

Minden Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Minden High School Media Center  
543 West 5th  
Minden, NE 68959-0301  
Monday, August 14, 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 July 10 Meeting
  - 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
  - 5.a. Consider and Discuss Amendments to Policy 4250 Bus Drivers
6. Action Items
  - 6.a. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Amendments to Policy 8231 Coffee Act Policy
  - 6.b. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Adoption of Policy 4171 Resignation of Certificated Employees and Policy 5602 Naloxone
  - 6.c. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Reaffirmation of Policy 5417 School Wellness Policy
  - 6.d. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on 2023-24 Preschool, East Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Staff Handbooks
  - 6.e. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Resolution to Increase the District's Base Growth Percentage by up to an Additional Six Percent or Other Maximum Amount as Permitted by Law
  - 6.f. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on 2022-23 Year End Bills
  - 6.g. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Resolution Supporting the Community for Kids Initiative
  - 6.h. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on 2022-23 Audit Agreement --- added 8/9/2023
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m. per Board President Action

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
July 10, 2023**

The agenda for the July 10, 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.

At 7:00 pm, the Board heard support, opposition, criticism and/or suggestions for the reaffirmation of Policy 5008 Student Attendance, Policy 5101 Student Discipline, Policy 5415 Anti-Bullying, Policy 6400 Parental Involvement, and Policy 6410 Title 1 Parent & Family Engagement. At 7:12 pm, the hearing was closed.

The board meeting began at 7:12 pm with all board members present, except Glanzer.

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

Motion by Raun and second by Craig to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the June 12 and June 27 meetings, financial reports, and claims for payment. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, absent; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the amendments to Policy 8231 Coffee Act Policy.

The Board reviewed Policy 4171 Resignation of Certificated Employees and Policy 5602 Naloxone.

Motion by Krull and second by Craig to reaffirm Policy 5008 Student Attendance, Policy 5415 Anti-Bullying, Policy 6400 Parental Involvement, and Policy 6410 Title 1 Parent & Family Engagement. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, absent; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Reed to waive the second reading practice and approve the adoption of Policy 1101 Use of School Facilities – Student Groups, Policy 6215 Collection of Information Relating to Dyslexia, Policy 6921 Seizure Safe School, and Policy 6930 Behavioral Points of Contact. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, absent; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Krull to approve the amendments to Policy 5004 Full-Time & Part-Time Enrollment, Policy 5101 Student Discipline, Policy 5102 Alternative Education Program, Policy 5103 Extracurricular Activity, Policy 5205 Graduation, Policy 6212 Assessments-Academic Content Standards, Policy 6284 Initiations, Hazing, Secret Clubs & Outside Organizations, Policy 6600 Special Education, Policy 6700 Firearm Policy, and Policy 8130 Annual Organizational Meeting. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, absent; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhynalds and second by Raun to designate Shelia Sanford and Jeremy Knajdl as the authorized representatives of the Minden Public Schools Food Service Program for the 2023-24 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, absent; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Raun and second by Craig to approve the administrator contract addendums. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, absent; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krull and second by Reed to approve addition of Ed Rowse as Middle School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, absent; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krull and second by Craig to approve a 20-day extended contract for the District Technology Director. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, absent; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

At 8:14 pm, meeting adjourned per Board President action.

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Secretary, Board of Education

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 31, 2023

SCHOOL BALANCE - June 30, 2023			\$181,720.68
Current Months Receipts			\$197,002.93
Transfers from Investments			\$700,000.00
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts			\$1,078,723.61
Less: Disbursements			\$884,235.69
Transfer to Investments			
Total Disbursements			\$884,235.69
SCHOOL BALANCE - July 31, 2023			\$194,487.92
BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT - July 31, 2023			\$194,487.92
Deposits In Transit			\$0.00
LESS : Outstanding Checks			
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE - July 31, 2023			\$194,487.92
(Balance - July 31, 2022 = \$198,182.44)			
 GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS			 \$3,091,495.97
Money Market Minden Exchange	\$1,788,704.46	2.48% demand	
Money Market First Bank	\$1,302,791.51	2.74% demand	
(Balance July 31, 2022 = \$3,175,001.98)			
 DEPRECIATION FUND INVESTED			 \$170,879.06
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$123,407.33	2.48% demand	
Money Market First Bank	\$47,466.54	2.13% demand	
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$5.19		
(Balance July 31, 2022 = \$64,254.76)			
 BUILDING FUND			 \$1,709,930.36
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$919,634.39	2.48% demand	
Money Market First Bank	\$161,289.22	2.74% demand	
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Building Fund	\$629,002.25	4.87% demand	
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$4.50		
(Balance July 31, 2022 = \$883,002.79)			
 BOND FUND			 \$1,733,133.30
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$1,119,144.34	2.48% demand	
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Bond Fund	\$613,988.96	4.87% demand	
(Balance July 31, 2022 = \$1,708,282.52)			
 LUNCH FUND			 \$67,975.94
Money Market First Bank	\$51,364.59	2.44% demand	
Checking First Bank	\$16,611.35		
(Balance July 31, 2022 = \$186,404.96)			
 FUNDS PLEDGED FOR DEPOSITS			
Minden Exchange Bank	\$6,500,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC	
First Bank	\$2,065,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC	

Scott W. Johnson, Treasurer

## 2022/23 Projections vs. Actuals for General Fund As of July 31, 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	\$757,067.57	\$13,377.99	(\$408,979.98)
April	\$529,004.07	\$665,579.90	\$136,575.83	(\$272,404.15)
May	\$3,075,577.47	\$3,025,592.35	(\$49,985.12)	(\$322,389.27)
June	\$1,069,869.22	\$1,272,358.70	\$202,489.48	(\$119,899.79)
July	\$188,591.14	\$200,648.86	\$12,057.72	(\$107,842.07)
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)	(\$175,029.63)	\$114,176.70	\$29,450.80
April	(\$507,712.66)	(\$354,096.34)	\$153,616.32	\$183,067.12
May	\$2,018,483.01	\$2,120,281.64	\$101,798.63	\$284,865.75
June	(\$5,055.74)	\$296,188.77	\$301,244.51	\$586,110.26
July	(\$836,663.12)	(\$680,104.83)	\$156,558.29	\$742,668.55
August	(\$913,818.50)			

### Expenses

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

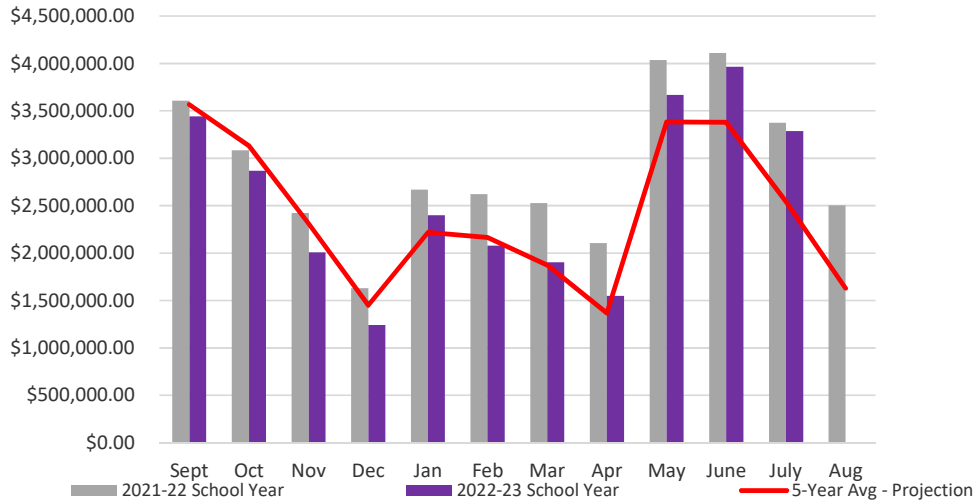
Month	Projected Expenses	Actual Expenses	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,212,474.60	\$1,166,598.19	(\$45,876.41)	(\$45,876.41)
October	\$1,040,537.55	\$955,426.36	(\$85,111.19)	(\$130,987.60)
November	\$1,029,075.08	\$963,362.09	(\$65,712.99)	(\$196,700.59)
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	\$932,097.20	(\$100,798.71)	(\$438,430.78)
April	\$1,036,716.73	\$1,019,676.24	(\$17,040.49)	(\$455,471.27)
May	\$1,057,094.46	\$905,310.71	(\$151,783.75)	(\$607,255.02)
June	\$1,074,924.96	\$976,169.93	(\$98,755.03)	(\$706,010.05)
July	\$1,025,254.26	\$880,753.69	(\$144,500.57)	(\$850,510.62)
August	\$1,129,690.12			

### General Fund Balance

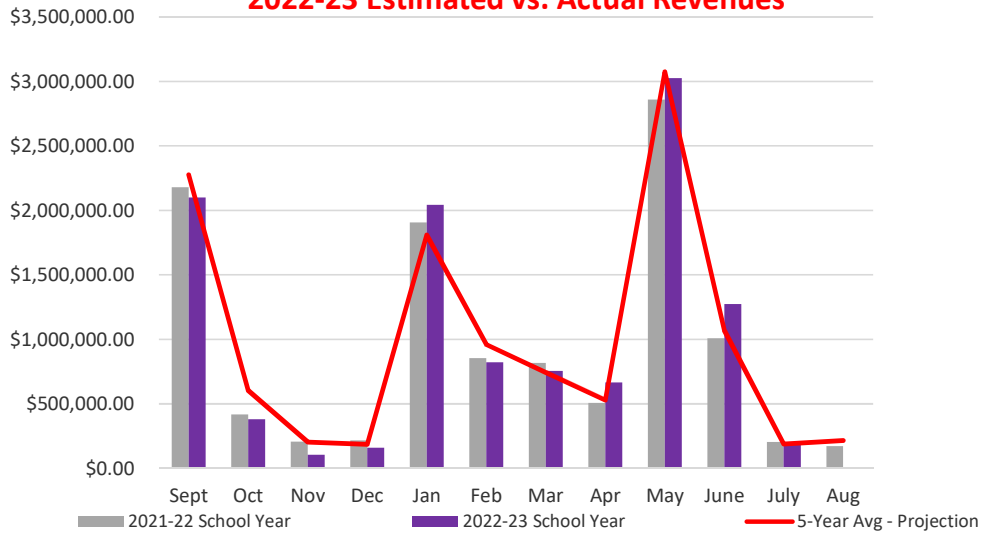
Beginning Reconciled GF Balance = \$2,504,496.82

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	\$1,903,714.65	\$29,450.80
April	\$1,366,551.19	\$1,549,618.31	\$183,067.12
May	\$3,385,034.20	\$3,669,899.95	\$284,865.75
June	\$3,379,978.46	\$3,966,088.72	\$586,110.26
July	\$2,543,315.34	\$3,285,983.89	\$742,668.55
August	\$1,629,496.84		

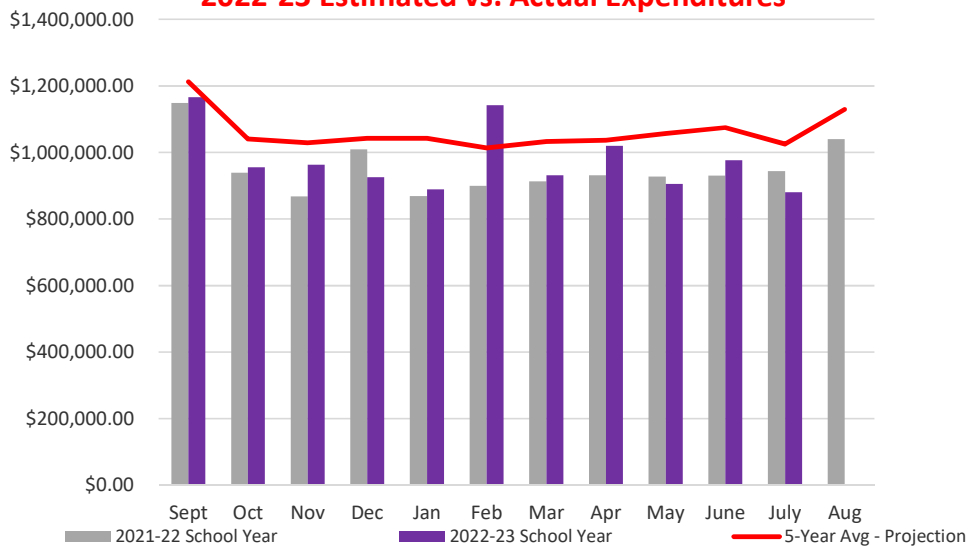
### 2022-23 Estimated vs. Actual General Fund Balance



### 2022-23 Estimated vs. Actual Revenues



### 2022-23 Estimated vs. Actual Expenditures



# General Fund Expenditures

Account Description	Adopted	Disbursed	Remaining	Percent
	Budget		Balance	Spent
01100 - Regular Instruction	\$5,894,190.30	\$5,684,414.31	\$209,775.99	96.44%
01125 - Academic Intervention (Flex Funding)	\$95,156.21	\$93,393.03	\$1,763.18	98.15%
01200 - School Age SPED	\$1,232,846.57	\$1,078,015.34	\$154,831.23	87.44%
01291 - Preschool Age 3-5	\$15,184.18	\$9,493.96	\$5,690.22	62.53%
01292 - Preschool Age 0-2	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	0.00%
01300 - Summer School	\$21,244.67	\$16,781.70	\$4,462.97	78.99%
02120 - Guidance Counselor	\$345,576.70	\$280,074.38	\$65,502.32	81.05%
02130 - Health Services	\$76,640.59	\$68,574.03	\$8,066.56	89.47%
02141 - School Psychologist - School Age	\$73,381.56	\$119,521.54	(\$46,139.98)	162.88%
02151 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$190,224.39	\$182,544.73	\$7,679.66	95.96%
02152 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	0.00%
02161 - Occupational Therapy	\$41,000.00	\$33,690.00	\$7,310.00	82.17%
02171 - Physical Therapy	\$12,750.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,750.00	70.59%
02172 - Physical Therapy	\$500.00	\$1,530.00	(\$1,030.00)	306.00%
02173 - Physical Therapy	\$750.00	\$3,030.00	(\$2,280.00)	404.00%
02190 - Student Activities	\$172,817.83	\$178,459.00	(\$5,641.17)	103.26%
02211 - School Improvement	\$2,500.00	\$444.57	\$2,055.43	17.78%
02212 - Instruction & Curriculum Development	\$13,100.00	\$0.00	\$13,100.00	0.00%
02213 - Instructional Staff Training	\$0.00	\$17,684.38	(\$17,684.38)	
02220 - Media Center	\$266,724.50	\$252,221.16	\$14,503.34	94.56%
02230 - Technology Support	\$210,689.65	\$201,511.50	\$9,178.15	95.64%
02240 - Assessment Coordinator	\$17,874.57	\$16,999.11	\$875.46	95.10%
02310 - Board of Education	\$49,850.00	\$35,978.70	\$13,871.30	72.17%
02320 - Superintendent	\$304,209.46	\$305,123.37	(\$913.91)	100.30%
02330 - District Legal Services	\$50,000.00	\$15,945.52	\$34,054.48	31.89%
02410 - Principal	\$658,685.50	\$628,728.24	\$29,957.26	95.45%
02510 - Business Office	\$213,759.40	\$208,473.86	\$5,285.54	97.53%
02610 - Custodial	\$461,580.00	\$450,663.34	\$10,916.66	97.63%
02620 - Building Maintenance	\$913,529.88	\$676,699.11	\$236,830.77	74.08%
02630 - Grounds Maintenance	\$180,902.62	\$119,553.35	\$61,349.27	66.09%
02640 - Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$23,294.89	\$21,465.93	\$1,828.96	92.15%
02650 - Non-Pupil Vehicle	\$5,250.00	\$8,945.70	(\$3,695.70)	170.39%
02660 - Security	\$41,000.00	\$3,510.36	\$37,489.64	8.56%
02670 - Safety	\$25,700.00	\$49,737.35	(\$24,037.35)	193.53%
02710 - School Bus Driving	\$312,680.01	\$216,245.17	\$96,434.84	69.16%
02712 - School Age SPED Driving	\$3,866.46	\$0.00	\$3,866.46	0.00%
02713 - Below Age 5 SPED Driving	\$15,403.00	\$7,531.55	\$7,871.45	48.90%
02730 - School Bus Driving Vehicle Maintenance	\$38,302.70	\$73,537.70	(\$35,235.00)	191.99%
02732 - School Age SPED Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$145.00	\$2,855.00	4.83%
03535 - High Ability Learners	\$46,148.17	\$45,233.76	\$914.41	98.02%
06200 - Title IA	\$144,015.00	\$145,159.48	(\$1,144.48)	100.79%
06406 - IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	100.00%
06408 - IDEA Part B (611)	\$205,978.00	\$204,450.01	\$1,527.99	99.26%
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	\$1,263.20	(\$1,263.20)	
06990 - Other Federal Grants	\$0.00	\$62,319.18	(\$62,319.18)	
06998 - ESSER III	\$135,133.00	\$135,094.57	\$38.43	99.97%
08000 - Transfers (Outgoing)	\$202,000.00	\$129,400.00	\$72,600.00	64.06%
09000 - Reimbursed by Other Funds/Entities	\$0.00	\$411.38	(\$411.38)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,736,077.78</b>	<b>\$11,809,196.57</b>	<b>\$926,881.21</b>	<b>92.72%</b>

# General Fund Revenues - Thru 7/31/23

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Received	Remaining Balance	Percent Received
01100 - Taxes Levied/Assessed	\$9,955,058.78	\$6,697,058.74	\$3,258,000.04	67.27%
01115 - Carline Taxes	\$3,500.00	\$2,822.69	\$677.31	80.65%
01120 - Public Power District Sales Tax	\$35,000.00	\$48,320.95	(\$13,320.95)	138.06%
01125 - Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$420,000.00	\$442,021.95	(\$22,021.95)	105.24%
01140 - Penalty & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$17,750.00	\$11,872.81	\$5,877.19	66.89%
01370 - Preschool Tuition and Fees	\$23,000.00	\$22,365.00	\$635.00	97.24%
01510 - Interest	\$5,000.00	\$30,682.24	(\$25,682.24)	613.64%
01910 - Rental of School Facilities & Equipment	\$8,000.00	\$6,850.00	\$1,150.00	85.63%
01911 - Local License Fees	\$3,750.00	\$2,886.34	\$863.66	76.97%
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	\$48.38	\$251.62	16.13%
02110 - County Fines & License Fees	\$30,000.00	\$22,032.21	\$7,967.79	73.44%
03110 - State Aid	\$109,700.00	\$109,700.00	\$0.00	100.00%
03120 - Special Education - School Age	\$575,000.00	\$583,144.00	(\$8,144.00)	101.42%
03125 - SPED Transportation - School Age	\$2,000.00	\$3,212.00	(\$1,212.00)	160.60%
03130 - Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$96,959.50	(\$96,959.50)	
03131 - Property Tax Credit	\$0.00	\$763,070.45	(\$763,070.45)	
03166 - Flex Funding: School Age Support Services	\$0.00	\$39,705.00	(\$39,705.00)	
03180 - Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$17,042.68	(\$17,042.68)	
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	\$11,755.00	\$0.00	100.00%
04505 - "ESSA Title I, Part A"	\$107,981.00	\$30,237.00	\$77,744.00	28.00%
04509 - "ESSA Title II, Part A"	\$26,034.00	\$26,034.00	\$0.00	100.00%
04516 - IDEA Preschool Base (619)	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	100.00%
04518 - IDEA Part B (611) Base & E-P Allocation	\$205,978.00	\$178,004.00	\$27,974.00	86.42%
04521 - IDEA Non-Public	\$3,500.00	\$2,043.00	\$1,457.00	58.37%
04525 - Carl Perkins Grant	\$2,000.00	\$914.20	\$1,085.80	45.71%
04708 - Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	\$15,000.00	\$32,799.48	(\$17,799.48)	218.66%
04709 - Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAAPS)	\$15,000.00	\$18,012.35	(\$3,012.35)	120.08%
04969 - Title IV, Part A SSAE Grant	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	
04998 - ESSER III	\$135,133.00	\$135,093.00	\$40.00	99.97%
05300 - Sale of Property	\$7,500.00	\$3,044.11	\$4,455.89	40.59%
05301 - Insurance Adjustments	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)	#DIV/0!
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>\$9,504,526.46</b>	<b>\$2,356,551.32</b>	<b>80.13%</b>

# Bank Statement Reconciliation

Description

Adjustment Date

Adjustment Amount

Minden High School Activities 07/01/2023 through 07/31/2023

## Bank Statement Reconciliation Summary

Statement Balance	\$ 333,289.59
- Outstanding checks	\$ 7,717.32
+ Outstanding Deposits	\$ 0.00
+ Outstanding Adjustments	\$ 0.00
- Outstanding Investment Transfers	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 325,572.27
+ Investments	\$ 37,000.00
Book Balance	\$ 362,572.27

# Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
08/15/2023	4162	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Ameritas Tsa	\$ 400.00
08/15/2023	4163	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	Vision Insurance	\$ 1,059.60
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Dental Insurance	\$ 761.11
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Dental Insurance	\$ 190.79
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 2PT	\$ 3,867.51
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 1,982.76
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins FAM	\$ 17,209.00
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SNG	\$ 1,258.70
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 2PT	\$ 32,936.20
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 10,833.75
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins FAM	\$ 92,005.06
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SNG	\$ 5,827.20
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SPD	\$ 6,612.00
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins Split	\$ 1,497.10
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental 2PT	\$ 681.66
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental FAM	\$ 1,451.25
08/15/2023	4164	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental SPD	\$ 75.21
08/15/2023	4165	Fiduciary Trust Company	Flatwater Wealth TSA	\$ 1,000.00
08/15/2023	4166	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	Horace Mann Life Insurance	\$ 1,275.00
08/15/2023	4167	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Feba Life Insurance	\$ 236.50
08/15/2023	4167	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long-Term Disability	\$ 1,365.07
08/15/2023	4167	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Term Life Policy	\$ 395.05
08/15/2023	4168	Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co.	HSA Contribution	\$ 4,957.03
08/15/2023	4169	Minden Public Schools	District Court	\$ 330.00
08/15/2023	4169	Minden Public Schools	F/b Medical Dental	\$ 3,212.17
08/15/2023	4169	Minden Public Schools	Increased Retirement Percent	\$ 12,793.98
08/15/2023	4169	Minden Public Schools	NE Retirement	\$ 86,810.55
08/15/2023	4170	Minden Public Schools.	Computer Lease Purchase	\$ 842.00
08/15/2023	4171	Mps Payroll	Federal Withholding	\$ 40,349.77
08/15/2023	4171	Mps Payroll	FICA	\$ 62,680.50
08/15/2023	4171	Mps Payroll	Medicare	\$ 14,659.18
08/15/2023	4172	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	State Withholding - NE	\$ 18,074.51
08/15/2023	4173	ACDC Leadership, Inc.	HS Economics Curriculum	\$ 200.00
08/15/2023	4174	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Business Office Supplies	\$ 49.66
08/15/2023	4174	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Flags	\$ 565.80
08/15/2023	4174	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Ice Machine Filters	\$ 83.40
08/15/2023	4174	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	MS SPED Supplies	\$ 384.00
08/15/2023	4174	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Technology Supplies	\$ 205.52
08/15/2023	4175	Aurora Cooperative	Fuel & Grounds Chemical	\$ 849.33
08/15/2023	4176	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	\$ 1,592.30
08/15/2023	4177	Blick Art Materials	HS Art Supplies	\$ 25.02
08/15/2023	4178	Bus Safety Solutions	Route Bus Stop Arm Attachment	\$ 228.00
08/15/2023	4179	Business Telecommunication Systems	EAST Telephone	\$ 215.00
08/15/2023	4180	Century Link Long Distance	Telephone Services	\$ 5.82
08/15/2023	4181	CenturyLink - Regular Telephone	Telephone Service	\$ 450.36
08/15/2023	4182	City Of Holdrege	Dump Fee	\$ 24.00
08/15/2023	4183	City Of Minden	Utilities	\$ 20,153.38
08/15/2023	4184	Clearly Communications	Telephone Services	\$ 771.79
08/15/2023	4185	Communications Engineering, Inc.	HS Security Cameras	\$ 3,150.36
08/15/2023	4186	Coole School	MS Supplies	\$ 1,026.90
08/15/2023	4187	Cornhusker State Industries	EAST Library Shelves	\$ 684.00
08/15/2023	4188	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	Internet Service	\$ 572.51
08/15/2023	4189	Eakes Office Solutions	Custodial Supplies	\$ 1,664.41
08/15/2023	4189	Eakes Office Solutions	Floor Scrubber Repair	\$ 555.80
08/15/2023	4189	Eakes Office Solutions	HS Floor Scrubber	\$ 7,925.89
08/15/2023	4190	Ecsell Sports, LLC	Training Services	\$ 10,400.00

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
08/15/2023	4191	Educational Service Unit #10	Power School Hosting Fees	\$ 165.42
08/15/2023	4192	Educational Service Unit #11	4th Qtr. SPED Billing	\$ 3,491.12
08/15/2023	4192	Educational Service Unit #11	July Educational Services	\$ 4,516.75
08/15/2023	4193	Elan Financial Services	Driving Records Request	\$ 82.50
08/15/2023	4193	Elan Financial Services	HS Business Curriculum	\$ 159.00
08/15/2023	4193	Elan Financial Services	HS Web/Cloud Based Software	\$ 5.00
08/15/2023	4193	Elan Financial Services	MS SPED Supplies	\$ 197.24
08/15/2023	4193	Elan Financial Services	MS Supplies	\$ 339.50
08/15/2023	4194	Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C.	OT/PT Services	\$ 855.00
08/15/2023	4195	Fifth Street Printing	Calendar Printing & CO Printing Supplies	\$ 1,552.25
08/15/2023	4196	Gumdrop Books	MS Library Books	\$ 1,495.32
08/15/2023	4197	Hometown Leasing	Copier & Printer Lease #22795217	\$ 3,900.00
08/15/2023	4198	Illuminate Education, Inc.	Student Data Software	\$ 6,625.00
08/15/2023	4199	Innovative Office Solutions	COOP Order	\$ 3,929.50
08/15/2023	4200	Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC	Transit Bus Tire Rotation	\$ 150.00
08/15/2023	4201	John Deere Financial	JD Mower Repairs	\$ 98.80
08/15/2023	4202	Journey Ed.com, Inc.	Adobe Licenses	\$ 500.00
08/15/2023	4203	Junior Library Guild	HS Library Books	\$ 1,448.64
08/15/2023	4204	Kearney County Health Services	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 35.00
08/15/2023	4205	Kearney Hub	Newspaper Subscription	\$ 377.83
08/15/2023	4206	Kelly Supply Company	EAST HVAC Repairs	\$ 80.53
08/15/2023	4206	Kelly Supply Company	HS HVAC Repairs	\$ 25.69
08/15/2023	4206	Kelly Supply Company	MS HVAC Repairs	\$ 47.39
08/15/2023	4207	Learning Ally, Inc.	Audiobook Site License	\$ 2,849.07
08/15/2023	4208	Lenovo, Inc.	Chromebooks	\$ 80,022.80
08/15/2023	4209	Mackin Book Company	EAST Library Books	\$ 46.45
08/15/2023	4210	Mason's Market	Water Softener Salt & Custodial Supplies	\$ 1,590.04
08/15/2023	4211	Medtox Laboratories	Driver Drug Testing	\$ 40.93
08/15/2023	4212	Menards	EAST & Grounds Supplies	\$ 58.26
08/15/2023	4212	Menards	EAST Building Maintenance	\$ 37.98
08/15/2023	4212	Menards	HS Washer	\$ 554.99
08/15/2023	4213	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	EAST HVAC Repairs	\$ 9,727.00
08/15/2023	4213	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS HVAC Repair	\$ 450.00
08/15/2023	4214	Midwest Floor Specialists	Gym Floor Refinishing	\$ 5,000.00
08/15/2023	4215	Minden Hardware	Repairs & Supplies	\$ 190.33
08/15/2023	4216	Minden Lumber & Concrete	Grounds Supplies	\$ 47.04
08/15/2023	4216	Minden Lumber & Concrete	MS Building Supplies	\$ 21.49
08/15/2023	4217	Mps Petty Cash	Postage & Central Office Supplies	\$ 101.68
08/15/2023	4218	Napa Auto Parts	Bus 20C Maintenance	\$ 374.97
08/15/2023	4218	Napa Auto Parts	MS HVAC Repairs	\$ 28.89
08/15/2023	4218	Napa Auto Parts	Transportation Supplies	\$ 64.26
08/15/2023	4219	National Art & School Supplies, Inc.	COOP Order	\$ 829.62
08/15/2023	4220	National Bus Sales, Inc.	2012 Chevy Starcraft Bus and Delivery Fee	\$ 54,000.00
08/15/2023	4221	NCSA	Administrator Days Registration	\$ 1,160.00
08/15/2023	4221	NCSA	NCSA Membership Dues	\$ 285.00
08/15/2023	4222	Nebraska Central Equipment	Bus 20C Repairs	\$ 136.22
08/15/2023	4223	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corp	EAST Fire Sprinkler Inspection	\$ 418.00
08/15/2023	4223	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corp	HS Fire Sprinkler Inspection	\$ 380.00
08/15/2023	4223	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corp	MS Fire Sprinkler Inspection	\$ 415.00
08/15/2023	4224	Nebraska Safety Center	Bus Driver Training	\$ 250.00
08/15/2023	4225	Northwest Evaluation Association	MAP Testing	\$ 4,375.00
08/15/2023	4226	One Source	Background Checks	\$ 27.00
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Black Edge Service	\$ 82.95
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Bus 20C Service	\$ 173.74
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Bus 20P Service	\$ 92.95
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Bus 21P Service	\$ 92.95

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08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Bus 22P Service	\$ 92.95
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Grey Edge Service	\$ 82.95
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Van 12V1 Service	\$ 82.95
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Van 12V2 Service	\$ 82.95
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Van 13V1 Service	\$ 82.90
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Van 18V1 Service	\$ 130.74
08/15/2023	4227	Pony Express Ford	Van 18V2 Service	\$ 82.95
08/15/2023	4228	PowerSchool Group, LLC	MS & HS UC Curriculum Subscription	\$ 7,980.00
08/15/2023	4228	PowerSchool Group, LLC	Schoology Subscription	\$ 6,846.66
08/15/2023	4229	Presto-X Company	Pest Control Services	\$ 169.64
08/15/2023	4230	Protex Central, Inc.	Bus Barn Fire Extinguisher Service	\$ 128.92
08/15/2023	4230	Protex Central, Inc.	EAST Range Hood Inspection	\$ 19.09
08/15/2023	4230	Protex Central, Inc.	Fire Safety Service HS/MS	\$ 1,207.89
08/15/2023	4230	Protex Central, Inc.	MS/HS Fire Extinguisher Service	\$ 364.90
08/15/2023	4231	Rapid Fire Protection, Inc.	Bus Barn Fire Sprinkler Repair	\$ 403.00
08/15/2023	4232	School Mate	EAST Supplies	\$ 472.50
08/15/2023	4233	School Specialty, LLC	3rd Grade Supplies	\$ 41.24
08/15/2023	4233	School Specialty, LLC	4th Grade Supplies	\$ 7.78
08/15/2023	4233	School Specialty, LLC	MS SPED Supplies	\$ 9.94
08/15/2023	4233	School Specialty, LLC	Preschool Supplies	\$ 48.09
08/15/2023	4234	Staples	Copier Paper	\$ 4,918.80
08/15/2023	4235	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Meeting Minutes	\$ 60.95
08/15/2023	4235	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Meeting Notice & Minutes	\$ 15.70
08/15/2023	4235	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	EAST 23-24 Subscription	\$ 48.75
08/15/2023	4235	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	HS Media Center 23-24 Subscription	\$ 48.75
08/15/2023	4235	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	MS Media Center 23-24 Subscription	\$ 48.75
08/15/2023	4236	Teacher Direct	Kindergarten Supplies	\$ 388.76
08/15/2023	4237	Teachers Pay Teachers	MS Art Supplies	\$ 150.99
08/15/2023	4237	Teachers Pay Teachers	MS SPED Supplies	\$ 42.48
08/15/2023	4238	The University of Iowa	HS Business Curriculum	\$ 149.00
08/15/2023	4239	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Hot Spot Data Plan	\$ 160.04
08/15/2023	4240	Village Uniform	HS Mop & Mat Service	\$ 428.64
08/15/2023	4241	Widdifield, James T	July Reimbursement	\$ 67.87
08/15/2023	4242	William Macgill Co	Nursing Supplies	\$ 940.00
08/15/2023	4243	Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Shredding Service	\$ 60.00
08/15/2023	4244	WorkMed Midwest PA	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 40.00
08/15/2023	4245	Wright Express Fleet Services	Fuel	\$ 800.97
08/15/2023	4246	WT Cox Subscriptions	HS Magazine Subscriptions	\$ 754.09
08/15/2023	4247	Yanda's Music	HS Band Music	\$ 386.10
08/15/2023	EFT	Minden Exchange Bank - EFT	Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 28.00
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 701,292.23</b>
<b>Net Payroll - August 2023</b>				<b>\$ 352,027.30</b>
<b>Total General Fund Disbursements - August 2023</b>				<b>\$ 1,053,319.53</b>

**Secretary** Kevin Raun

# Lunch Fund Disbursements

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
5896	7/14/2023	Jeff Steele	Kitchen Vent Hood Cleaning	\$ 2,125.00
5897	7/14/2023	Innovative Office Solutions	Food Wrap	\$ 73.80
5897	7/14/2023	Innovative Office Solutions	Pan Liners	\$ 405.20
5897	7/14/2023	Innovative Office Solutions	Sandwich Bags	\$ 74.68
419	8/15/2023	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	EE Vision Insurance Premiums	\$ 8.96
420	8/15/2023	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health & Dental Insurance Premiums	\$ 2,219.35
421	8/15/2023	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE FEBA Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 5.50
421	8/15/2023	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 4.05
421	8/15/2023	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long Term Disability	\$ 10.68
422	8/15/2023	Minden Public Schools	EE & ER Retirement Contributions	\$ 732.44
422	8/15/2023	Minden Public Schools	Employee FEBA - Medical/Dental	\$ 208.26
423	8/15/2023	Mps Payroll	EE & ER FICA, Medicare, & Federal Income Tax	\$ 829.29
424	8/15/2023	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	EE Nebraska Income Tax Withholding	\$ 119.19
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 6,816.40</b>
<b>Net Payroll - August 2023</b>				<b>\$ 2,455.03</b>
<b>Total Lunch Fund Disbursements</b>				<b>\$ 9,271.43</b>

# Building Fund Disbursements

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
602	8/15/2023	914 Coating, LLC	East Roof Recoating	\$52,800.00
603	8/15/2023	CMBA Architects	Meal Costs	\$7.41
603	8/15/2023	CMBA Architects	Mileage/Travel Costs	\$72.05
603	8/15/2023	CMBA Architects	Printing & Scanning	\$317.15
604	8/15/2023	Specified Design Consultants, Inc.	HS Domestic Water Treatment System	\$24,310.00
<b>Total Building Fund Disbursements - August 2023</b>				<b>\$77,506.61</b>

**Minden Public Schools**  
**C.L. Jones Middle School**  
**August 10, 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:

**Open House Information:**

The CLJMS Back-to-School Open House will take place on August 14, 2023 from 6:00-7:30 PM at C.L. Jones Middle School. Students and families are encouraged to visit the building, meet with the teachers, and tour the building anytime between 6:00-7:30 PM. We hope to see everyone there!

**Welcome Letter:**

We are looking forward to welcoming new and returning students to our CLJMS family on August 16, 2023. Please see the attached welcome back letter for CLJMS students and families below.

**Student/ Parent Information for 2023-2024 School Year:**

- Enrollment forms should be completed online and can be found on the district website
- School begins August 16, 2023 at 8:00 AM with a 3:30 PM dismissal
- Friday August 18, 2023 will follow a regular Friday schedule with an 8:00 AM start and 2:10 PM dismissal
- Student schedules will be posted online via PowerSchool on August 14, 2023
- Student drop-off begins at 7:30 AM- Students should report directly to the gymnasium upon arrival
- Breakfast will be served in each classroom beginning at 8:00 AM (optional)
- Breakfast will be \$1.10 for students
- Lunch will be \$3.00 for middle school students
- Applications for free/ reduced lunch can be obtained by contacting the CLJMS office
- Store bought birthday treats may be sent to school, if you choose. Please do not send treats to school that contain nuts.
- Please notify the office before 8:30 AM if you student is going to be absent (308.832.2338)
- Information will be shared on our website, <https://www.mindenwhippets.org/o/cl-jones-middle>
- Follow us on twitter @cljonesms
- Powerschool is an online database our school uses to organize and manage student information. Each student and parent has their own Powerschool login and password. If you need help accessing Powerschool, please email [tiffiny.widdifield@mindenwhippets.org](mailto:tiffiny.widdifield@mindenwhippets.org). If you do not have a Powerschool username and password and need to create one, please see the instructions below.

# Create a Parent Single Sign-On Account

PowerSchool now requires parents/guardians to set up their own accounts. Parents/Guardians must create a Single Sign-on Account (SSO), which allows them to choose one username and password combination to access information for ALL children in their family.

In order to set up a Parent Single Sign-on Account go to the Minden school website: [www.mindenwhippets.org](http://www.mindenwhippets.org)



From the Schools drop down at the top choose your students school.

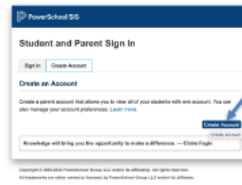
Once in the correct school choose the menu dropdown and find PowerSchool Parent/Student from quick links.



On the Power School screen you will see the option to create a new account: Click "Create Account" -Twice



**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE\*\*\* Before starting Step 2, decide on a Username and Password and write them down in a safe place. User Name and Password that you choose cannot contain any punctuation marks or spaces.**



Fill in all your information : See IMPORTANT NOTE ABOVE

Enter additional information for your children –

If you do not have your Access\_ID and Access\_Password, please contact Mrs. Jensen ([chelsey.jensen@mindenwhippets.org](mailto:chelsey.jensen@mindenwhippets.org)) or Mrs. Widdfield ([tiffany.widdfield@mindenwhippets.org](mailto:tiffany.widdfield@mindenwhippets.org))

**This Access ID is the Parent's Access ID and Password NOT the Students**

ENTER when you have finished entering all information. You will have to go to your email and verify your email account.

Then you will be able to log in using the Username and Password that you chose when setting up your account. This is the area you will log into on all future visits to PowerSchool.

C. L. Jones Middle School  
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Minden, NE 68959  
chelsey.jensen@mindenwhippets.org 308-832-2338

Dear C.L. Jones Middle School Students and Families,

I hope you had a wonderful summer break! It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2023-2024 school year for another fantastic year of learning. To our new fourth-grade students and those new to the district, welcome to our C. L. Jones Middle School family. We are lucky to have you on our team!

It is our mission to ensure each student and family who walk through our doors feels welcomed, safe, connected, and reassured they are a vital part of our learning community. We strive to offer rigorous coursework and instruction to promote student growth. We prioritize academic and social-emotional learning opportunities to help students become contributing members of the community.

Classes will begin Wednesday, August 16, 2023, 8:00 AM, with a regular dismissal time of 3:30 PM. The building doors will open daily at 7:30 AM, and students should report to the gymnasium until the bell rings at 7:55 AM.

There are a few new faces to meet at CLJMS this year. Please welcome these outstanding additions to our CLJMS family - Mr. Ed Rowse (Assistant Principal/ MS Activities Director), Ms. Erin Lempka (4th grade), Mrs. Betsy Olson (6th grade), Mrs. Sarah Rosno (art), and Ms. Ivey Zimmerman (vocal music).

Please join us on August 14, from 6:00-7:30 PM, for our open house. The welcome back to school sign will be in front of the building from August 14-16, so be sure to stop by for a quick photo.

It is a privilege to serve as principal of C. L. Jones Middle School. It is truly an honor to be part of a community that is invested in the learning and growth of all children. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration as we work together as a "family" to support each other and every student at CLJMS. Your child's learning is very important and I value your input so please feel free to contact me at 308.832.2338 or chelsey.jensen@mindenwhippets.org. Once again, welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

Sincerely,




Chelsey Jensen  
Principal  
C. L. Jones Middle School

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CLJMS News

## Welcome to our C.L. Jones Middle School Family!

<p>Mr. Nichols- Media/ Library</p> 	<p>Mrs. Jacobsen- Guidance Counselor</p> 	<p>Mrs. Rosno- Art</p> 
<p>Nurse Julie</p> 	<p>Mr. Wilson- PE &amp; MS Spanish</p> 	<p>Ann Madsen- Administrative Assistant</p> 
<p><b>4th Grade</b></p>  <p>Mrs. True</p>  <p>Mrs. Thatcher</p>  <p>Ms. Lempka</p>	<p>Mrs. Jensen- Principal</p>  <p>Mr. Rowse- Assistant Principal/ MS Activities Director</p> 	<p><b>5th Grade</b></p>  <p>Mrs. Christensen</p>  <p>Mrs. Gilson</p>  <p>Mrs. McDowell</p>
<p>Ms. Zimmerman- Vocal Music</p>  <p>Mr. Stubbs- Band</p>	<p>Mrs. Widdifield -Tech. Integration Specialist</p> 	<p>Mrs. Emery- Assessment Coordinator</p> 

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
 <p>Mrs. Jensen (Reading &amp; Lang. Arts 6)</p>  <p>Mrs. Olson (Soc. Studies &amp; LA 6)</p>  <p>Mrs. Schoone (Math/ LA 6)</p>	 <p>Mr. Wheelock (Social Studies 7)</p>  <p>Mr. Wragge (Math 7)</p>  <p>Mrs. Gray (Lang. Arts 7)</p>	 <p>Mrs. Maulsby (Lang. Arts 8)</p>  <p>Mr. Wood (Math 8)</p>  <p>Mr. Lewis (Am. History 8)</p>
 <p>Mrs. Clapper (6 &amp; 8 science)</p>		 <p>Mrs. Shelton (6 &amp; 7 Science)</p>
<b>Special Education Team</b>		
 <p>Mrs. Space</p>  <p>Mrs. tenBensel</p>		

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

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Kindergarten jumpstart was held as an optional experience for our incoming kindergarten students on August 7th through the 11th. This was a time where our new little ones could practice entering the building, learning routines around their new classrooms, and meet the new faces who will take care of them when school begins. We're proud that forty-two new students took part in this opportunity prior to the official school year beginning.



Open house for East Elementary will be held August 14th from 5:00-6:00. Students and their families can tour the school, see their new classroom, and meet their new teacher. Our Parent Advisory Committee will host a Card My Yard photo opportunity in the front lawn for back to school pictures. Our preschool staff will begin making visits to each one of our preschool students' homes in order to meet families and children in their home environment.

An English Language Arts professional development opportunity was held on August 7th for teachers in grades kindergarten through fifth. The training was focused on scheduling, differentiation, and the digital capabilities of our curriculum.

Our partnership with the University of Nebraska at Kearney continues this school year. East Elementary will have one student teacher joining in the second grade. We also will host three high school students through the school-to-work program. These students will join us for one period each day in various grade levels.

The Minden Community For Kids group met during the month of July. In attendance were Mayor Evans, Michael Krings, Luke Poore, Alyssa Schneider, Sara Anderson, Dena Beck, Jim Widdifield, and Sandy Pohl. The group discussed three month and six month goals as well as discussing our mission and vision. Our next meeting will be held at the Kearney County Hospital on August 23rd.

## Early Childhood Education Highlights

According to the Buffett Early Childhood Institute, nearly 90% of brain development takes place during a child's first 5 years of life. Children's earliest experiences shape how their brains develop.

Investments in high-quality early care and education yield an average return of \$4 for every dollar spent; in circumstances where children are extremely vulnerable, the return can be as high as \$13.

Heckman, J., Pinto, R., & Savelyev, P. (2013). Understanding the Mechanisms Through Which an Influential Early Childhood Program Boosted Adult Outcomes. *American Economic Review*, 103(6), 2052-2086. Heckman Equation: The Economics of Human Potential. (n.d.). Retrieved from: <https://heckmanequation.org/>



**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ACTIVITIES/ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**  
Jason Strong, Asst. Prin./Act. Dir.

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## **AUGUST 2023 BOARD MEETING ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT**

### Fall Season Preparation

It has been a successful summer for our student athletes. Overall, the turnout for summer training sessions was very good. Many of our kids participated in various camps as well in an effort to fine tune their skills. Coaches have been pleased with the effort our kids have been giving and are excited about the potential the fall sports seasons hold!

I had a Southwest Conference meeting Thursday, August 8th with the conference AD's. We looked at conference events for the school year and reviewed host schools as well as dates and starting times. Minden Public School will be hosting the SWC Girls Golf Meet on Thursday, September 26th starting at 10:00am at Awarii Dunes Golf Course.

### FALL SPORTS

The season officially started on Monday August 7th. I have provided a snapshot of the current numbers of participants for our fall sports teams below!

Girls Golf: 10

Volleyball: 30 currently

Football: 40 currently

Cross Country: 8 boys 7 girls currently

Softball: Total for Coop 32 (11 minden girls with one new transfer in)

### FALL SPORTS PARENT MEETINGS

The high school fall sports parents meeting is scheduled for Monday August 14th in the Minden High School auditorium at 7:00pm. Ross Oberg KCHS, and Mariah Miller from Family Physical Therapy will be available as well as Julie Anderson to speak to parents about what to expect this fall regarding our sports/activities.

### INDIVIDUAL SPORT SCRIMMAGES:

Softball -Friday, August 11th Jamboree vs Southern Valley @ Augie Nelson Field at 5:00pm.

Volleyball – Thursday, August 17th Jamboree Triangular @ Doniphan Trumbull with Centura 5:00pm

Football – Friday, August 18th 6:00pm- Football Intersquad scrimmage

Cross Country – Saturday August 19th 7 Mile Marathon 7:00 am @ E Free Church Parking lot

### FIRST CONTESTS:

Softball – Friday, August 18th Triangular with Alliance and Hershey @ Holdrege 4:00pm

Volleyball – Thursday, August 24th vs. Ord 7pm varsity start time

Girls Golf – Friday, August 25th @ McCook 9:00am

Football – Friday, August 25th @ Adams Central 7:00pm

Cross Country – Friday, August 25th @ Grand Island Northwest 4:00pm

Jason Strong

# Minden High School

## August 2023

### Board of Education Report



#### **1. NDE/NCSA- Administrator Days July 26th-28th**

I was able to attend the NCSA Administrator Days on July 26th-July 28th. It was wonderful to get a chance to see fellow administrators and colleagues from around the state. As always there were some informative sessions and I believe that each of the administrator team came home with a few new ideas for the upcoming school year. One of the things that I appreciated the most is the opportunity for our MPS administrators to be able to sit together during the large general session presenters. We are all looking forward to a great school year.

#### **2. Freshman Orientation:**

For decades the high school has hosted an evening freshman orientation meeting for the freshman students and their parents but three years ago we decided that we wanted to improve the quality of service we were providing our new incoming students. On August 9th, we hosted our freshman orientation for students and parents, and on the first day of school, we will host a morning session just tailored for our incoming freshmen.

On Wednesday, August 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. we will divide the freshman into small groups and each group will attend different small group sessions. The topics that will be discussed will include fire and tornado evacuations, lunchroom procedures, locker room procedures, and a general review of the MHS student handbook. We have found this brief orientation to be a very successful way to start the year for our freshman students.

#### **3. Late Start on August 16th for Grades 10th-11th-12th:**

Students in grades 10th, 11th, and 12th will start late on the first day of school. Having the upperclassmen come in at 10:30 a.m., will allow us to better serve our freshman class during the first day of school.

**Superintendent Report**

Meeting: August Board Meeting

Date: 8/14/23

Mr. Widdifield

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**Topics:**

New Teacher Days: During the first week of August, our new teachers were with their mentors, administration, and at ESU 11 Tuesday-Thursday. We discussed our purpose, vision, One Minden culture, and expectations for the year and beyond. We have another great group of teachers who will do an excellent job for our students.

Projects: We continue to work on projects around the school. These projects will not hinder the process of starting school. The water and electrical projects will take longer as the contractors will need to work around staff and students in the building.

Teacher In-Service: We had our first day of all-staff in-service. I am excited about the year and cannot wait to start the school year. Topics for today and Tuesday are Special Education, Technology updates and best practices, and creating our next phase in school improvement.

Thank You: I want to thank the administration, staff, and presenters for our staff's great professional development days. We have a great staff and administration, and I look forward to a great year.

PersonnelNon-Certified StaffBus Drivers

Bus drivers are selected from qualified applicants by the superintendent and recommended to the Board of Education for employment. Bus drivers must meet all the requirements prescribed by Nebraska Law.

Regular bus drivers are paid at a rate established annually by the Board of Education. ~~Bus drivers receive three days sick leave per year non accumulative with one of those days available to be used for personal leave with the permission of the administration. Bus drivers are entitled to none of the insurance benefits.~~

Proposed Change - Paid leave may be made available to regular bus drivers as determined by the Board of Education. Other benefits may be made available as dictated by current state and federal laws and subject to provider eligibility requirements and underwriting guidelines.

Bus drivers will be paid at an hourly rate established annually by the Board for school activity and field trips.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-608  
NDE Rules 91 and 92

Date of Adoption: May 12, 2009  
Date Reaffirmed: June 14, 2021

Internal Board Policies - Board MembersCoffee Act Policy (Reimbursable Expenses)

- A. Board members, employees or volunteers of the school district are expected to maintain effectiveness by being well informed on educational and related issues and are encouraged to diligently perform their required duties, attend educational workshops, conferences, training programs, official functions, hearings or meetings which are necessary to perform required duties, sponsored by the school district or State and national educational organizations or which are otherwise in the best interests of this school district as follows:
1. Board members as a result of this policy are hereby given prior approval by this school Board and upon approval by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee are specifically authorized to attend such functions without additional or further approval by the school Board unless otherwise so determined and the school district shall pay the registration costs, tuition costs, fees or charges for such functions along with actual travel expenses, if travel is by commercial or charter means or if a personal automobile is used, mileage shall be allowed at the rate provided by law with meals and lodging to be reimbursed based upon substantiated costs actually and necessarily incurred or applicable Federal Rates.
  2. Employees and volunteers are authorized to attend such functions upon prior approval by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee and the school district shall pay registration costs, tuition costs, fees or charges for such functions along with actual travel expenses, if travel is by commercial or charter means or if a personal automobile is used, mileage shall be allowed at the rate provided by law with meals and lodging to be reimbursed based upon substantiated costs actually and necessarily incurred or applicable to Federal rates.
- B. Payment or reimbursement for expenses incurred by Board members, employees or volunteers as otherwise specifically permitted by law shall also be allowed as provided by such law.
- C. Since it is hereby determined to be important and in the best interest of this school district to recognize service by Board members, employees and volunteers, the school Board hereby authorizes the President, Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to determine when and to whom plaques, certificates of achievement, flowers or other items of value should be granted provided that no such plaque, certificate, flowers or other items of value to be awarded shall cost more than \$200.00.

- D. School Board members are not paid members and when appropriate because of the timing, length or other factors, sandwiches or meals may be provided to School Board members, employees and volunteers attending public meetings or in other appropriate or necessary situations such as joint meetings with other governing bodies.
- E. That non-alcoholic beverages, cookies or other similar items may be provided to individuals attending public meetings, private meetings, discussions or public or private conferences as determined necessary or appropriate by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to be in the best interest of this school district.
- F. Non-alcoholic beverages and meals may be provided for individuals while performing or immediately after performing relief, assistance or support activities in emergency situations or during or immediately following their participation in any activity approved by the School Board.
- G. In addition to the other matters covered and allowed by this policy, one recognition dinner each fiscal year may be held for Board members, employees or volunteers provided the maximum cost per person, which is hereby established for such dinner shall not exceed \$50.00 and further provided that such annual dinner may be held separately for employees of each department or separately for volunteers or any of them in combination.
- H. The authority necessary to carry out the provisions of this policy should be and is hereby delegated from the School Board to the designated officials so indicated herein.
- I. Nothing in this policy shall authorize the expenditure of public funds to pay for any expenses incurred by a spouse of a Board member, employee or volunteer unless the spouse is also a Board member, employee or volunteer.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 13-2201 to 13-2204  
Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec.79-546

Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

Personnel - Certificated EmployeesResignation of Certificated Employees

Certificated employees are encouraged to notify their immediate supervisor of their plans to resign as soon as practicable. The Board of Education will generally accept all tendered resignations, effective at the end of the current school year, submitted prior to March 15th.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to formally ask certificated employees in writing whether they intend to accept employment with the District for the following school year. The Superintendent shall give employees a deadline to respond to such requests, so long as the deadline occurs after March 14th. Any employee who fails to respond or declines to accept employment for the following school year may be terminated from employment if they refuse to resign.

The Superintendent is further authorized to file a complaint with the Professional Practices Commission for any teacher who abrogates their contract with the District.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Board is not obligated to accept or reject any tendered resignation if the employee is involved in a disciplinary matter or for any other reason that the Board deems to be in the best interest of the District.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-829.

Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

Students

Naloxone in School

The Board hereby permits the storage, administration, and implementation of naloxone (also known as Narcan) in school, so long as such storage, administration, and implementation complies with all legal requirements and the best interests of student health.

The Superintendent is hereby delegated the authority to develop rules and regulations to handle and administer naloxone in the event of a suspect opioid overdose, or in other emergency situations that require prompt attention.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 28-470

Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]

Students**School Wellness Policy**

A mission of Minden Public Schools (“District”) is to provide curriculum, instruction, and experiences in a health-promoting school environment to instill habits of lifelong learning and health. Therefore, the Board adopts the following School Wellness Policy.

**1. District Wellness Committee****Committee Role and Membership**

The District will convene a representative District Wellness Committee (“DWC”) or work within an existing school health committee that meets at least four times per year to establish goals for and oversee school health and safety policies and programs, including development, implementation and periodic review and update of this District wellness policy.

The DWC membership will represent all school levels and include (to the extent possible), but not be limited to: parents and caregivers; students; representatives of the school nutrition program; physical education teachers; health education teachers; school health professionals or staff; mental health and social services staff; school administrators; school board members; and the general public. When possible, membership will also include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education coordinators. To the extent possible, the DWC will include representatives from each school building and reflect the diversity of the community.

***Leadership***

The Superintendent or designee(s) will convene the DWC and facilitate development of and updates to the wellness policy, and will ensure each school’s compliance with the policy.

Each school will designate a school wellness policy coordinator, who will ensure compliance with the policy.

**2. Wellness Policy Implementation, Monitoring, Accountability and Community Engagement*****Implementation Plan***

The District will develop and maintain a plan for implementation to manage and coordinate the execution of this wellness policy. The plan delineates roles, responsibilities, actions and timelines specific to each school; and includes information about who will be responsible to make what change, by how much, where and when; as well as specific goals and objectives for nutrition standards for all foods and beverages available on the school campus, food and beverage marketing, nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, physical education and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. It is recommended that the school use the Healthy Schools Program online tools to complete a school-level assessment based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s School Health Index, create an action plan that fosters implementation and generate an annual progress report.

This wellness policy and the progress reports can be found at the District’s website.

***Recordkeeping***

The District will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy at the Superintendent's office and/or on the District's computer network. Documentation maintained in this location will include but will not be limited to:

- The written wellness policy;
- Documentation demonstrating that the policy has been made available to the public;
- Documentation of efforts to review and update the Local Schools Wellness Policy; including an indication of who is involved in the update and methods the district uses to make stakeholders aware of their ability to participate on the DWC;
- Documentation to demonstrate compliance with the annual public notification requirements;
- The most recent assessment on the implementation of the local school wellness policy;
- Documentation demonstrating the most recent assessment on the implementation of the Local School Wellness Policy has been made available to the public.

***Annual Notification of Policy***

The District will actively inform families and the public each year of basic information about this policy, including its content, any updates to the policy and implementation status. The District will make this information available via the District website and/or district-wide communications. The District will provide as much information as possible about the school nutrition environment. This will include a summary of the District's events or activities related to wellness policy implementation. Annually, the District will also publicize the name and contact information of the District officials leading and coordinating the committee, as well as information on how the public can get involved with the school wellness committee.

***Triennial Progress Assessments***

At least once every three years, the District will evaluate compliance with the wellness policy to assess the implementation of the policy and include:

- The extent to which the District's schools are in compliance with the wellness policy;
- The extent to which the District's wellness policy compares to [a] the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's model wellness policy; and
- A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the District's wellness policy.

The position/person responsible for managing the triennial assessment and contact information is the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.

The DWC, in collaboration with individual schools, will monitor schools' compliance with this wellness policy.

The District will actively notify households/families of the availability of the triennial progress report.

***Revisions and Updating the Policy***

The DWC will update or modify the wellness policy based on the results of the annual School Health Index and triennial assessments and/or as District priorities change; community needs

change; wellness goals are met; new health science, information, and technology emerges; and new Federal or state guidance or standards are issued. The wellness policy will be assessed and updated as indicated at least every three years, following the triennial assessment.

### ***Community Involvement, Outreach and Communications***

The District is committed to being responsive to community input, which begins with awareness of the wellness policy. The District will actively communicate ways in which representatives of DWC and others can participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of the wellness policy through a variety of means appropriate for that district. The District will also inform parents of the improvements that have been made to school meals and compliance with school meal standards, availability of child nutrition programs and how to apply, and a description of and compliance with Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. The District will use electronic mechanisms, such as email or displaying notices on the District's website, as well as non-electronic mechanisms, such as newsletters, presentations to parents, or sending information home to parents, to ensure that all families are actively notified of the content of, implementation of, and updates to the wellness policy, as well as how to get involved and support the policy. The District will ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community, and accomplished through means similar to other ways that the District and individual schools are communicating important school information with parents.

The District will actively notify the public about the content of or any updates to the wellness policy annually, at a minimum. The District will also use these mechanisms to inform the community about the availability of the annual and triennial reports.

### **3. Nutrition**

#### ***School Meals***

The District is committed to serving healthy meals to children, with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat milk; that are moderate in sodium, low in saturated fat, and have zero grams *trans* fat per serving (nutrition label or manufacturer's specification); and to meeting the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements. The school meal programs aim to improve the diet and health of school children, help mitigate childhood obesity, model healthy eating to support the development of lifelong healthy eating patterns and support healthy choices while accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs.

All schools within the District that participate in USDA child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), and any additional Federal child nutrition programs will meet the nutrition requirements of such programs. The District may also operate additional nutrition-related programs and activities. All schools within the District are committed to offering school meals through the NSLP and SBP programs, and other applicable Federal child nutrition programs, that:

- Are accessible to all students;
- Are appealing and attractive to children;
- Are served in clean and pleasant settings;

- Meet or exceed current nutrition requirements established by local, state, and Federal statutes and regulations. (The District offers reimbursable school meals that meet USDA nutrition standards.)
- Promote healthy food and beverage choices using at least ten of the following Smarter Lunchroom techniques:
  - Whole fruit options are displayed in attractive bowls or baskets (instead of chaffing dishes or hotel pans).
  - Sliced or cut fruit is available daily.
  - Daily fruit options are displayed in a location in the line of sight and reach of students.
  - All available vegetable options have been given creative or descriptive names.
  - Daily vegetable options are bundled into all grab-and-go meals available to students.
  - All staff members, especially those serving, have been trained to politely prompt students to select and consume the daily vegetable options with their meal.
  - White milk is placed in front of other beverages in all coolers.
  - Alternative entrée options (e.g., salad bar, yogurt parfaits, etc.) are highlighted on posters or signs within all service and dining areas.
  - A reimbursable meal can be created in any service area available to students (e.g., salad bars, snack rooms, etc.).
  - Student surveys and taste testing opportunities are used to inform menu development, dining space decor and promotional ideas.
  - Student artwork is displayed in the service and/or dining areas.
  - Daily announcements are used to promote and market menu options.

### ***Staff Qualifications and Professional Development***

All school nutrition program directors, managers and staff will meet or exceed hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA professional standards for child nutrition professionals. These school nutrition personnel will refer to USDA's Professional Standards for School Nutrition Standards website to search for training that meets their learning needs.

### ***Water***

To promote hydration, free, safe, unflavored drinking water will be available to all students throughout the school day and throughout every school campus ("school campus" and "school day" are defined in the glossary). The District will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes.

### ***Competitive Foods and Beverages***

The District is committed to ensuring that all foods and beverages available to students on the school campus during the school day support healthy eating. The foods and beverages sold and served outside of the school meal programs (e.g., "competitive" foods and beverages) will meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, at a minimum. Smart Snacks aim to improve student health and well-being, increase consumption of healthful foods during the school day and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits. A summary of the standards and information, as well as a Guide to Smart Snacks in Schools are available at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday/tools-schools-smart-snacks>. The

Alliance for a Healthier Generation provides a set of tools to assist with implementation of Smart Snacks available at [www.foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org](http://www.foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org).

To support healthy food choices and improve student health and well-being, all foods and beverages outside the reimbursable school meal programs that are sold to students on the school campus during the school day will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks nutrition standards or, if the state policy is stronger, will meet or exceed state nutrition standards. These standards will apply in all locations and through all services where foods and beverages are sold, which may include, but are not limited to, à la carte options in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores and snack or food carts.

### ***Celebrations and Rewards***

All foods offered on the school campus will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards or, if the state policy is stronger, will meet or exceed state nutrition standards, including through:

1. Celebrations and parties. The District will provide a list of healthy party ideas to parents and teachers, including non-food celebration ideas.
2. Classroom snacks brought by parents. The District will provide or make available to parents a list of foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks nutrition standards.
3. Rewards and incentives. The District will provide teachers and other relevant school staff a list of alternative ways to reward children or other comparable resources. Foods and beverages will not be used as a reward, or withheld as punishment for any reason, such as for performance or behavior.

### ***Fundraising***

Foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards may be sold through fundraisers on the school campus during the school day. The District will make available to parents and teachers a list of healthy fundraising ideas or comparable resources.

### ***Nutrition Promotion***

Nutrition promotion and education positively influence lifelong eating behaviors by using evidence-based techniques and nutrition messages, and by creating food environments that encourage healthy nutrition choices and encourage participation in school meal programs. Students and staff will receive consistent nutrition messages throughout schools, classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. Nutrition promotion also includes marketing and advertising nutritious foods and beverages to students and is most effective when implemented consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff, teachers, parents, students and the community.

The District will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students throughout the school campus, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs. This promotion will occur through:

- Implementing at least ten or more evidence-based healthy food promotion techniques through the school meal programs using Smarter Lunchroom techniques; and

- Ensuring 100% of foods and beverages promoted to students meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

### ***Nutrition Education***

The District will teach, model, encourage and support healthy eating by all students. Schools will provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that:

- Is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;
- Is part of not only health education classes, but also integrated into other classroom instruction through subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences and elective subjects;
- Includes enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant and participatory activities, such as cooking demonstrations or lessons, promotions, taste-testing, farm visits and school gardens;
- Promotes fruits, vegetables, whole-grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products and healthy food preparation methods;
- Emphasizes caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (promotes physical activity/exercise);
- Links with school meal programs, cafeteria nutrition promotion activities, school gardens, Farm to School programs, other school foods and nutrition-related community services;
- Teaches media literacy with an emphasis on food and beverage marketing; and
- Includes nutrition education training for teachers and other staff.

### ***Essential Healthy Eating Topics in Health Education***

The District will include in the health education curriculum a minimum of 12 of the following essential topics on healthy eating:

- Relationship between healthy eating and personal health and disease prevention
- Food guidance from MyPlate
- Reading and using FDA's nutrition fact labels
- Eating a variety of foods every day
- Balancing food intake and physical activity
- Eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grain products
- Choosing foods that are low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol and do not contain *trans* fat
- Choosing foods and beverages with little added sugars
- Eating more calcium-rich foods
- Preparing healthy meals and snacks
- Risks of unhealthy weight control practices
- Accepting body size differences
- Food safety
- Importance of water consumption
- Importance of eating breakfast
- Making healthy choices when eating at restaurants
- Eating disorders
- The Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Reducing sodium intake

- Social influences on healthy eating, including media, family, peers and culture
- How to find valid information or services related to nutrition and dietary behavior
- How to develop a plan and track progress toward achieving a personal goal to eat healthfully
- Resisting peer pressure related to unhealthy dietary behavior
- Influencing, supporting, or advocating for others' healthy dietary behavior

### ***Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools***

The District is committed to providing a school environment that ensures opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. The District strives to teach students how to make informed choices about nutrition, health and physical activity. These efforts will be weakened if students are subjected to advertising on District property that contains messages inconsistent with the health information the District is imparting through nutrition education and health promotion efforts. It is the intent of the District to protect and promote student's health by permitting advertising and marketing for only those foods and beverages that are permitted to be sold on the school campus, consistent with the District's wellness policy.

Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus during the school day will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards or, if stronger, state nutrition standards, such that only those foods that comply with or exceed those nutrition standards are permitted to be marketed or promoted to students.

Food and beverage marketing is defined as advertising and other promotions in schools. Food and beverage marketing often includes oral, written, or graphic statements made for the purpose of promoting the sale of a food or beverage product made by the producer, manufacturer, seller or any other entity with a commercial interest in the product. This term includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Brand names, trademarks, logos or tags, except when placed on a physically present food or beverage product or its container.
- Displays, such as on vending machine exteriors
- Corporate brand, logo, name or trademark on school equipment, such as marquees, message boards, scoreboards or backboards (Note: immediate replacement of these items are not required; however, districts will replace or update scoreboards or other durable equipment when existing contracts are up for renewal or to the extent that it is financially possible over time so that items are in compliance with the marketing policy.)
- Corporate brand, logo, name or trademark on cups used for beverage dispensing, menu boards, coolers, trash cans and other food service equipment; as well as on posters, book covers, pupil assignment books or school supplies displayed, distributed, offered or sold by the District.
- Advertisements in school publications or school mailings.
- Free product samples, taste tests or coupons of a product, or free samples displaying advertising of a product.

As the District/school nutrition services/Athletics Department/PTA/PTO reviews existing contracts and considers new contracts, equipment and product purchasing (and replacement)

decisions should reflect the applicable marketing guidelines established by the District wellness policy.

#### **4. Physical Activity**

Children and adolescents should participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. A substantial percentage of students' physical activity can be provided through a comprehensive school physical activity program (CSPAP). A CSPAP reflects strong coordination and synergy across all of the components: quality physical education as the foundation; physical activity before, during and after school; staff involvement and family and community engagement and the District is committed to providing these opportunities. Schools will ensure that these varied physical activity opportunities are in addition to, and not as a substitute for, physical education (addressed in "Physical Education" subsection). All schools in the District will be encouraged to participate in *Let's Move! Active Schools* ([www.letsmoveschools.org](http://www.letsmoveschools.org)), or comparable program, in order to successfully address all CSPAP areas.

Physical activity during the school day (including but not limited to recess, classroom physical activity breaks or physical education) will not be withheld as punishment. The District will provide teachers and other school staff with a list of ideas or resources for alternative ways to discipline students.

To the extent practicable, the District will ensure that its grounds and facilities are safe and that equipment is available to students to be active. The District will conduct necessary inspections and repairs.

#### ***Physical Education***

The District will provide students with physical education, using an age-appropriate, sequential physical education curriculum consistent with national and state standards for physical education. The physical education curriculum will promote the benefits of a physically active lifestyle and will help students develop skills to engage in lifelong healthy habits, as well as incorporate essential health education concepts (discussed in the "*Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education*" subsection). The curriculum will support the essential components of physical education.

All students will be provided equal opportunity to participate in physical education classes. The District will make appropriate accommodations to allow for equitable participation for all students and will adapt physical education classes and equipment as necessary.

All elementary students in each grade will receive physical education for at least 60-89 minutes per week throughout the school year.

All secondary students (middle and high school) are required to take the equivalent of one academic year of physical education.

The District's physical education program will promote student physical fitness through individualized fitness and activity assessments (via the Presidential Youth Fitness Program or other appropriate assessment tool) and will use criterion-based reporting for each student.

***Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education***

Health education will be required in all elementary grades and the District will require middle and high school students to take and pass at least one health education course. The District will include in the health education curriculum a minimum of 12 of the following essential topics on physical activity:

- The physical, psychological, or social benefits of physical activity
- How physical activity can contribute to a healthy weight
- How physical activity can contribute to the academic learning process
- How an inactive lifestyle contributes to chronic disease
- Health-related fitness, that is, cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and body composition
- Differences between physical activity, exercise and fitness
- Phases of an exercise session, that is, warm up, workout and cool down
- Overcoming barriers to physical activity
- Decreasing sedentary activities, such as TV watching
- Opportunities for physical activity in the community
- Preventing injury during physical activity
- Weather-related safety, for example, avoiding heat stroke, hypothermia and sunburn while being physically active
- How much physical activity is enough, that is, determining frequency, intensity, time and type of physical activity
- Developing an individualized physical activity and fitness plan
- Monitoring progress toward reaching goals in an individualized physical activity plan
- Dangers of using performance-enhancing drugs, such as steroids
- Social influences on physical activity, including media, family, peers and culture
- How to find valid information or services related to physical activity and fitness
- How to influence, support, or advocate for others to engage in physical activity
- How to resist peer pressure that discourages physical activity.

***Recess (Elementary)***

All elementary schools will offer at least 20 minutes of recess on all days during the school year. Exceptions may be made as appropriate, such as on early dismissal or late arrival days. If recess is offered before lunch, schools will have appropriate hand-washing facilities and/or hand-sanitizing mechanisms located just inside/outside the cafeteria to ensure proper hygiene prior to eating and students are required to use these mechanisms before eating. Hand-washing time, as well as time to put away coats/hats/gloves, will be built in to the recess transition period/timeframe before students enter the cafeteria.

Outdoor recess will be offered when weather and other conditions make it feasible for outdoor play.

In the event that recess must be held indoors, teachers and staff will follow the indoor recess guidelines that promote physical activity for students, to the extent practicable.

Recess will complement, not substitute, physical education class. Recess monitors or teachers will encourage students to be active, and will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

### ***Classroom Physical Activity Breaks (Elementary and Secondary)***

Students will be offered periodic opportunities to be active or to stretch throughout the day on all or most days during a typical school week. The District recommends teachers provide short (3-5-minute) physical activity breaks to students during and between classroom time at least three days per week. These physical activity breaks will complement, not substitute, for physical education class, recess, and class transition periods.

The District will provide resources and links to resources, tools, and technology with ideas for classroom physical activity breaks. Resources and ideas are available through the USDA and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

### ***Active Academics***

Teachers will incorporate movement and kinesthetic learning approaches into “core” subject instruction when possible (e.g., science, math, language arts, social studies and others) and do their part to limit sedentary behavior during the school day.

The District will support classroom teachers incorporating physical activity and employing kinesthetic learning approaches into core subjects by providing annual professional development opportunities and resources, including information on leading activities, activity options, as well as making available background material on the connections between learning and movement.

Teachers will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

### ***Before and After School Activities***

The District offers opportunities for students to participate in physical activity either before and/or after the school day through a variety of methods. The District will encourage students to be physically active before and after school by sponsoring or permitting: physical activity clubs and physical activity in aftercare, intramurals or interscholastic sports.

### ***Active Transport***

The District will support active transport to and from school, such as walking or biking. The District will encourage this behavior by requiring that its schools engage in six or more of the activities below, to be selected by each school administration; including but not limited to:

- Designate safe or preferred routes to school
- Promote activities such as participation in International Walk to School Week and National Walk and Bike to School Week
- Secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmets (e.g., shed, cage, fenced area)
- Instruction on walking/bicycling safety provided to students
- Promote safe routes program to students, staff, and parents via newsletters, websites, local newspaper

- Use crossing guards
- Use crosswalks on streets leading to schools
- Use walking school buses
- Document the number of children walking and or biking to and from school
- Create and distribute maps of school environment (e.g., sidewalks, crosswalks, roads, pathways, bike racks, etc.)

### **5. Other Activities that Promote Student Wellness**

The District will integrate wellness activities across the entire school setting, not just in the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues and physical activity facilities. The District will coordinate and integrate other initiatives related to physical activity, physical education, nutrition and other wellness components so all efforts are complementary, not duplicative, and work towards the same set of goals and objectives promoting student well-being, optimal development and strong educational outcomes.

Schools in the District are encouraged to coordinate content across curricular areas that promote student health, such as teaching nutrition concepts in mathematics, with consultation provided by either the school or the District's curriculum experts.

All efforts related to obtaining federal, state or association recognition for efforts, or grants/funding opportunities for healthy school environments will be coordinated with and complementary of the wellness policy, including but not limited to ensuring the involvement of the DWC.

All school-sponsored events will adhere to the wellness policy guidelines. All school-sponsored wellness events will include physical activity and healthy eating opportunities when appropriate.

#### ***Community Partnerships***

The District will develop, enhance, or continue relationships with community partners (e.g., hospitals, universities/colleges, local businesses, SNAP-Ed providers and coordinators, etc.) in support of this wellness policy's implementation. Existing and new community partnerships and sponsorships will be evaluated to ensure that they are consistent with the wellness policy and its goals.

#### ***Community Health Promotion and Family Engagement***

The District will promote to parents/caregivers, families, and the general community the benefits of and approaches for healthy eating and physical activity throughout the school year. Families will be informed and invited to participate in school-sponsored activities and will receive information about health promotion efforts.

As described in the "Community Involvement, Outreach, and Communications" subsection, the District will use electronic mechanisms (e.g., email or displaying notices on the District's website), as well as non-electronic mechanisms, (e.g., newsletters, presentations to parents or sending information home to parents), to ensure that all families are actively notified of opportunities to participate in school-sponsored activities and receive information about health promotion efforts.

#### ***Staff Wellness and Health Promotion***

The DWC will have a staff wellness subcommittee that focuses on staff wellness issues, identifies and disseminates wellness resources and performs other functions that support staff wellness in coordination with human resources staff.

Schools in the District will implement strategies to support staff in actively promoting and modeling healthy eating and physical activity behaviors. The District promotes staff member participation in health promotion programs and will support programs for staff members on healthy eating/weight management that are accessible and free or low-cost.

### ***Professional Learning***

When feasible, the District will offer annual professional learning opportunities and resources for staff to increase knowledge and skills about promoting healthy behaviors in the classroom and school (e.g., increasing the use of kinesthetic teaching approaches or incorporating nutrition lessons into math class). Professional learning will help District staff understand the connections between academics and health and the ways in which health and wellness are integrated into ongoing district reform or academic improvement plans/efforts.

### ***Glossary***

**School Campus:** areas that are owned or leased by the school and used at any time for school-related activities, including on the outside of the school building, school buses or other vehicles used to transport students, athletic fields and stadiums (e.g., on scoreboards, coolers, cups, and water bottles), or parking lots.

**School Day:** the time between midnight the night before to 30 minutes after the end of the instructional day.

**Triennial** – recurring every three years.

Legal Reference: Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, 42 U.S.C. Section 1758b; 7 CFR Sections 210.11 and 210.30; National School Lunch Program, 42 U.S.C Sections 1751-1760, 1770; Regulations and Procedures for Accreditation of Schools, NDE Rule 10

Date of Adoption: June 12, 2017  
Date Reaffirmed: August 8, 2022

**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 more than four hundred seventy-one students but no more than three thousand forty-four students may increase its tax request by an additional six percent above the base growth percentage; and

**WHEREAS**, this School District’s average daily membership is more than four hundred seventy-one students but no more than three thousand forty-four students; and

**WHEREAS**, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of Kearney County School District Number 50-0503, a/k/a Minden Public Schools, (the “School District”) hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by an additional six 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. Laws 243, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of the School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District’s overall property tax request authority by an additional six 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 \_\_\_\_\_ moved for their passage and adoption. Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

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The following members voted against the same:

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The following members were absent or not voting:

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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 14th day of August, 2023.

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
President

**ATTEST:**

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Secretary

**Minden Public School  
Board of Education**

**Resolution Endorsing The Community for Kids (C4K) Initiative**

Whereas the Minden Public School Board of Education values and recognizes quality early childhood education and child care as a critical element for student success and community growth; and

Whereas shortages of high-quality early care and education programs impact a child's optimal development; and

Whereas quality early childhood education and child care are essential for all children in the Minden Public School District; and

Whereas shortages of high-quality early care and education programs challenge our community to attract and retain a viable workforce; and

Whereas partnering with our community's public and private entities is essential for the betterment of our families and our community; and

Whereas these partnerships will help our community grow and prosper into the future; and

Whereas, Communities for Kids partners with communities' public and private entities to support and coordinate planning for access to high-quality early care and education for all children from birth through age five;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Minden Public School Board of Education hereby supports the Community for Kids Initiative to assist our district and community in developing a plan for additional quality child care and early childhood education.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023 by

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President

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Secretary