

Hearing Agenda for the Wakefield 2026-2027

Budget

Monday, September 14, 2026 5:30 PM

HS Computer Lab - Room 213

802 Highland Street

Wakefield, NE 68784

1. Call to Order
2. Hearing Agenda
3. Presentation
Dr. DeTurk
4. Adjournment

Preliminary Tax Request Information																			
2026-2027																			
District	Student Enrollment PK - 12	Value Per Student	Total Valuation	Valuation Inc./Dec. (Percentage)	Real Growth Value	Real Growth % Inc./Dec.	General Fund Levy	General Fund Request in \$	Bond Fund(s) Levy	Bond Fund(s) Request in \$	Special Building Fund Levy	Special Building Fund Request in \$	Total Levy	Total Request in \$	State Aid	Local Resource Per Student	Total Resources Per Student		
Bancroft-Rosalie	290	\$2,195,972	\$636,831,812	4.00%	\$1,216,735	0.20%	\$0.450000	\$2,865,743	\$0.22000	\$1,401,029.99	\$0.009700	\$59,596	\$0.6797000	\$4,326,369	\$957,828	\$14,919	\$18,221		
Howells-Dodge	321	\$3,444,363	\$1,105,640,378	6.26%	\$3,053,542	0.29%	\$0.443889	\$4,907,817	\$0.00000	\$0.00	\$0.045712	\$505,414	\$0.4896010	\$5,413,231	\$512,111	\$16,864	\$18,459		
Humphrey	321	\$4,040,077	\$1,296,864,629	6.00%	\$25,567,408	2.07%	\$0.330347	\$4,284,157	\$0.11378	\$1,212,121.00	\$0.070099	\$909,091	\$0.5142240	\$6,405,369	\$1,061,027	\$19,954	\$23,260		
Lyons-Decatur Northeast	305	\$2,410,842	\$735,306,851	0.64%	\$1,659,180	0.23%	\$0.632533	\$4,651,061	\$0.25288	\$1,429,293.00	\$0.000000	\$0	\$0.8854090	\$6,080,354	\$475,376	\$19,936	\$21,494		
Madison	544	\$2,141,887	\$1,165,186,573	1.52%	\$2,554,616	0.22%	\$0.588631	\$6,858,653	\$0.01777	\$207,071.00	\$0.112697	\$1,313,131	\$0.7190950	\$8,378,855	\$982,589	\$15,402	\$17,209		
North Bend Central	592	\$2,793,124	\$1,653,529,323	12.00%	\$7,865,696	0.53%	\$0.473123	\$7,823,232	\$0.01588	\$262,626.00	\$0.023946	\$395,960	\$0.5129520	\$8,481,818	\$1,907,660	\$14,327	\$17,550		
Oakland-Craig	386	\$1,928,444	\$744,379,525	2%	\$4,944,340	0.68%	\$0.764886	\$5,574,374	\$0.06558	\$477,899.00	\$0.046492	\$338,823	\$0.8769530	\$6,391,096	\$624,363	\$16,557	\$18,175		
Pender	445	\$2,064,965	\$918,909,607	12.10%	\$1,601,207	0.20%	\$0.572975	\$5,265,125	\$0.00000	\$0.00	\$0.054962	\$505,051	\$0.6279370	\$5,770,176	\$1,340,179	\$12,967	\$15,978		
Stanton	385	\$2,551,227	\$982,222,458	5.75%	\$1,640,645	0.18%	\$0.588864	\$5,783,952	\$0.23142	\$1,717,172.00	\$0.081689	\$802,363	\$0.9019730	\$8,303,487	\$835,568	\$21,567	\$23,738		
Wakefield	488	\$1,618,061	\$789,613,533	0.81%	\$2,254,010	0.27%	\$0.749464	\$5,848,889	\$0.00000	\$0.00	\$0.044654	\$348,485	\$0.7941180	\$6,197,374	\$1,022,423	\$12,700	\$14,795		
West Point-Beemer	732	\$2,891,213	\$2,116,367,917	6.65%	\$13,435,666	0.68%	\$0.445455	\$9,427,457	\$0.01717	\$363,416.00	\$0.047980	\$1,015,428	\$0.5106070	\$10,806,301	\$1,225,447	\$14,763	\$16,437		
Wisner-Pilger	500	\$2,830,635	\$1,415,317,565	4.95%	\$4,703,482	0.35%	\$0.451268	\$6,386,870	\$0.00000	\$0.00	\$0.017664	\$250,000	\$0.4689320	\$6,636,870	\$995,469	\$13,274	\$15,265		
Averages	442.42	\$2,575,901	\$1,130,014,181	5.22%	\$5,874,711	0.49%	\$0.540953	\$5,806,444	\$0.07787	\$589,219	\$0.04630	\$536,945	\$0.66513	\$6,932,608	\$995,003	\$16,102	\$18,382		
													Difference Average Local Effort & WCS		\$3,403				
													Difference Average Total Resources & WCS				\$3,587		
													Average Local Resources minus high and low		\$15,951		\$18,315		

2026-27 Budget Info		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27
Dixon Valuation		\$ 377,577,509		\$ 424,797,154		\$ 421,729,246
Difference			\$ 47,219,645		\$ (3,067,908)	
Wayne Valuation		\$ 269,078,461		\$ 302,951,879		\$ 305,592,630
Difference			\$ 33,873,418		\$ 2,640,751	
Thurston Valuation		\$ 41,375,045		\$ 46,381,882		\$ 53,087,644
Difference			\$ 5,006,837		\$ 6,705,762	
Total		\$ 688,031,015		\$ 774,130,915		\$ 780,409,520
Difference			\$ 86,099,900		\$ 6,278,605	
State Aid		\$ 2,056,567		\$ 1,311,969		\$ 1,022,423
Difference			\$ (744,598)		\$ (289,546)	
		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27

Valuation	\$ 688,031,015		\$ 774,130,915		\$ 780,409,520
1¢ Generation	\$ 68,803		\$ 77,413		\$ 78,040
Total Levy	0.809¢		0.775¢		proposed = 0.794¢
General Fund Resources	\$ 12,539,353		\$ 12,146,092		\$ 12,370,715
Difference			\$ (393,261)		\$ 224,623
Building Fund Resources	\$ 1,139,884		\$ 790,137		\$ 1,114,637
Difference			\$ (349,747)		\$ 324,500
Unused Budget Authority	\$ 805,800		\$ 783,653		\$ -
Unused Taxing Authority	\$ 915,479		\$ 1,513,374		\$ 2,201,106

\$\$ provides FLEXIBILITY and OPPORTUNITIES both ACADEMICALLY and with FACILITIES

Academic Future Plans	
	Recruitment and Retention of quality community members including school personnel
	Consistent elementary literacy program training w/o impacting instructional time
	Districtwide literacy intervention system w/ training w/o impacting instructional time
	Development of a stronger CTE program to include additional dual credit
Facility Future Plans	
	Kitchen - ceiling tile replacement - Health & Safety Issue
	Bus Barn Facility - protect over \$900K in vehicle assets
	HVAC concerns throughout the building. Annual investment needed on rotation
	Plumbing throughout the building. Shut offs needed. Replacement needed on rotation
	Paving investment needed on rotation w/ City coordination
	Hallways - 2x2 ceiling tile replacement - aesthetics
	Hallways - carpet squares - aesthetics, reduces sound, 'warmer' school atmosphere