August 10, 2026

The Crete Board of Education met on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Cardinal Welcome Center for their Regular Meeting. Board members present were Justin Kuntz, President; Greg Hollman, Vice President; Vince Krejci, Secretary; Greg Mach, Scott Piening, and Michaela Conway. Also in attendance were Josh McDowell, Superintendent; Ryan Hinz, Chief Financial Officer; Brittany Hajek, Chief Academic Officer; Jenny Beck, Chief of Staff; Katie Bevins, Director of Student Services; Joel Bramhall, Director of Federal Programs; Melissa Frans, Director of Instructional Programs; Ross Louch, Director of Information Technology; Lisa Fye, Elementary Principal; Alix Mach, Elementary Assistant Principal; Shannon Cole, Intermediate Principal; Stefanie Petsche, Intermediate Assistant Principal; Perla Jaimes, Middle School Principal; Randy Newmyer, Middle School Assistant Principal; Marcy Harrifeld, High School Assistant Principal; Jennifer Banos, Executive Assistant; and interested members of the community.

The meeting, having been duly preceded by advance notice and conducted in accordance with the posted open meetings law, was called to order by President Kuntz at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the room.

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. McDowell.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Dr. McDowell highlighted claims of interest. There was clarifying discussion about the consent agenda.

Motion #61-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the consent agenda as published. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Dr. Hajek, Chief Academic Officer, presented a Curriculum department update.
Mrs. Beck, Chief of Staff, provided an update from the Facilities, Transportation, & Staff departments. There were clarifying questions from the Board.

Mr. Hinz, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update from the Finance Department.

Dr. McDowell, Superintendent, provided an update from the District.

Dr. McDowell highlighted the changes made to the Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion #62-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbook. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Motion #63-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Superintendent Contract to extend to 2029 as published. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci:

Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Motion #64-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer for the price of $46,171 for the fleet. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Nay, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 1.

Motion #65-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the bid from Creative Sights as presented. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

The next BOE meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at the Cardinal Welcome Center.

Motion #66-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 6:44 pm. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Attest: _____ Signed: _____

(Secretary) (President)