrooms for the next month or so observing our teachers and giving them feedback. It's awesome to sit down with our teachers after an

observation and celebrate the great things their students and the teachers are doing. The other powerful part is working together to help teachers make goals for how they can grow and improve in their craft.

Ed Rowse

Minden Public School Board of Education Report
March 2026



Sandy Pohl, East Elementary and Minden Public Preschool Principal

Read Across America is a time to recognize the importance and the excitement of reading. Students enjoyed fun dress up days matching classic book titles. A Sneetch and a Lorax visited and did some extra reading. As a finale to the week, each student was able to invite one guest reader to join them in reading during the school day. Our school was lined with book-filled hands of grandparents, parents, friends, and other important people in our children’s lives.



The following is an informal “state of the school” report that was reviewed during a recent professional development/staff meeting at East Elementary. This encompasses many ways staff and students have taken action steps in order to work toward the school improvement goal of: All students will show measurable growth in academics and social-emotional well-being through the enhanced support provided at each tier of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports process.

State of the School Report				4
“Measurable growth in academics and social-emotional well-being”				
Social-emotional 743 Go Get ‘Ems		Academics-DIBELS		Academic 6,451 books have been checked out of our library
		Population	Measure	Levels
		Population selected	Composite Score	Students
			BOY	24% 14% 32% 30% 207
			MOY	11% 10% 37% 42% 209
Social-emotional 70 integrity award winners	Academics-Early Intervention Services 7 birth to 3 29 preschoolers 5 additional preschool aged kids served outside of our program		Social-emotional 303 backmeals	
			Social-emotional and Academic 96.1 average daily attendance rate	

Superintendent Report

Meeting: March Board Meeting

Date: 3/16/26

Dr. Widdifield

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Topics:

City Meeting: I met with the city, NPPD, CMBA, ETI, and BD last week to discuss the building of the new elementary school. We had a great meeting with the city to discuss utility relocation and how we can work together on this project moving forward. We have a few more things to discuss and get finalized, but it is coming together. I appreciate the partnership we have with the city.

Summer projects: Even though it is not spring yet, we are starting to get ready for the summer. The greenhouse might be the only big project we have for this summer. We will have some landscaping and outdoor maintenance projects, as we do every summer.

New Staff: We are excited about the new staff we hired over the last couple of months. Our objective is to get the best person for our students and district. We are very fortunate to have the reputation of a great school with excellent facilities, a proactive Board of Education, and outstanding staff and students. We have a lot of great things happening and have the potential to enhance our district. Seeing the positive changes and the direction we are heading in this district is exciting.

Thank You: I want to thank the staff, administration, and other volunteers for their help this winter. The winter season is long, and it takes many people to make everything work. I appreciate the community support and what our staff and administration do outside of school hours.

Bylaws of the Board - Bylaws, Policies and RegulationsFormulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies

Policy proposals and suggested amendments to or revisions of existing policies shall normally be submitted to all members of the Board of Education by the Superintendent in writing prior to a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting in which such proposed policies, amendments, or revisions thereof shall be read and discussed.

Policies will be adopted or amended after consideration at two (2) meetings of the Board of Education. The agenda and minutes shall be marked to indicate policy matters.

The formal adoption of policies shall be by majority vote of all members of the Board of Education and the actions shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Education. Only those written statements so adopted and so recorded shall be regarded as official policy.

Policies shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years or at such other periodic time periods as may be required by law.

Reference: Robert's Rules of Order

Date of Adoption: December 15, 2009

Date Reaffirmed: March 8, 2021

Business OperationsProcedures—Bidding Construction Projects

The District shall bid every project for the construction, remodeling, or repair of any school-owned building or for site improvements when the contemplated expenditures for the project is in excess of one hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$136,000), or such sum as adjusted pursuant to Section 73-106. The bidding procedures shall comply with the requirements of state law and shall include the following:

1. Notice to Bidders: The Administration shall prepare a notice to bidders containing a general description of the scope of the project being bid; the location of the project; the means of obtaining project documents, including plans and specifications; the date and hour bids will close; and the date, hour and place bids are to be returned, received and opened, and a provision that such bids will be immediately and simultaneously opened in the presence of the bidders or representatives of the bidders, when the hour is reached for the bids to close.
2. Regular Manner of Advertisement for Bids: The notice to bidders shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the School District. The notice shall be published at least seven (7) days prior to the date designated for the opening of such bids. The Board of Education or Administration may, in its sole discretion, elect to utilize further advertisement for bids as it may determine appropriate to secure a sufficient number of qualified bidders for the scope of the project.
3. Bid Opening: When the hour is reached for such bids to close, bids will be immediately and simultaneously opened in the presence of the bidders or representatives of the bidders.
4. Contract Award: The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as to the extent required by law. When not so required, the award shall be made on the basis of consideration of the contract award criteria determined appropriate by the Board or administration.
5. Performance and Payment Bonds. Whenever any contract is entered into for the erecting, furnishing, or repairing of any building or other public structure or improvement, the contractor shall be required, before commencing such work, to furnish a performance, labor and material payment bond. The bond requirement shall not apply, however, to any project bid or proposed which has a total cost of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less unless the School Board or Administration includes a bond requirement in the specifications for the project. The bond shall be in an amount not less than the contract price. The bond shall be conditioned on the faithful performance of the contract and the payment by the contracting party of all laborers and mechanics for labor that is performed and of all material and equipment rental that is actually used or rented in connection with the improvement project and the performance of the contract. Such bond shall contain such provisions as are required by statutes, and be in a form prescribed and required by the district.

6. Retention of an Architect or Engineer. The School District shall not engage in the construction of any public works involving architecture or engineering unless the plans, specifications, and estimates have been prepared and the construction has been observed by an architect, a professional engineer, or a person under the direct supervision of an architect, professional engineer, or those under the direct supervision of an architect or professional engineer; provided that such requirement shall not apply to any public work in which the contemplated expenditure for the complete project does not exceed one hundred forty-four thousand dollars (\$144,000), as adjusted from time to time by Section 81-3445 or other applicable law.

7. Additional Procedures. Each bid for which a labor and material bond is required shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of such bid unless the School Board or Administration waives such requirement. The Board of Education or Administration may provide for additional procedures for the procurement, opening and acceptance of bids as deemed appropriate for a particular project.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 52-118; Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 73-101 *et seq.*; Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 73-106; Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 81-3445

Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

StudentsAsthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol

The District will adopt and implement the Emergency Response to Life-Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis Protocol as required by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The Superintendent, in conjunction with licensed health personnel, shall establish administrative regulations for the implementation of this policy. The regulations established shall comply with NDE rules regarding the protocol to follow in case of a life-threatening asthma or systemic allergic reaction (including anaphylaxis) and use of an EpiPen and albuterol. These regulations and protocols shall also ensure that each school building will procure and maintain the equipment and medication necessary under the protocol in the case of any student or school staff emergency. Staff training in using the protocol shall occur periodically. Records of such training and occurrences of administering medication under the protocol shall be maintained.

The Emergency Protocol shall be implemented, and the equipment and medication necessary to implement the Emergency Protocol shall be maintained, at each school building while school is in session. For purposes of the Emergency Protocol, the phrase "while school is in session" is defined as the core instructional school day. The "core instructional school day" is defined as that portion of each day school is in session during which teachers are on duty to provide and students are scheduled to receive instruction in the School District's curriculum, generally beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. The Emergency Protocol shall not be required to be implemented other than in the school buildings while school is in session, and as such is not required to be implemented at extracurricular activities, on school buses, or during school field trips. Implementation of the Emergency Protocol at such non-mandatory times or places shall be made in the discretion of the administration and shall be subject to the availability of the employees designated or trained in implementation of the Emergency Protocol and the availability of the necessary equipment and medication at such times or places.

The parent or guardian of a student of minority age may sign a waiver requesting that their student not receive emergency treatment under this protocol.

The Superintendent or designee shall further develop and implement protocols to address anaphylaxis and the emergency use of epinephrine at school buildings and school-sponsored activities. A school nurse or trained staff member may administer epinephrine to any individual believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis. These protocols will also address the District's response, documentation, notification, and reporting any instances of administering epinephrine. The District will continue to implement individualized health or Section 504 plans for students with known severe allergies, and nothing in this policy limits rights or accommodations under Section 504, the ADA, or the IDEA.

Legal Reference: NDE Rule 59.006
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-227
Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

**WAIVER OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO
LIFE THREATENING ASTHMA OR
SYSTEMIC ALLERGIC REACTIONS PROTOCOL**

Minden Public School District

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

I am aware of the school policy that provides a protocol to follow by school personnel to administer EpiPen/albuterol to a student when it is determined that the student is suffering a life-threatening asthma or systemic allergic reaction while school is in session.

After considering the school policy and the best interests of my child, _____, I do not wish to have him/her given or administered albuterol or medication from an Epi-Pen by school personnel under any circumstances for the 20____ - 20____ school year.

DATED: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Custodian

DATED: _____

Signature of Physician

DO NOT return this form **without** a physician's signature supporting your request to remove your child from the protocol.

New Construction

Facilities - Bids and Contracts

All contracts for work related to building construction, remodeling or repair or site improvement in excess of \$136,000, or such sum as adjusted pursuant to Section 73-106, will be bid in accordance with state statutes. All other contracts will be handled under current district policies and regulations.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 73-101 to 73-106

Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

Community RelationsAnnual Report and School Improvement

The Superintendent shall prepare and distribute each year an Annual Report in accordance with Nebraska Department of Education Rule 10. The Annual Report shall be distributed or made available to residents of the School District each year. The report shall include information required by NDE Rule 10 and applicable NDE guidance. The results of the annual report shall be used to plan and make needed changes to improve instruction for all students.

The Superintendent shall further ensure that the School District implements a systematic on-going process that guides planning, implementation, and evaluation and renewal of school improvement activities to meet local and statewide goals and priorities. The school improvement process shall focus on improving student learning and include a periodic review by visiting educators who provide consultation to the local school/community in continued accomplishment of plans and goals. The school improvement process shall further include the following activities at least once within each five years:

- A. Review and update of the mission and vision statements.
- B. Collection and analysis of data about student performance, demographics, learning climate, and former high school students.
- C. Selection of improvement goals. At least one goal is directed toward improving student academic achievement.
- D. Development and implementation of an improvement plan which includes procedures, strategies, actions to achieve goals, and an aligned professional development plan.
- E. Evaluation of progress toward improvement goals.

The school improvement process shall further include a visitation by a team of external representatives to review progress and provide written recommendations. A copy of the school system's improvement plan and the written recommendations shall be provided to the Nebraska Department of Education, when appropriate. The external team visits shall be conducted at least once each five years.

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a computer science and technology education status report to both the Board of Education and Nebraska State Department of Education. The annual report may include information about student progress on the computer science and technology courses and other relevant measures of student progress in the areas of computer science and technology education. To the extent appropriate, computer science education data may be incorporated into the District's Annual Report and considered as part of the District's ongoing school improvement planning process.

Legal Reference: NDE Rule 10.01, 10.5.02, 10.9 and 10.10
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3305

Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

StudentsSchool Library Materials and Parent Access

The District will provide parents, guardians, and educational decision-makers with access to information regarding books available in the District's school library, and an opportunity to receive notifications when their student checks out a library book.

For purposes of this Policy, the "school library" means the collection of books maintained by the District in a library or media center, as designated by the Superintendent or designee, located on school property and managed by District staff for student circulation. The term "school library" does not include: (1) classroom libraries or book collections maintained by individual teachers; (2) instructional textbooks or curriculum materials issued to students; (3) digital instructional materials, online databases, or subscription research services; and (4) materials accessed through a library not managed or supervised by the District. For purposes of this policy, a "book" means a bound or printed work cataloged within the District's school library circulation system.

The District will maintain a catalog of books available in each designated library. Such a catalog will be made available for viewing by parents, guardians, and educational decision-makers through a method designated by the Superintendent or designee.

The District will provide parents, guardians, and educational decision-makers the opportunity to opt in to receive notification when their student checks out a book from a designated library. If a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker elects to receive such notifications, the District shall provide such notice, which will include the: (1) title of the book; (2) author(s); and (3) date the book must be returned.

Requests to receive library checkout notifications must be submitted a writing or through a process identified by the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee may develop procedures to implement this Policy, and staff, parents, guardians, and educational decision-makers must follow these procedures.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-533.04

Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

Date: March 16th, 2026

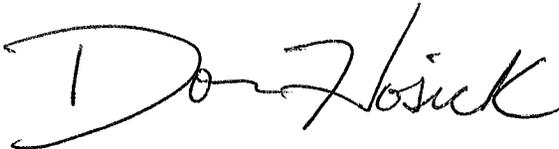
Dear Mr. Widdifield and Members of the Board of Education,

After 32 years in education, I have made the decision to retire at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.

Serving the students, staff, and families of Minden Public Schools has been one of the greatest honors of my professional career. I am deeply grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from the Board of Education, our dedicated staff, and the Minden community throughout the years. I am proud of the work we have accomplished together and appreciative of the relationships built during my time in Minden.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this district. I look forward to finishing the school year strong and assisting in any way possible to ensure a smooth transition.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Hosick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Don Hosick

Mr. Hosick, Dr. Widdifield, and School Board,

The Tech Club would like to ask permission to take a field trip to the Caterpillar Plant in Peoria, Illinois. Our agenda has not been set yet by the factory, but it should be close to the following:

Thursday, March 19th 12:00 pm	Leave Minden High School
Thursday, March 19th 10:00 pm	Arrive in Peoria, Ill.
Friday, March 20th 8:00 am	Begin Tour of the Caterpillar
Friday, March 20th 2:00 pm	Leave for home
Friday, March 20th 11:00 am	Arrive at Minden High School

During the tour, we will be able to observe the construction of the large D10 and D12 Caterpillar tractors. We would ask the school to cover the cost of transportation and drivers. The Tech Club will cover the cost of lodging and food. Thanks for your consideration.

MOTION

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education of this School District should and does hereby approve the architect's schematic design phase documents for the facility project and, pursuant to section 3.4.1 of the architect agreement, authorizes and directs the architect to proceed to design development phase services and documents.

Board member _____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:

_____.

The following Board members voted against the same: _____.

The following Board members were absent or not voting: _____.

The above Motion, having been consented to by a majority of the members of the Board of Education of this School District, was declared as passed and adopted by the Board President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2026.

KEARNEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 50-
0503, A/K/A MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary