

Holdrege Public Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting

June 15, 2026, 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. Lacie Wright - Computer Act, Personal Finance Act
  - 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 - May 18, 2026 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 Food Service Prices for 2026-27 School Year
    - IV.A.4. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on Request for Out-of-State Travel
    - IV.A.5. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Employment of Noncertificated Staff
- V. Reports
  - V.A. Administrative Reports
  - V.B. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Board Policies
  - VI.A. 1110 Bulletin Boards - 1st Reading
  - VI.B. 3560 Records Management - Proposed Revision 1st Reading
  - VI.C. 5004 Full-Time & Part-Time Enrollment - Proposed Revision 1st Reading
  - VI.D. 5005 Student Residence, Admission & Contracting for Educational Services - Proposed Revision 1st Reading
  - VI.E. 5006 Option Enrollment - Proposed Revision 1st Reading
  - VI.F. 5205 Graduation - Proposed Revision 1st Reading
  - VI.G. 6112 School Day for Students - Proposed Revision 1st Reading
  - VI.H. 6113 School Day for Staff - Rescind Policy

- VI.I. 6113 Electronic Communication Devices & Cell Phones - 1st Reading
- VI.J. 6114 Emergencies - Rescind Policy
- VI.K. 6288 Artificial Intelligence - 1st Reading
- VI.L. 8130 Annual Organizational Meeting - Proposed Revision 1st Reading
- VI.M. 8342 Designated Method of Giving Notice of Mtgs - Proposed Revision  
1st Reading
- 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, May 18, 2026, 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, May 18, 2026, at the High School Media Center at 6:00 p.m.

### Notice of Meeting Posted 5/14/26 Holdrege Citizen

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, Brian Rust, and Nick Wells. Also present were Todd Hilyard, Superintendent, Sandy Dunaway (via conference call), Secretary, and Elizabeth Piening, Business Manager.

Charles McGreer, HMS JAG Specialist, and Freddie Humphrey, 8th grader, reported on recent activities for the HMS JAG program.

Brea Martin reported for HEA.

Hunter Mueller reported for the HHS Student Council.

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

During the public forum, Nathan Bentley and Camden Bentley, 11th grader, provided information on the negative aspects of technology on students.

Board committee reports were reviewed.

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

- a. Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting and April 29, 2026 Special Meeting
- 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-yes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kroll, seconded by McQuillan, to approve the 2026-27 Food Service Contract Renewal with Lunchtime Solutions, Inc. and authorize the Superintendent to sign the contract as approved by the Nebraska Department of Education. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Minnick, seconded by McClymont, to approve an out-of-state travel request for girls' basketball camp to be held in Colby KS, June 24-26, 2026, with administrative discretion to prohibit such travel should conditions warrant. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rust, seconded by Kroll, to accept the resignation of the following certificated staff effective at the end of the 2025-26 contract year: Adam Jantzi, secondary strength training. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McQuillan, seconded by Minnick, to accept the resignation of the following noncertificated staff: Stephanie Hays, paraeducator, effective April 26, 2026. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Administrative reports were reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center.

## Sandy Dunaway

Sandy Dunaway, Secretary  
Holdrege Board of Education

# Holdrege High School

## Board Report

June 15, 2026

Jeremy Ham, Principal

1. **Summer School:** 9 students were invited to attend the HHS 3 week summer school program. 7 students attended to recover failed graduation requirement credits. Mrs. Ferreira was the teacher for this program again this year, she did a fantastic job of keeping students engaged and productive.
2. **HHS student incentive/accountability progress:** The 25-26 school year ended with only 5 excessive absent students. We also ended the year with only 42 failed course grades from 13 students, and 78 Ds among 39 students. This is down significantly from the previous year, which ended at 50 Fs and 202 Ds. Additionally, this year's graduating class yielded 17 students above a 3.9 GPA. Last year's class had 11 students at this level. This is fantastic progress in a positive direction, thanks to the dedication and accountability driven attitudes of our teaching staff. This year our incentive program focussed on keeping students above the C level, which proved to be a very successful initiative yielding excellent results!
3. **Facilities updates:** A few projects are underway at HHS for this summer. CTE grant funds helped to purchase new work station cabinetry for the CAD and Mechatronics classroom, installation is currently in progress. Soon the FCS classroom will receive new counter tops, sinks, and a handicap accessible kitchen area. The glass hallway and English wing will soon be carpeted, and various painting projects are planned. The maintenance crew is on schedule to complete all summer maintenance and deep cleaning tasks around the busy activities, driver education, and summer honors program schedules. James, Jason, and Robbie are on track to be ready for the new school year early. They're doing a great job working together with district staff, and will be assisting in other areas around the district as well.
4. **Summer Honors:** ESU 11 Summer Honors Program is being hosted at HHS, they started June 9th and will end June 19th. This is an ESU 11 run program hosted in our facility, all staff for this program come from outside of HPS. I have yet to be aware of any issues this year, I will have a follow up meeting near the end of the program with the ESU summer honors staff.
5. **Policy updates:** Handbook updates are in progress and should be ready for board approval by the July board meeting.

**Holdrege Public Schools**  
**Special Education & Early Childhood Report**

**Director: Casey Klein**

**June 15, 2026**

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Birth-3 years	7	7	7	7	8	9	9	9	11	12	12
3-5 years with IEP attending <b>NON</b> -HPS Preschool	10	10	7	6	7	8	8	8	8	7	7
3-5 years with IEP attending HPS preschool	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Holdrege Elementary	91	89	85	85	88	88	92	92	90	93	93
Holdrege Middle School	72	71	69	70	71	66	66	65	63	62	62
Holdrege High School	48	47	47	46	44	41	42	42	41	40	40
<b>Special Services Students</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>221</b>
<i>3-5 without IEP Attending HPS Preschoolers</i>	24	25	23	24	25	25	25	25	25	25	25

**PK enrollments for 26-27:**

**AM: 12** = 5F, 7M, 3Sped, 0ELL

**PM: 8** = 3F, 5M, 1Sped, 0ELL

**Wrapping Up 2025–2026**

The Corrective Action Plan and training PowerPoint for the file review have been submitted to the State for review. The next step is receiving the approval letter.

This fall, we will have until August 31, 2026, to make corrections to the files that were selected for review. Our goal is to complete all corrective activities by Winter Break, well ahead of the final deadline of February 1, 2027.

A major focus of this work will be strengthening the connection between identified concerns, present levels of performance, goals, services, and accommodations. We will also review the development of measurable goals and the implementation of accommodations to ensure compliance and effectiveness.

**Moving Into 2026–2027**

We are currently advertising for a Special Education Teacher position as well as several paraprofessional positions at the elementary level.

**Early Childhood Planning Region Team**

The Planning Region Team coordinates the planning and implementation of a comprehensive, interagency service delivery system for young children with special needs and their families. Nebraska has 29 Planning

Regions. Planning Region 11 includes the counties of Kearney, Franklin, Phelps, Harlan, Gosper, and Furnas, as well as Eustis-Farnam Public Schools.

The purpose of the Early Childhood Planning Region Team is to support collaborative planning and the development of a family-centered, interagency, community-based system for all children, with an emphasis on those with disabilities from birth to age five.

The Early Childhood Planning Region Team develops and submits an annual grant that addresses the following priorities:

1. Identify gaps, barriers, and resources needed to support young children with disabilities and their families.
2. Promote public awareness of early intervention and early childhood special education services.
3. Provide training opportunities for families, professionals, and community partners.
4. Support the Services Coordination System to ensure families can access needed services and resources.
5. Promote quality assurance and continuous improvement in services and learning outcomes for children with disabilities.

The Early Childhood Planning Region Team represents key individuals and agencies that work with young children with special needs and their families. Participating agencies and stakeholders include, but are not limited to:

- Families of children with disabilities
- Advocates for children and families
- Service coordinators
- Public and private preschool programs
- Agencies representing underserved populations, including low-income, minority, and rural communities
- Educational Service Units (ESUs)
- Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- Child care providers
- Nebraska Extension
- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Health care and medical providers

Through collaboration among these partners, the team works to strengthen services, improve outcomes, and support families of young children throughout Planning Region 11.

## Holdrege Elementary Board Report, Amber Porter

June 15, 2026

It was a great school year and we are preparing for fall of 2026-2027. We look forward to any changes we make that will benefit our students and staff.

**Summer School** - Elementary Summer School was held May 26-June 12. There were 30 students who attended at least 12 out of 14 days. It was offered to students in Kindergarten through 4th grade. The curriculum was enrichment in the areas of reading and math. The smaller number of students gives teachers the opportunity to focus on individual student needs. Teachers for Summer School included Kaitlin Ellis, Kindergarten; Kara Taylor-1st-4th grade Math; and Heather Florell-1st-4th grade Reading. There were two para educators, Bridgette Melroy and Kari Staddler

**Elementary Playground Update** - Our Elementary Playground on the east side is beginning to take shape. The old equipment has been torn out and installation of the new equipment is complete. The underlayment process will be complete soon. We wish to thank Samuelson Land Leveling Inc. for their work on the land leveling portion of the playground. The old equipment was taken away and it was not safe for sale.

**June 3, 2026 - Elementary Data Workshop** - On June 3, Aly Marinez Wilkinson from NWEA Assessment and NDE came to Holdrege to lead us through a very informative workshop. We had 16 teachers in attendance. Those that attended felt they gained a lot of insight on data usage and decision making tools in the NWEA MAP data aligned with the state standards. We plan to have Aly come back again and work with our staff.

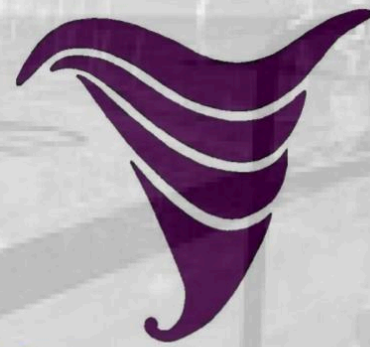
**Seeking paras** - We are seeking to fill several paraeducator positions for 2026-27 and have at least one hiring recommendation for you at this meeting.

**Policy Updates** - We will be updating the handbook. We have gone to a collective district handbook. It helps to keep all parents informed of the same policies.

**Kindergarten update** - We currently have 65 kindergartners enrolled. We have more students who we know are going to enroll, but this is the number we have enrolled in our system currently.



# Holdrege Activities Department



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## *Holdrege Public Schools – Activities Board Report June 2026*

- The annual Parent/Athlete Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Tassel.**
  - This year, Darin Boysen from the Nebraska Coaches Association will speak with parents about the important role they play in supporting student-athletes.
  - His presentation aligns well with our efforts to promote positive athletic experiences for students and families.
- Team summer camps are currently underway.
  - Our programs are participating in camps, competitions, and team activities in several communities throughout the summer.
  - These opportunities continue to provide valuable skill development and team-building experiences for our student-athletes.
- Nebraska Coaches Association (NCA) registrations are being completed this month.
  - Registration includes coaches clinic participation and coaches insurance coverage.
  - NCA membership also provides coaches with Gold Cards for admission to NSAA state events if coaches choose to purchase.
- Summer strength and conditioning programs continue for students in grades 7–12.
  - Jacob Ellis has done an excellent job coordinating the program and communicating with coaching staffs to meet the training needs of our athletes. Participation numbers are very good.
- The annual summer moratorium for coaches and athletes will be held from **June 28 through July 5.**
  - This provides families with a break from school activities.
  - It also allows custodial staff time to thoroughly clean and sanitize athletic facilities.
- Facility improvement projects continue throughout the summer.
  - The stage area will receive a new epoxy coating on June 15–16 to improve both appearance and durability.
  - Plans are also in place to repaint and refinish the gymnasium entry doors.
- The stage mats purchased last year have not held up as expected.
  - We will begin exploring options for repairing or replacing the stage-front covering to maintain both safety and appearance.
- The addition of a fourth discus ring was well received during the track season.
  - After completing planned upgrades to the rings and updating underground camera wiring at the track, we anticipate being in a strong position to host district track meets again in the future.
- All three gymnasium floors are currently being refinished as part of our summer maintenance schedule.
- The first day of fall sports practices is scheduled for **Monday, August 10.**
  - We look forward to another successful year of activities and athletics at Holdrege Public Schools.

**Board Report**  
**Holdrege Middle School**  
**Lacie Wright-Principal & Jacob McLain-Assistant Principal/AD**  
**June 15, 2026**

While the halls are quiet this month, the work behind the scenes is well underway as we prepare for the upcoming school year. Schedules for students and classes are being mapped out and we are brainstorming improvements for next year.

- **Summer School** - Summer School was held May 26-June 12. There were 13 students who were invited to attend at least 12 out of 14 days. It was offered to students in 7th & 8th grade. The curriculum planned, was an opportunity to recover in the areas of reading, science and math. Teachers for Summer School included Paige Dryden, Pat Hellriegel, and Joe Fouts.
- **Schedules:** master schedule and bell schedules are ready for next year. Currently working on each individual students schedule.
- **Custodial:** Joe and Laurie are working hard on cleaning rooms and getting them ready for the fall. We look forward to getting our second shift custodian hired soon.
- **Enrollment numbers currently:**
  - 5th = 67
  - 6th = 61
  - 7th = 73
  - 8th = 80

We're using this time wisely to make sure everything is ready for another successful year. Thank you for your continued support in making these improvements possible!

**Superintendent's Report**  
**6/15/2026**

1. Transportation Numbers for the 2025-26 school year
  - a. 30,722 rural route miles
  - b. 4,477 miles on in town courtesy shuttle route
  - c. 3,362 miles on preschool route bus
  - d. 11,894 special education miles
  - e. 97,579 miles for activity trips
  - f. 15,112 miles for staff
  - g. 19,102 miles for maintenance and delivery
  - h. 182,247 total miles driven**
  
2. Elementary Playground
  - a. Installation of equipment is complete
  - b. Concrete work is also complete
  - c. Rubber underlayment is the final stage and will be starting soon. They will have a security person stay onsite overnight to make sure that a person or animal does not disturb the final product.
  
3. Vacation - Just a heads up that I will be on vacation out of state from Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> through Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. I will be able to respond to calls, texts, or emails but just know that my response might be a bit delayed.
  
4. HPS Foundation Golf Tournament
  - a. As of the typing of this report we have eight teams registered
  - b. Sponsorships have come in about average