

January 2026
Monday, January 12, 2026 7:00 PM

BOE Room
100 N Sycamore
Amherst, NE 68812-0008

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
 - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Notice of adherence to the Open Meeting Law
3. Roll Call
 - 3.1. Excuse absent Board members
4. Approval of Minutes, Claims and Reports
 - 4.1. Review previous meeting minutes
 - 4.2. Review financial reports and monthly claims
 - 4.3. Board Action on consolidated motion approving Minutes, Claims and Financial Reports
5. Public Comment
6. Reports and communications from board members.
7. Principal's Report
8. Superintendent's Report
 - KSB reviewed the terms of the agreement. Agreement is ready for signatures.
 - Email protection - ESU 10 recommendation Board needs to link email to Amherst Email for communication.
9. Old Business
10. New Business
 - 10.1. Election of Officers:
 - 2025 below
 - President = Les
 - Vice President/Secretary = Casey
 - Treasurer = Karen
 - 10.2. Board President's appointment of members to Board Committees and Positions.
 - American Civics (Americanism) = Karen, Justin, Liz,
 - Policy, Curriculum and Instruction = Karen, Justin, Liz
 - Government Relations = Karen
 - Negotiations = Les, Casey, Justin
 - Finance / Budget = Les, Casey, Justin
 - Building and Grounds = Karen, Jared, Justin
 - Transportation = Jared, Casey, Liz
 - 10.3. Superintendent/High School Principal Position for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - 10.4. Adopt Board Policy as presented
 - 3001 Budget and Property Tax Request
 - 3002 Deposits
 - 3003.1 Bidding for Construction, Remodeling, Repair or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds
 - 3005 School Activities Fund
 - 3006 Intentionally Left Blank

3007 Review of Bills
3008 Gifts, Grants and Bequests
3009 Audit
3010 Insurance
3011 [Intentionally Left Blank]
3012 School Meal Program and Meal Charges
3013 Emergency Closings
3014 Use of School Property
3015 Time Away from School Activities
3016 Smoking
3017 Official Communication with the Public
3018 Denial of Access to School Premises
3019 Sale or Disposal of School Property
3020 Copyright Compliance
3021 Operation of School Business Office
3024 Booster Clubs and PTO Policy
3025 Returned and Outstanding Checks
3027 Resolution of Conflicts Between Parent of School Issues
3028 Sex Offenders
3029 Distribution of Flyers Advertising Non-school Issues
3030 Automatic External Defibrillator Program
3031 Students Electing to Attend School in Adjoining State
3032 Copying Fees for School District Records
3033 [Intentionally Left Blank]
3034 [Intentionally Left Blank]
3035 Chain of Command
3037 Petty Cash Policy
3038 [Intentionally Left Blank]
3039 Threat Assessment and Response
3040 School Safety and Security
3041 Crisis Team Duties
3042 Construction Management at Risk Contracts
3044 Incidental or De Minimis Use of Public Resources
3045 Use of Sniffer Dogs
3046 Animals at School
3048 Communicable Disease
3049 Drones and Unmanned Aircraft
3050 Technology in the Classroom
3051 Emergency Administration of Naloxone
3052 [Intentionally Left Blank]
3053 Nondiscrimination
3054 [Intentionally Left Blank]
3055 School Resource Officers
3056 Guest Speakers
3058 Naming School District Facilities and Property
3059 Audio and Video Recording
3060 [Intentionally Left Blank]

- 10.5. Adopt the 2026-2027 School Calendar
11. Miscellaneous or non-action items
 - 11.1. February 9th Board Retreat at noon.
February 9th Board Meeting at 3:30 pm or following the Board retreat.
12. Adjourn

December 2025
BOE Room
Monday, December 8, 2025 5:00 PM

Board Members Present: Karen Harmony, Jared Kenney, Liz Klingelhofer, Casey Mitchell, Justin Taubenheim. Les Adelung arrived at 5:10 pm

Visitors present: Mr. Roger Thomsen, Mr. Carter Blauvelt, Michelle Buchanan, Stacy Ringlein, Bev Anderson

Motion to approve Minutes, Claims and financial Reports. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhofer and seconded by Justin Taubenheim, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhofer: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Motion to approve the girls and boys soccer Co-op with Kearney Catholic and Pleasanton. This motion, made by Justin Taubenheim and seconded by Liz Klingelhofer, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhofer: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Motion to approve the negotiated agreement for the 26-27 school year pending approve of verbiage from KSB law firm. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhofer and seconded by Casey Mitchell, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhofer: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Motion to approve the Audit done by Dana Cole. This motion, made by Jared Kenney and seconded by Justin Taubenheim, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhofer: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Motion to transfer \$20,000 from the general account to the lunch account. This motion, made by Justin Taubenheim and seconded by Casey Mitchell, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhofer: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Motion to approve the Evaluation of Superintendent Roger Thomsen as presented by Board President Les Adelung. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhofer and seconded by Jared Kenney, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhofer: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Motion to adjourn at 6:10 pm. This motion, made by Casey Mitchell and seconded by Justin Taubenheim, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhofer: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Vice President Mitchell began the Regular Board Meeting in the BOE Room at 5:00 PM. Superintendent Thomsen made known the location of the “Open Meetings Law” poster, which is hanging on the BOE’s wall. Superintendent Thomsen discussed our AQuESTT classifications and the Audit report.

FINANCIAL REPORT For December 31, 2025

Fund	Bank	Interest	Co. Treas	NSDLAF	Int.	TOTAL	Mo. Intr.	Balances
	12/31/25		11/30/25	12/31/25		12/31/25		12/31/24
General	281,990.67	513.90	22,526.17	4,295.89	13.06	1,294,940.35	3,687.18	1,409,616.93
General ICS	1,008,653.79	3160.22						
Lunch	40,325.15	48.30				40,325.15	48.30	20,946.19
Petty Cash	4,642.54					4,642.54		4,116.20
Activity	249,062.28	627.04				249,062.28	627.04	219,736.25
Retirement	41,013.00					41,013.00		47,447.44
Spe. Bld.	52,109.56	104.24	125.55	272.72	0.83	52,382.28	105.07	12,087.45
Handicp/QCP	1,153.35	4.00		583.73	1.77	1,737.08	5.77	1,697.70
Deprec.	29,244.14	51.99		508.99	1.55	209,651.07	593.08	326,663.34
Deprec. ICS	179,897.94	539.54						
Unemployem	9,119.87	15.23		2,578.67	7.84	11,698.54	23.07	11,527.97
Caf. Plan	8,275.03	13.88				8,275.03		9,293.56
Bond	14,117.27	56.22	2,536.57			167,568.91	1,014.03	65,913.63
Bond ICS	153,451.64	957.81						
Construction	-	-		20.44	0.06	20.44	0.06	19.63
TOTAL	\$ 2,073,056.23	\$ 6,092.37	\$ 25,188.29	\$ 8,260.44	\$ 25.11	\$ 2,081,316.67	\$ 6,103.60	\$ 2,129,066.29

interest 2.1% General fund, Bond Fund, Special Building, and Depreciation Funds
interest .1% on all other accounts ICS Account 3.4 NLAF 3.71%

	Budgeted	Spent to Date	Budget percentage
General Fund	\$ 6,100,000.00	\$ 2,003,158	0.49%
Lunch Fund	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 108,869	-2.96%

Consolidated Check Listing

Direct Dep.	Check	Check Date	Payable To	Amount
01 - GENERAL FUND				
	00037064	01/11/2026	Am. Family Life Assurance Co	1,433.09
	00037065	01/11/2026	AFLAC	507.92
	00037066	01/11/2026	Country Partners Cooperative	2,781.26
	00037067	01/11/2026	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	317.87
	00037068	01/11/2026	ASK Supply Co.	3,053.67
	00037069	01/11/2026	Awards Unlimited Inc	447.19
	00037070	01/11/2026	Axmann Heating & Air Conditioning	142.50
	00037071	01/11/2026	Heartland Bank	35.00
	00037072	01/11/2026	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	69,904.55
	00037073	01/11/2026	Cash-wa Dist Co	58.04
	00037074	01/11/2026	Coachmaster's Inc	4,031.22
	00037075	01/11/2026	Column Software PBC	113.74
	00037076	01/11/2026	Culligan of Kearney	142.00
	00037077	01/11/2026	Dawson Co Pub Power	7,320.10
	00037078	01/11/2026	Dramatic Publishing	567.24
	00037079	01/11/2026	Eakes Office Plus	1,582.26
	00037080	01/11/2026	Ecolab Pest Elimination	85.63
	00037081	01/11/2026	Equitable Financial Life Ins Co of America	220.67
	00037082	01/11/2026	ESU 10	34,890.37
	00037083	01/11/2026	First Bankcard	1,009.80
	00037084	01/11/2026	Frontier	89.37
	00037085	01/11/2026	Heartland Bank	54,520.50
	00037086	01/11/2026	Hometown Leasing	802.85
	00037087	01/11/2026	Horace Mann	24.66
	00037088	01/11/2026	Integrated Life Choices	4,862.34
	00037089	01/11/2026	Kearney Hub	581.99
	00037090	01/11/2026	KSB School Law	715.50
	00037091	01/11/2026	Lockmobile	19.50
	00037092	01/11/2026	Matheson-Linweld Tri-Gas Inc	868.20
	00037093	01/11/2026	Menards - Kearney	302.90
	00037094	01/11/2026	EEA Technologies Inc (Methe)	395.63
	00037095	01/11/2026	Midwest Floor Specialists	4,332.00
	00037096	01/11/2026	Miscellaneous Cash Account	286.36
	00037097	01/11/2026	T&T Mobile Washing	343.75
	00037098	01/11/2026	Morris Press	647.59
	00037099	01/11/2026	Napa Auto Parts	24.99
	00037100	01/11/2026	Ne Assoc Of School Boards	4,365.00
	00037101	01/11/2026	Nebraska Council of School Administrators	335.00
	00037102	01/11/2026	Dan Neal	1,400.00
	00037103	01/11/2026	NSASSP Region IV Sec/Treas	20.00
	00037104	01/11/2026	Principal Life	1,106.99

Consolidated Check Listing

Direct Dep.	Check	Check Date	Payable To	Amount
	00037105	01/11/2026	Quill Corp	94.32
	00037106	01/11/2026	Ravenna Sanitation	445.00
	00037107	01/11/2026	Retirement	40,491.23
	00037108	01/11/2026	Heartland Bank	7,185.92
	00037109	01/11/2026	Black Hills Energy	5,830.35
	00037110	01/11/2026	SPARQ Data Solutions	2,700.00
	00037111	01/11/2026	Heartland Bank	4,229.97
	00037112	01/11/2026	Verizon Wireless	120.47
	00037113	01/11/2026	Village Of Amherst Water Dept	438.32
	00037114	01/11/2026	Yandas Music	72.60
01 - GENERAL FUND Totals:				266,297.42
06 - LUNCH FUND				
	00004910	01/11/2026	Cash-wa Dist Co	10,185.80
	00004911	01/11/2026	Domino's Pizza	385.00
	00004912	01/11/2026	First Bankcard	37.49
	00004913	01/11/2026	Heartland Bank	1,513.28
	00004914	01/11/2026	Miscellaneous Cash Account	187.78
	00004915	01/11/2026	Retirement	1,116.65
	00004916	01/11/2026	Heartland Bank	159.37
	00004917	01/11/2026	Sysco Lincoln	924.80
06 - LUNCH FUND Totals:				14,510.17
Report Total:				280,807.59

Amherst Public Schools 2026-2027 School Calendar

Proposed 1-12-26



AUGUST

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- Aug.10 NSAA Fall Practice(s) Begin.
NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service – Open house 5-7
- Aug.11 NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
- Aug.12 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Sept.7 NO SCHOOL-Labor Day

- Oct.16 1st Qtr ends (__ days)
- Oct.22 NO SCHOOL - PT-Conf 12:00-7:00
- Oct.23 NO SCHOOL-Fall Break-State CC

- Nov. 6 NO SCHOOL – State VB
- Nov.16 NSAA Winter Practice(s) Begin.
- Nov.25 NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break
- Nov.26 NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break
- Nov.27 NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break

- Dec.17-18 Secondary Semester Tests
2nd Quarter ends (__ days) (__ semester)
- Dec.21 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service
(make up test date if students missed tests)
Start of Christmas Break
- Dec. 23-27 Sports moratorium

- Jan.1 NO SCHOOL
- Jan.4. NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service
- Jan.5 PK-12 Classes resume
- Jan.29 NO SCHOOL

- Feb.10 1:42 dismiss PT Conf. 3:00-7:00
- Feb.12 NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service-Dist.Wrestle
- Feb.19 NO SCHOOL-State wrestling

- Mar.1 NSAA Spring Practice(s) Begin
- Mar.5 NO SCHOOL-State Girls BBall
- Mar.11 3rd Quarter ends (__ days)
- Mar.12 NO SCHOOL-State Boys BBall
- Mar.26 NO SCHOOL-Easter Break
- Mar.29 NO SCHOOL-Easter Break

- Apr.16 NO SCHOOL

- May.15 Commencement (11:00 A.M.)
- May.17-18 Secondary Semester Tests
- May.19 Last day of school, 11:00 A.M. dismiss
4th Quarter ends (__ days) (__ semester)
- May.20 NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
- May.21 NO SCHOOL
- May.21-22 State Track
- May.25-26 State Golf

☐ = TEACHER INSERVICE DAY
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

BOLD = NO SCHOOL

— = IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATE