

Minden Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Minden High School Media Center  
543 West 5th  
Minden, NE 68959-0301  
Monday, April 13, 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
  - 2.a. Invention Convention Presentation
  - 2.b. Public Comment
3. Consent Agenda
  - 3.a. Consider Minutes from Prior 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
6. Action Items
  - 6.a. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Policy 5209 School Library Material and Parent Access
  - 6.b. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Amendments to Policy 1040 Annual Report, Policy 3540 Bidding Construction Projects, Policy 5601 Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol, and Policy 7050 Bids and Contracts
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment per Board President Action at 7:31 pm

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 16, 2026**

The agenda for the March 16, 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 7:00 pm with all board members present, except Reed.

Motion by Rhynalds and second by Glanzer to excuse the absence of Reed. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, absent; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Krull to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the February 9 hearing and meeting, financial reports, and claims for payment. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, absent; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the amendments to Policy 1040 Annual Report, Policy 3540 Bidding Construction Projects, Policy 5601 Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol, and Policy 7050 Bids and Contracts.

The board discussed Policy 5209 School Library Materials and Parent Access.

Motion by Rhynalds and second by Raun to approve with regret the resignation of Don Hosick effective June 30, 2026. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, absent; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to approve the contract of Ethan Reichman as Elementary Special Education Teacher for the 2026-27 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, absent; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Craig to approve the March Tech Club trip to Illinois. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, absent; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to 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. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, absent; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

At 7:41 pm, the meeting was adjourned per Board President action.

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Secretary, Board of Education

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
March 31, 2026

SCHOOL BALANCE - February 28, 2026			\$418,586.00
Current Months Receipts			\$550,815.18
Transfers from Investments			\$525,000.00
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts			\$1,494,401.18
Less: Disbursements			\$1,127,473.31
Transfer to Investments			\$0.00
Total Disbursements			\$1,127,473.31
SCHOOL BALANCE - March 31, 2026			\$366,927.87
BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT - March 31, 2026			\$372,127.38
Deposits In Transit			\$0.00
LESS : Outstanding Checks			\$5,199.51
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE - March 31, 2026			\$366,927.87
(Balance - March 31, 2025 = \$484,985.70)			
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS			\$3,415,392.96
Money Market Minden Exchange	\$2,036,542.05	2.02% demand	
Money Market First Bank	\$1,378,850.91	1.51% demand	
(Balance March 31, 2025 = \$3,209,616.92)			
DEPRECIATION FUND INVESTED			\$326,036.22
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$276,403.79	2.02% demand	
Money Market First Bank	\$49,627.24	1.11% demand	
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$5.19		
(Balance March 31, 2025 = \$180,713.22)			
BUILDING FUND			\$2,480,224.08
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$915,509.09	2.02% demand	
CD Minden Exchange Bank - 6/15/26 maturity	\$750,000.00	3.80% term	
Money Market First Bank	\$134,760.92	1.51% demand	
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Building Fund	\$679,949.57	3.40% demand	
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$4.50		
(Balance March 31, 2025 = \$1,265,010.65)			
BOND FUND			\$1,306,882.56
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$595,714.70	2.02% demand	
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Bond Fund	\$711,167.86	3.40% demand	
(Balance March 31, 2025 = \$1,247,919.18)			
LUNCH FUND			\$64,490.12
Money Market First Bank	\$1,913.04	1.00% demand	
Checking First Bank	\$62,577.08		
(Balance March 31, 2025 = \$69,610.03)			
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  
March 31, 2026

Bank	Account #	Beginning Balance	Plus: Receipts	Plus/(Minus) Transfers/Loans	Minus: Expenditures	Ending/ Reconciled Balance	Previous Year Ending Balance
<b>General Fund</b>							
MEB	401505	\$418,586.00	\$550,815.18	\$475,000.00	\$1,077,473.31	\$366,927.87	\$484,985.70
MEB	601096	\$2,557,517.91	\$4,024.14	(\$525,000.00)	\$0.00	\$2,036,542.05	\$1,852,243.96
FB&T	801472	\$1,377,096.53	\$1,754.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,378,850.91	\$1,357,372.96
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,353,200.44</b>	<b>\$556,593.70</b>	<b>(\$50,000.00)</b>	<b>\$1,077,473.31</b>	<b>\$3,782,320.83</b>	<b>\$3,694,602.62</b>
<b>Depreciation Fund</b>							
MEB	401919	\$5.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.19	\$5.19
MEB	613109	\$275,919.99	\$483.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$276,403.79	\$131,658.23
FB&T	807982	\$49,580.92	\$46.32	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,627.24	\$49,049.80
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$325,506.10</b>	<b>\$530.12</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$326,036.22</b>	<b>\$180,713.22</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>							
MEB	106690	\$4.50	\$0.00	\$233,706.00	\$233,706.00	\$4.50	\$4.50
MEB	603209	\$1,118,172.09	\$31,043.00	(\$233,706.00)	\$0.00	\$915,509.09	\$477,748.04
MEB	CD	\$750,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$0.00
FB&T	801407	\$134,589.46	\$171.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$134,760.92	\$132,661.80
NLAF	9300655	\$677,990.73	\$1,958.84	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$679,949.57	\$654,596.31
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,680,756.78</b>	<b>\$33,173.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$233,706.00</b>	<b>\$2,480,224.08</b>	<b>\$1,265,010.65</b>
<b>Bond Fund</b>							
MEB	620112	\$560,467.53	\$35,247.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$595,714.70	\$566,175.26
NLAF	9300692	\$710,501.90	\$665.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$711,167.86	\$681,743.92
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,270,969.43</b>	<b>\$35,913.13</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,306,882.56</b>	<b>\$1,247,919.18</b>
<b>Lunch Fund</b>							
FB&T	801399	\$1,911.42	\$1.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,913.04	\$1,892.68
FB&T	990119	\$33,192.72	\$27,480.21	\$50,000.00	\$48,095.05	\$62,577.88	\$67,717.35
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$35,104.14</b>	<b>\$27,481.83</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$48,095.05</b>	<b>\$64,490.92</b>	<b>\$69,610.03</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$8,665,536.89</b>	<b>\$653,692.08</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,359,274.36</b>	<b>\$7,959,954.61</b>	<b>\$6,457,855.70</b>

## 2025/26 Projections vs. Actuals for General Fund As of March 31, 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	\$553,784.85	(\$633,418.42)	(\$201,330.85)
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	(\$570,879.61)	(\$611,213.88)	\$289,637.33
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

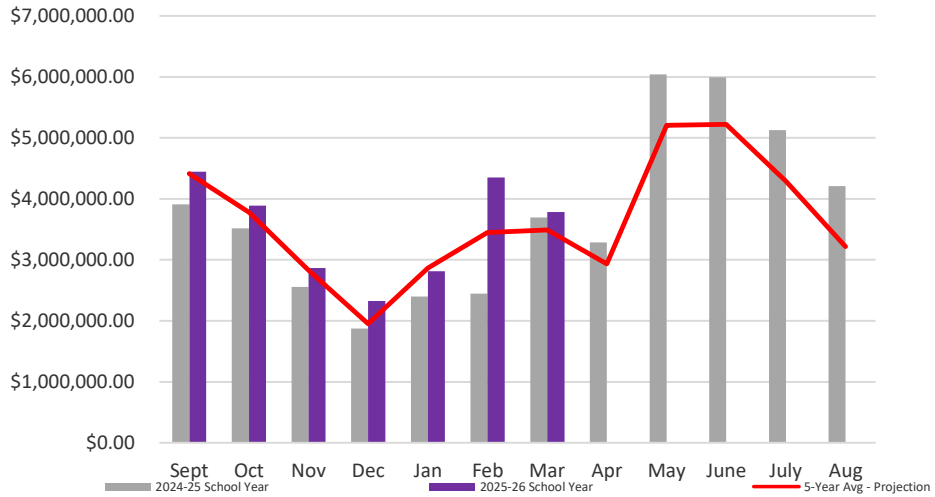
Month	Projected Expenses	Actual Expenses	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,399,180.18	\$1,266,406.39	(\$132,773.79)	(\$132,773.79)
October	\$1,199,911.69	\$1,195,845.28	(\$4,066.41)	(\$136,840.20)
November	\$1,168,372.80	\$1,132,020.04	(\$36,352.76)	(\$173,192.96)
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	\$1,124,664.46	(\$22,204.54)	(\$490,968.18)
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

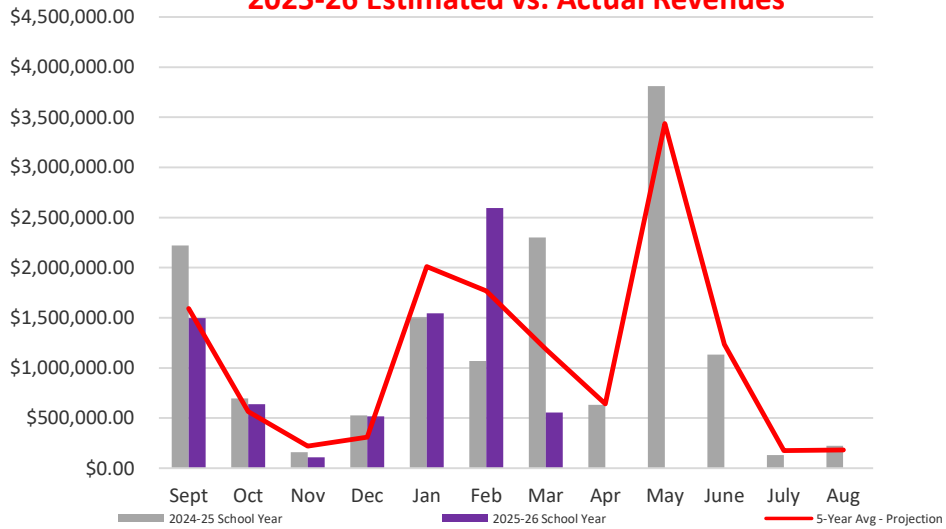
Beginning Reconciled GF Balance = \$4,214,265.71

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	\$3,782,320.83	\$289,637.33
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		

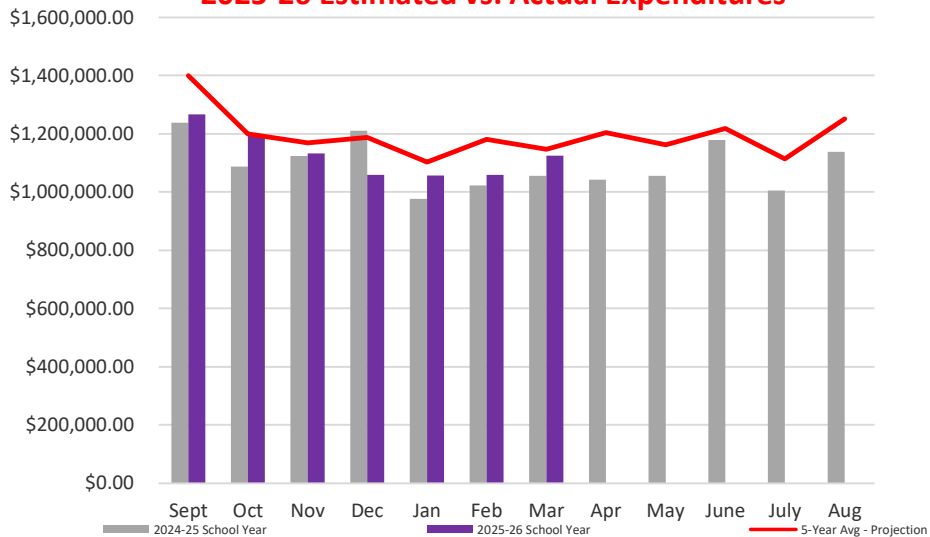
### 2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual General Fund Balance



### 2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual Revenues



### 2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual Expenditures



# General Fund Revenues - Thru 03/31/26

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Received	Remaining Balance	Percent Received
01100 - Taxes Levied/Assessed	\$9,508,972.54	\$1,873,584.88	\$7,635,387.66	19.70%
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	\$329,728.67	\$95,271.33	77.58%
01140 - Penalty & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$14,250.00	\$8,677.15	\$5,572.85	60.89%
01370 - Preschool Tuition and Fees	\$20,000.00	\$18,540.00	\$1,460.00	92.70%
01510 - Interest	\$40,000.00	\$34,501.97	\$5,498.03	86.25%
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	\$6,269.07	(\$6,269.07)	
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	\$17,086.35	\$2,913.65	85.43%
03110 - State Aid	\$1,320,697.00	\$924,490.00	\$396,207.00	70.00%
03120 - Special Education - School Age	\$1,400,000.00	\$703,592.00	\$696,408.00	50.26%
03125 - SPED Transportation - School Age	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
03130 - Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$20,285.33	(\$20,285.33)	
03131 - Property Tax Credit	\$0.00	\$1,795,354.21	(\$1,795,354.21)	
03166 - Flex Funding: School Age Support Services	\$0.00	\$98,532.00	(\$98,532.00)	
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	\$5,207.85	(\$5,207.85)	
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	\$27,900.88	(\$7,900.88)	139.50%
04709 - Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAAPS)	\$17,500.00	\$2,296.66	\$15,203.34	13.12%
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%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,339,362.54</b>	<b>\$6,118,123.41</b>	<b>\$7,221,239.13</b>	<b>45.87%</b>

# General Fund Expenditures

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Disbursed	Remaining Balance	Percent Spent
01100 - Regular Instruction	\$6,612,921.85	\$4,107,543.29	\$2,505,378.56	62.11%
01125 - Academic Intervention (Flex Funding)	\$102,981.59	\$67,947.71	\$35,033.88	65.98%
01200 - School Age SPED	\$1,761,833.00	\$1,118,998.15	\$642,834.85	63.51%
01291 - Preschool Age 3-5	\$11,630.53	\$1,290.08	\$10,340.45	11.09%
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	\$215,388.77	\$116,524.55	64.89%
02130 - Health Services	\$95,608.07	\$61,948.61	\$33,659.46	64.79%
02141 - School Psychologist - School Age	\$130,264.42	\$86,578.20	\$43,686.22	66.46%
02151 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$204,381.65	\$127,615.71	\$76,765.94	62.44%
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	\$27,054.00	\$15,446.00	63.66%
02171 - Physical Therapy	\$13,500.00	\$8,829.00	\$4,671.00	65.40%
02172 - Physical Therapy	\$1,500.00	\$121.50	\$1,378.50	8.10%
02173 - Physical Therapy	\$1,250.00	\$2,041.06	(\$791.06)	163.28%
02190 - Student Activities	\$206,366.92	\$148,455.96	\$57,910.96	71.94%
02212 - Instruction & Curriculum Development	\$0.00	\$125.00	(\$125.00)	
02213 - Instructional Staff Training	\$20,000.00	\$11,415.96	\$8,584.04	57.08%
02220 - Media Center	\$282,687.51	\$178,678.39	\$104,009.12	63.21%
02230 - Technology Support	\$168,661.49	\$112,336.31	\$56,325.18	66.60%
02240 - Assessment Coordinator	\$18,972.75	\$7,460.89	\$11,511.86	39.32%
02310 - Board of Education	\$48,100.00	\$26,676.16	\$21,423.84	55.46%
02320 - Superintendent	\$327,998.17	\$216,990.21	\$111,007.96	66.16%
02330 - District Legal Services	\$30,000.00	\$12,769.50	\$17,230.50	42.57%
02410 - Principal	\$783,796.24	\$485,023.42	\$298,772.82	61.88%
02510 - Business Office	\$223,787.40	\$151,284.79	\$72,502.61	67.60%
02610 - Custodial	\$511,904.80	\$406,864.00	\$105,040.80	79.48%
02620 - Building Maintenance	\$975,951.29	\$521,094.22	\$454,857.07	53.39%
02630 - Grounds Maintenance	\$211,011.25	\$92,779.24	\$118,232.01	43.97%
02640 - Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$29,481.79	\$16,082.03	\$13,399.76	54.55%
02650 - Non-Pupil Vehicle	\$6,500.00	\$3,311.25	\$3,188.75	50.94%
02660 - Security	\$90,500.00	\$71,328.93	\$19,171.07	78.82%
02670 - Safety	\$49,150.00	\$7,777.79	\$41,372.21	15.82%
02710 - School Bus Driving	\$255,772.60	\$193,491.24	\$62,281.36	75.65%
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	\$6,768.82	\$6,196.07	52.21%
02730 - School Bus Driving Vehicle Maintenance	\$136,250.20	\$72,829.41	\$63,420.79	53.45%
02732 - School Age SPED Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$444.84	\$2,555.16	14.83%
03400 - Expenditures from Private/Corporate Grants	\$0.00	\$5,750.13	(\$5,750.13)	
03535 - High Ability Learners	\$46,200.69	\$27,885.51	\$18,315.18	60.36%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$7,500.00	\$1,718.46	\$5,781.54	22.91%
06200 - Title IA	\$141,559.00	\$87,702.80	\$53,856.20	61.95%
06301 - CLSD Grant	\$0.00	\$5,197.15	(\$5,197.15)	
06406 - IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	\$2,442.00	\$2,733.75	(\$291.75)	111.95%
06408 - IDEA Part B (611)	\$178,673.00	\$126,014.30	\$52,658.70	70.53%
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	\$3,314.40	(\$3,314.40)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,335,862.54</b>	<b>\$9,005,491.49</b>	<b>\$5,330,371.05</b>	<b>62.82%</b>

# Bank Statement Reconciliation

Description

Adjustment Date

Adjustment Amount

Minden High School Activities 03/01/2026 through 03/31/2026

## Bank Statement Reconciliation Summary

Statement Balance	\$ 333,081.93
- Outstanding checks	\$ 22,750.76
+ Outstanding Deposits	\$ 0.00
+ Outstanding Adjustments	\$ 0.00
- Outstanding Investment Transfers	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 310,331.17
+ Investments	\$ 37,000.00
Book Balance	\$ 347,331.17

# Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
04/14/2026	EFT	CenturyLink	Telephone Services	\$ 461.42
04/14/2026	EFT	Minden Exchange Bank - EFT	Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 34.75
04/14/2026	EFT	Wright Express Fleet Services	Station Fuel Purchases	\$ 1,080.68
04/14/2026	6674	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	Vision Insurance	\$ 1,261.92
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Dental Insurance	\$ 173.49
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 2PT	\$ 4,453.80
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 2,279.97
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins FAM	\$ 25,772.89
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SNG	\$ 2,894.32
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SPD	\$ 1,311.65
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 2PT	\$ 32,763.60
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 14,122.41
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins FAM	\$ 96,791.10
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SNG	\$ 7,540.38
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SPD	\$ 4,568.76
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins Split	\$ 1,724.40
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental 2PT	\$ 873.00
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental FAM	\$ 2,428.86
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental SPD	\$ 134.90
04/14/2026	6675	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$ 619.02
04/14/2026	6676	Fiduciary Trust Company	Flatwater Wealth TSA	\$ 500.00
04/14/2026	6677	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	Horace Mann Life Insurance	\$ 1,275.00
04/14/2026	6678	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Feba Life Insurance	\$ 203.50
04/14/2026	6678	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long-Term Disability	\$ 1,884.15
04/14/2026	6678	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Term Life Policy	\$ 488.55
04/14/2026	6679	Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co.	HSA Contribution	\$ 9,389.05
04/14/2026	6680	Minden Public Schools	District Court	\$ 507.00
04/14/2026	6680	Minden Public Schools	F/b Dependent Care	\$ 6,540.05
04/14/2026	6680	Minden Public Schools	F/b Medical Dental	\$ 4,633.38
04/14/2026	6680	Minden Public Schools	Increased Retirement Percent	\$ 4,853.28
04/14/2026	6680	Minden Public Schools	NE Retirement	\$ 97,830.80
04/14/2026	6681	Minden Public Schools.	Computer Lease Purchase	\$ 487.64
04/14/2026	6682	Mps Payroll	Federal Withholding	\$ 45,879.03
04/14/2026	6682	Mps Payroll	FICA	\$ 79,938.68
04/14/2026	6682	Mps Payroll	Medicare	\$ 18,695.22
04/14/2026	6683	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	State Withholding - NE	\$ 18,740.97
04/14/2026	6684	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Cardboard Recycling Shed	\$ 109.98
04/14/2026	6684	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Custodial Supplies	\$ 181.24
04/14/2026	6684	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	East Media Center Supplies	\$ 234.68
04/14/2026	6684	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	East Office Supplies	\$ 337.97
04/14/2026	6684	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Media Center Supplies	\$ 27.92
04/14/2026	6684	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Kindergarten Supplies	\$ 529.82
04/14/2026	6684	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	MS Math Supplies	\$ 49.45
04/14/2026	6684	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Water Filters	\$ 30.28
04/14/2026	6685	Amplify Education, Inc.	Math Intervention Testing	\$ 2,400.00
04/14/2026	6686	Aurora Cooperative	Fuel	\$ 4,888.77
04/14/2026	6687	Bill's Plumbing	MS Plumbing Repair	\$ 80.00
04/14/2026	6688	Black Hills Energy	Bus Barn Natural Gas	\$ 512.28
04/14/2026	6688	Black Hills Energy	East Natural Gas	\$ 1,979.74
04/14/2026	6688	Black Hills Energy	MS Activity Building Natural Gas	\$ 1,742.87
04/14/2026	6688	Black Hills Energy	MS/HS Natural Gas	\$ 5,365.41
04/14/2026	6689	City Of Minden	School Resource Officer	\$ 20,211.79
04/14/2026	6689	City Of Minden	Utilities	\$ 15,632.11
04/14/2026	6690	Clearly	Telephone Service	\$ 823.93
04/14/2026	6691	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	Internet Service	\$ 402.63
04/14/2026	6692	Eakes Office Solutions	Color Copy Overage Charges	\$ 62.51
04/14/2026	6692	Eakes Office Solutions	Custodial Supplies	\$ 1,859.49

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
04/14/2026	6692	Eakes Office Solutions	Floor Scrubber	\$ 9,080.26
04/14/2026	6693	Educational Service Unit #10	Deaf Education Services	\$ 477.28
04/14/2026	6693	Educational Service Unit #10	PowerSchool Services	\$ 51.20
04/14/2026	6694	Elan Financial Services	HS Ag Class Supplies	\$ 124.00
04/14/2026	6694	Elan Financial Services	HS Software Subscription	\$ 5.00
04/14/2026	6694	Elan Financial Services	MS Software Renewal	\$ 80.00
04/14/2026	6694	Elan Financial Services	NETA Conference Registrations	\$ 498.00
04/14/2026	6694	Elan Financial Services	Newspaper Subscription	\$ 32.99
04/14/2026	6694	Elan Financial Services	NRCSA Legislative Conference Travel	\$ 42.06
04/14/2026	6695	Engineered Controls, Inc.	HVAC Controls Planned Service Agreement	\$ 1,692.50
04/14/2026	6696	Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C.	OT & PT Services	\$ 6,184.75
04/14/2026	6697	Harris School Solutions	Business Office Software Renewals	\$ 23,920.62
04/14/2026	6698	Heartland Refrigeration, LLC	MS Ice Machine Cleaning	\$ 404.90
04/14/2026	6699	Hometown Leasing	Copier & Printer Lease	\$ 3,855.49
04/14/2026	6700	Island Sprinkler Supply	Sprinkler Supplies	\$ 112.14
04/14/2026	6701	Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC	Enclosed Trailer Tire Repair	\$ 27.50
04/14/2026	6702	John Deere Financial	Spare Gator Key	\$ 4.13
04/14/2026	6703	Landmark Implement Carquest	Bus 21P Headlight	\$ 18.99
04/14/2026	6704	Mason's Market	HS FCS Supplies	\$ 29.53
04/14/2026	6704	Mason's Market	HS Life Skills Supplies	\$ 182.55
04/14/2026	6704	Mason's Market	Preschool Supplies	\$ 5.98
04/14/2026	6704	Mason's Market	Water Softener Salt	\$ 594.78
04/14/2026	6705	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	HS Metals Shop Gas	\$ 379.21
04/14/2026	6706	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	East HVAC Repairs	\$ 1,275.00
04/14/2026	6706	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS HVAC Repair Labor	\$ 795.00
04/14/2026	6707	Minden Chamber Of Commerce	Staff Appreciation	\$ 2,620.00
04/14/2026	6708	Minden Hardware	Supplies & Repairs	\$ 284.46
04/14/2026	6709	Napa Auto Parts	Coach Bus Repair	\$ 41.20
04/14/2026	6709	Napa Auto Parts	Mowers Fuel Treatment	\$ 10.49
04/14/2026	6709	Napa Auto Parts	Shop Supplies	\$ 29.98
04/14/2026	6709	Napa Auto Parts	Shop Supplies & Coach Repair	\$ 148.08
04/14/2026	6709	Napa Auto Parts	Transit Bus Repair	\$ 28.44
04/14/2026	6709	Napa Auto Parts	Van 18V2 Battery	\$ 259.99
04/14/2026	6710	Ne Association School Boards	2026 NAEP Conference Registration	\$ 120.00
04/14/2026	6711	NE Rural Community Schools Association	2026 Spring Conference Registration	\$ 250.00
04/14/2026	6712	Nebraska Central Equipment	Bus 20P Repair	\$ 941.18
04/14/2026	6712	Nebraska Central Equipment	Transit Bus Repair	\$ 912.85
04/14/2026	6713	Nebraska Department of Education.	NDE Data Conference	\$ 175.00
04/14/2026	6714	Nebraska State Fire Marshal Agency	MS Boiler Certificates & Inspections	\$ 324.00
04/14/2026	6715	Novus Windshield Repair	Bus 21P Windshield Repair	\$ 85.00
04/14/2026	6715	Novus Windshield Repair	Bus 22P Windshield Repair	\$ 75.00
04/14/2026	6715	Novus Windshield Repair	Van 23V1 Windshield Repair	\$ 75.00
04/14/2026	6716	One Source	Background Checks	\$ 201.00
04/14/2026	6717	Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O	Legal Services	\$ 2,105.00
04/14/2026	6718	Platte Valley Communications	Hand Held Radio Batteries	\$ 84.90
04/14/2026	6719	Pony Express Ford	Van 18V1 80 Day Inspection	\$ 77.50
04/14/2026	6719	Pony Express Ford	Van 18V2 80 Day Inspection	\$ 77.50
04/14/2026	6719	Pony Express Ford	Van 23V1 80 Day Inspection & Tire Rotation	\$ 104.00
04/14/2026	6719	Pony Express Ford	Van 23V2 80 Day Inspection	\$ 77.50
04/14/2026	6719	Pony Express Ford	Van 24V1 80 Day Inspection	\$ 77.50
04/14/2026	6720	PowerSchool Group, LLC	PowerSchool Annual Fee	\$ 6,776.90
04/14/2026	6721	Presto-X Company	Pest Control Services	\$ 203.40
04/14/2026	6722	RackCoach	Weightlifting Software	\$ 3,750.00
04/14/2026	6723	Richard Widdifield	Bus 22P Brake Repair	\$ 612.00
04/14/2026	6723	Richard Widdifield	Coach Bus Service & Inspection	\$ 495.30
04/14/2026	6724	Schindler Elevator Corporation	Elevator Service Agreement	\$ 286.11
04/14/2026	6725	School Fix	Toilet Partition Screws	\$ 35.95

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
04/14/2026	6726	School Specialty, LLC	East General Supplies	\$ 142.85
04/14/2026	6726	School Specialty, LLC	Kindergarten Supplies	\$ 78.71
04/14/2026	6727	Shane Schmidt Construction, Inc.	Ticket Booth Facia Install	\$ 860.00
04/14/2026	6728	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Legal Postings	\$ 69.94
04/14/2026	6728	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Spring Sports Previews	\$ 180.00
04/14/2026	6729	Turf Tank	Turf Tank Yearly Subscription	\$ 8,000.00
04/14/2026	6730	USI, Inc.	Laminating Rolls	\$ 263.11
04/14/2026	6731	Verizon	Transportation Tracking Subscription	\$ 255.10
04/14/2026	6732	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Hotspot Data Plan	\$ 160.04
04/14/2026	6733	Village Uniform	East Mat & Mop Service	\$ 153.48
04/14/2026	6733	Village Uniform	HS Mat & Mop Service	\$ 472.59
04/14/2026	6733	Village Uniform	MS Mat & Mop Service	\$ 366.15
04/14/2026	6734	Widdifield, James T	March Reimbursement	\$ 286.65
04/14/2026	6735	Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Shredding Service	\$ 62.50
04/14/2026	6736	Kurita America, Inc.	HS Cooling Tower Controller	\$ 2,570.65
04/14/2026	6737	PAR, Inc	School Psych Testing Supplies	\$ 1,858.92
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 637,600.27</b>
<b>Net Payroll - April 2026</b>				<b>\$ 473,813.41</b>
<b>Total General Fund Disbursements - April 2026</b>				<b>\$ 1,111,413.68</b>

**Secretary** Kevin Raun

# Lunch Fund Checks and Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
EFT	3/10/2026	Sysco	Commodities	\$ 8,976.80
6153	3/10/2026	LinPepCo Partnership	Beverages	\$ 1,825.15
6154	3/10/2026	Village Uniform	Kitchen Apron and Rag Service	\$ 425.70
6155	3/10/2026	Cash-wa Distributing Co.	Commodities	\$ 12,545.72
615	4/14/2026	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	Vision Insurance	\$ 52.12
616	4/14/2026	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health & Dental	\$ 4,991.47
617	4/14/2026	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Term Life Policy	\$ 37.05
617	4/14/2026	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	District LTD	\$ 11.58
618	4/14/2026	Minden Public Schools	NE Retirement	\$ 2,656.50
619	4/14/2026	Mps Payroll	FICA/Medicare	\$ 2,951.73
620	4/14/2026	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	NEState W/H	\$ 338.38
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 34,812.20</b>
<b>Net Payroll - April 2026</b>				<b>\$ 13,454.01</b>
<b>Total Lunch Fund Disbursements</b>				<b>\$ 48,266.21</b>

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



**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
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**April 2026 BOARD MEETING**  
**ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT**

**District Music:**

Minden High School will serve as the host site for the District Music event on Friday April 24th! Mr. Stubbs has been busy organizing this event and I appreciate his expertise about what details need to be planned for this event. We will host ten other schools for this event. We are fortunate to have an experienced staff member in Mr. Stubbs to organize this event as it takes specialized planning and organization to be able to put this on. This is a no school day for students as we need to use multiple rooms and spaces throughout the high and middle school buildings.

**Spring Play:**

"Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies"

When the evil Sheriff of Nottingham threatens the villagers of Sherwood, feisty Maid Marion hires a band of freedom fighters for protection. When Robin and his Merry Men arrive, she soon discovers they are not exactly what she ordered. With no time to lose, she persuades these hapless heroes to take center stage for the performance of their lives -- if only they could stick to the script. Join us for a night full of fun, laughter, hugs, jazz hands, tights, and lots of miscommunication.

With 36 cast members and 8 crew members (including 8th graders), we will have a wide variety of experience and an immense amount of talent on our stage. The spring play is a unique chance for all levels of actors to feel the joy of live performance and the thrill of the crowd's applause. We can't wait to see you there to support these amazing students!

Thursday, April 30 @ 7:30  
Friday, May 1 @ 7:30  
MPS Auditorium

**State Speech:**

The speech team had an outstanding season and we are proud of their accomplishments throughout the season. The team finished as both Southwest Conference and District Runners up! The speech team qualified 11 events for the State Meet in Kearney. At state our kids performed well and should be proud of how they presented themselves and Minden High School. Arabella Reed led the way placing 3rd in Humorous Pros and 4th in POI! Frank Kovacs also placed 6th in Persuasive!

**Track and Field:**

The spring activity season is off to a great start! We hosted the Marsh Beck track and field invite on March 24th and it was a great day of competition and a beautiful day with regard to the weather. We are up to 7 schools with another school interested in attending next year so we are at full capacity. We look forward to continuing the Marsch Beck Invite as one of the best early season meets in the area! Our next home meet is the 9th/10th meet scheduled for Tuesday April 7th. We also have 2 middle school home track and field meets this season scheduled for April 14th and April 28th so we will have a busy home track and field schedule this year! Coming up this week for our track and field athletes includes our home 9/10 meet on Tuesday April 7th, the Axtell invite on Friday April 10th (we will send JV athletes to this meet), and the Broken Bow invite on Friday April 10th (Varsity athletes will attend this meet).

**Boys Golf:**

The Boys golf team is also off to a great start on their season as they have competed in an early season dual at Hastings with Adams Central on Thursday April 2nd at Southern Hills golf course in Hastings. The golf team has two home meets coming up including a triangular with Kearney High and Holdrege on Tuesday April 8th and the JV Invitational on April 14th both at Minden Country Club! Coming up this week for our boys golf team is a triangular at Kearney on Tuesday April 7th, the Doniphan Trumbull invite at Indiahead in Grand Island on Thursday April 9th (JV will attend), and the Kearney invite on Thursday April 9th where varsity golfers will attend.

**SWC Quiz Bowl:**

The high school quiz bowl team has been busy competing in various competitions across the area. On Wednesday April 15th, they will travel to Ogallala High School to compete in the Southwest Conference quiz bowl competition!

**Coaching Staff Openings:**

I have been busy filling open coaching and sponsor positions over the past couple of months. I am pleased to report that we have made progress in several areas. Britney Heller will be stepping into the high school assistant girls wrestling position formerly held by Macie Oertle. Sydney Dierks will be taking over as student council sponsor. We are still working to fill one of our assistant football positions as well as several middle school coaching positions.

**Jason Strong**

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CL Jones Middle School

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Nathan Strasburg, Principal

Ed Rowse, Assistant Principal/AD

## April 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 March 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- Vivian Baughman, Liam McMillion, Alexa Alacron

5th- Harper Aspegren, Avery Wright, Colestyn Crowell, Natalie Fischer

6th- Ashton Ellebrecht, Cayden Warburton, Spencer Bernshausen

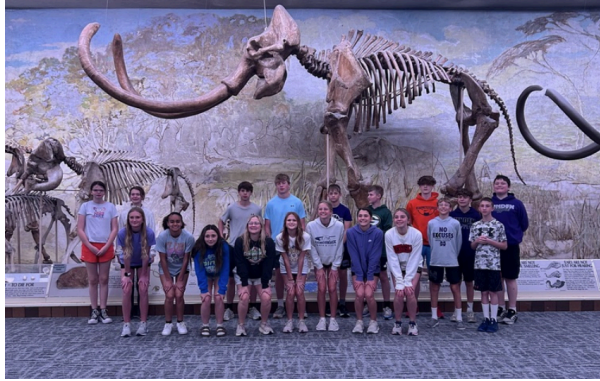
7th- Dallas Jorgensen, Brylee Pearson

8th- Emerson Kuehn, Reagan Carey, Berkley Hatch, Huntley Oberg



### **8th Grade Field Trip-**

On March 25th the 8th graders took a field trip to Lincoln to visit Morrill Hall and tour the state capital building. I want to thank all of the 8th grade teachers for planning and organizing this trip. It sounds like they had a great day and the weather was fantastic as well. We look forward to taking this trip again next year!



### **Statewide Tornado Drill-**

Wednesday, March 25th at approximately 10:00am was the statewide tornado drill. CL Jones took part in this drill to prepare for this type of emergency. We also completed a fire drill on the same day. We will have a couple more drills before the end of the school year.

### **Paraprofessional Appreciation Day-**

Wednesday, April 1st was Paraprofessional Appreciation Day. We had the pleasure of celebrating our fantastic paraeducators. We are truly grateful for their hard work, dedication, and the unwavering support they provide to our students every day! They are a very important part of our team at CLJMS!

## **CLJMS Summer Enrichment Program-**

The summer enrichment program at CLJMS will run from May 26-June 18th from 8:30-11:30 each morning, Monday-Thursday. Information has been posted on social media and forms can also be picked up in the office.

### CLJMS Summer Enrichment Learning Program 2026

Dear CLJMS Parents/ Guardians,

Your child is invited to participate in this free, four-week middle school reading and mathematics summer enrichment learning program for C.L. Jones Middle School students. This program is available to any student who is currently in grades 4-8 at CLJMS.

Classes will be in session Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 11:30 am, starting May 26 through June 18 at C.L. Jones Middle School.

- Please register your child and plan for them to attend, Monday through Thursday
- The registration deadline is May 15, 2026
- Transportation is not available for the summer session, so please plan accordingly
- Students will be grouped according to grade level
- If you have questions, please contact Mr. Strasburg at 308-832-2338 or [nathan.strasburg@mindenwhippets.org](mailto:nathan.strasburg@mindenwhippets.org)

Please return this registration form to your child's homeroom teacher or the middle school office by May 15, 2026.

Educationally,

Nathan Strasburg  
Principal

## **CLJMS Movie Premier-**

I would like to congratulate Mrs. Maulsby and her students on a successful movie premier last month. It was great to see all of their hard work pay off with such a fun night for everyone! This was my first time attending the movie premier, but I can definitely see why everyone looks forward to it each year. I can't wait to see what they put together for 2027!

If you missed the premier then you can find the link to it on YouTube under the Whippet Nation Network.

## **Important Dates-**

District Music Contest (No School)- April 24th

5th Grade Water Jamboree- April 29th

4th and 6th Grade Field Trip- May 6th

3rd Grade visit to CLJMS- May 12th

End of 4th Quarter/Last Day- May 19th



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

The Spring season is upon us and we have 37 boys and 46 girls out for track and field! The number of participants is as high or higher than it's been in several years. Our coaches for middle school track are Tiffany Widdfield, Lisa Clapper, Trak Lewis, Jacob Tracy, and Kylee Stepp! With around 83 student athletes in track and field spread out across our outdoor facility an extra set of eyes is key. Our first track meet is Thursday, April 9th at Thayer Central, this is our first year at this event. We will host middle school track meets on Tuesday, April 14th and 28th with several teams competing in both events. We are fortunate to have our high school track athletes and coaches help run our middle school track meets. Our middle school track athletes and coaches will help run our high school track events as well.

March 17th our middle school Journalism/Media class unveiled their Movie Premier "Outside In"! Again, the movie was a hit for everyone who attended. This was the second time Mrs. Maulsby's class put together a movie and they did fantastic! The theater was mostly filled both on the main level and the balcony with parents, students, and interested community members. At the end of the night Mrs. Maulsby gave out a few awards to her students and gave credit to every student for their part in making the movie premier. Mrs. Maulsby does a fantastic job building relationships with her students and then she gives them responsibilities in this class and her students don't want to let her down. Mrs. Maulsby is a rock star in middle school!

Most of our club sports have finished for middle school students with one more volleyball club tournament coming up. Two weeks ago Coach Ratka and her club volleyball coaches and team put on a huge volleyball tournament with around 100 teams participating. Teams played either the am or pm sessions on Saturday or Sunday with new teams playing each session. It's amazing the number of players, parents, and fans that attended this event and purchased food, drinks, fuel, etc in Minden that weekend! A huge shout out to them for their dedication to their program and the development of their players.

The administration spent a considerable amount of time working on reviewing, background checks, and interviewing candidates for the AD/AP position in the high school. I really appreciated working with the other administrators and the teachers who were on the interview panel. I believe it makes a difference in the hiring process as we work to find the best candidate and fit for our school system.

The CLJMS spent time the morning of Wednesday, March 25th practicing our shelter in place for tornado awareness. This is an opportunity to look at what we presently do to keep everyone safe and make adjustments where necessary. We made a few adjustments to our past plan by putting all 4th-5th-6th grade classes in their own grade level shelter. By having all three sections of a grade level in the same space it would help teachers get their students accounted for quicker in case a student had been in another teacher's room at the time of the shelter in place call.

It's been a smooth spring so far, I can't believe we have around 5 weeks left for the school year!

Ed

# Minden High School

## April 2026

### Board of Education Report



#### **Principal's Report:**

#### **Spring Activities & End-of-Year Momentum**

April is always very busy time at the high school, as we continue working toward the end of the school year and look ahead to May. This is always a fast-paced stretch, but also one filled with a lot of positive energy and student involvement.

Our spring sports seasons are in full swing, with students competing in track and golf meets. It is always fun to watch the kids grow and improve their marks. We are fortunate to not have any of our meets canceled but we could sure use the rain and I would trade a track meet in exchange for a few nice rains.

In addition, many of our students have been involved in FFA, FBLA and FCCLA state conferences and competitions. These experiences continue to provide valuable leadership opportunities and allow students to apply their learning in meaningful, real-world settings.

#### **Prom Season**

Prom was held on Saturday, April 11th. This is always a highlight for our students and a great opportunity to celebrate the school year. We appreciate the efforts of our students and sponsors who work hard to make this a safe and memorable event for our students.

#### **Looking Ahead – Important Date Change**

As we move closer to the end of the school year, I want to share one important scheduling reminder:

- Honors Night has been moved to Wednesday, May 13th.

This will allow our families an increased opportunity to use the local venues for their graduation receptions and will also decrease the stress of pushing Honors Night and Graduation into two days.

We look forward to recognizing our students and celebrating their academic achievements and scholarships at that time.

## **Minden FFA State Convention Report**

The Minden FFA Chapter attended the 98th Nebraska FFA Convention in Lincoln on March 25th-27th. They had 29 members attend, and they competed in 11 contests. Some highlights from the convention include:

- Our chapter received the Three-Star Premier Chapter and the 3rd-Place Model of Excellence in Strengthening Agriculture. Showcasing that we are one of the best chapters in the state.
- We had two Nebraska State FFA Degrees- Alyssa Johnson and Arabella Reed
- Our Ag Communications Team of Arabella Reed, Sophie Birkestrand, Shelby Nelson, and Lizzy Nielsen placed 3rd. Lizzy Nielsen placed 8th individually, and Arabella Reed placed 5th individually.
- The Nursery Landscape Team of Isabelle Marting, Shelby Nelson, Danica Schoone, and Christina Trine placed 8th out of 48 teams. Isabelle Martin placed 6th individually.
- Sydney Jenkins wrote a speech titled “The Impact Agriculture Education has on Student Mental Health” and placed 5th out of 36 in Senior Public Speaking, earning her a gold medal.

Our annual FFA banquet is on April 26th at 6:00 pm, and all board members are invited to attend.

### **Tech Club Trip**

The 2025-26 Tech Club chose Peoria as the destination for our annual trip. 37 students and 8 sponsors left Minden at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, March 19th.

Our only notable stop on the way to Peoria was at the World’s Largest Truck Stop. Here we ate supper and were able to do some shopping for novelties and keepsakes. We arrived at Peoria at about 9:30 in the evening. The kids found their rooms, and a few went for a quick swim before the pool closed.

The day started with a quick breakfast at the motel. At 8:20, we arrived at the track-type tractor assembly plant. After dividing into three groups, we were given a tour of the first plant. At this plant, the assembly of all track-type earth-moving equipment occurs. The D10 and D11 “tractors” are the biggest Caterpillar makes.

We were then taken to the fabrication building. In this building, we were able to see the construction of the main frame or chassis of the D6-D11 Dozers. During this time, we were able to see cutting-edge machines in action, such as enormous CNC milling machines and robotic welders.

After a quick lunch, we were then given a tour of the visitor’s center. This is a self-guided tour, with films, displays, and computer simulations for the students. After a quick stop at the gift shop, we were on our way back to Minden, arriving at 11:00 pm.

Since this is my last tour trip with the kids, I truly want to thank the current and previous members of the school board for the opportunity to expose our students to this type of industry and technology. After close to 40 years of tours, I believe the time and money spent on these trips have been well worth it. Our students have the opportunity to experience an industry that few get to see firsthand. I hope this activity can continue in the future. Thank you.

Bob Carlson

## Minden Public School Board of Education Report

April 2026



Sandy Pohl, East Elementary and Minden Public Preschool Principal

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Featured Presentation: Mrs. Rowley sponsors the Invention Convention each year for students to take part in at the Holdrege Museum. This opportunity displays students' creative thinking, public speaking skills, and commitment to designing a unique invention.

Kindergarten registration will be held on April 24th at 8:00 at East Elementary. Parents will fill out enrollment forms and share information about their child. Children will be able to spend time with their future teachers and classmates as well as acclimate themselves to their new classroom. Based on preschool and daycare information, we predict around fifty children to attend kindergarten registration.

Currently, fifty-three families have requested applications for Minden Public Preschool for the 26-27 school year. This large number proves we have families in Minden who understand the importance of early childhood education. Our Community for Kids group continues to meet in order to offer support to daycares and preschools in Minden as well. This support could range from anything to professional development offerings to food vouchers at places like Midwest Meats. We look forward to celebrating Week of the Young Child during the week of April 13th.

Severe Weather Awareness Week, during the last week of March, served as an opportune time to practice visiting our tornado shelter. Our practice took place during the statewide tornado drill. This is handled with sensitivity to the age of our students while taking the seriousness of safety into account.

End of the year assessments will include our third grade students taking the state accountability called the NSCAS. All students will also take the Measurement of Academic Progress assessment and the Diagnostic Instrument of Basic Early Learning Skills.

Nurse Julie, along with both dental offices in Minden, completed dental screenings across the district. For students who do not regularly visit the dentist, these are free yet valuable to identifying potential dental problems.

Summer enrichment dates have been set at East Elementary. We will be hosting during the weeks of May 26, June 1st, June 8th, and June 15th. East Elementary will also be the host site for the summer lunch program.

**Superintendent Report**

Meeting: April Board Meeting

Date: 4/13/2026

Mr. Widdifield

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**Topics:**

Greenhouse Project: Construction meetings have been taking place over the last couple of weeks regarding the greenhouse. We will be meeting with the companies that will be helping us put everything together, along with CMBA, Benesch, and BD construction. We are looking at getting this project started this summer.

City/Utility meeting: We are continuing our meetings with the city and other utility companies in Minden for the new elementary school. We had a great discussion with the city a couple of weeks ago. It sounds like reverting the water and sewer will not be a difficult task.

Reporting: We have more questions than answers on state and federal reporting this year. We are seeing several changes and requirements from the state and federal government. There are some questions about what funding and compliance will look like for the 26-27 school year.

Summer Projects: Summer projects will be limited this year. We have the list, and we are planning to get as many things done as possible this summer. Our focus over the next few years is on how we can make the transition to the new elementary school as seamless as possible. Thanks to the board for being proactive; we are addressing a lot of areas that will make us more efficient.

Thank You: "Thank You" to the staff, administration, and volunteers this year. We could not have accomplished everything we did this year without the help of everyone in our district.

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

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]

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]

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]