

May 5, 2025
Committee Meeting Board of Education
6:30 PM

The Board of Education District 54-0586, Bloomfield Community Schools, met in Committee Session on May 5, 2025 in High School, Room 14. Dee Bratetic: Present, Brady Folck: Present, Justin Jindra: Present, Casey Schmeckpeper: Present, Deb Wragge: Present, Hally Ziegler: Present.

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5. Motion by Hally Ziegler, seconded by Justin Jindra, to adjourn this COW Meeting of the Bloomfield Community Schools Board of Education at 9:00 pm..

Dee Bratetic: Yea, Brady Folck: Yea, Justin Jindra: Yea, Casey Schmeckpeper: Yea, Deb Wragge: Yea, Hally Ziegler: Yea Motion: Carried

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; videoconferencing or telephone conferencing authorized; 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 committee, 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 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; 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 the 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.

(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. A body may not be required to allow citizens to speak at each meeting, but it may not forbid public participation at all meetings.

(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 instate 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 instate 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.

(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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Bloomfield Community Schools

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Supts Report May 5, 2025

- Awards Night was successful
- Little Bees Daycare
 - City Council held work session last week - Mr. Strom/Mrs. Gilsdorf attended
 - Little Bees Daycare Board will hold a community meeting Tuesday, May 13 - 7pm at Community Center - Brady and Casey will you be able to attend?
- End of Year Activities Meeting last Friday - A.D Report
- Fall Sports Meetings will be August 11th - 5:30 pm
- Alumni Reunion - Sat June 7 - Sandi Miller
 - 2-4 pm school tours and staff reunion
 - Banquet at 4-H building?
- May 19 -21 Teacher Workdays
 - Insurance Rep here on 19th
- Power Washer Bids
 - Fischer Supply, Hartington NE \$11,600
 - TNT, Hinton IA \$8,775
 - Alkota, Orchard NE \$5,000
- Knox County Wind Energy Ban
 - Hearing - Tuesday, May 6 at the Barn, Center NE
- JH FB Poll - Next Year
 - 8th graders (8)
 - 7th graders (2)
 - 6th graders (2)
- Legislative Update
- Chromebook Changeover

Secondary Board of Education Report
05/05/25

- 1) NSCAS Testing is Complete
- 2) NWEA MAPs testing is halfway done. We will finish up with the Math test on 05/06/25 and the Language Usage test on 05/08/25. On first look at the test scores for Reading and Science, we have seen a good amount of growth.
- 3) I have been working with PowerSchool on our schedule, we ran into some hiccups last week. But I met with them again today to produce our schedule.
- 4) The Seniors' last day was today. Tomorrow, there will be graduation practice. We are continuing to get prepared for the graduation ceremony on Saturday.
- 5) Semester tests are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, May 15th and 16th. The schedule will be periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 on Thursday and 2, 4, 6, and 8 on Friday.

Upcoming Events:

- 05/05 Conference Golf at Covington Links @ 10:00
- 05/06 Jr High Musical @ 7:00pm
- 05/07 Track Meet at Plainview @ 9:00am
- 05/07 Golf Meet at Niobrara @ 9:30am
- 05/09 JH Track Meet at Hartington-Newcastle @ 12:00pm
- 05/10 Graduation @ 2:00pm
- 05/12 Golf Meet at Randolph @ 10:00am
- 05/12 JH Track Meet at Creighton @ 12:00pm
- 05/13 FCCLA Banquet @ 7:00pm
- 05/14 Golf Meet at Ponca @ 9:00am
- 05/14 District Track Meet at Plainview @ 10:00am
- 05/19 District Golf Meet
- 05/23-24 State Track Meet at Omaha
- 05/28-29 State Golf Meet

SPED Board of Education Report
05/05/2025

- 1) Our Corrective Action Plan is now complete. I have spoken with NDE and we will be receiving a letter stating that we have corrected our deficiencies. Because of this process we now have better procedures for our Transition-Aged students.
- 2) I worked with Mr. Darrel Fehringer and Mrs. Sam Fehringer to complete the documents necessary to use SPED money for our door projects. I have submitted the documents to NDE for review to determine if we need to provide them with any other information for this project.
- 3) NorthStar reached out to us to inform us that someone will be occupying the duplex that our students have been learning in. So we are working on setting up a meeting with NorthStar to determine what these students' education will look like moving forward and over the Summer.

Counselor Report
Bloomfield Community School
May 2025

Item 1:

ACT tests are all complete. We had one student absent from the original test day. Remember we took them paper/pencil in the large group. This one student took the ACT on-line version. It was some preparation and thank you to Tyler for fixing our tech issue. Otherwise it ran smoothly and was good practice if we move to everyone taking the on-line version next year. We will be reviewing the data we have received and entering it into our CIP documents that Klint has created for our data retreat.

Item 2:

Not much else to report this month. It's just busy with getting the seniors prepped and ready for graduation. Most of them have received several scholarships and daily more are getting their scholarship award notifications.

Item 3:

It's been a great year as the Bloomfield Community School guidance counselor. Thank you to all of you for your support and entrusting me to work with these amazing students here in Bloomfield.



Chromebook vs Macbook



Chromebook

✓ Pros

- Affordability-typically around \$200-\$400
- Easier to manage for tech admin
- Durability
- Simple for teachers to control
- Low repair costs
- Battery Life

✗ Cons

- Limited software
- Not Ideal for advanced courses (video/photo editing, coding)
- Require internet to work

MacBook

✓ Pros

- Powerful with more advanced software (photo/video editing, coding)
- High screen and audio quality

✗ Cons

- Expensive \$900-\$1200 new base models
- Repair costs (screen=\$600-\$1000)
- Much more difficult to manage
- Battery life
- Overkill for basic use
- More power=more misuse (gaming/media)



Current computer rotation yearly cost

- Our current rotation moves senior computers down to the 7th graders and the freshmen get new computers
- These freshmen computers would cost us approximately \$36,000 with no asset tagging or warranty added for just 30 devices
- Repair costs on our macbooks the last few years has been between \$7,000 and \$11,000 each year mostly due to screens
- I am still working on an accurate quote with Apple on a buy back of our devices but by both of our calculations we would actually net money switching to Chromebooks for the high school



Riverside Technologies (RTI)

HP 14" Gen 7

- Same that we currently have @ elementary
- Larger screen
- Less performance
- Older model means parts could be easier to find (could also become outdated)

\$219/Each

HP 11.6" Gen 10

- Smaller screen
- Better performance
- Potentially more durable
- New generation=easier to order parts

\$249/Each

*Chromebooks require a license to manage them which costs \$30/Each and does not expire



RTI Warranty/Other Services

- **HP/RTI 3YR Prts/Lbr Warranty \$29/Each**
 - Covers manufacturing defects, not cracks or spills
- **HP/RTI 3YR ADP Warranty \$59/Each**
 - Covers cracked screens, drops, liquid damage, broken keyboards or hinges,
 - Considered by many tech directors as a school must have and often pays for itself
- **White Glove services \$15/Each**
 - License assignment to each device
 - Asset tagging and inventory logging



RTI total costs for 200 new Chromebooks

G7 14"

- \$43,000-devices
- \$6,000-licenses
- \$11,800-ADP warranty
- \$3,000-WGS




\$63,800

G10 11.6"

- \$49,800-devices
- \$6,000-licenses
- \$11,800-ADP warranty
- \$3,000-WGS

\$70,600

VIG

DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
 Lenovo Chromebook 100e G4 - Intel N100, 4GB RAM - 32GB eMMC - WiFi BT - 11.6in Non-touch Display	200	260.17	\$ 52,034.40
 Google Chrome OS Console License, Education	200	32.50	\$ 6,500.00
 Lenovo 1 Year Warranty	-	-	Included
VIG UPGRADE OPTIONS			
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NOTE: An additional \$75 will be added if a tailgate is required.			

Terms and Conditions

Currency: US Dollars
 Payment: Net 30 Days

Shipping	FREE
Subtotal	\$ 58,534.40
Taxes	TBD
Total	\$ 58,534.40

W-9 Tax ID Number: 27-2344007

Sterling

- Come with 1 year manufacturer warranty

Line No.	QTY	Part Number	Description	Unit Price	Extension
1	200	82W0000PUS	Lenovo 100e G4, MTK MediaTek MT8186 (2.00GHz, 256KB), 11.6 1366 x 768 non-Touch, 8.0GB, 1x64GB eMMC, Integrated Graphics, BT 5.1 or above	\$246.70	\$49,340.00
2	200	CROSSWDISEDUNEW	Google Chrome Management Console License - Education	\$32.00	\$6,400.00
3	200	STSV-WH-NSC	Sterling North Sioux City Warehouse & Processing	\$16.00	\$3,200.00
4	200	STSV-AT	Sterling Asset Tagging & Reporting	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	200	STSV-ENROLL	Sterling Chromebook Enrollment	\$0.00	\$0.00
6	200	STSV-GD	Sterling Green Delivery	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	4	STSV-PM	Sterling Direct Project Manager	\$0.00	\$0.00
				TOTAL	\$ 58,940.00



My recommendation

I recommend we go with one of the two RTI options. Either the 14" model that matches our current devices or the 11.6" model that is closer to an iPad size and are newer generations with high performance capabilities. I also recommend we purchase the 3 year ADP warranty to help with device damage and replacement. We have purchased from RTI in the past (staff backpacks this year) and their shipping and customer service is amazing. They are located in Sioux City as is Sterling. The main reasoning I do not recommend Sterling over RTI is they are a different model completely of Chromebook than what we currently have and so parts are not as interchangeable from our older Chromebooks to these newer ones if need be. Sterling also only offers that manufacturer warranty so only one year. VIG is one of the cheaper overall quotes but doesn't offer extended warranty either and no inventory/asset tagging or device enrollment so would require the district to manually assign each license to the devices.

Technology Report

Date: May 5th, 2025

The technology team has been hard at work on several end-of-year projects. These include graduation preparation, updating the media board in the west lobby to showcase recent graduating classes, collaborating with teachers on upcoming projects for next year, and navigating a fast-paced testing season.

Speaking of testing, we want to extend a sincere thank-you to the 2nd and 3rd grade classes for allowing us to borrow their Chromebooks to administer the NSCAS assessments. Unfortunately, the NSCAS platform is not compatible with our MacBooks due to the required monitoring software, making Chromebooks the more viable option. After consulting with administration and other schools, Tyler has been gathering quotes and evaluating options—determining that Chromebooks are currently the best path forward for our district's device needs.

Chromebooks have proven effective not only for NSCAS testing but also for other assessments. For example, Mrs. Guenther successfully proctored an ACT exam using a Chromebook, which went very smoothly.

Currently, the badge readers at the FCS and East doors remain non-operational.

On May 5th, Tyler attended the final LAN meeting of the school year via Zoom. Key topics included upcoming summer projects, a recap of the NETA conference, and updates on legislative developments.

As if the end of the year wasn't busy enough, the Smith family also welcomed a new addition! Joining the beehive on April 25th was Breckyn Marie Smith!

Date: May 5, 2025
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: Ag Room

1. Spring sports are in full swing. Please check the bulletin for individual meet results.
 - a. Girls Track: 22 participants
 - b. Boys Track: 13 participants
 - c. Golf: 7 participants
2. All open coaching positions have been filled for next school year.
 - a. Cole Bruns was added to our football coaching staff as an assistant coach
 - b. Echo Rudloff will be assistant volleyball and girls basketball
 - c. Lauren (Pinkelman) Tinklenburg will be coaching JH girls volleyball and track
 - d. Jason Hefner will be coaching JH girls basketball
 - e. Brian Santiago will be coaching JH girls wrestling
3. Volleyball Equipment
 - a. Coach Eisenhauer, Mr. Dodge, and I met with a volleyball equipment rep and are looking into purchasing a more stable referee stand (we have received complaints from a couple of officials who are concerned about their safety on the one we currently have).
4. Uniform Purchasing
 - a. A uniform purchase rotation schedule has been created to make sure our uniforms are being cycled out every 5 years for each sport (football being the exception due to personalized jerseys).
5. Physical Evaluation Forms
 - a. We are currently looking at updating our physical evaluation forms that students complete in order to be eligible to participate in athletics. We want to be sure that we are not violating any privacy protection laws.
6. All varsity cross country, volleyball, football, and basketball schedules have been finalized and officials secured for the 25-26 school year. Spring sports schedules are not finalized, but I don't foresee much change from this year's schedule to next year's.

Rasmussen and insulators were here April 18th and 21st to finish up the 1st floor Women's bathroom. As of now the problem seems to be fixed.

Justice Fire and Safety are installing a new microswitch and replacing all 3 detectors on the hood in the kitchen for the fire suppression system.

Carbon Monoxide detectors have been installed in the boiler rooms.

Still waiting for Dave Noecker to come and hook up the fob system on Door 12 and Door 3.

1. Routes continue to go well. We have all the buses back from the Norfolk shops. I am gearing up for summer maintenance work. {Service, oil changes, brakes, any repairs I find as I clean under wheel wells and such. The summer work also includes the small fleet. { Oil changes, brakes, clean and have ready for summer events.} #10 van is getting a new windshield soon.

2. Field trips: We have several this week and next week. Track season is winding down as well. The golf team has four meets on the calendar yet. Hopefully both sports have State qualifiers.

3. I had a power washer failure a few weeks ago. {catastrophic}. The machine we have is 27+ years old though. I have compiled 3 estimates from 3 dealers in our region. Mr. Strom has a sheet with more detailed pricing.

Respectfully submitted: Kevin K. Millikan Transportation Director