

Board of Education Special Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 6:00 PM

Room 810, Elm Creek High School
230 Calkins Avenue
Elm Creek, NE 68836

1. OPEN THE MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

- 1.1.1. Publication of Meeting
- 1.1.2. Nebraska Open Meetings Law
- 1.1.3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.1.4. District Mission Statement

1.2. Board Member Roll Call

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1. Administrator Reports

- 3.1.1. Superintendent Report - Mrs. Beran
 - 3.1.1.1. Discuss Transferring \$225,000 from the General to Depreciation Fund
 - 3.1.1.2. Discuss Transferring \$95,000 from General to Nutrition Fund
 - 3.1.1.3. Discuss transferring \$50,000 from General to Activities Fund
 - 3.1.1.4. Review 24-25 Budget
 - 3.1.1.5. Discuss 25-26 Budget
 - 3.1.1.6. Review Bank & CD Accounts
 - 3.1.1.7. Discuss Paying the Inter-Fund Loan of \$45,000 from the Bond Fund to the Building Fund
- 3.1.2. Principal/AD Report - Mr. Marquez
- 3.1.3. Principal Report - Mrs. Williams
 - 3.1.3.1. Discuss PT Conference dates on 25-26 Calendar

3.2. Board Committee Reports

- 3.2.1. Building, Grounds, and Transportation
- 3.2.2. Finance and Personnel
- 3.2.3. Policy and Negotiations
- 3.2.4. Americanism, Curriculum, and Technology

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1. Prior Meeting Minutes

4.2. Financial Reports and Claims according to Review of Bills policy 3007

- 4.2.1. Approve Transferring \$225,000 from General to Depreciation Fund
- 4.2.2. Approve Transferring \$95,000 from General to Nutrition Fund
- 4.2.3. Approve Transferring \$50,000 from General to Activities Fund
- 4.2.4. Approve Paying the Inter-Fund Loan of \$45,000 from the Bond Fund to the Building Fund

4.3. Amend the Spring PT Conference dates on the 2025-2026 School Calendar

5. ACTION ITEMS

- 5.1. Consider & Take any Necessary Action Approving the Replacement of the Semco Unit**
- 5.2. Consider & Take any Necessary Action to Roll the Current Depreciation CD ending in 30119 into a new (term) CD**
- 5.3. Consider & Take any Necessary Action to Close the Employee Benefit Fund Account and Roll the Funds into the GF Account**
- 5.4. Consider & Take any Necessary Action to close the EL Sweep Account (interest) & Roll the Funds into the Elementary Building Account**
- 5.5. Consider & Take any Necessary Action to Close the EL Sweep Account (CD) & Roll the Funds into the Elementary Building Account**

6. SCHEDULE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- **Budget Hearing & Regular Meeting to Follow on Sept. 15th (?time)**
- **Sept. 22nd JPH at Kearney Extension Building at 6:30 pm**
- **A reminder that the board meetings will be in room 801 starting in September. Room 801 is on the south side of the building, door 2.**

7. ADJOURN

- 8. **CLOSED SESSION: If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.**
- 9. **SEQUENCE OF AGENDA: The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board.**

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Public Participation at Board Meetings

The board of education shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

The board shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussions and testimony presented at its meetings. The board shall make available at the meeting, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed in open session of the meeting.

Except for closed sessions, the board will allow members of the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting. The board may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, photographing, or recording its meetings.

The board shall not 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. However, the board shall require members of the public desiring to address the board to identify themselves, 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.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK:
This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.
- **Time Limit:** The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.
- **Personnel or Student Topic:** If you are planning to speak about a personnel or a student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such complaints and concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments about individual staff members or students.
- **General Rules:** This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening and hostile conduct or statements and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.
- **No Action by the Board:** The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.



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August 15, 2025

Elm Creek High School
Attn: Clint
P.O. Box 490
Elm Creek, NE 68836

RE: Quote New Semco Energy Recovery Unit

Clint:

Thank you for contacting Anderson Bros. Electric, Plumbing & Heating, Inc. concerning your HVAC needs. When our technician, was on site preventative maintenance work he found that the old Semco unit on the high school is in very bad shape. The unit has internal damage such as the ERV portion of the equipment has fallen apart, the other internal parts have fallen apart, bearings have failed. These parts have failed due to lack of maintenance and proper care. We HIGHLY recommend replacement of this unit. The unit is beyond parts repair. The below is a price quote for replacement.

- **Total cost of replacement:** **\$41,780**
 - **Materials:** **\$36,230**
 - **Labor:** **\$5,200**
 - **Freight:** **\$350**

The above price quote includes the Semco unit, labor, materials, controls, air balancing and freight.

Please review and if you have questions, please let me know. We greatly appreciate the opportunity!

ANDERSON BROS. ELECTRIC, PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.

Shelly R. McDowell
Service Dept. Manager

Customer Acceptance: _____

Date: _____

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Elm Creek Public Schools

2025-26 Budget and Tax Detail

The budgetary documents in this presentation are not the final 2025-26 budget numbers, but rather preliminary information for the ECPS Board of Education to discuss and make recommendations to the Superintendent for adoption.

Joint Public Hearing

Sept. 22, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Budget Hearing

Sept. 15, 2025 @ TBD

Regular BOE Meeting

Sept. 15, following the Budget Hearing

Assessed Valuation History

The Elm Creek School District has land in Buffalo, Phelps, & Dawson Counties. The valuations below are a combined total of all 3 assessed values.

Tax Year	Total Valuation	Dollar Change	Percent of Change
2025-2026	\$546,079,469	\$63,948,766	13%
2024-2025	\$482,130,703	\$32,627,316	7.26%
2023-24	\$449,503,387	\$30,373,897	7.25%
2022-23	\$419,129,490	\$17,309,703	4.31%
2021-22	\$401,819,787	-\$3,401,740	-0.84%
2020-21	\$405,221,527	-\$7,826,272	-1.89%
2019-20	\$413,047,799	\$5,256,227	1.29%
2018-19	\$407,791,572	\$2,986,550	0.74%

GENERAL FUND

The **General Fund finances** all facets of services rendered by the school district. General Fund expenditures are limited by statute. The tax levy for this fund is restricted to \$1.05.

Necessary Cash Reserve – An amount of budgeted funds to provide a stable cash flow during a school fiscal year should be 3-4 months of expenditures.

\$469,183 x 3.5 mo. = estimated necessary cash reserve for 25-26 is \$1.6 million

Budget Authority - The legal authority to spend school district funds. The *budget authority* (operating budget) for **2025-2026** is **\$5,057,719** . The additional *tax request authority* is **\$5,489,408**, with board approval .

Allowable Growth Percentage - Using the Allowable Growth formula, the total property tax request without a public hearing is **\$4,595,994** . With the 25-26 proposed budget, we are requesting **\$5,023,703** . This is **\$427,7709** over the allowable growth %, requiring us to attend the joint public hearing.

GENERAL FUND TAX REQUEST

General Fund Budget	Proposed Operating Budget (Budget Authority)	Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget	Change in Property Tax Rate
2025-2026	\$7,833,382	\$4,722,323	0.8647	14%	-2%
2024-2025	\$6,886,291	\$4,236,900	0.8787	6%	0%
2023-24	\$6,477,271	\$3,948,468	0.8784	-1%	5%
2022-23	\$6,525,000	\$3,808,938	0.9232	11%	-2%
2021-22	\$5,895,442	\$3,792,144	0.9437	1%	-2%
2020-21	\$5,822,960	\$3,917,569	0.9667	6%	2%
2019-20	\$5,507,328	\$3,916,824	0.9483	6%	11%
2018-19	\$5,181,558	\$3,491,038	0.8560		

DEPRECIATION FUND

A **Depreciation Fund** may be established by a school district in order to facilitate the eventual purchase of costly capital outlay by reserving such monies from the General Fund. To allocate monies from the General Fund, a school district will show the movement of monies as an expense from the General Fund and the Depreciation Fund will show the revenue as a transfer from the General Fund.

The purpose of the Depreciation Fund is to spread replacement costs over a period of years in order to avoid a disproportionate tax effort in a single year to meet such an expense. The Depreciation Fund is considered a component of the General Fund and is restricted by statute as part of the Allowable Reserve limitation.

DEPRECIATION FUND BUDGET

Year-End Depreciation Fund Balance	Year-End Transfer from General Fund	25-26 Beginning Balance of DF (Sept. 1, 2024)	25-26 Anticipated Capital Replacement Costs
\$(not sure yet)	\$225,000	\$(not sure yet)	• Vehicle Replacements • Roof Repairs • Mini Bus • Semco Unit

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

A **Special Building** Fund shall be established when a school board decides to acquire or improve sites and/or to erect, alter or improve buildings. The sale of bonds, the sale of property, or tax receipts will be the primary sources of revenue for the Special Building Fund. The tax levy for this fund is restricted to 14 cents.

The Special Building Fund has a current balance of \$ **(not sure yet)**. These funds are reserved for disbursements associated with current construction costs and materials and facility repairs.

Some anticipated Building Fund projects include:

- Roof & Gutter Replacement
- Vintage Gym Floor Replacement (finish & paint)
- LED Lighting Replacement
- HVAC in Vintage Gym & Kitchen
- Track Replacement - unfixable
- Stands, Press Box (Crows Nest), Concession, & Restroom Replacement

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND TAX REQUEST

Building Fund Budget	Proposed Operating Budget	Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget	Change in Tax Rate
2025-2026	\$3,000,310	\$301,380	0.0551	-15%	9%
2024-2025	\$3,510,584	\$243,500	0.0505	-25%	174%
2023-24	\$4,686,961	\$82,828	0.0184	41%	-59%
2022-23	\$296,683	\$185,977	0.0450	-20%	0%
2021-22	\$371,255	\$181,818	0.0452	100%	81%
2020-21	\$185,798	\$101,315	0.0250	2%	2%
2019-20	\$143,750	\$101,010	0.0245		

BOND FUND

The **Bond Fund** shall be used to record tax receipts, investment interest, and the payment of bond principal, interest, and other related costs (i.e., trustee fees).

Proceeds from a bond issue shall be deposited into the Special Building Fund to be expended on the actual building project. The Bond Fund is a taxing fund and is **not part of the \$1.05 cap.**

BOND FUND TAX REQUEST

Bond Fund Budget	Proposed Operating Budget	Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget	Change in Tax Rate
2025-2026	\$908,310	\$808,586	0.1480	29%	-19%
2024-2025	\$704,592	\$876,600	0.1818	-53%	-10%
2023-24	\$1,513,000	\$904,405	0.2012	14%	5%
2022-23	\$1,326,300	\$804,193	0.1949	14%	35%
2021-22	\$1,162,756	\$580,808	0.1445	-1%	1%
2020-21	\$1,171,860	\$580,908	0.1433	2%	2%
2019-20	\$1,145,540	\$580,587	0.1406	10%	-4%
2018-19	\$1,036,870	\$595,960	0.1461		

Bond Fund Information

1. Principal & interest for 25-26 fiscal year
 - a. \$688,267 Due 12/15/25, plus \$400 fees
 - b. \$103,017 Due 6/15/26, plus \$400 fees
2. Bond Fund's current bank balance is \$
3. Starting in the 25-26 fiscal year, all the interfund loans are paid
4. 1% of the "tax ask" goes to the County/Assessor
5. Not everyone pays their taxes or pays them on time
6. District has a history of falling short on the funds & have needed to do interfund loans, creates a shortfall in the accounts providing the loans

TOTAL DOLLAR TAX REQUEST

Property Taxes	General Fund \$ Tax Request	Special Building Fund \$ Tax Request	Bond Fund \$ Tax Request	TOTAL Dollar Tax Request	General Fund Levy Request	Special Building Fund Levy Request	Bond Fund Levy Request	TOTAL Levy Request
2025-2026	\$4,722,323	\$301,380	\$808,586	\$5,832,289 with bond \$5,023,703 without bond	0.86	0.05	0.14	\$1.06 with bond \$0.91 without bond
2024-2025	\$4,236,900	\$243,500	\$876,600	\$5,357,000	0.8787	0.0505	0.1818	\$1.11
2023-24	\$3,948,468	\$82,828	\$904,405	\$4,935,701	0.8784	0.0184	0.2012	\$1.10
2022-23	\$3,808,938	\$185,977	\$804,193	\$4,799,108	0.9232	0.0450	0.1949	\$1.16
2021-22	\$3,792,144	\$181,818	\$580,808	\$4,554,770	0.9437	0.0452	0.1445	\$1.13
2020-21	\$3,917,569	\$101,315	\$580,908	\$4,599,792	0.9667	0.0250	0.1433	\$1.14

Why Do We Need to Build Depreciation, General & Building Fund Accounts?

Upcoming Projects, Repairs, & Maintenance Needs:

1. The first steps will be to create a maintenance schedule - Completed in 24-25.
2. Next step will be to create a Capital Replacement Schedule (for building & depreciation funds) - Currently working on.
3. Inflation on costs for goods & services.
4. Costs for facility maintenance & repairs.
5. Building cash reserves is necessary to run district.



HVAC/Boiler Systems



1. High School Tower Pump
 - a. Need a maintenance plan for HVAC/Boiler system - completed.
 - b. Had to replace 1 system already.
 - c. Semco Unit needs replaced now

Vintage Gym

1. Vintage Gym Roof & Bleachers

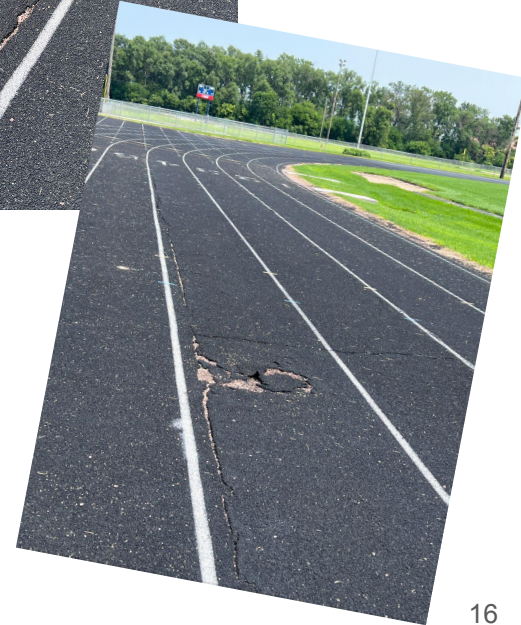
- a. Roof leaks damaging stage curtains - sealed for short-term fix
- b. The skylights will have leaking issues if they don't already - sealed for short-term fix
- c. Humidity from no AC is hard on the wood & not cost effective - long-term goal
- d. Bleachers aren't opening/closing correctly - bleachers serviced
- e. Will need to sand & paint gym floor - 25-26 budget
- f. Roof possibly needs to be replaced either this year or next



Track

1. Track Replacement

- a. Safety concerns for athletes & community
- b. School pride of facilities for students, staff, & community
- c. The track is unrepairable
- d. Long-term goal



Outdoor Facilities

1. Press Box, Concessions, Bleachers, & Restrooms

- Safety concerns with press box (crow's nest) & concession stands. They are falling apart and possible rodent issues - we have fixed the floor supports & siding.
- Safety concerns with the football benches & stands (splinters & rusted) - working on replacing
- School pride of the facilities for students, staff, & community - long-term goal



Roof Leaks

1. Roof is leaking in several areas
 - a. Need a maintenance schedule - completed.
 - b. Need to replace roof either this year or next



Concrete Repairs/Replacement

1. Safety & cosmetic concerns - the handicap entrance is currently scheduled to be fixed.



Concrete Repairs/Replacement Continued

1. Long-term goal



Nutrition Services

1. Equipment will need to be replaced over time
2. AC not working (only a window AC), eventually install HVAC System
3. Upright coolers work, but usually need yearly repairs - maintenance plan now.
4. Oven & stove currently work, they are old & will eventually need replaced - maintenance plan now.

ITEM	YEAR	REPLACEMENT
Oven #1	1990	Combi \$20,000
Oven #2	1990	Convection \$10,000
Upright Cooler #1	1988	\$3,000
Upright Cooler #2	1989	\$3,000
Mixer	1987	\$1,650
Walk in Cooler	Original to building	\$6,000
Walk in Freezer	Original to building	\$6,000
Stove	Old	\$1,700
Upright Freezer	2010	\$700
Freezer Chest	2017	\$700
Small Milk Cooler	1995	\$1,500
Large Milk Cooler	2014	\$3,200.00

Vehicles

1. District Vehicles

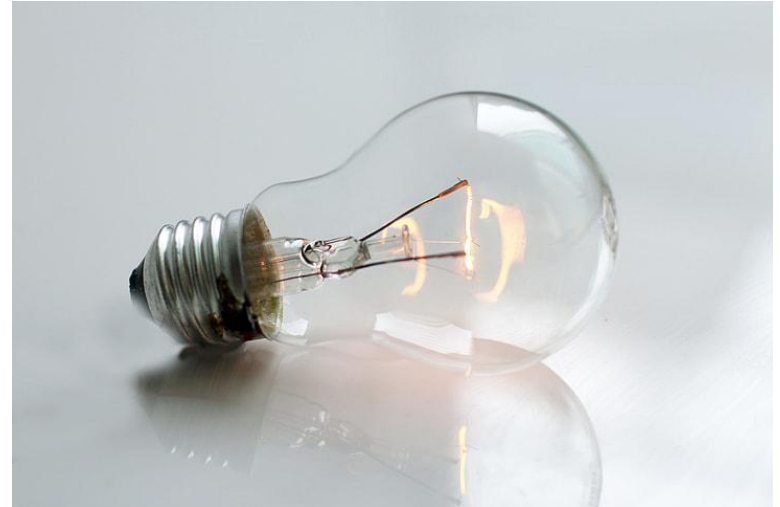
- a. Some vehicles need to be replaced
- b. Bus barn or larger facility to extend the life of district vehicles & buses



Year Make Model	Vehicle #	VIN Number		Cost New		Physical Damage Deductible	Current Mileage	Current Condition	
2006 Ford Econoline Van - 11 passenger	Van 06	1FBNE31L26DA56013		\$16,400		\$500	74768	Van doesn't handle well. Being use	
2007 Ford E350 Van Club Wagon - 11 passenger	Van 07	1FBNE31LX7DA91187		\$14,945		\$500	100375	NEEDS REPLACED, Fair, some ru	
2012 Dodge Caravan - 7 passenger	Van 12 - SPED	2C4RDGCG7CR406610		\$19,650	Bought used	\$500	174627	NEEDS REPLACED--used specific	
2013 Thomas Freightliner Bus - 59 passenger	BUS 13	4UZABRDT5DCBT0219		\$82,000		\$500	95086	Good shape-had new engine put in	
2014 Dodge Caravan Grand SXT - 7 passenger	Van 14 - PHELPS ROUTE	2C4RDGCG7ER352308		\$19,435	Bought used	\$500	105941	NEEDS REPLACED, Okay shape--	
2015 Blue Bird Bus - 71 passenger	BUS 15	1BAKGCPA6FF313638		\$80,000	\$25,000 DERA Grant	\$500	67696	Good shape	
2015 Finish Line Car Hauler Trailer		52WBC1629FR009943		\$15,000		\$500		Good shape	- unsure if we hav
2016 Ford Transit E350 Van - 11 passenger	VAN 16	1FBZX2ZM2GKA76553		\$18,900	Bought used	\$500	91483	Good shape	
2020 Blue Bird Bus - 65 passenger	BUS 18	1BAKGCSH8LF360217		\$88,345	\$42,000 Volkswagon Grant	\$500	48590	Good shape	
2020 Chevy Express LS Van 11-passenger	VAN 20	1GAWGEFG2L1259684		\$26,836		\$500	63315	Good shape	
2021 Thomas Freightliner Wheelchair Bus - 52 passenger	BUS 21	4UZABRFC9MCMP4937		\$97,292	\$42,000 Volkswagon Grant	\$500	16885	Excellent shape	
2022 Chrysler Pacifica - 7 passenger	VAN 22	2C4RC1FG6NR196757		\$36,584		\$500	4742	Brand new	
2023 Chrysler Pacifica - 7 Passenger	VAN 23	2C4RC1FG3PR555341		\$38,158		\$500	2696	Brand new	
Grasshopper mower									
Bobcat - ATV									
Vans 12 & 14 need replaced for sped, we also need more large vans/vehicles for route/sports purposes, pacifica's are great vehicles - although they do not handle well in snow/ rain conditions.									

Cost Efficiency

1. Replace lighting to LED lighting
2. Energy partner to generate energy savings - enrolled in CJUMP program
3. Maintenance schedules - has been completed



ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

2025-2026 Allowable Growth Property Tax Request (**non-bond**) =

\$4,595,994

***ONLY ALLOWS DISTRICT EXPENDITURES TO INCREASE \$115,594 FROM 24-25**

2025-2026 Actual Property Tax Request (**non-bond**) =

\$5,023,703

Joint Public Hearing Required

We are doing our best to be fiscally conservative while providing a quality education for students at ECPS.- Mrs. Beran



If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Superintendent Beran at kim.beran@elmcreekschools.org or 308-856-4300.

FIRST TIER BANK

Interest Rates and Annual Percentage Yields are current as of 08/15/2025

Certificate of Deposits		Current Interest Rate	Annual Percentage Yield
<i>SPECIALS</i>			
7 Month Special		4.31%	4.40%
10 Month Special		Not Offered	Not Offered
16 Month Special		4.11%	4.20%
**Step-Up 12 Months		4.06%	4.14%
**Step-Up 24 Months		4.02%	4.10%
**Step-Up 60 Months		0.70%	0.70%

Elm Creek Public Schools

2025-2026 School Year Calendar

	Open House for Students & Families
	PreSchool Start and End Dates
	Parent /Teacher Conferences
	School Event/No School for Students
	No School for Staff & Students
	First Day of the Quarter
	Veteran's Day Program & Breakfast
	Teacher Work & PD Day/No School for Students
	Senior Graduation
	Last Day for Seniors
	JH/HS in Session/No School Elementary Students
	Early Dismissal for Students/No School for PM PK Students/Last Day of the Quarter

Elementary, Junior High & High School	
Monday - Friday 8:00am - 3:25pm <i>*Tardy Bell is 8:00 am</i>	
Pre School	
Monday - Thursday AM 7:45am - 11:15am Monday - Thursday PM 11:50am - 3:25pm	

K-12 Student Days		Teacher Days	
Qtr 1	44.5	Qtr 1	49
Qtr 2	41.5	Qtr 2	45
Sem 1	86	Sem 1	94
Qtr 3	45.5	Qtr 3	50
Qtr 4	34.5	Qtr 4	38
Sem 2	80	Sem 2	88
Total	166	Total	182

1 comp day
1 comp day
184

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August						
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31						

17 S / 20 T / 10 PK

4th-6th - No School for Students/Teacher Work & PD Day/New Teacher Orientation
6th - Open House for Students & Families
7th - First Day of School for K-12 Students/First Day of Quarter
13th - First Day of School for Pre-K

September						
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20 S / 21 T / 16 PK

1st - No School for Students & Staff/Labor Day
15th - No School for Students/Teacher Work & PD Day
17th - PT Conferences
24th - PT Conferences

October						
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19.5 S / 21 T / 16 PK

10th - Last Day of First Quarter/1:30 Dismissal for Students/No School for PK Students
13th - 2nd Quarter Starts
16th-17th - No School for Students & Staff/Fall Break
20th - No School for Students/Teacher Work & PD Day

November						
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16 S / 17 T / 13 PK

11th - Veteran's Day Program & Breakfast
17th - No School for Students/Teacher Work & PD Day
26th-28th - No School for Students & Staff/Thanksgiving Break

December						
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13.5 S / 15 T / 11 PK

18th - Last Day of 2nd Quarter & 1st Semester/1:30 Dismissal for Students/No School for PM PK Students
19th - No School for Students/Teacher Work & PD Day
22nd-31st - No School for Students & Staff/Holiday Break

January						
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18 S / 20 T / 15 PK

1st-2nd- No School for Students & Staff/Holiday Break
5th - No School for Students/Teacher Work & PD Day
6th - 3rd Quarter Starts
16th - No School for Students/Wrestling Invite

February						
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18 S / 19 T / 15 PK

9th - No School for Students/Teacher Work & PD Day
11th - PT Conferences
18th - PT Conferences
20th - No School for Students & Staff/Break

March						
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18 S / 19 T / 16 PK

6th - No School for Students & Staff/Break
11th - 11:30 Dismissal for Students/No School for PM PK Students
12th-13th - No School for Students & Staff/Break
17th - Last Day of 3rd Quarter/1:30 Dismissal for Students/No School for PM PK Students
18th - 4th Quarter Starts

April						
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26	27	28	29	30		

18 S / 20 T / 15 PK

3rd-6th - No School for Students & Staff/Spring Break
20th - No School for Students/Teacher Work & PD Day
23rd - No School for Students/District Music

May						
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7.5 S / 10 T / 4 PK

6th - Seniors Last Day
7th - Last Day for PK Students
9th - Senior Graduation
13th - Last Day of 4th Qtr/2nd Sem for Kind-11th/1:30 Dismissal for Students
14th - No School for Students/Teacher Work & PD Day

June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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July						
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Approved on: 2/10/25
Updated on: 7/30/25

*August 4th - athlete conditioning begins
*August 11th - athlete practices begins



Transportation Notes

Date: 08/10/2025

Buses

- There are three bus routes this year. Deb has the north route, Rick goes south to Phelps County and Cindy goes east to Odessa. The routes are much more manageable and students are on the bus less than 45 minutes. Thank you, Kim, for approving the third route!
- All buses have been cleaned inside and out, inspected, and the oil has been changed. Bus 13 had its stop arm and flashing lights repaired. Bus 21's external top mirror wiring was repaired so it can be adjusted again.
- Emergency bus evacuations were completed on Friday, August 8, 2025.

Vans

- The vans were used extensively over the summer. They have been cleaned inside and out, the binders have been updated, and they will be inspected the week of August 18, 2025. Thanks to Mr. Schwarz for allowing the vans to be parked inside the shop to keep them out of the sun and weather.
- Vans will be utilized on routes when a bus driver is unavailable. Paras certified to transport students will drive the vans.
- Cross Country will use three vans for practice and a bus for meets.

- Staff that drive students have completed the mandatory 2-hour inservice. All bus drivers and van route drivers have completed CPR/AED/First Aid as required.

Looking ahead

- The minibus will be utilized for the Phelps County route. Until the minibus arrives in November, Bus 21 will be used on the Phelps County route.
- Anyone who drives the minibus will need to take the 11-hour Level I bus class provided by the Nebraska Safety Center. This will include coaches and paras who will drive the minibus. A CDL is not required to drive it. A Nebraska Safety Center instructor might be able to come to the school for the Level I class since we have approximately ten staff members that will need to take it. Current bus drivers do not have to take the class.
- There are two special needs routes this school year.

Looking back

- There were many miles driven this past school year. Here's how it breaks down:

TOTAL MILES FOR ALL BUSES		34544		TOTAL ALL BUSES AND VANS MILEAGE			73220
TOTAL ACTIVITY MILES ALL BUSES		14339		TOTAL ACTIVITY BUSES AND VANS MILEAGE			27039
TOTAL NON-PUPIL MILES ALL BUSES		1277		TOTAL NON-PUPIL BUSES AND VANS MILEAGE			5763
TOTAL ROUTE MILES ALL BUSES		18928		TOTAL ROUTE BUSES AND VANS MILEAGE			25305
TOTAL SPED MILES ALL BUSES		0		TOTAL SPED MILES BUSES AND VANS MILEAGE			15110
TOTAL VAN MILES		38676		Van 12	TOTAL MILES	2894	

TOTAL VAN ACTIVITY MILES		12700			SPED MILES	570	
TOTAL VAN NON-PUPIL MILES		4486			NON-PUPIL MILES	118	
TOTAL VAN ROUTE MILES		6377			ROUTE MILES	2206	
TOTAL VAN SPED MILES		15110			ACTIVITY MILES	0	
Van 22	TOTAL MILES	10072		Van 14	TOTAL MILES	3286	
	ROUTE MILES	61			ROUTE MILES	3266	
	NON-PU PIL MILES	438			ACTIVITY MILES	0	
	ACTIVIT Y MILES	2066			NON-PUPIL MILES	20	
	SPED MILES	7507			SPED	0	
Van 23 SPED	TOTAL MILES	3015		Van 16	TOTAL MILES	1708	
	ROUTE MILES	21			TOTAL ROUTE	37	
	ACTIVIT Y MILES	2			TOTAL ACTIVITY	1291	
	NON-PU PIL MILES	795			TOTAL NON-PUPIL	380	
	SPED MILES	2197			TOTAL SPED	0	
Van 24	TOTAL MILES	6173		Van 20	TOTAL MILES	1175	
	ROUTE MILES	96			ROUTE MILES	582	
	SPED MILES	41			ACTIVITY MILES	245	
	ACTIVIT Y	4749			NON-PUPIL MILES	348	

	NON-PU PIL	1287			SPED MILES	0	
Van 25 SPED	TOTAL MILES	5716		Van 26	TOTAL MILES	4634	
	ROUTE MILES	48			SPED MILES	268	
	NON-PU PIL MILES	306			ROUTE MILES	60	
	ACTIVIT Y MILES	835			ACTIVITY MILES	3512	
	SPED MILES	4527			NON-PUPIL MILES	794	

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Cindy Stone, Transportation Coordinator

Elm Creek Public Schools
Building, Grounds, & Transportation Committee Meeting
August 13, 2025

The committee meeting was called to order by Kim Beran, Superintendent at **5:00** p.m. in the administration office conference room.

Committee Members Present: Cole Brodine, Lynette Mitchell, Alicia Beavers

Committee Members Absent: None

Also Present: Kim Beran, Superintendent

The Committee Reviewed & Discussed:

- Discuss Roof by the Trophy Case
 - Patching for now
- Discuss BD Final Bill
 - Suggesting we roll all Elementary Building Funds into 1 account to pay BD. CD matures 9/13/25 & close all Elem BF accounts. Need to confirm the final amount owed to BD.
- Discuss BD Punch List
- Update on Bleachers
 - Davis said we could use Ag Dryer equipment & we rally (they will help) the community to help remove & install the bleachers.

Meeting ended at **6:05** p.m.

**Elm Creek Public Schools
Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting
August 13, 2025**

The committee meeting was called to order by Kim Beran, Superintendent at **6:08** p.m. in the administration office conference room.

Committee Members Present: Hannah Hild, Jacob Kringle, Lynette Mitchell

Committee Members Absent: None

Also Present: Kim Beran, Superintendent

The Committee Reviewed & Discussed:

- Employee Benefit Fund
 - Suggesting we close the fund, matures 9/13/25. Those funds would go to GF (\$12,520.85)
- Depreciation Fund
 - Discuss Depreciation CD, matures 9/13/25 (\$555,176). Move to 1 Depreciation account?
- Discuss Roof by the Trophy Case
 - Patching for now
- Discuss BD Final Bill
 - Suggesting we roll all Elementary Building Funds into 1 account to pay BD. CD matures 9/13/25 & close all Elem BF accounts. Need to confirm the final amount owed to BD.
- Update on Bleachers
 - Davis said we could use Ag Dryer equipment & we rally (they will help) the community to help remove & install the bleachers.

Meeting ended at **6:52** p.m.

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2025 6:00 PM

1. OPEN THE MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by board President Lynette Mitchell at 6:00pm.

1.1.1. Publication of Meeting

1.1.2. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

1.1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

1.1.4. District Mission Statement

1.2. Board Member Roll Call

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

3. INFORMATION ITEMS

3.1. Administrator Reports

3.1.1. Superintendent Report - Mrs. Beran

Mrs. Beran discussed relocating the September board meetings to Room 801, requested board input on district budget priorities, presented a resolution for an additional 7% property tax request authority, and shared updated budget tracking information.

3.1.2. Principal/AD Report - Mr. Marquez

Mr. Marquez shared with the board that he has met with 2 seniors that want to graduate at the end of first semester.

3.1.3. Principal Report - Mrs. Williams

Mrs. Williams shared the plan of elementary & secondary assessments throughout the year.

3.1.4. Strategic Plan Update/District Goals Update

Mrs. Beran shared the Strategic Plan Executive Summary. She shared that they met with Ben from NASB on July 28th to review next steps, strategies, and actions for our Strategic Plan.

3.2. Discuss Policies

The board discussed the recent policy changes.

3.3. Board Committee Reports

3.3.1. Building, Grounds, and Transportation

Mr. Brodine shared with the board that the committee discussed the football bleachers, BD updates, Ag dryer building, repairs to gas piping, concrete update, playground surfacing, and the completion of the floor at press box.

3.3.2. Finance and Personnel

Mr. Kringle reported to the board that discussions have taken place regarding the number of district credit cards in use, the football bleachers, the rental of the Ag Dryer building, updates on gas piping, and concrete work.

3.3.3. Policy and Negotiations

Mrs. Mitchell presented the policy review schedule and reported updates to policies. The committee also discussed transitioning a classified staff member to salaried status due to weekly overtime.

3.3.4. Americanism, Curriculum, and Technology

The committee did not meet.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to move forward with the consent agenda with the exception of the BD bill & the calendar. This motion, made by Lynette Mitchell and seconded by Alicia Beavers, Passed.

Alicia Beavers: Yea, Cole Brodine: Yea, Hannah Hild: Yea, Jacob Kringle: Yea, Ryan Martin: Yea, Lynette Mitchell: Yea

4.1. Prior Meeting Minutes

4.2. Policy Final Reading and Adoption Including all New Policy Updates

4.2.1. Consider & Approve Student Appearance Policy 5031 Updates - optional

4.2.2. Consider & Approve Athletic Participation Policy 6044 Updates - required

4.3. Financial Reports and Claims according to Review of Bills policy 3007

4.4. Consider & Approve Amended 25-26 School Calendar

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1. Consider Early Graduation Requests for 2 Students

Motion was made to consider early graduation requests for two students. This motion, made by Alicia Beavers and seconded by Jacob Kringle, Passed.

Alicia Beavers: Yea, Cole Brodine: Yea, Hannah Hild: Yea, Jacob Kringle: Yea, Ryan Martin: Yea, Lynette Mitchell: Yea

5.2. Consider & Approve Resolution for the Additional 7% Base Growth in Property Tax Request Authority

Motion was made to consider and approve resolution for the additional 7% base growth in property tax request authority. This motion, made by Lynette Mitchell and seconded by Hannah Hild, Passed.

Alicia Beavers: Yea, Cole Brodine: Yea, Hannah Hild: Yea, Jacob Kringle: Yea, Ryan Martin: Yea, Lynette Mitchell: Yea

5.3. Designate Joint Public Hearing Representative

Motion was made to designate Lynette Mitchell as Joint Public Hearing Representative. This motion, made by Alicia Beavers and seconded by Jacob Kringle, Passed.

Alicia Beavers: Yea, Cole Brodine: Yea, Hannah Hild: Yea, Jacob Kringle: Yea, Ryan Martin: Yea, Lynette Mitchell: Yea

5.4. Consider Public Participation Policy Update - optional. No action taken.

5.5. Adjustment to School Calendar

Motion was made to approve the school calendar as presented with the addition of an early dismissal on March 11th at 11:30am & adjusting AM PK classes to attend on early out days. This motion, made by Alicia Beavers and seconded by Ryan Martin, Passed.

Alicia Beavers: Yea, Cole Brodine: Yea, Hannah Hild: Yea, Jacob Kringle: Yea, Ryan Martin: Yea, Lynette Mitchell: Yea

6. SCHEDULE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Next regular board meeting will be August 27th at 6:00 pm. The Budget meeting will be September 15th, with the hearing following after 6pm.

7. ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:40. This motion, made by Lynette Mitchell and seconded by Alicia Beavers, Passed.

Alicia Beavers: Yea, Cole Brodine: Yea, Hannah Hild: Yea, Jacob Kringle: Yea, Ryan Martin: Yea, Lynette Mitchell: Yea

8. **CLOSED SESSION: If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

9. **SEQUENCE OF AGENDA: The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board.

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 at 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 less than four hundred seventy-one students may increase its tax request by an additional seven percent above the base growth percentage; and

WHEREAS, the average daily membership of Elm Creek Public Schools, No. 9, Elm Creek, Nebraska, is less than four hundred seventy-one students may; and

WHEREAS, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of the School District hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by an additional seven 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. Law 243, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District's overall property tax request authority by an additional seven 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 Cole Brodine moved for their passage and adoption. Member Ryan Martin seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: Lynette Mitchell, Alicia Beavers, Cole Brodine, Hannah Hild, Jacob Kringle, & Ryan Martin.

The following members voted against the same:

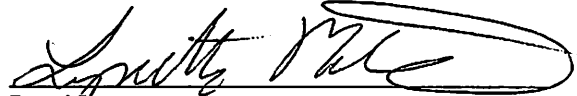
The following members were absent or not voting:

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 11th day of August, 2025.

Elm Creek Public Schools

BY:


President

ATTEST:


Secretary

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Cash Flow Report

School District #9
8/25/2025

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FUND NI Account		BEGINNING CASH 09/01/2024	REVENUES	EXPENSES	ENDING CASH	Notes
01	GENERAL FUND	961,204.15	6,447,781.07	(6,130,532.40)	1,278,452.82	
02	DEPRECIATION	379,511.89	320.65	(363,863.36)	15,969.18	No Activity
02	DEPRECIATION CD	530,756.06	28,091.66	-	558,847.72	
03	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	12,035.14	636.99	-	12,672.13	
05	ACTIVITY FUND	107,875.89	386,819.41	(475,261.13)	19,434.17	
06	NUTRITION FUND	97,070.02	157,953.48	(243,317.36)	11,706.14	
07	BOND FUND	565,867.11	884,439.78	(902,448.58)	547,858.31	
08	BUILDING FUND	256,579.80	429,474.59	(17,936.90)	668,117.49	
08	EL BLDG FUND-NLAF	1,231.97	48.78	-	1,280.75	No Activity
08	EL BLDG FUND-FIRSTIER	1,000,021.32	9,861.07	(1,224,947.68)	(215,065.29)	
08	EL SWEEP ACCT (INTEREST)	198,991.60	11,904.67	(100,000.00)	110,896.27	
08	EL SWEEP ACCT CD	-	102,378.87	-	102,378.87	
		4,111,144.95	8,459,711.02	(9,458,307.41)	3,112,548.56	

08	TOTAL BUILDING FUND AFTER ACCOUNTS COMBINED				667,608.09	
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