

2026-27 Tax Request Hearing

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 Immediately Following Budget Hearing

Room 801, Elm Creek High School (south side, door 2)
230 Calkins Avenue
Elm Creek, NE 68836

1. **OPEN THE MEETING**
 - 1.1. **Call To Order**
 - 1.2. **Publication of Meeting**
 - 1.3. **Board Member Roll Call**
 - 1.4. **Nebraska Open Meeting Law**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEM SPECIFIC)**
3. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 3.1. **Review Required Newspaper Affidavit of Notice to Set Final Tax Request Hearing**
 - 3.2. **Review Proposed Final Tax Request**
4. **CLOSE HEARING AND ADJOURN**
5. ***CLOSED SESSION: If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.**
6. ***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: December 16, 2020

Revised on: September 29, 2022, July 8, 2024

Reviewed on: October 13, 2025; Jan. 12, 2026

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.

Adopted on: 7/8/24

Revised on:

Reviewed on: 1/12/26

ELECTION 2026 Court restores Trump verification system

Justices say authorities can use Social Security numbers to ID voters

JAN WRIGHT

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court revived an expanded immigration database Friday that President Donald Trump's administration said aims to combat voting by non-citizens but critics contend could disenfranchise eligible voters.

The justices granted the Justice Department's request to block a federal order that required state officials from using Social Security numbers and other information to conduct sweeping checks of the citizenship status of registered voters against federal records.

The court has a 6-3 conservative majority. In three 18-page opinions, the justices dissented from Friday's order. The majority said the court's previous ruling, which said that right, "We had to file an emergency petition in the Department of Homeland Security Court just so we security to respect and ensure government data receives information relating to citizenship and immigration status from other agencies, including the Social Security Administration.

The administration's data-sharing arrangement is one of a number of actions blocking the federal government's involvement in voting ahead of November mid-term elections in which Trump's fellow Republicans seek to maintain control of Congress. The Constitution gives individual states the primary authority to run and administer elections.

Last year, the Department of Homeland Security introduced a federal database known as the Systematic Alien Verification



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The U.S. Supreme Court is seen here in Washington.

In the Department of Homeland Security, and some voters flagged as potential noncitizens had their registrations removed.

Critics say such election-related actions by Republicans are driven less by concern over election security than by an attempt to gain political advantage by suppressing the electorate, making the administration's effort to block the order a partisan move. The Department of Homeland Security and Justice Department did not provide that information when asked.

Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, which represents the plaintiffs, called Friday's



KEVIN MAZUR/REUTERS

Attendees hold signs advocating for voting rights and against the Systematic Alien Verification Act at a rally outside the U.S. Capitol on March 18 in Washington, D.C.

decision "profoundly disappointing," saying it puts "at risk of being permanently tampered by the administration's massive voter purge database."

In a dissent Friday that was joined by two federal judges, Justice Clarence Thomas said the order was "a blatant effort to suppress the vote by burdening or disqualifying voters." He said the order "violates the constitutional rights of the voters to vote in federal elections."

Justice Sotomayor, joined by Justices Kagan and Gorsuch, said the order was "a necessary and lawful effort to ensure the integrity of the election process."

The justices' split decision is expected to lead to a new round of litigation over the order.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Line Item	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget	2030 Budget
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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Elm Creek (10-0009) in Buffalo County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 30 day of, September 2026 at Immediately Following Budget Hearing o'clock PM, at HS Room 801, 230 E Calkins Ave., Elm Creek, NE 68836 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Property Valuations	546,079,469	596,236,142	9%

2025-2026 Budget Information

2026-2027 Budget Information

Fund	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Property Tax Request	2025 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2025-2026 Request Divided By 2026 Valuation)	2026-2027 Operating Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2026 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	7,833,382.00	4,722,323.00	0.864768	0.792022	8,333,736.00	4,872,879.00	0.817273	-5%	6%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	908,310.00	808,586.00	0.148071	0.135615	1,894,915.00	808,081.00	0.135530	-8%	109%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	3,000,310.00	301,380.00	0.055190	0.050547	1,226,272.00	303,030.00	0.050824	-8%	-59%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	11,742,002.00	5,832,289.00	1.068029	0.978184	11,454,923.00	5,983,990.00	1.003627	-6%	-2%