

Minden Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Minden High School Media Center  
543 West 5th  
Minden, NE 68959-0301  
Monday, March 13, 2023 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
  - 1.a. Open Meetings Act is Posted
  - 1.b. Mission Statement
  - 1.c. Roll Call
  - 1.d. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment
3. Consent Agenda
  - 3.a. Consider Minutes from Prior Meetings
  - 3.b. Consider Financial Reports
  - 3.c. Consider Expenditures and Claims for Payment
4. Reports
  - 4.a. Board Committees
  - 4.b. Principals
  - 4.c. Superintendent
5. Policy Review and Updates
6. Action Items
  - 6.a. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Certified Staff Resignations
  - 6.b. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on New Certified Staff Contracts
  - 6.c. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on 2023-24 Capacity Limits for Policy 5006  
Option Enrollment
  - 6.d. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Bond Resolution
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment per Board President Action at 7:41 p.m.

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 13, 2023**

The agenda for the February 13, 2023 meeting was posted at the United States Post Office in Minden, Minden Exchange Bank, First Bank and Trust Company, Kearney County Courthouse, and the Minden city office. Agendas were mailed to the United States Post Office in Upland and Heartwell. The agenda was posted in the superintendent's office and notice was published in the local paper.

The board meeting began at 8:00 pm with all board members present.

The board heard a presentation from FFA.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the January 9 and January 24 meetings, financial reports, and claims for payment. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Craig to approve with regret the resignations of Connor Brown, Amanda Swift, and Megan Mingus at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krull and second by Craig to approve the 2023-24 agreement with the Minden Education Association for a 5.40% total package increase and a base salary of \$39,550. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Reed to approve an increase in the Class 1 base salary to \$17.00 per hour and the Class 2 base salary to \$19.00 per hour by the beginning of the 2025-26 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Krull to approve an average total package increase of 4.29% for administrators and professional staff salaries for the 2023-24 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhynalds and second by Glanzer to approve the Superintendent's Contract for the 2025-26 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Raun to approve membership in Nebraska Association of School Boards. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krull and second by Reed to approve the out-of-state Tech Club trip. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

At 9:02 pm, the meeting was adjourned per Board President action.

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Secretary, Board of Education

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 28, 2023**

The agenda for the February 28, 2023 board retreat was posted at the United States Post Office in Minden, Minden Exchange Bank, First Bank and Trust Company, Kearney County Courthouse, the Minden city office, and in the superintendent's office. Agendas were mailed to the United States Post Office in Upland and Heartwell. Notice was published in the local paper.

The board meeting began at 8:00 am with all board members present.

The board heard public comment from Patrick Burchell.

Craig exited the meeting at 9:00. Motion by Rhynalds and second by Krull to excuse the absence of Craig. Roll call: Craig, absent; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the potential multiple schools facilities project, enrollment, budget trends, and capital improvement plan. No action was taken.

At 11:00 am, the meeting was adjourned per Board President action.

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Secretary, Board of Education

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
February 28, 2023

SCHOOL BALANCE - January 31, 2023		\$102,261.20
Current Months Receipts		\$823,366.91
Transfers from Investments		\$800,000.00
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts		\$1,725,628.11
Less: Disbursements		\$1,142,891.45
Transfer to Investments		\$470,000.00
Total Disbursements		\$1,612,891.45
SCHOOL BALANCE - February 28, 2023		\$112,736.66
BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT - February 28, 2023		\$117,507.54
Deposits In Transit		\$0.00
LESS : Outstanding Checks		\$4,770.88
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE - February 28, 2023		\$112,736.66
(Balance - February 28, 2022 = \$195,795.93)		
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS		\$1,966,007.62
Money Market Minden Exchange	\$976,063.79	0.45% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$989,943.83	0.92% demand
(Balance February 28, 2022 = \$2,426,350.65)		
DEPRECIATION FUND INVESTED		\$169,621.90
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$122,556.19	0.45% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$47,060.52	0.51% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$5.19	
(Balance February 28, 2022 = \$64,206.91)		
BUILDING FUND		\$1,232,905.66
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$457,815.62	0.45% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$159,513.91	0.92% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Building Fund	\$615,571.63	4.26% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$4.50	
(Balance February 28, 2022 = \$794,098.17)		
BOND FUND		\$1,053,651.21
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$446,943.10	0.45% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Bond Fund	\$606,708.11	4.26% demand
(Balance February 28, 2022 = \$1,009,857.33)		
LUNCH FUND		\$58,853.33
Money Market First Bank	\$13,976.62	0.31% demand
Checking First Bank	\$44,876.71	
(Balance February 28, 2022 = \$165,874.73)		
FUNDS PLEDGED FOR DEPOSITS		
Minden Exchange Bank	\$6,900,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC
First Bank	\$2,065,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC

Scott W. Johnson, Treasurer

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TREASURER'S REPORT SUPPLEMENT  
ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS  
February 28, 2023

Bank	Account #	Beginning Balance	Plus: Receipts	Plus/(Minus) Transfers	Minus: Expenditures	Ending/ Reconciled Balance	Previous Year Ending Balance
<b>General Fund</b>							
MEB	401505	\$102,261.20	\$823,366.91	\$330,000.00	\$1,142,891.45	\$112,736.66	\$195,759.93
MEB	601096	\$1,305,679.88	\$383.91	(\$330,000.00)	\$0.00	\$976,063.79	\$1,140,143.18
FB&T	801472	\$989,250.54	\$693.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$989,943.83	\$1,286,207.47
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,397,191.62</b>	<b>\$824,444.11</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,142,891.45</b>	<b>\$2,078,744.28</b>	<b>\$2,622,110.58</b>
<b>Depreciation Fund</b>							
MEB	401919	\$5.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.19	\$5.19
MEB	613109	\$122,513.90	\$42.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$122,556.19	\$17,233.58
FB&T	807982	\$47,041.99	\$18.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,060.52	\$46,968.14
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$169,561.08</b>	<b>\$60.82</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$169,621.90</b>	<b>\$64,206.91</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>							
MEB	106690	\$4.50	\$0.00	\$2,481.10	\$2,481.10	\$4.50	\$4.50
MEB	603209	\$417,426.54	\$42,870.18	(\$2,481.10)	\$0.00	\$457,815.62	\$620,888.95
FB&T	801407	\$159,402.20	\$111.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159,513.91	\$158,992.24
NLAF	9300655	\$615,155.65	\$415.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$615,571.63	\$14,212.48
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,191,988.89</b>	<b>\$43,397.87</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,481.10</b>	<b>\$1,232,905.66</b>	<b>\$794,098.17</b>
<b>Bond Fund</b>							
MEB	620112	\$368,356.45	\$78,586.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$446,943.10	\$1,051,144.16
NLAF	9300692	\$605,505.84	\$1,202.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$606,708.11	\$2,400.69
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$973,862.29</b>	<b>\$79,788.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,053,651.21</b>	<b>\$1,053,544.85</b>
<b>Lunch Fund</b>							
FB&T	990119	\$54,156.79	\$39,408.48	\$0.00	\$48,688.56	\$44,876.71	\$86,966.95
FB&T	801399	\$13,973.26	\$3.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,976.62	\$78,907.78
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$68,130.05</b>	<b>\$39,411.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$48,688.56</b>	<b>\$58,853.33</b>	<b>\$165,874.73</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$4,800,733.93</b>	<b>\$987,103.56</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,194,061.11</b>	<b>\$4,593,776.38</b>	<b>\$4,699,835.24</b>

## 2022/23 Projections vs. Actuals for General Fund As of February 28, 2023

### Income

2022/23 Budgeted Income = \$11,861,077.78

Month	Projected Income	Actual Income	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$2,274,954.72	\$2,102,125.68	(\$172,829.04)	(\$172,829.04)
October	\$604,914.97	\$381,105.06	(\$223,809.91)	(\$396,638.95)
November	\$205,196.65	\$104,976.68	(\$100,219.97)	(\$496,858.92)
December	\$185,032.81	\$160,106.37	(\$24,926.44)	(\$521,785.36)
January	\$1,808,814.36	\$2,044,396.70	\$235,582.34	(\$286,203.02)
February	\$959,561.19	\$823,406.24	(\$136,154.95)	(\$422,357.97)
March	\$743,689.58			
April	\$529,004.07			
May	\$3,075,577.47			
June	\$1,069,869.22			
July	\$188,591.14			
August	\$215,871.62			

### Cash Flow

Month	Projected Cash Flow	Actual Cash Flow	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,062,480.12	\$935,527.49	(\$126,952.63)	(\$126,952.63)
October	(\$435,622.58)	(\$574,321.30)	(\$138,698.72)	(\$265,651.35)
November	(\$823,878.43)	(\$858,385.41)	(\$34,506.98)	(\$300,158.33)
December	(\$856,778.35)	(\$765,660.82)	\$91,117.53	(\$209,040.80)
January	\$767,003.20	\$1,155,534.84	\$388,531.64	\$179,490.84
February	(\$54,230.60)	(\$318,447.34)	(\$264,216.74)	(\$84,725.90)
March	(\$289,206.33)			
April	(\$507,712.66)			
May	\$2,018,483.01			
June	(\$5,055.74)			
July	(\$836,663.12)			
August	(\$913,818.50)			

### Expenses

2022/23 Budgeted Expenses = \$12,736,077.78

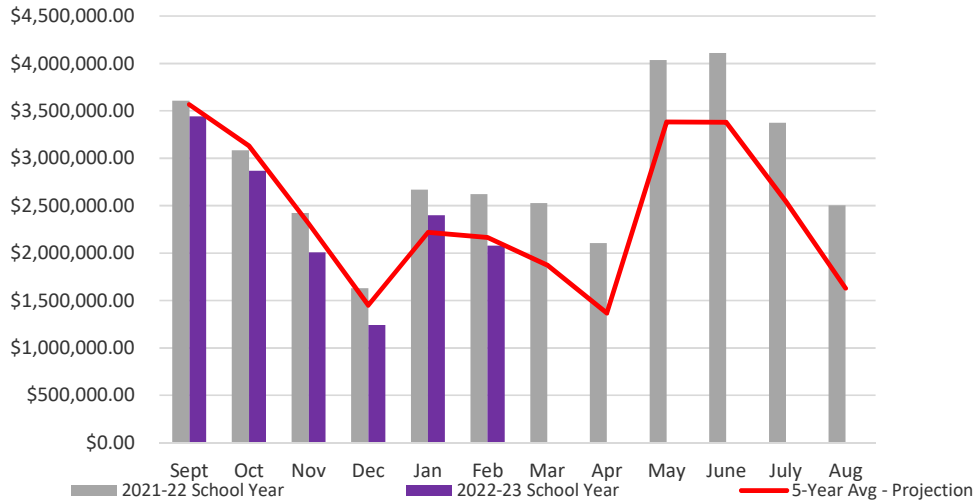
Month	Projected Expenses	Actual Expenses	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,212,474.60	\$1,166,598.19	(\$45,876.41)	(\$45,876.41)
October	\$1,040,537.55	\$955,426.36	(\$85,111.19)	(\$130,987.60)
November	\$1,029,075.08	\$963,362.09	(\$65,712.99)	(\$196,700.59)
December	\$1,041,811.16	\$925,767.19	(\$116,043.97)	(\$312,744.56)
January	\$1,041,811.16	\$888,861.86	(\$152,949.30)	(\$465,693.86)
February	\$1,013,791.79	\$1,141,853.58	\$128,061.79	(\$337,632.07)
March	\$1,032,895.91			
April	\$1,036,716.73			
May	\$1,057,094.46			
June	\$1,074,924.96			
July	\$1,025,254.26			
August	\$1,129,690.12			

### General Fund Balance

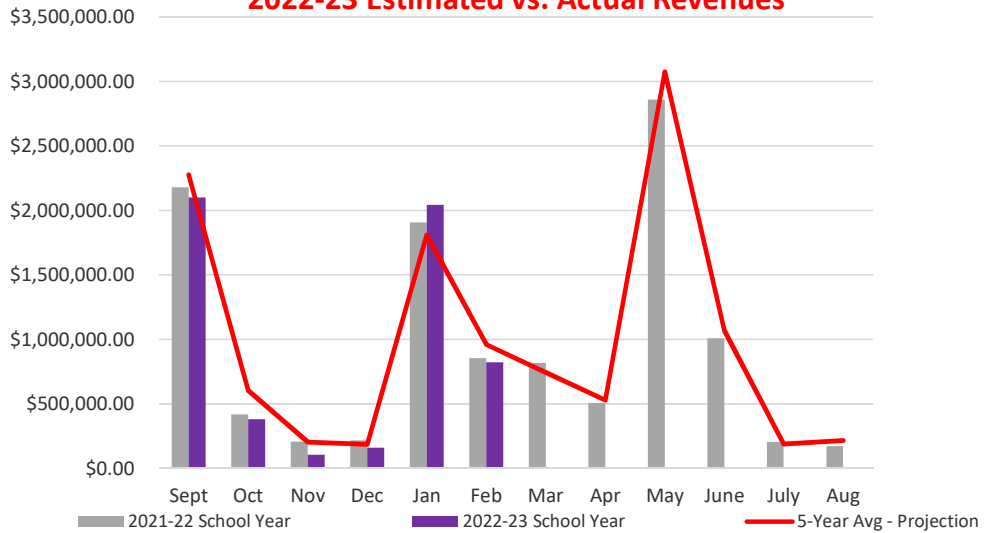
Beginning Reconciled GF Balance = \$2,504,496.82

Month	Projected GF Balance	Actual Reconciled GF Balance	Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$3,566,976.94	\$3,440,024.31	(\$126,952.63)
October	\$3,131,354.36	\$2,865,703.01	(\$265,651.35)
November	\$2,307,475.93	\$2,007,317.60	(\$300,158.33)
December	\$1,450,697.58	\$1,241,656.78	(\$209,040.80)
January	\$2,217,700.78	\$2,397,191.62	\$179,490.84
February	\$2,163,470.18	\$2,078,744.28	(\$84,725.90)
March	\$1,874,263.85		
April	\$1,366,551.19		
May	\$3,385,034.20		
June	\$3,379,978.46		
July	\$2,543,315.34		
August	\$1,629,496.84		

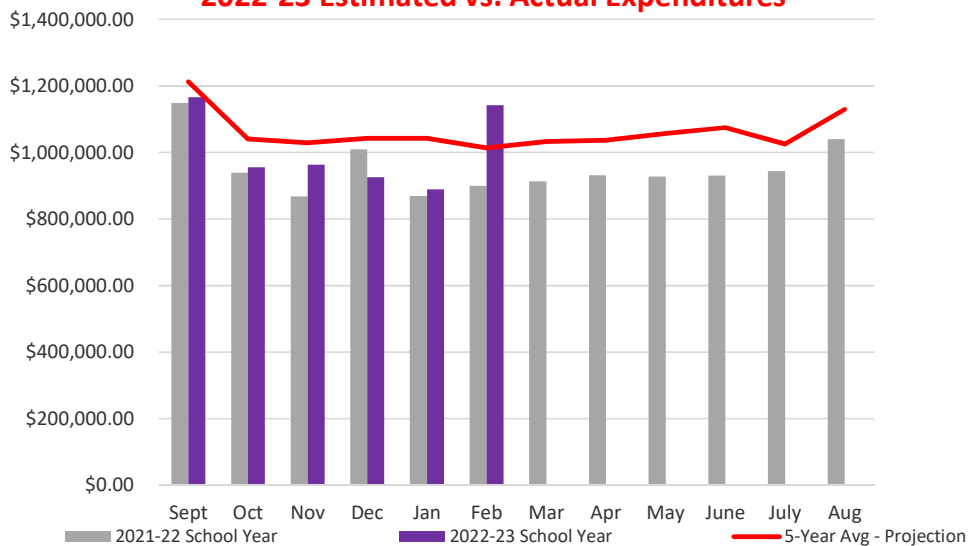
### 2022-23 Estimated vs. Actual General Fund Balance



### 2022-23 Estimated vs. Actual Revenues



### 2022-23 Estimated vs. Actual Expenditures



# General Fund Revenues

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Received	Remaining Balance	Percent Received
01100 - Taxes Levied/Assessed	\$9,955,058.78	\$2,698,206.23	\$7,256,852.55	27.10%
01115 - Carline Taxes	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
01120 - Public Power District Sales Tax	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%
01125 - Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$420,000.00	\$250,756.20	\$169,243.80	59.70%
01140 - Penalty & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$17,750.00	\$7,705.36	\$10,044.64	43.41%
01370 - Preschool Tuition and Fees	\$23,000.00	\$17,955.00	\$5,045.00	78.07%
01510 - Interest	\$5,000.00	\$5,193.89	(\$193.89)	103.88%
01910 - Rental of School Facilities & Equipment	\$8,000.00	\$4,150.00	\$3,850.00	51.88%
01911 - Local License Fees	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	0.00%
01920 - Contributions and Donations	\$35,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$33,800.00	3.43%
01921 - Police Court Fines	\$750.00	\$75.00	\$675.00	10.00%
01990 - Miscellaneous Local Revenue	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	0.00%
02110 - County Fines & License Fees	\$30,000.00	\$9,644.62	\$20,355.38	32.15%
03110 - State Aid	\$109,700.00	\$65,820.00	\$43,880.00	60.00%
03120 - Special Education - School Age	\$575,000.00	\$243,836.00	\$331,164.00	42.41%
03125 - SPED Transportation - School Age	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
03131 - Property Tax Credit	\$0.00	\$40,278.38	(\$40,278.38)	
03166 - Flex Funding: School Age Support Services	\$0.00	\$39,705.00	(\$39,705.00)	
03180 - Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$5,278.12	(\$5,278.12)	
03400 - State Apportionment	\$92,300.00	\$144,622.38	(\$52,322.38)	156.69%
03535 - High Ability Learners Payments	\$7,688.00	\$7,898.00	(\$210.00)	102.73%
04421 - IDEA Part B (611) ARP	\$11,755.00	\$0.00	\$11,755.00	0.00%
04505 - "ESSA Title I, Part A"	\$107,981.00	\$8,412.00	\$99,569.00	7.79%
04509 - "ESSA Title II, Part A"	\$26,034.00	\$0.00	\$26,034.00	0.00%
04516 - IDEA Preschool Base (619)	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	0.00%
04518 - IDEA Part B (611) Base & E-P Allocation	\$205,978.00	\$0.00	\$205,978.00	0.00%
04521 - IDEA Non-Public	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
04525 - Carl Perkins Grant	\$2,000.00	\$914.20	\$1,085.80	45.71%
04708 - Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	\$15,000.00	\$18,118.79	(\$3,118.79)	120.79%
04709 - Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAAPS)	\$15,000.00	\$10,465.80	\$4,534.20	69.77%
04998 - ESSER III	\$135,133.00	\$0.00	\$135,133.00	0.00%
05300 - Sale of Property	\$7,500.00	\$2,544.11	\$4,955.89	33.92%
05690 - Other Non-revenue Receipts	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,861,077.78</b>	<b>\$3,582,779.08</b>	<b>\$8,278,298.70</b>	<b>30.21%</b>

# General Fund Expenditures

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Disbursed	Remaining Balance	Percent Spent
01100 - Regular Instruction	\$5,894,190.30	\$3,314,781.71	\$2,579,408.59	56.24%
01125 - Academic Intervention (Flex Funding)	\$95,156.21	\$54,489.70	\$40,666.51	57.26%
01200 - School Age SPED	\$1,232,846.57	\$622,152.13	\$610,694.44	50.46%
01291 - Preschool Age 3-5	\$15,184.18	\$3,692.75	\$11,491.43	24.32%
01292 - Preschool Age 0-2	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	0.00%
01300 - Summer School	\$21,244.67	\$563.91	\$20,680.76	2.65%
02120 - Guidance Counselor	\$345,576.70	\$192,663.58	\$152,913.12	55.75%
02130 - Health Services	\$76,640.59	\$43,270.91	\$33,369.68	56.46%
02141 - School Psychologist - School Age	\$73,381.56	\$43,038.66	\$30,342.90	58.65%
02151 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$190,224.39	\$114,409.37	\$75,815.02	60.14%
02152 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	0.00%
02161 - Occupational Therapy	\$41,000.00	\$20,340.00	\$20,660.00	49.61%
02171 - Physical Therapy	\$12,750.00	\$5,655.00	\$7,095.00	44.35%
02172 - Physical Therapy	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$125.00	75.00%
02173 - Physical Therapy	\$750.00	\$1,380.00	(\$630.00)	184.00%
02190 - Student Activities	\$172,817.83	\$110,244.68	\$62,573.15	63.79%
02211 - School Improvement	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
02212 - Instruction & Curriculum Development	\$13,100.00	\$0.00	\$13,100.00	0.00%
02213 - Instructional Staff Training	\$0.00	\$7,284.38	(\$7,284.38)	
02220 - Media Center	\$266,724.50	\$150,279.77	\$116,444.73	56.34%
02230 - Technology Support	\$210,689.65	\$119,278.76	\$91,410.89	56.61%
02240 - Assessment Coordinator	\$17,874.57	\$6,051.51	\$11,823.06	33.86%
02310 - Board of Education	\$49,850.00	\$20,231.83	\$29,618.17	40.59%
02320 - Superintendent	\$304,209.46	\$178,235.96	\$125,973.50	58.59%
02330 - District Legal Services	\$50,000.00	\$13,323.92	\$36,676.08	26.65%
02410 - Principal	\$658,685.50	\$374,268.82	\$284,416.68	56.82%
02510 - Business Office	\$213,759.40	\$110,059.67	\$103,699.73	51.49%
02610 - Custodial	\$461,580.00	\$325,752.01	\$135,827.99	70.57%
02620 - Building Maintenance	\$913,529.88	\$362,397.48	\$551,132.40	39.67%
02630 - Grounds Maintenance	\$180,902.62	\$70,153.39	\$110,749.23	38.78%
02640 - Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$23,294.89	\$11,601.51	\$11,693.38	49.80%
02650 - Non-Pupil Vehicle	\$5,250.00	\$7,402.11	(\$2,152.11)	140.99%
02660 - Security	\$41,000.00	\$360.00	\$40,640.00	0.88%
02670 - Safety	\$25,700.00	\$25,369.59	\$330.41	98.71%
02710 - School Bus Driving	\$312,680.01	\$116,355.65	\$196,324.36	37.21%
02712 - School Age SPED Driving	\$3,866.46	\$0.00	\$3,866.46	0.00%
02713 - Below Age 5 SPED Driving	\$15,403.00	\$5,273.78	\$10,129.22	34.24%
02730 - School Bus Driving Vehicle Maintenance	\$38,302.70	\$52,131.25	(\$13,828.55)	136.10%
02732 - School Age SPED Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$145.00	\$2,855.00	4.83%
03535 - High Ability Learners	\$46,148.17	\$25,381.70	\$20,766.47	55.00%
06200 - Title IA	\$144,015.00	\$90,982.17	\$53,032.83	63.18%
06406 - IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	100.00%
06408 - IDEA Part B (611)	\$205,978.00	\$157,436.97	\$48,541.03	76.43%
06412 - IDEA Non-Public	\$3,582.97	\$2,043.00	\$1,539.97	57.02%
06421 - IDEA Part B (611) ARP	\$11,755.00	\$11,755.00	\$0.00	100.00%
06700 - Carl Perkins	\$0.00	\$914.20	(\$914.20)	
06998 - ESSER III	\$135,133.00	\$118,407.41	\$16,725.59	87.62%
08000 - Transfers (Outgoing)	\$202,000.00	\$79,400.00	\$122,600.00	39.31%
09000 - Reimbursed by Other Funds/Entities	\$0.00	\$3,601.52	(\$3,601.52)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,736,077.78</b>	<b>\$6,975,335.76</b>	<b>\$5,760,742.02</b>	<b>54.77%</b>

# Bank Statement Reconciliation

Description

Adjustment Date

Adjustment Amount

Minden High School

02/01/2023 through 02/28/2023

## Bank Statement Reconciliation Summary

Statement Balance	\$ 392,184.11
- Outstanding checks	\$ 13,634.61
+ Outstanding Deposits	\$ 0.00
+ Outstanding Adjustments	\$ 0.00
- Outstanding Investment Transfers	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 378,549.50
+ Investments	\$ 37,000.00
Book Balance	\$ 415,549.50

# Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
03/14/2023	3764	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Ameritas Tsa	\$ 400.00
03/14/2023	3765	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	Vision Insurance	\$ 1,189.99
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Dental Insurance	\$ 714.75
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Dental Insurance	\$ 190.79
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 2PT	\$ 3,867.51
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 2,643.68
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins FAM	\$ 15,488.10
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SNG	\$ 1,258.70
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 2PT	\$ 32,936.20
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 11,038.55
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins FAM	\$ 90,878.00
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SNG	\$ 5,827.20
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SPD	\$ 5,289.60
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins Split	\$ 1,497.10
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental 2PT	\$ 714.12
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental FAM	\$ 1,528.46
03/14/2023	3766	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental SPD	\$ 75.21
03/14/2023	3767	Cavalry SPV I, LLC	Kearney County Court Cavalry	\$ 212.30
03/14/2023	3768	Fiduciary Trust Company	Flatwater Wealth TSA	\$ 1,000.00
03/14/2023	3769	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	Horace Mann Life Insurance	\$ 1,175.00
03/14/2023	3770	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Feba Life Insurance	\$ 255.40
03/14/2023	3770	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long-Term Disability	\$ 1,328.00
03/14/2023	3770	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Term Life Policy	\$ 506.01
03/14/2023	3771	Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co.	HSA Contribution	\$ 4,864.15
03/14/2023	3772	Minden Public Schools	District Court	\$ 495.00
03/14/2023	3772	Minden Public Schools	F/b Dependent Care	\$ 3,888.92
03/14/2023	3772	Minden Public Schools	F/b Medical Dental	\$ 3,997.53
03/14/2023	3772	Minden Public Schools	Increased Retirement Percent	\$ 13,713.88
03/14/2023	3772	Minden Public Schools	NE Retirement	\$ 93,052.20
03/14/2023	3773	Minden Public Schools.	Computer Lease Purchase	\$ 632.92
03/14/2023	3774	Mps Payroll	Federal Withholding	\$ 40,302.67
03/14/2023	3774	Mps Payroll	FICA	\$ 68,415.58
03/14/2023	3774	Mps Payroll	Medicare	\$ 16,000.44
03/14/2023	3775	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	State Withholding - NE	\$ 18,567.14
03/14/2023	3776	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	East Music Supplies	\$ 30.98
03/14/2023	3776	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Media & Technology Supplies	\$ 686.80
03/14/2023	3776	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	MS P.E. Supplies	\$ 136.00
03/14/2023	3776	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	MS Supplies	\$ 193.57
03/14/2023	3776	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Nursing Supplies	\$ 32.79
03/14/2023	3777	Aurora Cooperative	Fuel	\$ 5,850.40
03/14/2023	3778	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 13,705.19
03/14/2023	3779	Cardmember Service	HS Ag Supplies	\$ 59.40
03/14/2023	3779	Cardmember Service	HS Web/Cloud Based Software	\$ 5.00
03/14/2023	3779	Cardmember Service	Newspaper	\$ 1.00
03/14/2023	3779	Cardmember Service	Pupil Transportation Fuel	\$ 146.09

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
03/14/2023	3780	Carter Electric	EAST Electrical Repairs	\$ 90.00
03/14/2023	3781	Century Link Long Distance	Telephone Services	\$ 5.97
03/14/2023	3782	CenturyLink - Regular Telephone	Telephone Service	\$ 478.16
03/14/2023	3783	City Of Minden	Utilities	\$ 15,773.84
03/14/2023	3784	Clearly Communications	Telephone Services	\$ 772.92
03/14/2023	3785	Communications Engineering, Inc.	Security Alert Systems	\$ 360.00
03/14/2023	3786	Cornerstone Electric	HS Electrical Repair	\$ 2,553.55
03/14/2023	3787	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	Internet Service	\$ 304.96
03/14/2023	3788	Eakes Office Solutions	Custodial Supplies	\$ 1,430.26
03/14/2023	3789	Echo Electric Supply Co.	HS Building Supplies	\$ 235.08
03/14/2023	3790	Educational Service Unit #10	East Regional Assessment Conference	\$ 100.00
03/14/2023	3790	Educational Service Unit #10	Power School Hosting Fees	\$ 165.42
03/14/2023	3791	Educational Service Unit #11	2nd Qtr. In-Service	\$ 584.59
03/14/2023	3791	Educational Service Unit #11	2nd Qtr. SPED Billing	\$ 4,386.06
03/14/2023	3792	Embassy Suites	NSBA Conference Lodging	\$ 328.00
03/14/2023	3793	Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C.	OT/PT/SLP Services	\$ 6,450.00
03/14/2023	3794	Fifth Street Printing	Envelope Printing	\$ 31.50
03/14/2023	3795	Harris School Solutions	Business Office Supplies	\$ 530.10
03/14/2023	3796	Hometown Leasing	Copier & Printer Lease #22795217	\$ 3,900.00
03/14/2023	3797	Intellicom Computer Consulting, Inc.	Football Internet Repairs	\$ 636.00
03/14/2023	3798	Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC	Black Edge Tire Repairs	\$ 746.24
03/14/2023	3798	Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC	Bus 22P Tire Repair	\$ 40.00
03/14/2023	3798	Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC	Coach Bus Tire Repair	\$ 108.00
03/14/2023	3799	John Deere Financial	Skid Steer Repairs	\$ 176.53
03/14/2023	3800	Kearney County Health Services	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 35.00
03/14/2023	3801	Kearney Towing & repair Center, Inc.	Coach Bus Repairs	\$ 617.40
03/14/2023	3802	Kully Pipe & Steel Supply	MS Tech Class Supplies	\$ 324.62
03/14/2023	3803	Landmark Implement Carquest	Air Compressor Repairs & Bus Barn Supplies	\$ 67.97
03/14/2023	3803	Landmark Implement Carquest	Coach Bus Maintenance	\$ 102.08
03/14/2023	3803	Landmark Implement Carquest	Equipment Repairs	\$ 19.67
03/14/2023	3804	LT Pedley Drug	MS Science Supplies	\$ 19.75
03/14/2023	3805	Mackin Book Company	MS Library Books	\$ 131.92
03/14/2023	3806	Mason's Market	2nd Grade Supplies	\$ 70.69
03/14/2023	3806	Mason's Market	FCS Supplies	\$ 239.36
03/14/2023	3806	Mason's Market	HS Ag Class Supplies	\$ 45.84
03/14/2023	3806	Mason's Market	HS Life Skills Supplies	\$ 120.42
03/14/2023	3806	Mason's Market	Kindergarten Supplies	\$ 5.58
03/14/2023	3806	Mason's Market	MS Science Supplies	\$ 16.98
03/14/2023	3807	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	HS Metals Class Supplies	\$ 146.00
03/14/2023	3808	Menards	HS PE Supplies	\$ 71.98
03/14/2023	3809	Mhs Journalism	Central Office (1) and Board (6) Yearbooks	\$ 273.00
03/14/2023	3809	Mhs Journalism	HS Counselor Office Yearbook	\$ 39.00
03/14/2023	3809	Mhs Journalism	HS Media Center Yearbook	\$ 39.00
03/14/2023	3810	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	East HVAC Repairs	\$ 878.50
03/14/2023	3810	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	East Maintenance Contract	\$ 2,595.00

# Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
03/14/2023	3810	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS HVAC Repairs	\$ 1,414.50
03/14/2023	3810	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS Maintenance Contract	\$ 3,350.00
03/14/2023	3810	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	MS Maintenance Contract	\$ 3,875.00
03/14/2023	3810	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	MS Water Heater Troubleshoot	\$ 105.00
03/14/2023	3811	Minden Hardware	Ag Class Supplies	\$ 4.98
03/14/2023	3811	Minden Hardware	Repairs & Supplies	\$ 94.72
03/14/2023	3812	Napa Auto Parts	Coach Bus Maintenance	\$ 175.04
03/14/2023	3813	Ne Association School Boards	NAEP Conference	\$ 105.00
03/14/2023	3813	Ne Association School Boards	NASB 23-24 Membership Dues	\$ 5,402.10
03/14/2023	3814	Nebraska Safety Center	Bus Driver Training	\$ 100.00
03/14/2023	3815	One Source	Background Checks	\$ 67.00
03/14/2023	3816	Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O	Legal Fees	\$ 192.00
03/14/2023	3817	Pony Express Ford	05 Dodge Pickup Repairs	\$ 3,537.92
03/14/2023	3817	Pony Express Ford	Black Edge Service	\$ 398.35
03/14/2023	3817	Pony Express Ford	Bus 21P Service	\$ 56.25
03/14/2023	3817	Pony Express Ford	Van 18V1 Service	\$ 345.31
03/14/2023	3817	Pony Express Ford	Van 18V2 Service	\$ 387.06
03/14/2023	3818	Presto-X Company	Pest Control Services	\$ 157.07
03/14/2023	3819	Sargent Drilling Co.	Well Repair	\$ 6,237.85
03/14/2023	3820	Shelton, Taylor M	MS Science Supplies Reimbursement	\$ 45.70
03/14/2023	3821	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Notice	\$ 5.65
03/14/2023	3821	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Retreat Notice & Minutes	\$ 63.46
03/14/2023	3822	Tri-County Glass, Inc.	HS Door Repair	\$ 87.50
03/14/2023	3822	Tri-County Glass, Inc.	MS Door Repairs	\$ 885.50
03/14/2023	3823	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Hot Spot Data Plan	\$ 160.04
03/14/2023	3824	Village Uniform	East Mop & Mat Service	\$ 139.15
03/14/2023	3824	Village Uniform	HS Mop & Mat Service	\$ 456.47
03/14/2023	3824	Village Uniform	MS Mop & Mat Service	\$ 332.11
03/14/2023	3825	Widdifield, James T	February Reimbursement	\$ 238.06
03/14/2023	3826	Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Shredding Service	\$ 60.00
03/14/2023	3827	WorkMed Midwest PA	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 40.00
03/14/2023	3827	WorkMed Midwest PA	Bus Driver Drug Testing Annual Fee	\$ 250.00
03/14/2023	3828	Wright Express Fleet Services	Fuel	\$ 1,389.60
03/14/2023	3829	Yanda's Music	MS Gym Sound System	\$ 1,965.79
03/14/2023	EFT	Minden Exchange Bank - EFT	Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 34.90
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 542,998.34</b>
<b>Net Payroll - March 2023</b>				<b>\$ 390,468.15</b>
<b>Total General Fund Disbursements - March 2023</b>				<b>\$ 933,466.49</b>

**Secretary** Kevin Raun

# Lunch Fund Checks and Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
EFT	2/8/2023	US Foods	Commodities	\$ 5,231.78
2938	2/8/2023	First Bank & Trust Company	Check Stock	\$ 99.47
5846	2/8/2023	Hiland Dairy	Milk Products	\$ 4,915.53
5848	2/8/2023	LinPepCo Partnership	Beverages	\$ 607.15
5849	2/8/2023	Cash-wa Distributing Co.	Commodities	\$ 17,931.49
5850	2/8/2023	Julie Jorgensen	Lunch Account Refund	\$ 29.25
5851	2/8/2023	Minden Hardware	Lunch Room Supplies	\$ 11.48
5852	2/8/2023	Mason's Market	Commodities	\$ 9.13
5854	2/8/2023	Dollar General	Lunch Room Supplies	\$ 22.50
5855	2/8/2023	Village Uniform	Kitchen Rag and Apron Service	\$ 460.72
5856	2/8/2023	Hobart Sales & Service	Equipment Repair	\$ 481.38
5857	2/8/2023	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Lunch Room Scanners	\$ 62.00
385	3/14/2023	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	EE Vision Insurance Premiums	\$ 45.01
386	3/14/2023	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health & Dental Insurance Premiums	\$ 5,338.65
387	3/14/2023	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE FEBA Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 8.60
387	3/14/2023	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 10.89
387	3/14/2023	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long Term Disability	\$ 15.95
388	3/14/2023	Minden Public Schools	EE & ER Retirement Contributions	\$ 2,392.62
388	3/14/2023	Minden Public Schools	Employee FEBA - Medical/Dental	\$ 208.34
389	3/14/2023	Mps Payroll	EE & ER FICA, Medicare, & Federal Income Tax	\$ 2,284.58
390	3/14/2023	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	EE Nebraska Income Tax Withholding	\$ 272.60
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 40,439.12</b>
<b>Net Payroll - March 2023</b>				<b>\$ 9,032.85</b>
<b>Total Lunch Fund Disbursements</b>				<b>\$ 49,471.97</b>



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## **MARCH 2023 BOARD MEETING**

### **ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Boys High School Wrestling team concluded their season at the State Wrestling Tournament in Omaha. This season, the boys team qualified six wrestlers for the tournament: Harrison Reed 113, Cade Harsin 120, Koltyn Heath 126, Orrin Kuehn 138, Braxton Janda 182, and Daulton Kuehn at 285. Three of the six qualifiers medaled at the state meet with Orrin Kuehn brought home 3rd place, Braxton Janda 6th, and Dalton Kuehn 5th place. As a team, the boys just missed out on a top 10 finish by placing 11th overall. It was a highly successful season for our boys wrestling team! On the girls wrestling side the three qualifiers included Myia Hofaker, Aliena Osterbuhr, and Savannah Koch. The girls team also had a fantastic season with many team members showing a great deal of growth from the beginning of the season to the end.

The girls basketball team completed their season in sub-districts at Adams Central High School. The girls finished the sub district final with a loss to the eventual state runner up Adams Central Patriots. The team finished with a 19-5 record with all losses coming to teams that qualified for the state tournament. Our girls had a fantastic season and with several core players returning we are looking forward to another great season next year!

The Whippet boys basketball team finished their season at sub-districts at Wood River High School. The boys lost the first round game against a tough Adams Central team. Our boys had several ups and downs throughout the season in dealing with injuries and adversity. They finished the season with a 10-12 record on the season. The boys graduate a large number of seniors from the team. Next season, the boys will have a large number of new contributors on the team and we are excited to see how the younger players step up in the future!

On Monday March 20th Minden will host our annual Quiz Bowl Tournament. This year, we have a total of 8 teams that will be competing. We are excited to host this fun competition here in our school. The tournament begins at 9:00am and should conclude by 12:00pm. The Quiz Bowl team has also been busy attending and competing at other area competitions and they are performing at a high level!

The spring sports season is in the early stages as teams were allowed to begin practices on Monday February 27th. The Boys Golf Team is getting started with their 2023 season. This year there are 17 participants on the team. They begin their season on March 30th at Adams Central for a dual. The boys and girls track teams have also been practicing for the season. To start the season, there are currently 28 boys and 37 girls on the track and field team. The first meet of the season is scheduled for Friday March 17th at the UNK indoor meet!

The Minden Speech Team traveled to Cozad for the Southwest Conference Meet and had a fantastic day finishing as the conference team runner up. The SWC is one of the best conferences in the state for speech so finishing as one of the top two teams is a great accomplishment. On Monday March 6th, the speech team also traveled to Broken Bow for the district meet. As a team, we sent 16 out of our 20 events to the finals and finished as the District Runner-Up in the team standings. We will be sending 10 events to the state meet in Kearney on March 15th!

The spring track and field season will start for our middle school athletes on Monday March 13th. The head coaches this season are Tiffany Widdifield and Riley Swedberg. The coaches are excited to get started with practices! The first meet will take place on Tuesday April 11th at Adams Central.

The FFA State Convention will take place on March 29th, 30th, and 31st.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference will take place April 3rd-5th in Kearney.

The FCCLA State Leadership Conference will take place 2nd-4th in Lincoln.

Jason Strong

**Minden Public Schools  
C.L. Jones Middle School  
March 2023  
Report to the Board of Education  
Mrs. Chelsey Jensen, Administrator**

The following information is a list of highlights at C.L. Jones Middle School:

**Whippet of the Month Awards-**

The C.L. Jones Middle School staff nominate students that demonstrate outstanding character, behavior, and commitment to academic progress. These students were presented with a certificate of achievement and a Pizza Hut gift certificate for their hard work. Congratulations to the following: Sage Saunders, Cole Schwenka, Lexie Anderson, Kinsey Morey, Angelina Arujo, Jordan Cervantes, Hope Mason, Hailey Petersen, Macy Jorgensen, Kaylie Lawless, Jaxson Pasbrig, Dustin Hankins



**4th Grade-**

We've concluded interviews for the open teaching positions for the 2023-2024 school year. I'm happy to recommend Ms. Erin Lempka for the 4th grade teaching position at C.L. Jones Middle School. You've likely seen Ms. Lempka substitute teaching throughout the district this past school year. We're excited to welcome Ms. Lempka to our MPS family!

**MS Art-**

We've concluded interviews for the open teaching positions for the 2023-2024 school year. I'm happy to recommend Mrs. Sarah Rosno for the middle school art position at C.L. Jones Middle School. Mrs. Rosno spent time student teaching with Mrs. Maulsby this past school year and did a great job! We're excited to welcome Mrs. Rosno to our MPS family!

**MS Special Education-**

I'm excited to announce that Mrs. Karen Space will be moving from teaching sixth grade social studies to middle school special education with Mrs. tenBensel. Mrs. Space has done a wonderful job teaching sixth grade and we're excited to work with her in this new role!

## 6th Grade Social Studies-

We've concluded interviews for the open teaching positions for the 2023-2024 school year. I'm happy to recommend Mrs. Betsy Olson for the 6th grade Social Studies position. Mrs. Olson is already a resident and Minden and comes to us with experience in teaching middle school at Grand Island Public Schools. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Olson to our MPS family!

## Journalism 8-

Please join us for the 8th grade journalism class' final project- CLJMS premier of "Night at the School" on March 14, 2023 at 7:15pm.

### C.L. Jones Middle School Presents:



**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

Minden High School Commons Area  
6:15 pm - 7:15 pm

Red Carpet Photos, Snacks, KidZone  
Teammates Booth (Facepainting)

Free Will Donation for Entry

VIP Room Access (Raffle at 6:45 pm)  
\$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets

Formal attire is requested, not required

Social Media Posts #nightattheschool

Minden Public Schools Auditorium  
7:15 pm

"Night at the School"  
Short Film created by Journalism 8

"Battle of the Generations"  
Infomercial created by Journalism 7

Intermission Raffles

"Nights at the School" Raffle  
2023-2024 Family Activities Pass

"Night Away from School" Raffle  
\$50 Movie Theater Giftcard, \$50 Alley Kose Giftcard

It's time to remember what it's like to be a kid.

## Middle School Dance-

The C.L. Jones Middle School Student Council organized a 7th & 8th grade dance on February 17th at C.L. Jones Middle School. The students and staff enjoyed a fun evening with good company, delicious snacks and plenty of glow sticks! Thank you to the C.L. Jones Student Council, Mr. Nichols, and Mrs. Osgood- Kring for coordinating a fun night of events for us!

## Kearney County Spelling Bee-

We're excited to host the rescheduled Kearney County Spelling bee at C.L. Jones Middle School on March 14, 2023 beginning at 3:45pm.

## Read Across America-

We celebrated Read Across America/ Dr. Seuss' birthday with the following:



## National FFA Week-

Ms. Wippel and her FFA students celebrated National FFA Week by organizing 8th Grade Ag Olympics at C.L. Jones Middle School. The high school members organized agriculture themed contests for the 8th grade students to compete in. Thank you Ms. Wippel and the HS FFA members for hosting this fun event for our eighth grade students!



## Middle School Quiz Bowl-

The middle school quiz bowl team placed 3rd out of 8 teams at the Wilcox- Hildreth quiz bowl competition on February 27, 2023. Congratulations to Mrs. Emery and the 8th grade team!



## 8th Grade Honor Band-

The following 8th grade band members, Jon Althouse, Frank Kovacs, Emma Goodrich, Navi Lennemann, and Bailey Alkire, spent the day at the Kearney Middle School Honor Band. They were able to learn music and play in a concert with other Middle School students from Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings, Lexington, and Ravenna. Thank you Mr. Stubbs for spreading your love of music!



**Minden Public Schools**  
**East Elementary/Minden Public Preschool**  
**March 2023 Report to the Board of Education**  
**Mrs. Sandy Pohl, Administrator**

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Read Across America week was celebrated during the last week of February. The grand finale to the celebratory week was the opportunity for each student to invite a guest to read with them on Friday. The school was packed full of love and reading.

Mr. McCarthy recently brought the wrestling mats to East Elementary to begin the tumbling unit. While kids have tumbling stations on the mats, Mr. McCarthy spends time teaching kids to tie their shoes who are unable.

Mrs. Rowley has been busy with 2nd/3d graders preparing for the spring musical on May 15th. Mark your calendars! Mrs. Rowley has also been assisting students in preparing for the 2023 Invention Convention that is held annually in Holdrege.

Students created VanGogh self-portraits with Mrs. Woodward in art class. A treat for third graders to take home was the last four years of their own self-portraits. Parents and students could see all the growth they have made in their drawing abilities.

Kindergarten students have been reading about queens and kings. In honor of their study, they had an official royal tea party. The entire themed party was full of fun, however, there was also an underlying lesson of table manners that were taught.

Parent/Teacher conferences in February had almost a 100% attendance rate.

Two high school National Honor Society members spent time outside of the school day volunteering to help East Elementary. Carter Harsin fixed broken preschool playground equipment and cleaned up all the trash. Bailey Rogers greeted students at the front doors to start their day positively.



# Minden High School

## March 2023

### Board of Education Report



#### Ms. Wippel's Agriculture Classes

*Introduction to Ag, Large Animal Management, Plant Production, Vet Science, 8th Grade Ag, Wildlife Management*

#### **Introduction to Ag**

This year in Introduction to Ag we have seen an increase in student enrollment. There are a total of 41 students enrolled in two sections. In the Fall semester, the students learned about the history of agriculture, biotechnology, FFA, and Food Science. This semester, the students are currently learning about animal science and will learn about plant science, followed by natural resources. This course is designed to allow students to explore the seven career pathways in agriculture to find the one they are most interested in.

#### **Large Animal Management**

As the agriculture program continues to grow there is a need for more courses. The Large Animal Management course was added as one of the Capstone courses for the Animal Science Career Pathway. In this course, the students will learn about large animal livestock production. At the beginning of the semester, the students discussed the differences between animal welfare and animal rights and learned about Temple Grandin's impact on the animal industry. Currently, they are learning about Swine Management Production and designing their own Swine Operations based on needs of a farmer in a given scenario. The students will learn about sheep/goat production, dairy, and beef production. Pictures below are of the students dissecting a baby lamb that was aborted by its mother. Hannah Donley brought it in and we were able to see the developmental stage of the fetus.



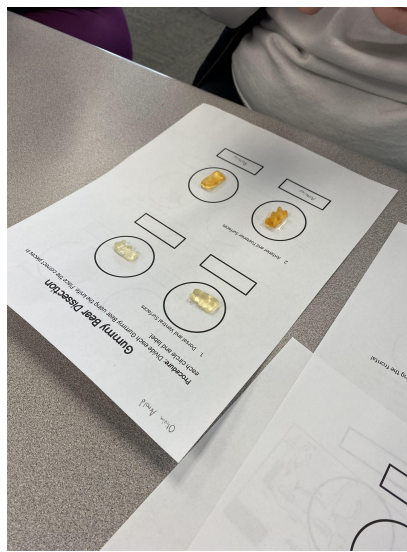
## Plant Production

Plant Production is the Capstone course for Plant Science. During this semester, students will learn about specific areas of plant production. Currently, the students are learning about plant propagation and are gaining a lot of hands-on experience by propagating plants of all kinds in the classroom. The students were able to visit Joy's Floral and pick out the house plants to propagate. Next, students will learn about agronomy, landscape design, and floriculture. Pictures below are of a cactus that the students grafted and a lab where students learned multiple grafting techniques using twizzlers.



## Vet Science

Vet Science is the second Capstone option for Animal Science. This is a new class this semester where students will learn about veterinary medicine. With this course, we are hoping to visit local vets and watch some operations and procedures. The students just completed the terminology unit and are starting the animal breed identification unit. Throughout the rest of the semester, they will learn a lot about anatomy, medicine, treatments for animals, and operational procedures. In the pictures below students learned directional terminology by dissecting gummy bears.



## **8th Grade Ag**

Each quarter I get a new group of 8th-grade students. During the quarter the students will learn about what agriculture is and what an agriculturalist is. They will also learn about careers in agriculture, myths about the industry, commodities and by-products, and animals. The students currently are learning about animal products and where they are found in the world.

## **Wildlife Management**

This course serves as the Capstone course for Natural Resources. During this course, students will learn about the history of wildlife management, flyways, fisheries, wildlife species, how to manage habitat, and hopefully visit local wildlife resources such as Rowe Sanctuary. So far this semester the students have learned about key people and historical movements that have helped the United States wildlife get where it is today, endangered species, and human impact on wildlife, and will be completing an Amazing Race Habitat game where they will race around the school building their own habitat while accomplishing tasks. Later in the semester, we hope to build wildlife habitats for the outdoor classroom and build fishing rods to go fishing with.

(Contest Results Listed Below)

**Spring**  
**Career Development Event Contests**  
Feb. 28 at CCC Hastings

**Ag Sales- 1st Purple**

- Jake Ryan- 4th
- Brody Sexton- 6th
- Luke Grollmes- 15th
- Brett Eckhardt- 7th

**Agriscience**

- Team 1: 10th Red
  - Madeline Kring- 47th
  - Madisen Mulrone- 61st
  - Eliza Fredrickson- 12th
  - Shelby Nelson- 4th
- Team 2: 7th Blue
  - Brooke Carr- 40th
  - Emory Porter- 37th
  - Hannah Nies- 1st
  - Tessa Morey- 36th
- **Team 3: 1st Purple**
  - Alyssa Johnson- 3rd
  - Lizzy Nielsen- 2nd
  - Arabella Reed- 8th
  - Isabelle Martin- 5th

**Ag Mechanics- 4th place**

- Tucker Schmidt- 7th
- Evan Koch- 45th
- Aidan Sinsel- 28th
- Gavyn Cross-3rd

**Welding- 7th place**

- Tanner Ellis- 2nd TIG
- Braxton Hatch- 5th MIG
- William Runions- 9th Stick
- Rilan Olson- 9th OA

## **Food Science**

- Team One: 5th Blue
  - Makenna Betty-21st
  - Kate Boudreau-11th
  - Larissa Labenz-17th
  - Dawson Conyers-52nd
- Team Two: 10th White
  - Milly Jacobsen-51st
  - Austin Lutkemeier-49th
  - Colton Riley-19th
  - Brycen Schwenka-32nd

## **Livestock Management- 3rd place- 1st Swine, Beef**

- Alex Boudreau
- Hannah Donley
- Addison Brown
- Sam Cederburg
- Emma Grube

## **Vet Science- 4th**

- Jessie Hurt-13th
- Olivia Arnold-15th
- Emily Eschliman- 12th
- Cassie Arnold-19th

## **Agronomy- 1st Purple**

- Kole Nielsen- 1st
- Marah Dornhoff- 21st
- Mia Malcom- 25th
- Shawn Kuehn- 16th

## **Natural Resources**

- Shawn Hollis- 73rd

# Spring

## Leadership Development Event Contest

### January 25th, 2023

#### **Parliamentary Procedure- STATE QUALIFIERS Purple Ribbon**

- Hannah Donley, Makenna Betty, Emma Grube, Kate Boudreau, Sam Cedarburg, Dawson Conyers

#### **Conduct of Chapter Meetings**

- **Minden 1: Blue Ribbon**
  - Arabella Reed, Alyssa Johnson, Madisen Mulrone, Madeline Kring, Isabelle Martin, Lizzy Nielsen, Danica Schoone
- **Minden 2: Red Ribbon**
  - Andrew Runions, Caleb Schwenka, Cael Smith, Sami Miller, Emili Barboza, Sophie Birkestrand, Frank Kovacs

#### **Ag Demonstration:**

- Mia Malcom and Larissa Labenz- Blue Ribbon

#### **Employment Skills:**

- Alex Boudreau- STATE QUALIFIER Purple Ribbon
- Emma Grube- Blue ribbon

#### **Extemporaneous Speaking**

- Sam Cedarburg- FIRST PLACE STATE QUALIFIER Purple Ribbon

#### **Jr. Prepared Public Speaking**

- Arabella Reed- FIRST PLACE STATE QUALIFIER Purple Ribbon
- Tucker Robinson- Blue ribbon

#### **Discovery Speaking**

- Caleb Schwenka- FIRST PLACE STATE QUALIFIER Purple Ribbon

#### **Natural Resources Speaking**

- Dawson Conyers- Blue Ribbon

#### **Creed Speaking**

- Frank Kovacs- Red Ribbon

## **Social Science Department**

### **Mr. Martin's American Government Classes**

American Government classes just finished conducting moot courts in class. A moot court is a mock hearing of an appellate court, usually the US Supreme Court. In these hands-on activities, students played the roles of Supreme Court justices, attorneys, journalists, and courtroom sketch artists. The seniors developed and analyzed complex legal arguments which explore how Constitutional protections play a vital role in Americans' daily lives. Students will also be completing a series of mock trials in the next few weeks, the last of which will take place at the Kearney County courthouse. These trials allow students to better understand the trial process of both criminal and civil cases.

For the second year, Minden senior American Government students had the opportunity to take the class for dual college/HS credit through Wayne State College. This allows Minden students the opportunity to enter college already having three credits in political science at a substantially lower price than regular college credits. Last year 28 students took advantage of this opportunity, and this year 22 students are enrolled in the dual credit program.

On October 6 next fall, the Nebraska Supreme Court has chosen Minden High School to host an oral argument session for the Court as part of its school outreach program. The Court will hear arguments from lawyers in actual Nebraska cases. The justices will hold a question-and-answer session after the arguments to help students better understand how the appellate process works in Nebraska, as well as outline careers in the legal profession. Minden high school seniors and students from nearby schools will be invited to attend. This is a big honor and will be a fantastic opportunity for our students and community. More information can be found at [Supreme Court High School & Law School Oral Arguments | Nebraska Judicial Branch](#)

### **Mrs. Wagner's Social Studies Classes**

World Geography students are currently working through our unit about Europe. So far, students have learned the locations of physical and human features. They have also discussed aspects of the European population, culture, and history. As we continue the unit, we will discuss Russia's impact on modern world affairs, including the conflict in the Ukraine and its impact on the United States. Finally, students develop critical thinking and inquiry skills as they analyze environmental problems and solutions. As we reach the end of the school year, we will cover the Middle East, analyzing the importance of this region to the U.S. economy and evaluating important cultural differences.

In Sociology this semester, students have discussed cultural differences, norms, and deviance. They learned about how society labels, controls and punishes different types of deviance. To gain firsthand knowledge, they applied these concepts to complete their deviance project. For this project, students committed a minor deviant act (such as walking backwards to their destinations) and recorded how others around them reacted. This project allows students to experience and analyze the reasons behind social behaviors and norms. As the semester progresses, students will discuss social inequalities in the United States, including topics of socioeconomic stratification, race and ethnicity, and gender. Finally, we will discuss the importance of the family to society and how technology and social media impact our social behaviors.

## **Mr. Maulsby's American History Classes**

American history classes are in the process of finishing up learning about World War II. Throughout World War II, students have demonstrated the ability to understand how dictators were able to rise into power after World War I, some of the early mistakes the League of Nations made in trying to slow down the building of the German army, and how victory was achieved by the allies in both Europe and Japan. We dove into some very important topics such as the Holocaust as well as many other atrocities (Pearl Harbor, The Rape of Nanking, The dropping of the atomic bombs, etc) that occurred during World War II. This allowed the students the opportunity to understand how leaders can use propaganda and the media to push their social issues and how people should make sure to educate themselves on past major events, so we can prevent those events from ever occurring again.

Once again, our students just completed their World War II battle podcasts. They did an outstanding job and created some very quality work. During their podcasts, students had to work together to describe many different parts of a battle of their choice including weapons, casualties, tactics, etc. They also gave valuable opinions throughout the podcast and came up with strategic advances that could have changed the outcome of the war. I am always amazed at all the new information I learn from their podcasts and some of the interesting facts they find while researching. I also enjoy their creativity in editing and podcast entertainment. Some of the recorded files sound like actual podcasts that I would consider subscribing to. Now onto the Cold War!

**Superintendent Report**

Meeting: March Board Meeting

Date: 3/13/23

Mr. Widdifield

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**Topics:**

New Staff: We have finalized all our positions for the 23-24 school year, with Board approval. There could be some changes this week. Contracts are due Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, for all administration and certified staff. I appreciate the admin's work replacing our needs for next year. Finding new teachers is going to be tough, but we are very fortunate to be in a great place with a great school. The few we have hired for next year will be great!

Summer projects: Summer projects are still getting set. We need to do some patching to the elementary roof. Louvers are ordered for the elementary. I am working with Uden to finish the heat exchanger cleaning system and south boiler room boilers. We will also be addressing security items.

East Elementary: I want to thank the Board, Jeremy, and Mrs. Pohl for all the work they have done helping out with tours, putting information together, and the number of meetings we had in the last four weeks. We have about 10-12 more weeks of meetings, but it is worth the time and effort for our kids, staff, and community.

Thank You: I want to thank the staff, administration, and other volunteers for the help we received this winter. The winter season is long, and it takes many people to make everything work. I appreciate the community support and what our staff and administration do outside of school hours.

**Hugo Madera**  
613 Thomas Dr.  
Hastings, NE, 68901

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February 23rd, 2023

Minden Public Schools  
543 W. 5th  
Minden, NE 68959

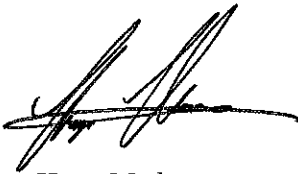
Dear Minden Public Schools Administration,

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation from the position of 4-12 Vocal Music Teacher at Minden Public Schools.

After significant consideration, I have recently accepted a position as the music director for the Adams Central Public Schools district for the 2023-2024 school year. Working within the Minden High School and C.L. Jones Middle School systems has been an absolute joy, and it has been incredibly rewarding to watch the students succeed.

While it saddens me to leave this position, I know that Minden Public Schools' reputation of music excellence will continue for many years to come. I am eternally grateful for all of the opportunities and memories that this institution has offered me. It has been a privilege to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Madera', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hugo Madera

February 21, 2023

Mr. James Widdifield and the Minden Board of Education,

I will not be returning for the 2023-2024 school year. I have accepted a teaching position with the Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools.

Thank you for your time.

Connie Hansen  
4th-6th Grade Special Education

### Appendix "I" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "I" to Policy 5006 for the 2023-2024 School Year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2023-2024 school year in any program, class, grade level, or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building that has "0" as the No. of Option, Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>PROGRAM CAPACITY</b>	<b>PROJECTED ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS</b>
Kindergarten	55	60	0
First	55	55	0
Second	55	55	0
Third	55	55	0
Building Capacity, Elementary	220	225	0
Elementary Special Education	25	40	0
Fourth	80	55	25
Fifth	80	70	10
Sixth	80	70	10
Seventh	80	70	10
Eighth	80	70	10
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center	400	335	65
Middle School Special Education Program	40	75	0
Ninth	80	65	15
Tenth	80	65	15
Eleventh	80	80	0
Twelfth	80	70	10
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center	320	280	40
Level I Sr. High School Special Education Program	30	45	0
PreSchool	32	32	0

## RESOLUTION

### A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN KEARNEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0503 (MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA; AND RELATED MATTERS

#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KEARNEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0503 (MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:

**Section 1.** The Board of Education (the “**Board**”) of Kearney County School District 0503 (Minden Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “**District**”) hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The District is a duly organized school district under Nebraska law that maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education.

(b) It is necessary that funds be provided for the purpose of paying the costs of construction and acquisition of a new elementary school building, site and public infrastructure improvements, modifications to the District’s existing buildings and facilities, and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such buildings and facilities (collectively, the “**Project**”).

(c) To pay the costs of the Project, it will be necessary for the District to issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Twenty-nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$29,500,000).

(d) No proposition for the issuance of bonds for any such purposes has been submitted to the electors of the District within six months preceding the date of the special election called by this Resolution.

**Section 2.** A special election (the “**Election**”) is hereby called and shall be held in the District on May 9, 2023, (the “**Election Date**”) at which Election there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition (the “**Proposition**”):

“Shall Kearney County School District 0503 (Minden Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska issue its general obligation bonds in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Twenty-nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$29,500,000), for the purpose of providing funds for: construction and acquisition of a new elementary school building, site and public infrastructure improvements, modifications to the District’s existing buildings and facilities, and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such buildings and facilities; such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at a rate or rates, become due at such times, and be sold at such prices as determined at the direction of the Board of Education; and

“Shall the School District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the School District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?”

The ballots to be voted on and cast at the Election shall have printed thereon the foregoing Proposition, with the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” and “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition.

Qualified electors voting in favor of the Proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition, and qualified electors voting against the Proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition.

**Section 3.** Notice of the Election shall be published in *The Minden Courier* at least 42 days prior to the Election Date by the Election Commissioner of Kearney County, Nebraska (the “**Election Commissioner**”). Notice of the Election shall also be given to the qualified electors of the District 20 days prior to the Election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the Election, or as otherwise provided by law, such notice and sample ballot to be published in *The Minden Courier*, a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and the Secretary be and hereby is directed to cause such notice and sample ballot to be published.

**Section 4.** The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution not later than March 17, 2023 (which is the eighth Friday preceding May 9, 2023) to the Election Commissioner, who shall designate the polling places (if applicable), appoint the election officials and otherwise conduct the Election as provided by law. The District hereby agrees to reimburse the Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the Election.

**Section 5.** The form of ballot and form of notice for such bond election shall be in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as **Attachment I**, utilizing the appropriate provisions for an election held by mail or at polling places and with such other additions and changes determined appropriate by the Election Commissioner. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the Election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for the Election and to do all other things and to take all other appropriate or necessary action in order to cause the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as above provided.

**Section 6.** Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to (a) cause the form of ballot and form of notice approved herein and attached hereto as **Attachment I** to be published in accordance with such laws, with such changes therein as the President or Secretary of the Board, in consultation with counsel to the District and bond counsel, deem necessary to conform to such laws, and (b) take all further actions necessary to comply with all publication and filing deadlines and other election procedures and requirements as may be necessary or proper to submit the Proposition described in **Section 2** hereof to the qualified electors of the District on the Election Date.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

**PASSED:** March 13, 2023.

**KEARNEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
0503 (MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE  
STATE OF NEBRASKA**

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

OFFICIAL BALLOT

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION  
KEARNEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0503  
(MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS)  
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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