

Holdrege Public Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting

October 20, 2025, 6:00 PM

Holdrege High School Media Center, 600 12th Avenue, Holdrege, NE 68949

- I. Call to Order - Roll Call
- II. Recognition of Visitors
 - II.A. School Improvement Update - Lacie Wright
 - II.B. HEA Report
 - II.C. Student Council Report
 - II.D. Public Forum
- III. Board of Education Committee Reports
- IV. Business Items
 - IV.A. Action Items
 - IV.A.1. Consent Agenda
 - IV.A.1.a. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Minutes - September 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - IV.A.1.b. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Warrants/Bills
 - IV.A.1.c. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Treasurer's Report
 - IV.A.1.d. Excuse Absent Board Members
 - IV.A.2. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Bill(s) from InSPIRE - Holdrege, LLC.
 - IV.A.3. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on Annual Status Report for Multicultural Education
 - IV.A.4. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on 2025-26 Interlocal Agreement with ESU 15 for Title III Consortium
 - IV.A.5. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on Proposed Purchase of Vehicles with Trade-Ins
 - IV.A.6. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on Proposed Revision of 2025-26 Extra Duty Assignments
 - IV.A.7. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Resignation of Certificated Staff
 - IV.A.8. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Employment of Noncertificated Staff
 - IV.A.9. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Employment of Certificated/Professional Staff
- V. Reports
 - V.A. Administrative Reports
 - V.B. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Board Policies
- VII. Adjournment

Instructions for those who wish to speak during Public Forum:

Getting Started: When it is your turn to speak during the public forum portion of the agenda, please come forward to the Board Secretary, complete the form provided with your name and any organization represented, as well as your address, and then state your name and any organization represented to the Board of Education.

Time Limit: You may speak only one time and must limit comments to 5 minutes or less.

Personnel or Student Topic: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that our policies require that such concerns initially be directed to the administration for consideration. Board members will not respond to any questions you ask or comments you may make about individual staff members or students. You are cautioned that slanderous comments are not protected just because they are made at a Board meeting.

General Rules: Please remember that this is a public meeting for the conduct of the business of the Board of Education. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Holdrege Board of Education
Monday, September 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
High School Media Center

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Holdrege Public Schools was convened in open session on Monday, September 15, 2025, at the High School Media Center at 6:00 p.m.

Notice of Meeting Posted 9/11/25 Holdrege Citizen & Kearney Hub

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was duly called to order.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, it was announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room and directed the public to its location.

The following board members were present: Teresa Kroll, Alex McClymont, Chris McQuillan, Samantha Minnick, and Brian Rust. Nick Wells was absent. Also present were Todd Hilyard, Superintendent, Sandy Dunaway, Secretary, and Elizabeth Piening, Business Manager.

Several students, accompanied by Amber Porter and Karissa Roberg, presented the board with a thank you poster for the new elementary playground. Boy Scouts also visited the meeting.

Breanne Martin reported for HEA.

President Rust recognized visitors and invited comments for the public forum.

Board committee reports were reviewed.

Motion by McQuillan, seconded by Minnick, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting, and September 10, 2025 Budget Workshop, Budget Hearing & Property Tax Request Hearing
- b. Approve the Warrants/Bills
- c. Approve the Treasurer's Report
- d. Excuse Absent Board Members

On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Kroll, seconded by McClymont, to approve payment of the bill from InSPIRe - Holdrege, LLC. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-abstained with conflict, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by McQuillan, seconded by Minnick, to approve payment of the bill(s) from John Deere Financial/Landmark Implement, Inc. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont- abstained with conflict, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Minnick, seconded by Rust, to approve closing FirstTier Bank Certificate of Deposit #2100029717 in the amount of \$250,000 for the Holdrege Public Schools Activities Account, and reissue a Certificate of Deposit in that amount for a higher interest rate than was available with automatic renewal, with further authorization for the Superintendent, Board President, Board Treasurer, and Activities Bookkeeper to act as agents for the school district.. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont- yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by McClymont, seconded by Kroll, to approve the 2025-26 Budget, as presented On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont- yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Minnick, seconded by Rust, to approve a resolution setting the 2025-26 Tax Request for General Fund at \$11,624,206, Bond Fund at \$903,500, and Special Building Fund at \$250,555. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont- yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Samantha Minnick, seconded by McQuillan, to approve the revised 2025-26 Extra Duty Assignments, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont- yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by McClymont, seconded by Minnick, to accept the resignation of the following noncertificated staff: Paula Wright, paraeducator, effective December 1, 2025. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont- yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Minnick, seconded by McQuillan to approve the employment of the following certificated staff with projected assignments for the 2025-26 school year: Abigail Fiske, special education, beginning January 5, 2026. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont- yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Administrative reports were reviewed.

First reading of the proposed revision of Policy 3132 Internal Controls was held. Motion by Minnick, seconded by Rust, to waive further reading and adopt revised Policy 3132 Internal Controls, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont- yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Rust, seconded by McQuillan to approve a resolution regarding the maximum number of enrollment option students and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont- yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-absent. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on October 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Sandy Dunaway

Sandy Dunaway, Secretary
Holdrege Board of Education