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The Crete Board of Education met on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Administration Office for their October 2026 Regular Meeting. Board members present were Justin Kuntz, President; Greg Hollman, Vice President; Vince Krejci, Scott Piening; and Michaela Conway. Secretary; Greg Mach reported an absence. Also in attendance were Josh McDowell, Superintendent; Ryan Hinz, Executive Director of Finance; Brittany Hajek, Chief Academic Officer; Jenny Beck, Chief of Staff; Katie Bevins, Director of Student Services; 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; BT Kracl, Community Schools Coordinator; Randy Newmyer, Middle School Assistant Principal; Cory Bohling, High School Principal; Marcy Harrifeld, High School Assistant Principal; Jennifer Banos, Executive Assistant; interested members of Crete Public Schools Staff; 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 those present.

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 #75-26 Mr. Greg Hollman moved to approve the consent agenda as published. Out of an abundance of caution and any perceived conflict of interest Mr. Krejci abstains payments to Pinnacle Bank in the amount of $198,849.05, approving the remainder of the claims. 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: Absent, Mr. Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Dr. Hajek, Chief Academic Officer, provided a curriculum department update, highlighting ESSA Funding & current enrollment.

Mrs. Beck, Chief of Staff, provided a transportation update, as well as an update on Information Technology. Mr. Ross Louch answered clarifying questions from the Board about security.

Mr. Ryan Hinz, Chief Financial Officer, provided a finance department update including highlights of state aid funding.

Dr. McDowell's Superintendent Report included:
- clarification on construction of the front of the building — contractor's deficiency
- updated website
- parent/teacher conference survey

- Student Advisory council at MS & HS levels
- negotiations
- fall championships
- theater program growing

Motion #76-26 Mr. Greg Hollman moved to approve the Resolution to Set the Final Property Tax Request/Levy for the 2026-2027 school year as set forth in the attached materials as Resolution 2026-02. 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: Absent, Mr. Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

The next BOE meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.

Motion #77-26 Mr. Greg Hollman moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 6:58 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: Absent, Mr. Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1.

Attest: _____ Signed: _____
(Secretary) (President)