

Holdrege Public Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting

July 20, 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. HEA Report
 - II.B. Student Council Report
 - II.C. 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 - June 15, 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 Possibly Vote to Approve an Increase to the School District's Property Tax Request Authority
 - IV.A.4. Review the amount of money collected from students pursuant to, and the use of waivers provided in, the student fees policies of the District for the 2025-26 school year.
 - IV.A.5. Hold Public Hearing to Discuss, Consider, and Receive Input on Student Fees Policy. The public will be given the opportunity to present information and opinions.
 - IV.A.6. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action to Adopt Revisions to Policy 5305 Student Fees
 - IV.A.7. Attendance Policy
 - IV.A.7.a. Review Attendance Policy
 - IV.A.7.b. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action to Adopt a Revised Policy 5008 Attendance, If Determined Appropriate
 - IV.A.8. Bullying Policy
 - IV.A.8.a. Review Bullying Policy
 - IV.A.8.b. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action to Adopt a Revised Policy 5415 Bullying, If Determined Appropriate
 - IV.A.9. Parental Involvement Policy

- IV.A.9.a. Hold Public Hearing to discuss, consider, and receive input on the Parental Involvement Policy. The public will be given the opportunity to present information and opinions on a proposed Parental Involvement Policy.
 - IV.A.9.b. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action to Adopt a Revised Policy 6400 Parental Involvement, If Determined Appropriate
 - IV.A.10. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on 2026-27 Handbooks
 - IV.A.11. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Resignation of Classified/Noncertificated Staff
 - IV.A.12. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Employment of Noncertificated Staff
 - IV.A.13. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on Proposed 2026-27 Extra Duty Assignments
- V. Reports
 - V.A. Administrative Reports
 - V.B. Superintendent's Report
- VI. Board Policies
 - VI.A. 5101 Student Discipline - Proposed Revision
 - VI.B. 5417 School Wellness Policy - Review
 - VI.C. 6110 School Instructional Hours - Proposed Revision
 - VI.D. 8155 School Foundation Committee - Proposed Revision
 - VI.E. 9200 Formulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies - Rescind Policy
 - VI.F. 9210 Adoption & Amendment of Bylaws - Rescind Policy
 - VI.G. 9230 Suspension of Policies, Bylaws and Regulations - Rescind Policy
- 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, June 15, 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, June 15, 2026, at the High School Media Center at 6:00 p.m.

Notice of Meeting Posted 6/11/26 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, Brian Rust, and Nick Wells. Samantha Minnick was absent. Also present were Todd Hilyard, Superintendent, Sandy Dunaway, Secretary, and Elizabeth Piening, Business Manager.

Lacie Wright, Curriculum Coordinator, reported that the district is in full compliance with the Computer Act and Personal Finance Act and provided detailed information on required parameters.

President Rust provided information from Brea Martin on behalf of HEA.

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

Board committee reports were reviewed.

Motion by Wells, seconded by Kroll, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2026 Regular 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-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McQuillan, 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-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rust, seconded by McClymont, to set food service prices for the 2026-27 school year as follows: K-4 Lunch \$3.95 and Breakfast \$2.65; 5-12 Lunch \$4.15 and Breakfast \$2.65; Adult Lunch \$5.50 and Breakfast \$3.50; Milk \$.65; Adult Fruit and Vegetable Bar \$3.60; Extra Lunch Entree \$3.05; Extra Breakfast Entree \$2.35; and Extra Pizza Hut Pizza \$3.25. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McClymont, seconded by Wells, to approve an out-of-state travel request for the high school cheerleaders to attend a camp in Kansas City, Kansas, June 15-18, 2026, with administrative discretion to prohibit such travel should conditions warrant. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McQuillan, seconded by McClymont, to approve the employment of the following noncertificated/classified staff for the 2026-27 school year: Cheyanne Heins and Tiffany Pelzer, paraeducators. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Administrative reports were reviewed.

First reading of the proposed Policy 1110 Bulletin Boards was held. Motion by McClymont, seconded by McQuillan, to waive further reading and adopt 1110 Bulletin Boards, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed revision of Policy 3560 Records Management was held. Motion by Brian Rust, seconded by Teresa Kroll, to waive further reading and adopt revised Policy 3560 Records Management, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed revision of Policy 5004 Full-Time & Part-Time Enrollment was held. Motion by McQuillan, seconded by McClymont, to waive further reading and adopt revised Policy 5004 Full-Time & Part-Time Enrollment, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed revision of Policy 5005 Student Residence, Admission & Contracting for Educational Services was held. Motion by Rust, seconded by Wells, to waive further reading and adopt revised Policy 5005 Student Residence, Admission & Contracting for Educational Services, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed revision of Policy 5006 Option Enrollment was held. Motion by McClymont, seconded by McQuillan, to waive further reading and adopt revised Policy 5006 Option Enrollment, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed revision of Policy 5205 Graduation was held. Motion by McQuillan, seconded by Rust, to waive further reading and adopt revised Policy 5205 Graduation, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed revision of Policy 6112 School Day for Students was held. Motion by McClymont, seconded by Kroll, to waive further reading and adopt revised Policy 6112 School Day for Students, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McQuillan, seconded by Wells, to rescind outdated Policy 6113 School Day for Staff, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed Policy 6113 Electronic Communication Devices & Cell Phones was held. Motion by McClymont, seconded by McQuillan, to waive further reading and adopt Policy 6113 Electronic Communication Devices & Cell Phones, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McQuillan, seconded by McClymont, to rescind outdated Policy 6114 Emergencies, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed Policy 6288 Artificial Intelligence was held. Motion by McQuillan, seconded by Rust, to waive further reading and adopt 6288 Artificial Intelligence, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed revision of Policy 8130 Annual Organizational Meeting was held. Motion by McClymont, seconded by Kroll, to waive further reading and adopt revised Policy 8130 Annual Organizational Meeting, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

First reading of the proposed revision of Policy 8342 Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings was held. Motion by Rust, seconded by Wells, to waive further reading and adopt revised Policy 8342 Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-absent, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Media Center.

Sandy Dunaway

Sandy Dunaway, Secretary
Holdrege Board of Education

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature enacted several measures this past legislative session, including LB 243, to adjust public school district revenue and finances; and,

WHEREAS, LB 243 generally limits a public school district's property tax request authority, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, LB 243 includes an exception to generally allow a school district to otherwise exceed the default property tax request authority if a least seventy percent of the Board of Education votes in favor of the increased request; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education of a school district with an average daily membership of more than four hundred seventy-two students but no more than three thousand forty-four students may increase its tax request by an additional six percent above the base growth percentage; and

WHEREAS, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of Holdrege Public Schools, (the "School District") hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by up to an additional six percent or other maximum amount as permitted by law; and;

WHEREAS, public notice of this possible increase was published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least one week prior to this Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Section 5 of 2023 Neb. Laws 243, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of the School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District's overall property tax request authority by up to an additional six percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action consistent with this Resolution to ensure that the School District's overall property tax request complies with this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member Nick Wells, moved for passage and adoption. Member Samantha Minnick, seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: Teresa Kroll, Alex McClymont, Chris McQuillan, Samantha Minnick, Brian Rust, and Nick Wells. The following members voted against the same: None. The following members were absent or not voting: None.

The above Resolution having been consented to by at least seventy percent of the members of the Board of Education, it was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings law.

DATED this 20th day of July, 2026.

HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By:



President

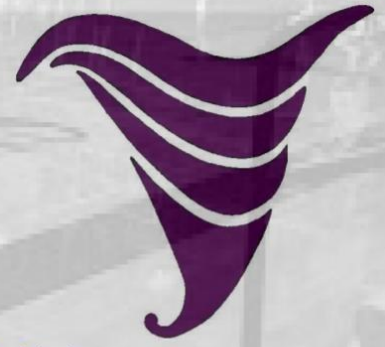
ATTEST:



Secretary



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Holdrege Public Schools – Activities Board Report July 2026

The NCA Coaches Clinic will be held from July 19-July 22nd.

The High School custodians have done a great job through the summer preparing the school and our facilities for the upcoming school year and events. They have added quite a bit of carpet to hallways. The High School gym stage looks really good with the new coat of paint on it.

ACL screening for all Holdrege athletes will take place on Wednesday, August 5th at 7:30 am in the middle school gym. Inspire Rehabilitation Trainers of Holdrege will provide this service. This will also be the time and location for concussion testing, which will now be done through a program called SWAY.

The Parents/Athletes meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5th at 7:00 pm at the Tassel. This year Darin Boysen from the Nebraska Coaches Association will be out to speak to parents about “The role of parents in athletics.”

Conditioning starts August 3rd for ALL Fall activities. Practices begin for ALL activities on August 10th. Physicals for all competitors must be completed before the first practice.

Superintendent's Report
7/20/2026

1) As you are aware, the summer is the primary time for school districts to complete some of the major projects that aren't normally doable during the school year. This summer is no exception to that for HPS. There are a large number of them that could be mentioned but I will touch upon just some.

- a) HES Playground - complete
 - b) HHS carpet additions (glass & English hallways) - complete
 - c) HHS gym stage concrete coating - complete
 - d) *HHS Mechatronics room cabinetry - Completion the week of July 20th*
 - e) *HHS FCS room handicap accessible kitchenette - In process now*
 - f) *New upstairs P-tecs at HHS - Starting the week of July 20th*
 - g) *Repainting HMS gym ceiling - July 21st and taking two weeks*
 - h) *Improve HVAC controls on new rooms on west end of HMS - Preceding now*
 - i) *Cameras for lobby and shop at Tassel - July 27th*
 - j) *Add some cameras at HMS - July 27th*
 - k) *Masonry repairs on HHS gym walls - Any day now*
- 2) 2026-27 Budget - The budget forms were just released not long ago so Elizabeth has just begun doing some preliminary work on next year's budget. Once we know a little more, we will start working more closely with the Budget & Finance Committee and, ultimately, the entire Board.