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**TENTATIVE
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD AGENDA**

**August 11, 2025
7:30 PM**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Reports and Information from Administration
 - 3.A. Superintendent's Report
 - 3.B. Principal Report
4. Action Items (Discuss, Consider, May take action on the following)
 - 4.A. Routine Business - Consent Agenda
 - 4.A.1. Excuse Absent Board Members (as necessary)
 - 4.A.2. Minutes
 - 4.A.3. Treasurers Report
 - 4.A.4. Claims
 - 4.B. Public Hearing on the Student Fee Policy - 5045
 - 4.C. Public Hearing on the Parental Involvement Policy - 5018
 - 4.D. Approve board policies: 5001 - Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, 5018 - Parental Involvement Policy, 5045 - Student Fee Policy, 5052 - Wellness, 5054 - Bullying, 5057 - Title 1 Parental Involvement Policy, as presented.
 - 4.E. Adopt the resolution to approve the base growth percentage of the property tax request authority for the district.
 - 4.F. Designate the Burt County Independent as the official publication for the district.
 - 4.G. Approve the board goals for 2025-26.
5. Future Meeting Dates
6. Adjournment

NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT

84-1407. Act, how cited. Sections 84-1407 to 84-1414 shall be known and may be cited as the Open Meetings Act.

84-1408. Declaration of intent; meetings open to public. It is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that the formation of public policy is public business and may not be conducted in secret.

Every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution of Nebraska, federal statutes, and the Open Meetings Act.

84-1409. Terms, defined. For purposes of the Open Meetings Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1)(a) Public body means (i) governing bodies of all political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, (ii) governing bodies of all agencies, created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, of the executive department of the State of Nebraska, (iii) all independent boards, commissions, bureaus, committees, councils, subunits, or any other bodies created by the Constitution of Nebraska, statute, or otherwise pursuant to law, (iv) all study or advisory committees of the executive department of the State of Nebraska whether having continuing existence or appointed as special committees with limited existence, (v) advisory committees of the bodies referred to in subdivisions (i), (ii), and (iii) of this subdivision, and (vi) instrumentalities exercising essentially public functions; and

(b) Public body does not include (i) subcommittees of such bodies unless a quorum of the public body attends a subcommittee meeting or unless such subcommittees are holding hearings, making policy, or taking formal action on behalf of their parent body, except that all meetings of any subcommittee established under section 81-15,175 are subject to the Open Meetings Act, (ii) entities conducting judicial proceedings unless a court or other judicial body is exercising rulemaking authority, deliberating, or deciding upon the issuance of administrative orders, and (iii) the Judicial Resources Commission or subcommittees or subgroups of the commission;

(2) Meeting means all regular, special, or called meetings, formal or informal, of any public body for the purposes of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action of the public body; and

(3) Virtual conferencing means conducting or participating in a meeting electronically or telephonically with interaction among the participants subject to subsection (2) of section 84-1412.

84-1410. Closed session; when; purpose; reasons listed; procedure; right to challenge; prohibited acts; chance meetings, conventions, or workshops.

(1) Any public body may hold a closed session by the affirmative vote of a majority of its voting members if a closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if such individual has not requested a public meeting. The subject matter and the reason necessitating the closed session shall be identified in the motion to close. Closed sessions may be held for, but shall not be limited to, such reasons as:

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

(b) Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices;

(c) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct;

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

(e) For the Community Trust created under section 81-1801.02, discussion regarding the amounts to be paid to individuals who have suffered from a tragedy of violence or natural disaster; or

(f) For public hospitals, governing board peer review activities, professional review activities, review and discussion of medical staff investigations or disciplinary actions, and any strategy session concerning transactional negotiations with any referral source that is required by federal law to be conducted at arms length.

Nothing in this section shall permit a closed meeting for discussion of the appointment or election of a new member to any public body.

(2) The vote to hold a closed session shall be taken in open session. The entire motion, the vote of each member on the question of holding a closed session, and the time when the closed session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion to close passes, then the presiding officer immediately prior to the closed session shall restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session. The public body holding such a closed session shall restrict its consideration of matters during the closed portions to only those purposes set forth in the motion to close as the reason for the closed session. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken. For purposes of this section, formal action shall mean a collective decision or a collective commitment or promise to make a decision on any question, motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance or formation of a position or policy but shall not include negotiating guidance given by members of the public body to legal counsel or other negotiators in closed sessions authorized under subdivision (1) (a) of this section.

(3) Any member of any public body shall have the right to challenge the continuation of a closed session if the member determines that the session has exceeded the reason stated in the original motion to hold a closed session or if the member contends that the closed session is neither clearly necessary for (a) the protection of the public interest or (b) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Such challenge shall be overruled only by a majority vote of the members of the public body. Such challenge and its disposition shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public. No person or public body shall fail to invite a portion of its members to a meeting, and no public body shall designate itself a subcommittee of the whole body for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act. No closed session, informal meeting, chance meeting, social gathering, email, fax, or other electronic communication shall be used for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the act.

(5) The act does not apply to chance meetings or to attendance at or travel to conventions or workshops of members of a public body at which there is no meeting of the body then intentionally convened, if there is no vote or other action taken regarding any matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

84-1411. Meetings of public body; notice; method; contents; when available; right to modify; duties concerning notice; virtual conferencing authorized; requirements; emergency meeting without notice; appearance before public body.

(1) Until January 1, 2025:

(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

(b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committee, such notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website.

(ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village or such body's advisory committee or the governing body of a rural or suburban fire protection district, such notice shall be published by:

(A) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction and, if available, on such newspaper's website; or

(B) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city, village, or district. Such notice shall be posted in the same three places for each meeting.

(iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (1) (b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body.

(iv) In case of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to timely publish the notice, the public body shall (A) post such notice on its website, if available, and (B) post such notice in a conspicuous public place in such public body's jurisdiction. The public body shall keep a written record of such posting. The record of such posting shall be evidence that such posting was done as required and shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirement of publication.

(c) In addition to a method of notice required by subdivision (1)(b) (i) or (ii) of this section, such notice may also be provided by any other appropriate method designated by such public body or such advisory committee.

(d) Each public body shall record the methods and dates of such notice in its minutes.

(e) Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice or a statement that the agenda, which shall be kept continually current, shall be readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the public body during normal business hours. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than (i) twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting or (ii) forty-eight hours before the scheduled commencement of a meeting of a city council or village board scheduled outside the corporate limits of the municipality. The public body shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such public meeting.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2025:

(a) Each public body shall give reasonable advance publicized notice of the time and place of each meeting as provided in this subsection. Such notice shall be transmitted to all members of the public body and to the public.

(b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of this section, in the case of a public body described in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of section 84-1409 or such body's advisory committees, such notice shall be given by:

(A)(I) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting, (II) posting on such newspaper's website, if available, and (III) posting on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper; or

(B)(I) Posting to the newspaper's website, if available, and (II) posting to a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers if no edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction is to be finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper.

(ii) In the case of the governing body of a city of the second class or village, any advisory committee of such governing body, or the governing body of a rural or suburban fire protection district, such notice shall be given by:

(A)(I) Publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction that is finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting, (II) posting on such newspaper's website, if available, and (III) posting on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper;

(B)(I) Posting to the newspaper's website, if available, and (II) posting on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers if no edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction is to be finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting. Such notice shall be placed in the newspaper and on the websites by the newspaper; or

(C)(III) Posting written notice in three conspicuous public places in such city, village, or district. Such notice shall be posted by the public body in the same three places for each meeting.

(iii) In the case of a public body not described in subdivision (2) (b)(i) or (ii) of this section, such notice shall be given by a method designated by the public body.

(iv) In case of refusal, neglect, or inability of the newspaper to publish the notice, the public body shall (A) post such notice on its website, if available, (B) submit a post on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers, and (C) post such notice in a conspicuous public place in such public body's jurisdiction. The public body shall keep a written record of such posting. The record of such posting shall be evidence that such posting was done as required and shall be sufficient to fulfill the requirement of publication.

(3)(a) The following entities may hold a meeting by means of virtual conferencing if the requirements of subdivision (3)(b) of this section are met:

(i) A state agency, state board, state commission, state council, or state committee, or an advisory committee of any such state entity;

(ii) An organization, including the governing body, created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Joint Public Agency Act, or the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act;

(iii) The governing body of a public power district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(iv) The governing body of a public power and irrigation district having a chartered territory of more than one county in this state;

(v) An educational service unit;

(vi) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council;

(vii) An organization, including the governing body, of a risk management pool or its advisory committees organized in accordance with the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act;

(viii) A community college board of governors;

(ix) The Nebraska Brand Committee;

(x) A local public health department;

(xi) A metropolitan utilities district;

(xii) A regional metropolitan transit authority; and

(xiii) A natural resources district.

(b) The requirements for holding a meeting by means of virtual conferencing are as follows:

(i) Reasonable advance publicized notice is given as provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, including providing access to a dial-in number or link to the virtual conference;

(ii) In addition to the public's right to participate by virtual conferencing, reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend at a physical site and participate as provided in section 84-1412, including reasonable seating, in at least one designated site in a building open to the public and identified in the notice, with: At least one member of the entity holding such meeting, or his or her designee, present at each site; a recording of the hearing by audio or visual recording devices; and a reasonable opportunity for input, such as public comment or questions, is provided to at least the same extent as would be provided if virtual conferencing was not used;

(iii) At least one copy of all documents being considered at the meeting is available at any physical site open to the public where individuals may attend the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act; and

(iv) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision or subsection (4) of section 79-2204, no more than one-half of the meetings of the state entities, advisory committees, boards, councils, organizations, or governing bodies are held by virtual conferencing in a calendar year. In the case of (a) an organization created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act that sells electricity or natural gas, (b) an organization created under the Municipal Cooperative Financing Act, (C) a governing body of a risk management pool and any advisory committee of such governing body, or (D) any advisory committee of any state entity created in response to the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, such organization, governing body, or committee may hold more than one-half of its meetings by virtual conferencing if such organization holds at least one meeting each calendar year that is not by virtual conferencing.

(4) Virtual conferencing, emails, faxes, or other electronic communication shall not be used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act.

(5) The secretary or other designee of each public body shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification to them of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed at that meeting.

(6) When it is necessary to hold an emergency meeting without reasonable advance public notice, the nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes and any formal action taken in such meeting shall pertain only to the emergency. Such emergency meetings may be held by virtual conferencing. The provisions of subsection (5) of this section shall be complied with in conducting emergency meetings. Complete minutes of such emergency meetings specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available to the public by no later than the end of the next regular business day.

(7) A public body may allow a member of the public or any other witness to appear before the public body by means of virtual conferencing.

(8)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (3) and (6) of this section, if an emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to the Emergency Management Act as defined in section 81-829.39, a public body the territorial jurisdiction of which is included in the emergency declaration, in whole or in part, may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing during such emergency if the public body gives reasonable advance publicized notice as described in subsections (1) and (2) of this section. The notice shall include information regarding access for the public and news media. In addition to any formal action taken pertaining to the emergency, the public body may hold such meeting for the purpose of briefing, discussion of public business, formation of tentative policy, or the taking of any action by the public body.

(b) The public body shall provide access by providing a dial-in number or a link to the virtual conference. The public body shall also provide links to an electronic copy of the agenda, all documents being considered at the meeting, and the current version of the Open Meetings Act. Reasonable arrangements shall be made to accommodate the public's right to hear and speak at the meeting and record the meeting. Subsection (5) of this section shall be complied with in conducting such meetings.

(c) The nature of the emergency shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of such meeting specifying the nature of the emergency and any formal action taken at the meeting shall be made available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of section

84-1413.

(9) In addition to any other statutory authorization for virtual conferencing, any public body not listed in subdivision (3)(a) of this section may hold a meeting by virtual conferencing if:

(a) The purpose of the virtual meeting is to discuss items that are scheduled to be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent non-virtual open meeting of the public body;

(b) No action is taken by the public body at the virtual meeting; and

(c) The public body complies with subdivisions (3)(b)(i) and (ii) of this section.

84-1412. Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties.

(1) Subject to the Open Meetings Act, the public has the right to attend and the right to speak at meetings of public bodies, and all or any part of a meeting of a public body, except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, may be videotaped, televised, photographed, broadcast, or recorded by any person in attendance by means of a tape recorder, a camera, video equipment, or any other means of pictorial or sonic reproduction or in writing. Except for closed sessions called pursuant to section 84-1410, a public body shall allow members of the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting.

(2) It shall not be a violation of subsection (1) of this section for any public body to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, televising, photographing, broadcasting, or recording its meetings, including meetings held by virtual conferencing.

(3) No public body shall require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. The body shall require any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

(4) No public body shall, for the purpose of circumventing the Open Meetings Act, hold a meeting in a place known by the body to be too small to accommodate the anticipated audience.

(5) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds its meeting in its traditional meeting place which is located in this state.

(6) No public body shall be deemed in violation of this section if it holds a meeting outside of this state if, but only if:

(a) A member entity of the public body is located outside of this state and the meeting is in that member's jurisdiction;

(b) All out-of-state locations identified in the notice are located within public buildings used by members of the entity or at a place which will accommodate the anticipated audience;

(c) Reasonable arrangements are made to accommodate the public's right to attend, hear, and speak at the meeting, including making virtual conferencing available at an in-state location to members, the public, or the press, if requested twenty-four hours in advance;

(d) No more than twenty-five percent of the public body's meetings in a calendar year are held out-of-state;

(e) Out-of-state meetings are not used to circumvent any of the public government purposes established in the Open Meetings Act; and

(f) The public body publishes notice of the out-of-state meeting at least twenty-one days before the date of the meeting in a legal newspaper of statewide circulation.

(7) Each public body shall, upon request, make a reasonable effort to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussion and testimony presented at a meeting.

(8) Public bodies shall make available at the meeting or the in-state location for virtual conferencing as required by subdivision (6)(c) of this section, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed at an open meeting, either in paper or electronic form. Public bodies shall make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. At the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information.

84-1413. Meetings; minutes; roll call vote; secret ballot; when; agenda and minutes; required on website; when.

(1) Each public body shall keep minutes of all meetings showing the time, place, members present and absent, and the substance of all matters discussed.

(2) Any action taken on any question or motion duly moved and seconded shall be by roll call vote of the public body in open session, and the record shall state how each member voted or if the member was absent or not voting. The requirements of a roll call or viva voce vote shall be satisfied by a public body which utilizes an electronic voting device which allows the yeas and nays of each member of such public body to be readily seen by the public.

(3) The vote to elect leadership within a public body may be taken by secret ballot, but the total number of votes for each candidate shall be recorded in the minutes.

(4) The minutes of all meetings and evidence and documentation received or disclosed in open session shall be public records and open to public inspection during normal business hours.

(5) Minutes shall be written or kept as an electronic record and shall be available for inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurs earlier, except that cities of the second class and villages may have an additional ten working days if the employee responsible for writing or keeping the minutes is absent due to a serious illness or emergency.

(6) Beginning July 31, 2022, the governing body of a natural resources district, the city council of a city of the metropolitan class, the city council of a city of the primary class, the city council of a city of the first class, the county board of a county with a population greater than twenty-five thousand inhabitants, and the school board of a school district shall make available on such entity's public website the agenda and minutes of any meeting of the governing body. The agenda shall be placed on the website at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of the governing body. Minutes shall be placed on the website at such time as the minutes are available for inspection as provided in subsection (5) of this section. This information shall be available on the public website for at least six months.

84-1414. Unlawful action by public body; declared void or voidable by district court; when; duty to enforce open meeting laws; citizen's suit; procedure; violations; penalties.

(1) Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be declared void by the district court if the suit is commenced within one hundred twenty days of the meeting of the public body at which the alleged violation occurred. Any motion, resolution, rule, regulation, ordinance, or formal action of a public body made or taken in substantial violation of the Open Meetings Act shall be voidable by the district court if the suit is commenced more than one hundred twenty days after but within one year of the meeting of the public body in which the alleged violation occurred. A suit to void any final action shall be commenced within one year of the action.

(2) The Attorney General and the county attorney of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets shall enforce the Open Meetings Act.

(3) Any citizen of this state may commence a suit in the district court of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets or in which the plaintiff resides for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of declaring an action of a public body void, or for the purpose of determining the applicability of the act to discussions or decisions of the public body. It shall not be a defense that the citizen attended the meeting and failed to object at such time. The court may order payment of reasonable attorney's fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.

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

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To: The Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
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RE: Letter of Support for Nebraska Department of Transportation's Bridge Investment Program Application for the Decatur Bridge over the Missouri River

Dear Secretary Duffy,

As the U.S. Department of Transportation considers applications for the Bridge Investment Program – Bridge Project funding, the Lyons-Decatur Northeast School District expresses its strong support for the Decatur Bridge project application submitted by the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT).

This request will fill a critical funding gap to replace the existing Decatur Bridge. NDOT, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Transportation, is applying for grant funding to replace the Decatur Bridge which provides a vital crossing over the Missouri River between Decatur, Nebraska and Onawa, Iowa. The existing crossing connects area residents to employment, education, health care, emergency services, and recreation on both sides of the river.

The Decatur Bridge Replacement Project is a critical investment for Nebraska, and our district fully supports NDOT's application for the Bridge Investment Program (BIP) grant. This project directly addresses the urgent need to replace the more than 70-year-old Decatur Bridge, which is currently in 'poor' condition, load posted, and does not meet modern safety or geometric standards. Its replacement will ensure continued connectivity for residents and commerce between Decatur, Nebraska, and Onawa, Iowa, critically safeguarding the routes used by students, school buses, and emergency services for the Lyons-Decatur Northeast School District.

The Decatur Bridge, which opened in 1956, has age-related structural deterioration throughout the superstructure, including corrosion, section loss, and cracking. The bridge lacks shoulders, has narrow travel lanes, and was designed for 1949 vehicular loads limiting the size of vehicles and agricultural equipment that can cross the bridge. Decatur Bridge crossing closures require more than 80 miles of adverse, out-of-direction travel, adding excessive travel time and fuel costs to get to and from employment and regional destinations. Replacing the bridge will improve resiliency against flooding, which has been more frequent and more intense in the past 20 years, on the lower Missouri River. In 2011, the crossing was closed for 5 months due to foundation scour caused by a major flood event. The crossing remains susceptible to scour issues from future flood events of similar or greater magnitude and is in need of support.

NDOT has performed extensive and ongoing maintenance to preserve the life of the bridge while investing in conceptual design, environmental assessments, public outreach, traffic analysis, and other studies to determine options for the future of the Decatur Bridge. Now, thanks to the Bridge Investment Program, the region has a transformative opportunity to achieve multiple project goals that will benefit rural residents and local economies while protecting a critical surface transportation asset against future extreme weather events.

The Lyons-Decatur Northeast School District strongly supports funding this Bridge Investment Program – Bridge Projects application and looks forward to working with NDOT to make this important project a reality.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Beaudette, Superintendent

Decatur Bridge

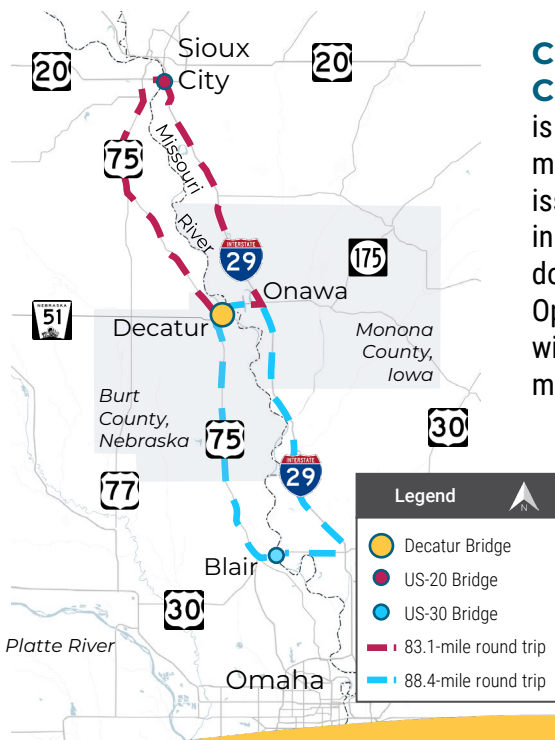
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LEAD APPLICANT: Nebraska Department of Transportation supported by project partner, the Iowa Department of Transportation

GRANT PROGRAM: Bridge Investment Program – Bridge Project Grant

GRANT PROGRAM DETAILS: The grant is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges in poor condition and with substandard geometry. Bridge projects with a total cost below \$100 million are eligible for 80% federal cost-share. Fiscal Year 2026 is the final year of Bridge Investment Program funding and the due date for FY26 applications is November 1, 2025.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Replacement of the Decatur Bridge to provide a resilient river crossing connecting Decatur, Nebraska and Onawa, Iowa that maintains access to regional commerce, employment, education, health care, and recreational facilities. The project will also maintain accessibility to and by emergency services and provides infrastructure to support current and future travel demand, including freight transport. The project is needed to maintain connectivity, improve the condition of the river crossing, prevent over 80-mile detours and enhance the crossing's resiliency against flooding.



CURRENT BRIDGE

CONDITION: The Decatur Bridge is more than 70 years old and has many condition and geometric issues. The existing bridge is rated in poor condition, is load posted, and does not meet current Inventory and Operating Ratings. The existing deck width and barrier height do not meet modern standards.

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BUILDING A NEW DECATUR BRIDGE

TOTAL COST: \$95,576,000

**TOTAL GRANT FUNDING
REQUEST:** \$76,461,000

BRIDGE HISTORY

The existing 1,956-foot eleven-span bridge was conceived and built as a toll bridge by the Burt County Bridge Commission between 1951-1956.

1955 Built "in the dry", the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) diverted the Missouri River under the bridge.

1970 Bridge began to receive regular structural repairs.

2000 Major Repair: Steel grid deck installed.

2011 Scour from the 2011 flood resulted in a five-month closure to perform repairs.

2013 This crossing was operated as a toll bridge until 2013 when ownership was transferred to NDOT.

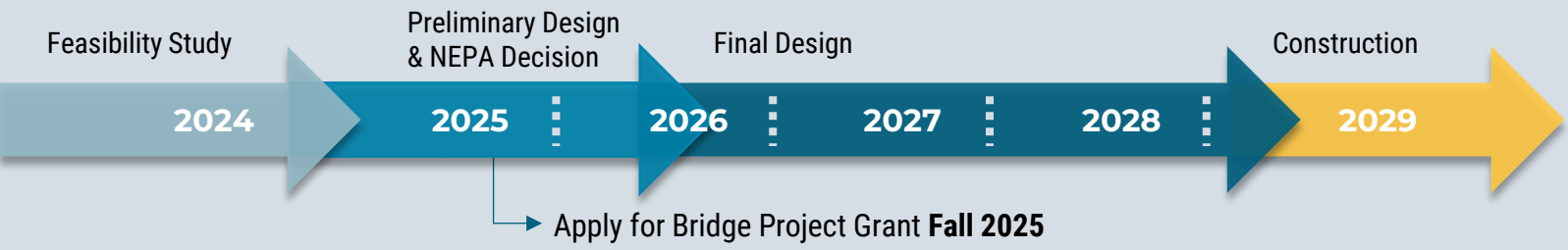
2017 Major Repair: Floor beam strengthening occurred.

2025 Major Repair: (Planned in fall.)



Photo: Partially completed bridge & USACE excavation, 1955.

PROJECT TIMELINE

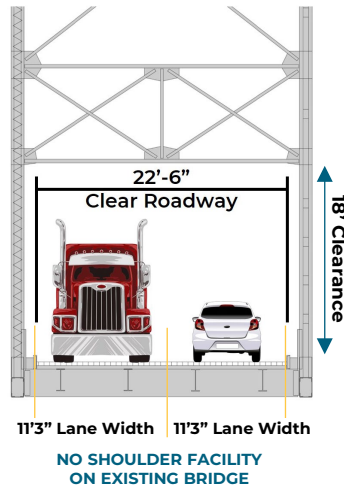


The Decatur Bridge is a historic landmark that has provided regional connectivity for more than 70 years. Structural deterioration and ongoing maintenance requirements of the aging bridge indicate it's time to begin the process of replacing the bridge.

The new steel girder bridge will provide safety, redundancy, and improved reliability for freight and passenger movement across this critical river crossing. The new Decatur Bridge will be constructed adjacent to the existing crossing. Alternatives under consideration include a replacement bridge be built 70 feet north or south of the current location. The existing Decatur Bridge will be removed once the new crossing is open to traffic. Building on a new alignment has many advantages including maintenance of essential freight, commuter, and emergency services traffic on the existing bridge throughout construction.

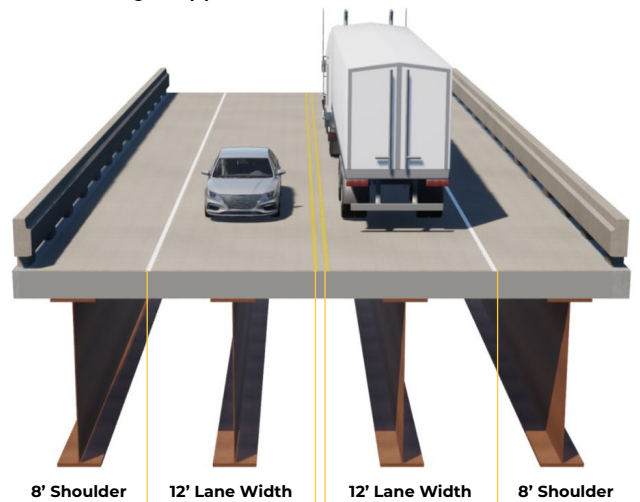
EXISTING CONDITIONS

The existing Decatur Bridge was completed in the 1950s. Nine structural repair projects have been performed since 1970, in addition to ongoing maintenance to address structural deficiencies identified during regular inspections. The bridge condition is currently "Poor". The bridge is narrow and does not meet current standards for clear roadway width. It also has a load posting of 25 tons which does not meet the current standard for legal loads. A repair project is scheduled for Fall 2025 and is necessary to keep the bridge in service until the new bridge is in service in 2032.



PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE

The new Decatur Bridge will provide 75 to 100 years or more of lifespan and reduce maintenance costs. The new span will improve local and regional connectivity to support economic growth. The new bridge will add wider lane widths and shoulders to improve safety and increase access and accessibility for agricultural equipment, large trucks, and emergency vehicles. The new bridge will improve flood resiliency by utilizing drilled shaft foundations, scour protection measures, and a longer approach unit.



Suggested List of Motions

August 11, 2025

(Open Meetings Act rules posted on the west wall of the Media Center)

1. _____ opened the meeting at _____ P.M.
2. It was moved by _____, seconded by _____
To approve the Consent Agenda items:
 1. Excuse Absent Board Members (if necessary)
 2. Minutes
 3. Treasurers Report
 4. General Fund Claims
 5. Special Building Fund Claims
 6. Bond Fund Claims
 7. Lunch Fund Claims

Roll Call: Aye: _____ Nay: _____

3. It was moved by _____, seconded by _____
to suspend the regular meeting and open the student fees policy hearing at _____ P.M.
Roll Call: Aye: _____ Nay: _____

Discussion on Study Fee Policy 5045

4. It was moved by _____, seconded by _____
to close the student fees policy hearing and re-open the regular meeting at _____ P.M.
Roll Call: Aye: _____ Nay: _____

5. It was moved by _____, seconded by _____
to suspend the regular meeting and open the parental involvement policy hearing at _____ P.M.
Roll Call: Aye: _____ Nay: _____

Discussion on Parental Involvement Policy 5018

6. It was moved by _____, seconded by _____
to close the parental involvement policy hearing and re-open the regular meeting at _____ P.M.
Roll Call: Aye: _____ Nay: _____

7. It was moved by _____, seconded by _____
to approve board policies: 5001 Attendance/Excessive Absenteeism, 5018 Parental Involvement, 5045 Student Fees, 5052 Wellness, 5054 Bullying, and 5057 Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy, as presented.
Roll Call: Aye: _____ Nay: _____

8. It was moved by _____, seconded by _____
to adopt the resolution to approve the base growth percentage of the property tax request authority for the district.
Roll Call: Aye: _____ Nay: _____

9. It was moved by _____, seconded by _____
to designate the Burt County Independent as the official publication for the district.
Roll Call: Aye: _____ Nay: _____

10. It was moved by _____, seconded by _____
to approve the board goals for 2025-26.
Roll Call: Aye: _____ Nay: _____

11. _____ adjourned the meeting at _____ P.M.



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Superintendent Board Report August 11, 2025

1. NASB Update:
 - a. The Area Meeting in Fremont will be held on Wednesday, September 24th. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m., dinner is at 7:25 p.m. Registration closes on September 18th; please let me know if you would like to attend.
 - b. EHA enrollment is open if you are interested in joining the health and dental plan.
2. Paul Cash is retiring at the end of August. He has worked for the district for the last 8 years. His retirement party will be held Wednesday, August 27th at 3:30 p.m. in the media center.
3. We were notified that Simonsen's will no longer be doing snow removal. After discussions with David, the new head of maintenance, I would like to have the board consider purchasing a skid loader.
4. Stephanie Camerone, with the Nebraska Department of Transportation, has reached out and requested a letter of support for a grant application to replace the Decatur Bridge. Attached is the information and letter – Our letter will not support a specific location choice for the new bridge, but we are supporting the replacement of the existing bridge that has been graded in “poor condition.”
5. I am working on starting the large van transition, I will have one on our agenda for approval at our end of fiscal year meeting and am working on ordering another.

Bill Review: April is scheduled for the end of fiscal year (August), and Leah is scheduled for September.

Principal Report - August 2025 Board Meeting

A. Calendar - Upcoming Events

JH/HS Orientation & Computer Rollout -----Monday, August 11
Elementary Open House-----Monday, August 11
1st Day of School (full day) -----Thursday, August 14
P2T Classes Begin-----Monday, August 18
PAWS Afterschool Program Begins-----Monday, August 18
Fall Sports Scrimmages-----Friday, August 22
School Pictures-----Wednesday, August 27
2:00 Dismissal, Teacher Inservice-----Wednesday, August 27
No School, Labor Day-----Monday, September 1
2:00 Dismissal, Teacher Inservice-----Wednesday, September 13

B. Professional Development

- Rebecca Barber, Jill Anderson and Kendra Boden attended a workshop at ESU2 in July titled “Math is Power”.
- Brenda Totten attended literacy coaching in Norfolk as a part of the Nebraska Literacy Project Grant. Lyons-Decatur was also approved to receive a regional coach. Caryn Zietlow will have a presence in the elementary throughout the year to help with data, professional development and literacy coaching.
- All admin attended Administrator Days July 22-24 in Kearney
- We have created a professional development plan for our staff (see attached)
- New teachers to the district attended an orientation inservice at LDNE on August 6th.

C. Secondary/Elementary News:

- As of right now, we have 21 new students coming in and 6 leaving
- P2T- We have 4 seniors attending and 13 juniors.
- The PAWS Afterschool program will begin on Monday, August 18th. Kendra Boden Ruth Weiland continue to be co-directors. Flo and Kennedy Blevins are also returning as program staff.
- The 2nd Grade class is up to 25 enrolled students. The class will be split for math and reading with Rachel Dolezal teaching all reading and Melissa Wakeley teaching all of the math.

D. Professional Development Plan -

LDNE School Professional Development Plan 2025-2026

District Name	School Name	Administrative Team	Plan Begin/End Dates
LDNE	Elementary & High School	Lindsey Beaudette, Weston Swanson, Brenda Totten	2024-2025 School Year

1: Professional Learning Goals

No.	Goal	Identified Group	Rationale/Sources of Evidence
1	Building the capacity of all teachers in utilizing a variety of research based Instructional Strategies	ALL	Alignment with Instructional Model and Evaluation System Promoting teacher’s continuous growth and learning Technology training for staff
2	Supporting teachers and staff in Character Education, Behaviors, and Classroom Management	ALL	School Improvement Goal, PBIS
3	School culture and staff retention	ALL	Classified and Certified Staff

1: School Performance Goals

No.	Goal	Identified Group	Action Plan
1	All students will increase their overall math proficiency.	All	
2	Develop and implement the Lyons-Decatur Northeast MTSS system.	All	Including implementing: evidence-based practices and interventions, tier 1 instruction in content areas and SEL, and a school-wide behavior management system.
3	Implement character education for all students.	All	Including the core principles of fairness, responsibility, moral courage, ethical decision-making, openness, self-knowledge, and purpose.

2: Professional Learning Activities

Goal No.	Initial Activities	Follow-up Activities (as appropriate)
	August 1st - New Teacher Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems - Powerschool, educlimber, Weblink Technology w/ Jeff Bio- Media Blast Mentor introduction/Lunch 12:00 p.m.

	Bring either: Drivers License AND Social Security or Birth Certificate or Passport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paperwork with Beth, Julie, Heather ● Requisitions, Items needed for 25-26
	August 11, 12, 13 (Full Days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mentee Check in from 2024-25 (2nd year staff) ● Safety/Security Plan - Emergent 3 Teacher Training- August 12th at 9:00 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 30 minutes ● Filtering/Monitoring Software (Linewise), Apptegy/Thrillshare Training, Canva - Barber, Google Drive ● School Improvement Team Meeting on PD ● Professional Growth Goals - Instructional Model, Evaluation Tool, Educlimber, Weblink ● PBiS ● 21st Century Grant Meeting ● Dawson McCulloch Health Plan ● 6th grade to 7th grade transition team meeting ● 403B Meeting - ● CPR/AED Training - August 12th: 9:30 - 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (no more than 10 in a group - 2 sessions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scott Burgett 402-870-1390 ○ Seizure Training - all certified staff (1 hour) ○ Coaches/Sponsors must be certified, Amber ● Creating the School Culture - SEL plan for 2025-26, Cougar Culture - Monthly plan and themes ● Caryn Zietlow - Reading Skills/ Intervention Training - will be here August 13th, 2025 ● SPED IEP/MDT Planning ● SPED Training (w/ Heather) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IEP Goal Writing PD ○ Paperwork dissemination timelines
	August 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reunification Drill ● Paul Cash - Retirement
	August 28 (Full Day of School)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Guided Elementary MTSS Meetings W/ Caryn Zietlow
	September 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Data Retreat - Fall NSCAS, MAPS
	September 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Justin ESU 2/SPED- Co-teaching/ UDL ● SEL Check In
	October 9-10th	<p>MTSS Conference in Kearney *Brenda, Rachel, Joni, Katie, Mason</p>

October 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Caryn Z. here to review DIBELS data ● Justin ESU 2//SPED- Co-teaching / UDL
October 17 (Elementary) - all day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elementary MTSS Meetings ?????? ● Math Interventions w/ Kelly Georgius
October 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Justin ESU 2//SPED- Co-teaching / UDL
November 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teacher Mental Health - Brad/Mike ● SEL Check In
December 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Justin ESU 2//SPED- Co-teaching / UDL
December 18(noon) -19 (Elementary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elementary MTSS Meetings/ Data Day - December 19 w/ Caryn Zietlow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PBiS Meeting - Elementary ● 21st Century Grant Meeting ● Workday
January 5 (all day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NEP Update ● SPED IEP/MDT Planning ● 1:30 p.m. Crystal Ernst - Writing Across Curriculum Workshop ● School Improvement Meeting
January 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental Health - Brad/Mike ● Technology - Smart Boards
February 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SEL Check In ● Data Retreat
February 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Justin ESU 2 (AI) or ● Mental Health - Brad/Mike (Makeup/Followup Date)
March 11 (Elementary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elementary MTSS Meetings - Caryn Z. here ● 21st Century Grant Meeting ● PBiS Meeting ● Workday
March 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Justin ESU 2 (AI) ● SEL Check In
April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cougar Track Meet
April 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JH Cougar Track Meet
May 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Retirement Party ● Years of Service Recognition ● Golf draft
May 20 (Elementary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SILT Meeting - PD Ideas for 26-27 ● PBiS reflection and plans for following year
May 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Check Out

Weston Swanson, Brenda Totten, Lindsey Beaudette

The Board of Education of the Lyons-Decatur School District No. 20 met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2025, in the Media Center. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publishing notice in the Lyons Mirror-Sun, designated method for giving notice. Meeting notices were also posted at the Superintendent's office and on the school website. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members and agenda was communicated in the notice to the board of this meeting. All proceedings hereinafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. Present were Archer, Brehmer, Christiansen, Miller, Myers, Petersen, Troutman, and Vlach. Excused Absent: Bacon. The open meeting laws are posted on the west wall of the Media Center.

Posted Locations: Lyons-Mirror Sun, lyonsdecaturschools.org, front door of the school

Posted Date: 7/3/25

President Lisa Christiansen opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent Report: Evan and I attended the P2T Board Meeting on June 16, 2025, in West Point. Key topics discussed included the upcoming budget and fall enrollment projections. Our 11-month warranty construction walk-through is scheduled for July 17. The Class of 2025 Exit Survey results were shared and reviewed. Oakland-Craig (OC) requested a meeting with LDNE to discuss the possibility of a high school football cooperative. We are beginning the process of phasing out our large vans and transitioning to 10-passenger vans for student transportation. Two students recently attended a Youth Leadership Conference in San Diego, made possible through the Cultural Connections Grant. We also discussed updates regarding 21st Century and Title funding, which are currently on hold pending federal government decisions. Finally, the NASB will be hosting area membership meetings in September, and registration for those meetings was reviewed.

It was moved by Evan Myers, seconded by Corey Petersen, to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call. Archer: Aye, Bacon: Absent, Brehmer: Aye, Christiansen: Aye, Miller: Aye, Myers: Aye, Petersen: Aye, Troutman: Aye, Vlach: Aye
Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by James Vlach, seconded by Jolene Troutman, to approve the milk bid for the 2025-26 school year. Roll Call. Archer: Aye, Bacon: Absent, Brehmer: Aye, Christiansen: Aye, Miller: Aye, Myers: Aye, Petersen: Aye, Troutman: Aye, Vlach: Aye
Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Corey Petersen, seconded by Evan Myers, to approve the sub pay rate for 2025-26. Roll Call. Archer: Aye, Bacon: Absent, Brehmer: Aye, Christiansen: Aye, Miller: Aye, Myers: Aye, Petersen: Aye, Troutman: Aye, Vlach: Aye
Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by James Vlach, seconded by Evan Myers, to approve the breakfast, lunch and milk prices for 2025-2026. Roll Call. Archer: Aye, Bacon: Absent, Brehmer: Aye, Christiansen: Aye, Miller: Aye, Myers: Aye, Petersen: Aye, Troutman: Aye, Vlach: Aye
Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Corey Petersen, seconded by Leah Miller, to approve Board Policy Updates: 2008, 5002, and 5003. Roll Call. Archer: Aye, Bacon: Absent, Brehmer: Aye, Christiansen: Aye, Miller: Aye, Myers: Aye, Petersen: Aye, Troutman: Aye, Vlach: Aye
Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Chad Brehmer, seconded by James Vlach, to approve board form: Part-time Enrollment Form. Roll Call. Archer: Aye, Bacon: Absent, Brehmer: Aye, Christiansen: Aye, Miller: Aye, Myers: Aye, Petersen: Aye, Troutman: Aye, Vlach: Aye
Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

It was moved by Jolene Troutman, seconded by Chad Brehmer, to approve the 2025-26 parent-student, staff, student activity, and coaches-sponsors handbooks, as presented. Roll Call. Archer: Aye, Bacon: Absent, Brehmer: Aye, Christiansen: Aye, Miller: Aye, Myers: Aye, Petersen: Aye, Troutman: Aye, Vlach: Aye
Aye: 8, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

President Christiansen closed the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

I the undersigned, secretary of the School District of Lyons-Decatur Northeast, in the County of Burt, in the State of Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for inspection at the office of the secretary, located in the main office of the school, Lyons Center, except those items of an emergency nature added at the meeting by motion and roll call vote, that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting that said minutes of the Board of Education of the School District of Lyons-Decatur Northeast in the County of Burt, State of Nebraska were in written form and available for inspection by the public within 24 hours and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Secretary, Board of Education

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Treasurer's Report

At the close of business July 31, 2025

Cash Balance on June 30, 2025 -85,888.39

Receipts for July 2025

Burt County	\$ 62,332.74
Other County	\$ 3,283.81
Benefits	\$ 1,543.74
State of NE - CTE Grant	\$ 7,500.00
ESU #2 - CC grant, Stipends	\$ 7,434.70
State of NE - IDEA	\$ 1,653.00
Interest	\$ 3.16

Total Receipts \$ 83,751.15

Account Transfers \$ 435,000.00

Disbursements \$ 439,302.53

Cash Balance as of July 31, 2025 -6,439.77

Outstanding Checks/deposits \$ 7,855.71

Ending Bank Balance as of July 31, 2025 \$ 1,415.94

SAVINGS BALANCE Beginning: \$ 2,982,193.15 ENDING BALANCE \$2,553,181.53

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Treasurer

COMBINED ACCOUNT BALANCES
Depreciation, Employee Benefit Fund, Bond, Special Building, and Student Fee
Fund
As of July 31, 2025

DEPRECIATION FUND

Balance \$123,426.11

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND

Balance \$19,087.75

BOND FUND

Balance \$605,762.26

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

Balance \$1,241,050.20

NE Liquid Assets Balance \$ 902,755.26

STUDENT FEE FUND

Balance 0

TOTAL OF COMBINED ACCOUNTS \$2,892,081.58

GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT FUND

Checking account \$6,299.42

ACTIVITY FUND

Balance \$117,963.70

Treasurer's Report
LUNCH FUND
At the close of Business July 31, 2025

Cash Balance June 30, 2025	\$41,972.10
Receipts for July 2025	\$ 94.47
Disbursements for July 2025	\$15,986.23
Cash Balance July 31, 2025	\$26,080.34
Outstanding Checks	\$ 0
Ending Bank Balance July 31, 2025	\$26,080.34
July 2025 Expenditures	\$ 3,603.09
July 2025 Payroll	\$ 4,857.04
Total	\$ 8,460.13

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28931	CNA AUTO SERVICES	72244	VAN #1 WHEEL SPEED SENSOR	355.75
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28936	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	9166110-0	MODELING CLAY-2ND GR	25.62
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28936	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	9166126-0	6TH GR SUPPLIES	59.98
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28936	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	9166130-0	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	37.58
28936	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	9166132-0	SUPPLIES- MATH SA	120.72
28937	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	9166134-0	SCIENCE SUPPLIES - PT	82.94
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28937	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	INV669574	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	110.04
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28940	ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL	PS00000412	POWERSCHOOL MEMBERSHIP	7,761.60
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28941	FASTWYRE	1531696	PHONE SERVICE	41.42
Vendor Total:				41.42
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Vendor Total:				333.66
28943	FLEET US LLC	SI115002	FIELD PAINT	330.00
Vendor Total:				330.00
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28945	FREDERICK, HANNAH	20250731FRED	MILEAGE TO PARENT	1,117.20
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28946	GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT FUND	20250731GEN	FLAG, FEES	80.41
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28955	LAQUINTA INNS AND SUITES KEARNEY	6469 6488 6489	ADMIN DAYS ROOMS	699.75
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			Vendor Total:	206.55
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28958	MACKIN BOOK COMPANY	938024	BOOKS	1,089.04
			Vendor Total:	1,792.35
28959	MAGIC-WRIGHTER, INC.	1526338	COMPLIANCE FEE	350.00
			Vendor Total:	350.00
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			Vendor Total:	707.50
28961	MEL'S SMALL ENGINES	375776	MOWER CLUTCH/BLADES	511.42
			Vendor Total:	511.42
28962	MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	46178	CREDIT ON RETURN	(85.34)
28962	MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	65473	SUPPLIES	325.73
			Vendor Total:	240.39
28963	MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	507293	SPRINKLER INSPECTIONS	750.00
28963	MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	509006	AG BLDG BATTERY	69.60
			Vendor Total:	819.60
28964	MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS	2151354-01	PLIERS	78.21
			Vendor Total:	78.21
28965	MOSYLE MANAGER	25102178	DEVICE LICENSES	23.29
			Vendor Total:	23.29
28966	N C S A	87118	ADMIN DAYS + MEMBERSHIP	1,320.00
			Vendor Total:	1,320.00
28967	NEWZ BRAIN EDUCATION	2457	SOCIAL STUDIES SUBSCRIPTION	309.00
			Vendor Total:	309.00
28968	NORTHWEST EVALUATION ASSOCIATION	843801	MAPS TESTS	1,495.00
			Vendor Total:	1,495.00
28969	OMNIFY BENEFITS	1319402	FSA FEE	40.00
			Vendor Total:	40.00
28970	ONE SOURCE	2022184997	BACKGROUND CHECK	62.00
			Vendor Total:	62.00
28971	OPEN-UP RESOURCES	INV-44939	EL GR 6	990.00
			Vendor Total:	990.00
28972	PENDER PUBLIC SCHOOL	20250731PEND ER	BASEBALL	6,606.55
			Vendor Total:	6,606.55
28973	PITNEY BOWES INC	20250630PIT	ACCT 27329598 POSTAGE	200.00
			Vendor Total:	200.00
28974	PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	10058734	PEST CONTROL	62.44
			Vendor Total:	62.44
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			Vendor Total:	4,975.50
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28976	RIEF, DAVID	20250806RIEF	REIMBURSE EQUIPMENT RENT	500.00
			Vendor Total:	756.20
28977	ROMANS WIEMER & ASSOCIATES	20250630ROMA N	AMEND AFR	300.00
			Vendor Total:	300.00
28978	S & W WELDING	1999	BLEACHER PLATES	167.23
			Vendor Total:	167.23
28979	SAVEMORE MARKET	20250801SAVE M	SUPPLIES	15.14
			Vendor Total:	15.14
28980	SCHULER, KIPP	20250707SCHU LER	MILEAGE	95.95
			Vendor Total:	95.95
28981	SCOREVISION, LLC	26712	ANNUAL SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	6,500.00

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			Vendor Total:	6,500.00
28982	SCOTT'S HARDWARE	291462	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	6.99
			Vendor Total:	6.99
28983	STEINY'S GENERAL STORE	20250801STEI N	SUPPLIES	764.36
			Vendor Total:	764.36
28984	STERLING	211700	FORTIGATE HARDWARE/SOFTWARE	12,212.55
			Vendor Total:	12,212.55
28985	TEACHING STRATEGIES, Inc.	INV223026	GOLD ONLINE	538.00
			Vendor Total:	538.00
28986	TOTTEN, BRENDA	20250729TOTT B	TRAVEL EXP	616.39
			Vendor Total:	616.39
28987	VERIZON WIRELESS	6118752707	JET PACKS	45.06
			Vendor Total:	45.06
28988	VERNIER SOFTWARE & TECHNOLOGY	5523803	SCIENCE SUPPLIES-KS	1,213.68
			Vendor Total:	1,213.68
28989	WAYNE STATE COLLEGE	1187	EDUCATION FAIR BOOTH	50.00
			Vendor Total:	50.00
28990	WEST POINT TRUE VALUE	154153	STEEL ROD	18.98
			Vendor Total:	18.98
28991	ZEARN	INV15102	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	2,500.00
			Vendor Total:	2,500.00
			Fund Total:	218,711.08
			Checking Account Total:	218,711.08

Checking 2

Check #	Vendor Name	Invoice	Description	Amount
Checking	2	Fund: 08	SPECIAL BUILDING FUND	
1390	CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICES, INC.	SC49496	CONCRETE WORK TESTING	578.00
			Vendor Total:	578.00
1391	FLOORING NUVO	CG500278	CARPET GLUE	486.62
			Vendor Total:	486.62
1392	JENSEN PLUMBING & HEATING	20250715JENS	REPLACE A/C SS ROOM	7,160.25
1392	JENSEN PLUMBING & HEATING	20250717JENS E	ROOFTOP UNIT	27,817.72
			Vendor Total:	34,977.97
1393	KNOVA'S CARPETS, INC	110634	MUSIC ROOM CARPET	20,509.00
			Vendor Total:	20,509.00
1394	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	91231152	PK4 STORAGE UNIT	550.85
			Vendor Total:	550.85
1395	MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES	510611	AG BLDG FIRE ALARM	1,553.42
			Vendor Total:	1,553.42
1396	PHILLIPS FLOORS, INC.	20250725PHIL L	GYM FLOOR	4,644.00
			Vendor Total:	4,644.00
			Fund Total:	63,299.86
			Checking Account Total:	63,299.86

Checking 6

Check #	Vendor Name	Invoice	Description	Amount
Checking	6	Fund: 06	SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	
9838	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	13YG-3WYL- 9XF7	food	31.34
9838	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1NV3-CDDP- THYM	food	141.26
			Vendor Total:	172.60
9839	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	14694223	food	413.30
9839	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	CM3853887	food	(111.78)
9839	CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	CM3854038	food	(114.58)
			Vendor Total:	186.94

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9840	SAVEMORE MARKET	08012025HLF	food	138.05
			Vendor Total:	138.05
9841	SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	661436219	food	981.53
9841	SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	661438969	food	50.68
9841	SYSCO FOOD SERVICES	661447246	food	617.81
			Vendor Total:	1,650.02
			Fund Total:	2,147.61
			Checking Account Total:	2,147.61

Net Payroll	171,510.05
Employee Deductions	75,258.01
District SS/Medicare	18,456.24
District Health/Life/HSA	67,387.32
District Retirement	<u>19,499.55</u>
PAYROLL	\$ 352,111.17
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	<u>\$ 218,711.08</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ 570,822.25
SPECIAL BUILDING EXPENDITURES	\$ 63,299.86
LUNCH FUND	\$ 7,004.65

Secretary, Board of Education

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

5045 Student Fees

The school district shall provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution and the Nebraska statutes. The district also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the district is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

A. Definitions.

- 1.** "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.
- 2.** "Extracurricular activities" means student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the district; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the district.
- 3.** "Post-secondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

B. Listing of Fees Charged by this District.

1. Guidelines for Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities.

Students are responsible for complying with the district's grooming and attire guidelines and for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach, or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course or activity.

2. Safety Equipment and Attire.

The district will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.

3. Personal or Consumable Items.

The district does not provide students with personal or consumable items for participation in courses and activities including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers and notebooks. Students who wish to supply their own personal or consumable items may do so, as long as those items comply with the requirements of the district. The district will provide students with facilities, equipment, materials and supplies, including books. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students will be charged for damage to school property caused by the student and will be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of any school property that they lose.

4. Materials Required for Course Projects.

The district will provide students with the materials necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. In courses where students choose to produce a project that requires materials beyond the basic materials provided by the district, the students will furnish the materials, purchase the materials from the school, or purchase the materials from an outside vendor with an order form provided by the school.

5. Technological Devices

The district will provide students with the technological devices necessary to complete all basic curricular projects.

As with all school property, students may be charged for damage to such devices. To protect against such potential losses, students and parents may, but are not required, to purchase insurance coverage for the devices. Insurance must be bought in order to take the computer home. The maximum dollar amount charged for insurance will be \$100.

6. Extracurricular Activities.

The district may charge students a fee to participate in extracurricular activities to cover the district's reasonable costs in offering such activities. The district may require students to furnish specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation in extracurricular activities, or may charge a reasonable fee for the use of district-owned equipment or attire. Attached to this policy is a list of the fees charged for particular activities. The coach or sponsor will provide students with additional written guidelines detailing the fees charged, the equipment and/or clothing required, or the usage fee charged. The guidelines will explain the reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for the activity.

The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all extracurricular activities fees and the specifications for any equipment or attire required for participation in extracurricular activities:

- Band: Free
 - Students must provide their own instrument, reeds
- Student Activity Card: Free
 - Covers admission to all (non-tournament or non-district home) extracurricular events
- Future Business Leaders of America: \$50
- Cheerleading, Drill Team, Flag Corps: \$1000
 - Students must purchase uniforms and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group.
- Athletics:
 - Football: Free
 - Students must provide their own football shoes, undergarments, and mouthguards
 - Golf: Free
 - Students must provide their own golf shoes, undergarments, and clubs
 - Softball and Baseball: Free
 - Students must provide their own shoes, gloves, and undergarments
 - Track, Volleyball, Cross Country and Wrestling: Free
 - Students must provide their own shoes and undergarments
- Future Farmers of America: \$100
 - Students must purchase their own jackets and pay dues

Driver's Education will not be included as an "Extra-curricular Activity." Students must pay the set fee to participate in the course.

7. Post-Secondary Education Costs.

Some students enroll in postsecondary courses while still enrolled in the district's high school. As a general rule, the student will pay all costs associated with such post-secondary courses. If there are funds available each year from the district and foundation, students may be reimbursed for courses they take for college credit and earn at least a C grade.

Reimbursement amounts will be determined by funds available divided by total credit hours. Students who qualify for the ACE grant must submit an application for that grant in order to be eligible for reimbursement through the school for classes not covered. Reimbursement forms will be due by June 15th after the conclusion of the school year when courses were taken.

However, for a course in which students receive high school credit or a course being taken as part of an approved accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the district shall offer the course without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees.

8. Transportation Costs.

The district will charge students reasonable fees for transportation services provided by the district to the extent permitted by federal and state statutes and regulations.

The maximum dollar amount of the transportation fee charged by this district shall be \$10.

9. Copies of Student Files or Records.

The district will charge a fee for making copies of a student's files or records for the parents or guardians of such student. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of student record fees. Parents of students have the right to inspect and review the students' files or records without the payment of a fee, and the district shall not charge a fee to search for or retrieve any student's files or records.

The district will charge a fee of \$.15 per page for reproduction of student records.

10. Participation in Before-and-After-School or Pre-Kindergarten Services.

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in before-and-after school or pre-kindergarten services offered by the district pursuant to statute.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these services shall be \$5/hour.

11. Participation in Summer School or Night School.

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in summer school or night school and may charge reasonable fees for correspondence courses.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for summer and night school shall be \$5/hour plus any course curriculum purchased for credit recovery.

12. Charges for Food Consumed by Students.

The district will charge for items that students purchase from the district's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charged for these items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The district will charge students for the cost of food, beverages, and the like that students purchase from a school store, vending machine, booster club or from similar sources. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for the breakfast and lunch programs is as follows:

- Breakfast Program – Preschool – 12th Grade
 - Regular Price \$2.40
 - Reduced Price \$.30
- Lunch Program – Preschool
 - Regular Price \$2.95
 - Reduced Price \$.40
- Lunch Program – Grades K-5
 - Regular Price \$3.25
 - Reduced Price \$.40
- Lunch Program – Grades 6-8
 - Regular Price \$3.45

- Reduced Price \$.40
- Lunch Program – Grades 9-12
 - Regular Price \$3.65
 - Reduced Price \$.40

13. Charges for Musical Extracurricular Activities.

Students who qualify for fee waivers under this policy will be provided, at no charge, the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all musical extracurricular activity fees and the equipment or attire required for participation in musical extracurricular activities:

- Band: Free
 - Students must provide their own instruments and reeds.

14. Contributions for Junior and Senior Class Extracurricular Activities.

Students are eligible to participate in a number of unique extracurricular activities during their last two years in high school, including prom, various senior recognitions, and graduation. In order to fund these extracurricular activities, the school district will ask each student to make a contribution to their class’s fund. This contribution is completely voluntary. Students who chose not to contribute to the class fund are still eligible to participate in the extra activities. The suggested donation to the class fund will be \$40.

C. Waiver Policy.

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) materials for course projects, and (3) the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waivers provided in this section. The district is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other material to eligible students. Students who wish to be considered for waiver of a particular fee must submit a completed fee waiver application to their building principal.

D. Distribution of Policy.

This policy will be published in the Student Handbook or its equivalent that will be provided to students at no cost.

E. Voluntary Contributions to Defray Costs.

The district will, when appropriate, request donations of money, materials, equipment or attire from parents, guardians and other members of the community to defray the costs of providing certain services and activities to students. These requests are not requirements and staff members of the district are directed to clearly communicate that fact to students, parents and patrons.

F. Fund-Raising Activities

Students may be permitted or required to engage in fund-raising activities to support various curricular and extracurricular activities in which they participate. Students who decline to participate in fund-raising activities are not eligible under this policy for waiver of the costs or fees which the fund-raising activity was meant to defray.

G. Student Fee Fund.

The school board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund that will not be funded by tax revenue, and that will serve a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected from students.

Adopted on: July 11, 2022

Revised on: August 11, 2025

Reviewed on:

5018 Parent Involvement in Education Practices

For purposes of this policy, “parent” includes a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker (a person designated or ordered by a court to make educational decisions on behalf of a student).

The school district recognizes the importance of parental involvement in the education of their children. To the extent practicable, the school district will make a reasonable effort to make any learning materials, including original materials, available for inspection by a parent upon request.

The school district will take the following steps to ensure that the rights of parents to participate in the education of their children are preserved.

1. Parents will be provided access to textbooks, tests, activities information; digital materials; websites or applications used for learning; training materials for teachers, administrators, and staff; procedures for the review and approval of training materials, learning materials, and activities; and other curriculum materials (“curricular materials”) as follows:
 - a. A parental request to review specific curricular materials (written, visual, or audio) should be made to the principal of the building where the curricular materials are used.
 - b. The building principal will assess the request and determine the allowable volume and time frame of the review to prevent disruption to the efficient operations of the district.
 - c. The purpose of this provision is to allow reasonable access to the extent practicable. Individuals who make requests (a) for the purpose of adding staff burden; (b) at an unreasonable frequency or volume; or (c) for purposes inconsistent with the efficient operations of the district may be denied access to materials.
 - d. A parental request to review specific standardized and criterion-referenced tests used in the district should be made in writing to the building principal. Copies of the most recent tests used in the district will be available for parent review. Parents wishing to review statewide assessments will be provided with sample questions and a copy of a practice test, but will not be provided with copies of the actual assessment due to testing security. In the case of other secure tests such as the ACT, parents must contact the publisher to obtain copies of the test.

2. Parents will be permitted, within district procedures, to attend and observe courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities.
 - a. Parents are invited to make appointments with the building principal to visit classes, assemblies, and other instructional activities. The principal shall give permission after determining that parental observation would not disrupt the activity. Observations that last more than 60 minutes or occur on consecutive days are typically disruptive and will not be permitted absent unusual circumstances, in the sole discretion of the building principal.
 - b. Parents may contact the building principal to request permission to attend counseling sessions in which their child is involved.
3. Parents may request that their children be excused from testing (except as provided below), classroom instruction, learning materials, activities, guest speaker events, and other school experiences ("school events") that parents find objectionable.
 - a. Parents must submit this request in writing to the building principal for consideration.
 - b. Building principals may excuse a student from any school events at the parent's written request if, in the principal's professional judgment, excusal from the activity would not result in diminution of the student's educational experience.
 - c. When the building principal determines it appropriate, alternative experiences may be provided for the student by the school.
4. Parents will be informed through the student handbook and district policies of the manner that the district will provide access to records of students.
5. Parents will be informed of the standardized and criterion-referenced district testing program. Parents may request additional information from the building principal.

6. Parents will be informed of the circumstances under which they may opt-out of state and federal assessments.

a. In accordance with federal law, at the beginning of the school year, the District shall provide notice of the right to request a copy of this policy to parents of students attending schools receiving Title I funds. The District will provide a copy of this policy to a requesting parent in a timely manner.

b. State Assessments

State and federal law simultaneously require students to take state assessments, with few exceptions, but also permit parents to request to opt their students out of these assessments. Approval of opt out requests is contrary to the mandatory testing laws, so the District cannot "approve" the request. Parents who do not present their child for testing will result in the child receiving the lowest score possible on the assessment.

c. National Assessment of Educational Progress

As a condition of receiving federal funds, the District participates in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). To help ensure that the District has a representative sample of students taking the NAEP, which will allow the District to assess the quality and effectiveness of its programming on a national level, the District strongly encourages all eligible students to participate. However, student participation in NAEP is voluntary.

The District shall provide parents of eligible students with reasonable notice prior to the exam being administered. Parents wishing to opt their students out of the NAEP assessment must notify the district in writing at least three days prior to the exam date to ensure that the District can coordinate supervision and alternative activities for students who have opted out.

7. Parents will be notified of their right to remove their children from surveys prior to district participation in surveys.

a. The principal must approve all surveys intended to gather information from students before they are administered to students.

- b. Students' participation in surveys is voluntary. Parents may restrict their child from participating in any survey.
 - c. If the school administers (1) a survey requesting that students provide sexual information, mental health information, medical information, information on health-risk behaviors, religious information, information of political affiliation, or any other information that the school board deems to be sensitive in nature or (2) a non-anonymous survey requesting students provide information relating to drug, vape, alcohol, or tobacco use, the school district shall, at least fifteen days prior to the administration of the survey, notify parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers of students that are to receive such survey. The notice will be made through the school's electronic notification system or by physical mail to the address on file for the student. The notice will describe the nature and types of questions included in the survey, the purposes and age-appropriateness of the survey, how information collected by the survey will be used, who will have access to such information, the steps that will be taken to protect student privacy, and whether and how any findings or results of such survey will be disclosed.
 - d. Parents have the right to: (1) request that a copy of the survey be sent through the school's electronic notification system or physical mail to the address on file for the student, (2) review the survey in person at the school, and (3) exempt their child from participating in the survey.
 - e. Unless required by federal or state law or regulation, school personnel administering any survey shall not disclose personally identifiable information of a child.
 - f. No survey requesting sexual information of a student shall be administered to any student in kindergarten through grade six.
 - g. The district will also comply with any survey requirements found in the district's policy on Protection of Pupil Rights.
8. The district will make this policy accessible by a prominently displayed link on its public website. Any amended policy will be made accessible within a reasonable time of its amendment.

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5001 Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism

Required Attendance

Every person residing in the school district who has legal or actual charge or control of any child who is of mandatory attendance age shall cause that child to attend a public or private school regularly unless the child has graduated from high school or has been allowed to disenroll pursuant to this policy.

Mandatory Attendance Age

All children who are or will turn six years old before January 1 of the current school year are of mandatory attendance age. Children who have not turned eighteen years of age are of mandatory attendance age.

Exceptions

This policy does not apply when attendance is made impossible or impracticable by severe weather conditions or by the mental or physical illness of the student or a child whom the student is parenting.

A child who will not reach age 7 before January 1 of the current school year may be excused from mandatory attendance if the child's parent or guardian completes an affidavit affirming that alternative educational arrangements have been made for the child. A copy of the required affidavit is attached to this policy.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 5 Year Old Students

The person seeking to discontinue the enrollment of a student who will not reach six years of age prior to January 1 of the current school year shall submit a signed, written request to the superintendent using the form which is attached to this policy. The school district may request written verification or documentation that the person signing the form has legal or actual charge or control of the student. The school district shall discontinue the enrollment of any student who satisfies these requirements. Any student whose enrollment is discontinued under this subsection shall not be eligible to reenroll in this school district until the beginning of the following school year unless otherwise required by law.

Discontinuing Enrollment – 16 and 17 Year Old Students

Only children who are at least 16 years of age may be disenrolled from the district. The person seeking to discontinue the child's enrollment shall submit a signed, written request and submit it to the superintendent using the form which is attached to this policy. The district will follow the procedures outlined on the attached form in considering requests to disenroll.

Only children disenrolling to attend a exempt school may be exempt from this policy. The person with legal or actual charge or control of the child must provide the superintendent with a copy of the signed request submitted to the State Department of Education for attending exempt schools. The superintendent may confirm the validity of the submission with the State Department of Education.

Attendance Officer

Each building principal is designated as an attendance officer for the district. Each building principal, at his or her discretion, may delegate these responsibilities to any other qualified individual. The attendance officer is responsible for enforcing the provisions of state law relating to compulsory attendance. This responsibility includes but is not limited to filing a report with the county attorney of the county in which a student resides. Compensation for the duties of attendance officer is included in the salary for the superintendent or designee.

Excused Absences

The following absences will be considered excused if they are confirmed by communication to the school from the student's parent/guardian:

1. Physical or mental illness of the student (a physician's verification is required after four (4) consecutive days of absence for illness)
2. Severe weather
3. Medical appointments for the student
4. Death or serious illness of the student's family member

5. Attending a funeral, wedding or graduation
6. Appearance at court or for other legal matters
7. Observance of religious holidays of the student's own faith
8. College planning visits
9. Personal or family vacations

Excessive Absenteeism

When a student receives 10 unexcused absences or the hourly equivalent in any semester, the Attendance Officer will follow the attached procedure for addressing barriers to the student's attendance.

When a student is absent more than twenty days per year or the hourly equivalent and any portion of the absences is unexcused, the Attendance Officer must file a report with the county attorney of the county in which the student resides. For example, if the student accumulates 23 days of excused absences due to documented illness and is tardy one time, the Attendance Officer may file a report with the appropriate county attorney.

Making Up Absences

When a student receives 10 unexcused absences or the hourly equivalent in any semester, the student shall be required to make up those absences through attendance in an after school program. Absences shall be made up at a rate of 15 minutes per hour.

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5018 Parent Involvement in Education Practices

For purposes of this policy, “parent” includes a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker (a person designated or ordered by a court to make educational decisions on behalf of a student).

The school district recognizes the importance of parental involvement in the education of their children. To the extent practicable, the school district will make a reasonable effort to make any learning materials, including original materials, available for inspection by a parent upon request.

The school district will take the following steps to ensure that the rights of parents to participate in the education of their children are preserved.

1. Parents will be provided access to textbooks, tests, activities information; digital materials; websites or applications used for learning; training materials for teachers, administrators, and staff; procedures for the review and approval of training materials, learning materials, and activities; and other curriculum materials (“curricular materials”) as follows:
 - a. A parental request to review specific curricular materials (written, visual, or audio) should be made to the principal of the building where the curricular materials are used.
 - b. The building principal will assess the request and determine the allowable volume and time frame of the review to prevent disruption to the efficient operations of the district.
 - c. The purpose of this provision is to allow reasonable access to the extent practicable. Individuals who make requests (a) for the purpose of adding staff burden; (b) at an unreasonable frequency or volume; or (c) for purposes inconsistent with the efficient operations of the district may be denied access to materials.
 - d. A parental request to review specific standardized and criterion-referenced tests used in the district should be made in writing to the building principal. Copies of the most recent tests used in the district will be available for parent review. Parents wishing to review statewide assessments will be provided with sample questions and a copy of a practice test, but will not be provided with copies of the actual assessment due to testing security. In the case of other secure tests such as the ACT, parents must contact the publisher to obtain copies of the test.

2. Parents will be permitted, within district procedures, to attend and observe courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities.
 - a. Parents are invited to make appointments with the building principal to visit classes, assemblies, and other instructional activities. The principal shall give permission after determining that parental observation would not disrupt the activity. Observations that last more than 60 minutes or occur on consecutive days are typically disruptive and will not be permitted absent unusual circumstances, in the sole discretion of the building principal.
 - b. Parents may contact the building principal to request permission to attend counseling sessions in which their child is involved.
3. Parents may request that their children be excused from testing (except as provided below), classroom instruction, learning materials, activities, guest speaker events, and other school experiences ("school events") that parents find objectionable.
 - a. Parents must submit this request in writing to the building principal for consideration.
 - b. Building principals may excuse a student from any school events at the parent's written request if, in the principal's professional judgment, excusal from the activity would not result in diminution of the student's educational experience.
 - c. When the building principal determines it appropriate, alternative experiences may be provided for the student by the school.
4. Parents will be informed through the student handbook and district policies of the manner that the district will provide access to records of students.
5. Parents will be informed of the standardized and criterion-referenced district testing program. Parents may request additional information from the building principal.

6. Parents will be informed of the circumstances under which they may opt-out of state and federal assessments.

a. In accordance with federal law, at the beginning of the school year, the District shall provide notice of the right to request a copy of this policy to parents of students attending schools receiving Title I funds. The District will provide a copy of this policy to a requesting parent in a timely manner.

b. State Assessments

State and federal law simultaneously require students to take state assessments, with few exceptions, but also permit parents to request to opt their students out of these assessments. Approval of opt out requests is contrary to the mandatory testing laws, so the District cannot "approve" the request. Parents who do not present their child for testing will result in the child receiving the lowest score possible on the assessment.

c. National Assessment of Educational Progress

As a condition of receiving federal funds, the District participates in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). To help ensure that the District has a representative sample of students taking the NAEP, which will allow the District to assess the quality and effectiveness of its programming on a national level, the District strongly encourages all eligible students to participate. However, student participation in NAEP is voluntary.

The District shall provide parents of eligible students with reasonable notice prior to the exam being administered. Parents wishing to opt their students out of the NAEP assessment must notify the district in writing at least three days prior to the exam date to ensure that the District can coordinate supervision and alternative activities for students who have opted out.

7. Parents will be notified of their right to remove their children from surveys prior to district participation in surveys.

a. The principal must approve all surveys intended to gather information from students before they are administered to students.

- b. Students' participation in surveys is voluntary. Parents may restrict their child from participating in any survey.
 - c. If the school administers (1) a survey requesting that students provide sexual information, mental health information, medical information, information on health-risk behaviors, religious information, information of political affiliation, or any other information that the school board deems to be sensitive in nature or (2) a non-anonymous survey requesting students provide information relating to drug, vape, alcohol, or tobacco use, the school district shall, at least fifteen days prior to the administration of the survey, notify parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers of students that are to receive such survey. The notice will be made through the school's electronic notification system or by physical mail to the address on file for the student. The notice will describe the nature and types of questions included in the survey, the purposes and age-appropriateness of the survey, how information collected by the survey will be used, who will have access to such information, the steps that will be taken to protect student privacy, and whether and how any findings or results of such survey will be disclosed.
 - d. Parents have the right to: (1) request that a copy of the survey be sent through the school's electronic notification system or physical mail to the address on file for the student, (2) review the survey in person at the school, and (3) exempt their child from participating in the survey.
 - e. Unless required by federal or state law or regulation, school personnel administering any survey shall not disclose personally identifiable information of a child.
 - f. No survey requesting sexual information of a student shall be administered to any student in kindergarten through grade six.
 - g. The district will also comply with any survey requirements found in the district's policy on Protection of Pupil Rights.
8. The district will make this policy accessible by a prominently displayed link on its public website. Any amended policy will be made accessible within a reasonable time of its amendment.

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5045 Student Fees

The school district shall provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution and the Nebraska statutes. The district also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the district is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

A. Definitions.

- 1.** "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.
- 2.** "Extracurricular activities" means student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the district; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the district.
- 3.** "Post-secondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

B. Listing of Fees Charged by this District.

1. Guidelines for Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities.

Students are responsible for complying with the district's grooming and attire guidelines and for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach, or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course or activity.

2. Safety Equipment and Attire.

The district will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.

3. Personal or Consumable Items.

The district does not provide students with personal or consumable items for participation in courses and activities including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers and notebooks. Students who wish to supply their own personal or consumable items may do so, as long as those items comply with the requirements of the district. The district will provide students with facilities, equipment, materials and supplies, including books. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students will be charged for damage to school property caused by the student and will be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of any school property that they lose.

4. Materials Required for Course Projects.

The district will provide students with the materials necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. In courses where students choose to produce a project that requires materials beyond the basic materials provided by the district, the students will furnish the materials, purchase the materials from the school, or purchase the materials from an outside vendor with an order form provided by the school.

5. Technological Devices

The district will provide students with the technological devices necessary to complete all basic curricular projects.

As with all school property, students may be charged for damage to such devices. To protect against such potential losses, students and parents may, but are not required, to purchase insurance coverage for the devices. Insurance must be bought in order to take the computer home. The maximum dollar amount charged for insurance will be \$100.

6. Extracurricular Activities.

The district may charge students a fee to participate in extracurricular activities to cover the district's reasonable costs in offering such activities. The district may require students to furnish specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation in extracurricular activities, or may charge a reasonable fee for the use of district-owned equipment or attire. Attached to this policy is a list of the fees charged for particular activities. The coach or sponsor will provide students with additional written guidelines detailing the fees charged, the equipment and/or clothing required, or the usage fee charged. The guidelines will explain the reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for the activity.

The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all extracurricular activities fees and the specifications for any equipment or attire required for participation in extracurricular activities:

- Band: Free
 - Students must provide their own instrument, reeds
- Student Activity Card: Free
 - Covers admission to all (non-tournament or non-district home) extracurricular events
- Future Business Leaders of America: \$50
- Cheerleading, Drill Team, Flag Corps: \$1000
 - Students must purchase uniforms and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group.
- Athletics:
 - Football: Free
 - Students must provide their own football shoes, undergarments, and mouthguards
 - Golf: Free
 - Students must provide their own golf shoes, undergarments, and clubs
 - Softball and Baseball: Free
 - Students must provide their own shoes, gloves, and undergarments
 - Track, Volleyball, Cross Country and Wrestling: Free
 - Students must provide their own shoes and undergarments
- Future Farmers of America: \$100
 - Students must purchase their own jackets and pay dues

Driver's Education will not be included as an "Extra-curricular Activity." Students must pay the set fee to participate in the course.

7. Post-Secondary Education Costs.

Some students enroll in postsecondary courses while still enrolled in the district's high school. As a general rule, the student will pay all costs associated with such post-secondary courses. If there are funds available each year from the district and foundation, students may be reimbursed for courses they take for college credit and earn at least a C grade.

Reimbursement amounts will be determined by funds available divided by total credit hours. Students who qualify for the ACE grant must submit an application for that grant in order to be eligible for reimbursement through the school for classes not covered. Reimbursement forms will be due by June 15th after the conclusion of the school year when courses were taken.

However, for a course in which students receive high school credit or a course being taken as part of an approved accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the district shall offer the course without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees.

8. Transportation Costs.

The district will charge students reasonable fees for transportation services provided by the district to the extent permitted by federal and state statutes and regulations.

The maximum dollar amount of the transportation fee charged by this district shall be \$10.

9. Copies of Student Files or Records.

The district will charge a fee for making copies of a student's files or records for the parents or guardians of such student. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of student record fees. Parents of students have the right to inspect and review the students' files or records without the payment of a fee, and the district shall not charge a fee to search for or retrieve any student's files or records.

The district will charge a fee of \$.15 per page for reproduction of student records.

10. Participation in Before-and-After-School or Pre-Kindergarten Services.

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in before-and-after school or pre-kindergarten services offered by the district pursuant to statute.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these services shall be \$5/hour.

11. Participation in Summer School or Night School.

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in summer school or night school and may charge reasonable fees for correspondence courses.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for summer and night school shall be \$5/hour plus any course curriculum purchased for credit recovery.

12. Charges for Food Consumed by Students.

The district will charge for items that students purchase from the district's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charged for these items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The district will charge students for the cost of food, beverages, and the like that students purchase from a school store, vending machine, booster club or from similar sources. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for the breakfast and lunch programs is as follows:

- Breakfast Program – Preschool – 12th Grade
 - Regular Price \$2.40
 - Reduced Price \$.30
- Lunch Program – Preschool
 - Regular Price \$2.95
 - Reduced Price \$.40
- Lunch Program – Grades K-5
 - Regular Price \$3.25
 - Reduced Price \$.40
- Lunch Program – Grades 6-8
 - Regular Price \$3.45

- Reduced Price \$.40
- Lunch Program – Grades 9-12
 - Regular Price \$3.65
 - Reduced Price \$.40

13. Charges for Musical Extracurricular Activities.

Students who qualify for fee waivers under this policy will be provided, at no charge, the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all musical extracurricular activity fees and the equipment or attire required for participation in musical extracurricular activities:

- Band: Free
 - Students must provide their own instruments and reeds.

14. Contributions for Junior and Senior Class Extracurricular Activities.

Students are eligible to participate in a number of unique extracurricular activities during their last two years in high school, including prom, various senior recognitions, and graduation. In order to fund these extracurricular activities, the school district will ask each student to make a contribution to their class’s fund. This contribution is completely voluntary. Students who chose not to contribute to the class fund are still eligible to participate in the extra activities. The suggested donation to the class fund will be \$40.

C. Waiver Policy.

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) materials for course projects, and (3) the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waivers provided in this section. The district is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other material to eligible students. Students who wish to be considered for waiver of a particular fee must submit a completed fee waiver application to their building principal.

D. Distribution of Policy.

This policy will be published in the Student Handbook or its equivalent that will be provided to students at no cost.

E. Voluntary Contributions to Defray Costs.

The district will, when appropriate, request donations of money, materials, equipment or attire from parents, guardians and other members of the community to defray the costs of providing certain services and activities to students. These requests are not requirements and staff members of the district are directed to clearly communicate that fact to students, parents and patrons.

F. Fund-Raising Activities

Students may be permitted or required to engage in fund-raising activities to support various curricular and extracurricular activities in which they participate. Students who decline to participate in fund-raising activities are not eligible under this policy for waiver of the costs or fees which the fund-raising activity was meant to defray.

G. Student Fee Fund.

The school board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund that will not be funded by tax revenue, and that will serve a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected from students.

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5052 School Wellness

The school district is committed to providing a school environment that enhances learning and the development of lifelong wellness. The goals outlined in this policy were determined and selected after reviewing and considering evidence-based strategies.¹

Goals for Nutrition Promotion and Education

- The district will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs by such methods as implementing evidence-based healthy food promotion techniques through the school meal programs and promoting foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.
- The health curriculum will include information on good nutrition and healthy living habits. Teachers will incorporate information on nutrition and wellness into the classroom curriculum as appropriate.
- The district will collaborate with public and private entities to promote student wellness.
- Water will be made available to students throughout the school day.

Goals for Physical Activity

- The school district's curriculums shall include instruction on physical activity and habits for healthy living.
- Students will be encouraged to engage in physical activities throughout the school day and will be provided with opportunities to do so.
- The district encourages parents and guardians to support their children's participation in physical activity, to be physically active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.

¹ These strategies include, but are not necessarily limited to, those cited in the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Model Wellness Policy (Updated 9/2016 to Reflect the USDA Final Rule) found at https://www.healthiergeneration.org/asset/wtqdwu/14-6372_ModelWellnessPolicy.doc.

Goals for Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student Wellness

- The district will participate in state and federal child nutrition programs as appropriate.
- The district will provide professional development, support, and resources for staff about student wellness.
- Students will be provided sufficient time in which to eat school-provided meals.
- The district's lunchrooms will be attractive and well-lighted.
- The district will allow other health-related entities to use school facilities for activities such as health clinics and screenings so long as the activities meet the district's requirements and criteria for the use of facilities.
- The district may partner with other individuals or entities in the community to support the implementation of this policy.
- The district will strive to provide physical activity breaks for all students, recess for elementary students, and before and after school activities, as well as encourage students to use active transport (walking, biking, etc.)
- The district will use evidence-based strategies to develop, structure, and support student wellness.

Standards and Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages Sold to Students on the School Campus and During the School Day

- The district will ensure that student access to foods and beverages meet federal, state and local laws and guidelines including, but not limited to:
 - USDA National School Lunch and School Breakfast nutrition standards
 - USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

- The district will offer students a variety of age-appropriate, healthy food and beverage selections with plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains aimed at meeting the nutrition needs of students within their calorie requirements in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity.

Standards for All Foods and Beverages Provided, But Not Sold to Students During the School Day

The district may provide a list of healthy party ideas or food and beverage alternatives to parents, teachers, and students for classroom parties, rewards and incentives, or classroom snacks. The district discourages the use of food and beverages as a reward or incentive for performance or behavior.

Food and Beverage Marketing

Marketing and advertising are only allowed on school grounds or at school activities for foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, except as follows:

- This requirement does not apply to marketing that occurs at events outside of school hours such as after school sporting or any other events, including school fundraising events.
- The district will not immediately replace menu boards, coolers, tray liners, beverage cups, and other food service equipment with depictions of noncompliant products or logos to comply with the new USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition requirements. All previously purchased products will be used, and all existing contracts honored.
- All equipment that currently displays noncompliant marketing materials will not be removed or replaced (e.g., a score board with a Coca-Cola logo). However, as the district reviews and considers new contracts, and as scoreboards or other such durable equipment are replaced or updated over time, any products that are marketed and advertised will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards

Public Participation

Parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers, school health professionals, board members, school administrators, and members of the general public shall be allowed to provide their input to the school district during the wellness policy adoption and review process.

Competitive Foods (Includes Food and Beverages Sold in Vending Machines, School Stores, and Fundraisers)

- Definitions. “Competitive food” means all food and beverages other than meals reimbursed under programs authorized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 available for sale to students on the school campus during the school day. For the purpose of competitive food standards implementation, “school day” means the period from the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.
- Applicability. Except as otherwise allowed by the South Dakota Department of Education or applicable law, all competitive foods sold during the school day must meet the USDA Smart Snacks Standards and the nutrition standards found in 7 CFR § 210.11. The competitive food restrictions do not apply to food sold during non-school day hours, weekends, and off-campus fundraising events such as concessions during after-school sporting events, school plays or concerts; or to bulk food items that are sold for consumption at home. (Ex: frozen pizzas, cookie dough tubs, etc.)
- Fundraiser food or beverages are NOT exempt from the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. Therefore, if food is sold as a fundraiser:
 - It shall not be sold in competition with school meals in the food service area during the meal service.
 - It shall not be sold or otherwise made available to students anywhere on school premises during the period beginning one half hour prior to the serving period for breakfast and/or lunch and lasting until one half hour after the serving of breakfast and/or lunch.
 - The sale of food items during the school day shall meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition requirements

- This restriction does not apply to food sold during non-school hours, weekends, and off-campus fundraising events such as concessions during after-school sporting events, school plays or concerts; or to bulk food items that are sold for consumption at home. (Ex: frozen pizzas, cookie dough tubs, etc.)

Triennial Assessment

The school board shall assess and review this policy at least every three years to determine:

- Compliance with this policy;
- How this policy compares to Nebraska model wellness policies;
- Progress made in attaining the goals of this policy.

The school board will update or modify this policy as appropriate.

Public Notice

The school district will provide notice of this policy at least annually to the public and other stakeholders identified in this policy by one or more of the following methods: on its webpage, in its newsletter, in the student and employee handbooks, newspaper advertisements, direct mailings, electronic mail, and public postings.

The school district will provide notice of the Triennial Assessment and progress reports towards meeting the goals in this policy using one or more of those same methods.

Recordkeeping

The District will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy at its central office.

Operational Responsibility

The superintendent is responsible for coordinating the implementation of this policy and for monitoring the district's progress in meeting the goals established by this policy. The superintendent will periodically report to the board on the district's progress in implementing this policy.

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5054 Student Bullying

Definition of Bullying. Nebraska statute defines bullying as “an ongoing pattern of physical, verbal or electronic abuse.” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines bullying as “any unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths who are not siblings or current dating partners that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated.” The school district’s administrators will consider these definitions when determining whether any specific situation constitutes bullying. These definitions include both in-person and cyberbullying behaviors.

Bullying Prohibited. Students are prohibited from engaging in any form of bullying behavior.

Reporting Bullying. Students who experience or observe bullying behavior must immediately report what happened to a teacher or administrator. Students may always confer with their parents or guardians about bullying they experience or witness, but the students must also ultimately report the situation to a teacher or administrator.

Bullying Investigations. School district staff will investigate allegations of bullying using the same practices and procedures that the district observes for student disciplinary matters. In no circumstance will school district staff be deliberately indifferent to allegations of bullying.

Disciplinary Consequences. The disciplinary consequences for bullying behavior will depend on the frequency, duration, severity and effect of the behavior.

A student who engages in bullying behavior on school grounds, in a vehicle owned, leased, or contracted by a school being used for a school purpose by a school employee or his or her designee, or at school-sponsored activities or school-sponsored athletic events may be subject to disciplinary consequences including but not limited to long-term suspension, expulsion, or mandatory reassignment.

Without limiting the foregoing, a student who engages in bullying behavior that materially and substantially interferes with or disrupts the educational environment, the district’s day-to-day operations, or the education process, regardless of where the student is at the time of

engaging in the bullying behavior, may be subject to discipline to the extent permitted by law.

Bullying Based on Protected Class Status. Bullying based on protected class status is unique and may require additional investigation. The appropriate district staff member or coordinator will promptly investigate bullying complaints that violate the district's antidiscrimination policies.

Support for Students Who Have Experienced Bullying. Regardless of where the bullying occurred, the district will consider whether victims of bullying are suffering an adverse educational impact and, if appropriate, will refer those students to the district's student assistance team.

Bullying Prevention and Education. Students and parents are encouraged to inform teachers or administrators orally or in writing about bullying behavior or suspected bullying behavior. School employees are required to inform the administrator of all such reports. The appropriate administrator shall promptly investigate all such reports. Each building shall engage in activities which educate students about bullying, bullying prevention and digital citizenship.

Policy Review. The school district shall review this policy annually.

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5057

District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The school district will jointly develop with parents a School-Parent-Student Compact that outlines how the parents, school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

The written District Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be jointly developed and distributed to parents and family members of participating children and the local community in an understandable format and to the extent practicable, in a language the parents can understand. An annual evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy will be used to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parental involvement, to revise the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and to remove barriers to participation.

The school district recognizes the unique needs of students who are being served in its Title I program, and the importance of parent and family engagement in the Title I program. Parent and family engagement in the Title I Program shall include, but is not limited to:

1. An annual meeting to which all parents of participating children will be invited to inform parents of their school's participation under this part, to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved. Invitations may take the form of notes sent with students or announcements in the school newsletter. Additional meetings may be scheduled, based upon need and interest for such meetings.
2. An explanation of the details for the child's and parents' participation, including but not limited to: curriculum objectives, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards, type and extent of participation, parental input in educational decisions, coordination and integration with other Federal, State, and district programs, and evaluations of progress.
3. Opportunities for participation in parent involvement activities such as training to help parents work with their children to

improve achievement. A goal of parent activities is to provide parents with opportunities to participate in decisions relating to the education of their students, where appropriate.

4. The district will, to the extent practicable, provide parents of limited English proficiency, parents with disabilities, parents with limited literacy, are economically disadvantaged, are of a racial or minority background or parents of migratory children with opportunities for involvement in the Title I Program. Communication to parents about student progress and the district's other Title I Program communications will be provided in the language used in the home to the extent practicable. Responses to parent concerns will be provided in a timely manner.
5. Opportunities for parent-teacher conferences, in addition to those regularly scheduled by the school district, if requested by the parents or as deemed necessary by school district staff.
6. The district will coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other programs in the community. These may include cooperation with other community programs such as Head Start and preschools and other community services such as the public library.
7. Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, with the assistance of parents in the value and utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners.

This policy shall be reviewed annually at the annual meeting where concerned parties can have a conversation about possible changes to the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.

Adopted on: July 11, 2022

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: August 11, 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE
THE BASE GROWTH PERCENTAGE TO DETERMINE
ITS PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) for **Burt County School District 11-0020**, commonly known as **Lyons-Decatur Northeast Schools** (the “School District”), is planning the School District’s annual budget for the 2025-2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the funding needed for the School District to meet its obligations to its students will require an increase in the base growth percentage used to determine the School District’s property tax request authority under Nebraska State Statute 79-3403; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska law authorizes the Board, upon affirmative vote of at least seventy percent (70%) of the Board, to increase such base growth percentage by up to 7 percent (7%).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, pursuant to Nebraska State Statute 79-2405(2), the Board hereby increases the base growth percentage used to determine its property tax request authority for the 2025-2026 budget in an amount of 7%.

Said Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education by a vote of ____ to ____ on the 11th day of August, 2025.

President of the Board

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board

OAKLAND Independent & THE Lyons Mirror-Sun THE SWEDISH CAPITAL OF NEBRASKA

July 7, 2025

Dear Valued Advertiser,

We're writing to share some exciting news regarding our commitment to delivering the best local news coverage and advertising solutions in our community.

Beginning August 7, 2025, the Oakland Independent and Lyons Mirror-Sun will merge into the Burt County Independent. This strategic step allows us to combine the strengths, reach, and resources of both publications into one unified, stronger newspaper — ensuring continued comprehensive coverage of Oakland, Lyons, and the surrounding areas, including Tekamah.

What does this mean for you as an advertiser?

- **Expanded Reach:** Your advertising message will now appear in a single, larger publication with broader circulation, providing more exposure and greater value.
- **Seamless Transition:** Your current advertising agreements will transition smoothly. Our dedicated team will work closely with you to ensure your placements continue without interruption.
- **Continued Local Focus:** Our commitment to local businesses, events, and community news remains stronger than ever. The voices and stories of Oakland and Lyons will continue to be front and center.
- **Enhanced Opportunities:** Consolidating into one title allows us to offer new, innovative advertising options and promotional packages to better serve your business goals.

We deeply appreciate your trust and partnership. Our advertising team is available to discuss how we can continue to support your business during and after this transition.

Please feel free to reach out to me at 402-372-2462 or adrep7@wpnews.com with any questions or to schedule a consultation.

Thank you for being a valued part of our community. We're excited about this next chapter and look forward to helping your business grow.

Sincerely,
Karlie
Advertising Representative

Lyons-Decatur Northeast Board of Education Goals 2025-2026

August 11, 2025

The Board of Education believes that each of the following is of equal value and importance and therefore are listed in no particular order...

We are committed to safeguarding the physical, mental, and emotional health and well-being of every student and employee within the district. We will make every effort to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where all individuals feel valued, respected, and cared for. Through proactive initiatives, resources, and responsive support systems, we aim to foster a culture of wellness that promotes personal growth, academic success, and professional fulfillment.

We will prioritize the safety and security of all students, staff, and visitors by maintaining secure facilities, implementing proactive safety measures, and fostering a culture of preparedness and vigilance. Through ongoing training, updated safety protocols, emergency response planning, and strong partnerships with local agencies, we will ensure a learning environment where everyone feels protected and able to thrive.

We will continue to be responsible and careful stewards of the financial resources entrusted to us, ensuring transparency, accountability, and fiscal integrity. At the same time, we are committed to providing the necessary supplies, services, and support that our students need to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.

We are committed to encouraging and expanding the use of available technology for all students to enhance their learning, improve future employment opportunities, and better prepare them for success in an increasingly digital world. Additionally, we aim to empower all staff members to maximize their technological proficiency and creativity in the classroom, fostering innovative and engaging teaching environments. We will also actively promote the responsible and purposeful use of social media as an educational tool, helping students to harness its potential for learning, collaboration, and positive communication. By doing so, we aim to equip students with the skills to navigate digital platforms thoughtfully and effectively.

We will actively promote Lyons-Decatur Northeast School by increasing public awareness of our comprehensive PreK–12 educational offerings. This includes, but is not limited to, our academies, co-curricular and extracurricular programs, rigorous curriculum, advanced technology integration, and opportunities for college credit through dual credit and college-level courses. We are committed to maintaining transparency with parents and engaging them as active partners in our educational processes. By fostering open communication, we aim to strengthen cooperation and teamwork between the school and our families. To support this goal, we will utilize a wide range of public communication channels—print, broadcast, and digital media—with a special emphasis on regularly updating the LDNE website, PowerSchool platform, and bi-monthly newsletters to keep our community informed and connected.

We will develop both short-term and long-range plans to support the continued growth and development of Lyons-Decatur Northeast. These plans will be data-informed, goal-driven, and aligned with the evolving needs of our students, staff, and community. Through strategic planning, we will ensure sustainable progress, academic excellence, and the ongoing improvement of our programs, facilities, and resources.