

Minden Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Minden High School Media Center  
543 West 5th  
Minden, NE 68959-0301  
Monday, February 12, 2024 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
  - 1.a. Open Meetings Act is Posted
  - 1.b. Mission Statement
  - 1.c. Roll Call
  - 1.d. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment
3. Consent Agenda
  - 3.a. Consider Minutes from Prior 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
6. Action Items
  - 6.a. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Certified Staff Resignations
  - 6.b. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on New Certified Staff Contract
  - 6.c. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Membership in the Nebraska Association of School Boards
  - 6.d. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Purchase of Vans
7. Next Meeting
8. Adjournment per Board President Action at 7:31 p.m.

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 15, 2024  
(postponed from January 8, 2024)**

The agenda for the January 15, 2024 meeting was posted at the United States Post Office in Minden, Minden Exchange Bank, First Bank and Trust Company, Kearney County Courthouse, and the Minden city office. Agendas were mailed to the United States Post Office in Upland and Heartwell. The agenda was posted in the superintendent's office and notice was published in the local paper.

The board meeting began at 7:00 pm with all board members present.

Election of President

After nomination of Rhynalds and Glanzer, motion by Glanzer and second by Sinsel to cease nominations. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Raun and second by Glanzer to pronounce Rusty Rhynalds as President. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, nay. Motion carried.

Election of Vice-President

After nomination of Glanzer, motion by Krull and second by Craig to cease nominations. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhynalds and second by Glanzer to pronounce Justin Glanzer as Vice-President. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Election of Secretary

After nomination of Raun, motion by Rhynalds and second by Craig to cease nominations. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhynalds and second by Krull to pronounce Kevin Raun as Secretary. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Craig to approve Scott Johnson as District Treasurer. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhynalds and second by Sinsel to approve the Perry Law Firm and KSB as District Legal Counsel. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to approve Minden Exchange Bank and First Bank and Trust Company as the Official Depositories of School Funds. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krull and second by Glanzer to approve The Minden Courier as District Newspaper of Record. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Raun to approve current board policies and regulations. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, nay. Motion carried.

## 2024 Committees

According to Board Policy #8151 the following committees have been established and the Superintendent appoints people to such committees. No vote is necessary since these positions are appointed.

Negotiations - Raun and Krull

Policy - Glanzer, Sinsel, and Craig

Transportation/Facilities - Rhynalds, Glanzer, and Craig

Finance - Rhynalds, Raun, and Krull

Legislation – Raun and Rhynalds

American Civics - Glanzer, Craig, and Sinsel

Appointed Representative to the Minden Public Schools Foundation - Rhynalds

## Distribution and Signing of Conflict of Interest Forms

Public Comment was heard from Loan Eby of MAFA, James D. Clark, Joe Maul, and Sara Joyce.

Motion by Craig and second by Krull to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the December 11 hearing and meeting, financial reports, and claims for payment. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Raun to approve with regret the resignations of Riley Swedberg and Hailey Rhynalds at the end of the 2023-24 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, abstain; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Sinsel to approve the ESU #11 2024-25 Master Services Agreement. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Krull to approve the 2024-25 agreement with the Minden Education Association for a 3.75% total package increase and a base salary of \$40,300.00. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Krull and second by Raun to approve the contract of Allie Prosocki as High School Math Teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rhynalds and second by Craig to approve a total package increase of 3.29% for principals and professional staff salaries for the 2024-25 school year. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Rhynalds, aye; Sinsel, aye. Motion carried.

At 7:46 pm, the meeting was adjourned per Board President action.

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Secretary, Board of Education

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
January 31, 2024

SCHOOL BALANCE - December 31, 2023		\$356,917.96
Current Months Receipts		\$2,234,035.34
Transfers from Investments		\$0.00
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts		\$2,590,953.30
Less: Disbursements		\$942,935.79
Transfer to Investments		\$1,150,000.00
Total Disbursements		\$2,092,935.79
SCHOOL BALANCE - January 31, 2024		\$498,017.51
BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT - January 31, 2024		\$509,545.34
Deposits In Transit		\$0.00
LESS : Outstanding Checks		\$11,527.83
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE - January 31, 2024		\$498,017.51
(Balance - January 31, 2023 = \$102,261.20)		
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS		\$2,578,413.82
Money Market Minden Exchange	\$1,257,722.78	2.48% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$1,320,691.04	2.74% demand
(Balance January 31, 2023 = \$2,294,930.42)		
DEPRECIATION FUND INVESTED		\$172,918.21
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$124,939.35	2.48% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$47,973.67	2.13% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$5.19	
(Balance January 31, 2023 = \$169,561.18)		
BUILDING FUND		\$2,176,749.31
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$653,439.09	2.48% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$163,505.22	2.74% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Building Fund	\$1,359,800.50	5.06% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$4.50	
(Balance January 31, 2023 = \$1,191,988.89)		
BOND FUND		\$1,020,268.17
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$375,526.13	2.48% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Bond Fund	\$644,742.04	5.06% demand
(Balance January 31, 2023 = \$973,862.29)		
LUNCH FUND		\$57,297.18
Money Market First Bank	\$11,811.23	1.97% demand
Checking First Bank	\$45,485.95	
(Balance January 31, 2023 = \$68,130.05)		
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

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TREASURER'S REPORT SUPPLEMENT  
ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS  
January 31, 2024

Bank	Account #	Beginning Balance	Plus: Receipts	Plus/(Minus) Transfers	Minus: Expenditures	Ending/ Reconciled Balance	Previous Year Ending Balance
<b>General Fund</b>							
MEB	401505	\$356,917.96	\$2,234,035.34	(\$1,150,000.00)	\$942,935.79	\$498,017.51	\$102,261.20
MEB	601096	\$106,329.38	\$1,393.40	\$1,150,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,257,722.78	\$1,305,679.88
FB&T	801472	\$1,317,658.26	\$3,032.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,320,691.04	\$989,250.54
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,780,905.60</b>	<b>\$2,238,461.52</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$942,935.79</b>	<b>\$3,076,431.33</b>	<b>\$2,397,191.62</b>
<b>Depreciation Fund</b>							
MEB	401919	\$5.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.19	\$5.19
MEB	613109	\$124,663.21	\$276.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124,939.35	\$122,513.90
FB&T	807982	\$47,887.85	\$85.82	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,973.67	\$47,041.99
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$172,556.25</b>	<b>\$361.96</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$172,918.21</b>	<b>\$169,561.08</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>							
MEB	106690	\$4.50	\$0.00	\$11,648.26	\$11,648.26	\$4.50	\$4.50
MEB	603209	\$358,057.46	\$307,029.89	(\$11,648.26)	\$0.00	\$653,439.09	\$417,426.54
FB&T	801407	\$163,129.75	\$375.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$163,505.22	\$159,402.20
NLAF	9300655	\$1,356,068.11	\$3,732.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,359,800.50	\$615,155.65
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,877,259.82</b>	<b>\$311,137.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$11,648.26</b>	<b>\$2,176,749.31</b>	<b>\$1,191,988.89</b>
<b>Bond Fund</b>							
MEB	620112	\$61,772.11	\$313,754.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$375,526.13	\$368,356.45
NLAF	9300692	\$644,004.39	\$737.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$644,742.04	\$605,505.84
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$705,776.50</b>	<b>\$314,491.67</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,020,268.17</b>	<b>\$973,862.29</b>
<b>Lunch Fund</b>							
FB&T	801399	\$26,784.44	\$26.79	(\$15,000.00)	\$0.00	\$11,811.23	\$13,973.26
FB&T	990119	\$31,641.09	\$33,864.30	\$15,000.00	\$35,019.44	\$45,485.95	\$54,156.79
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$58,425.53</b>	<b>\$33,891.09</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$35,019.44</b>	<b>\$57,297.18</b>	<b>\$68,130.05</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$4,594,923.70</b>	<b>\$2,898,343.99</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$989,603.49</b>	<b>\$6,503,664.20</b>	<b>\$4,800,733.93</b>

## 2023/24 Projections vs. Actuals for General Fund As of January 31, 2024

### Income

2023/24 Budgeted Income = \$12,867,073.68

Month	Projected Income	Actual Income	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$2,458,897.78	\$2,303,327.59	(\$155,570.19)	(\$155,570.19)
October	\$546,850.63	\$710,311.60	\$163,460.97	\$7,890.78
November	\$214,880.13	\$285,155.53	\$70,275.40	\$78,166.18
December	\$202,013.06	\$356,249.02	\$154,235.96	\$232,402.14
January	\$1,975,095.81	\$2,234,201.26	\$259,105.45	\$491,507.59
February	\$1,002,345.04			
March	\$819,632.59			
April	\$618,906.24			
May	\$3,319,705.01			
June	\$1,246,819.44			
July	\$212,306.72			
August	\$249,621.23			

### Cash Flow

Month	Projected Cash Flow	Actual Cash Flow	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,175,332.97	\$1,037,740.97	(\$137,592.00)	(\$137,592.00)
October	(\$554,696.06)	(\$380,482.27)	\$174,213.79	\$36,621.79
November	(\$874,532.02)	(\$692,704.36)	\$181,827.66	\$218,449.45
December	(\$900,881.92)	(\$615,379.05)	\$285,502.87	\$503,952.32
January	\$872,200.83	\$1,295,525.73	\$423,324.90	\$927,277.22
February	(\$70,887.72)			
March	(\$273,824.41)			
April	(\$478,595.61)			
May	\$2,200,630.64			
June	\$108,869.12			
July	(\$873,060.59)			
August	(\$946,305.23)			

### Expenses

2023/24 Budgeted Expenses = \$13,482,823.68

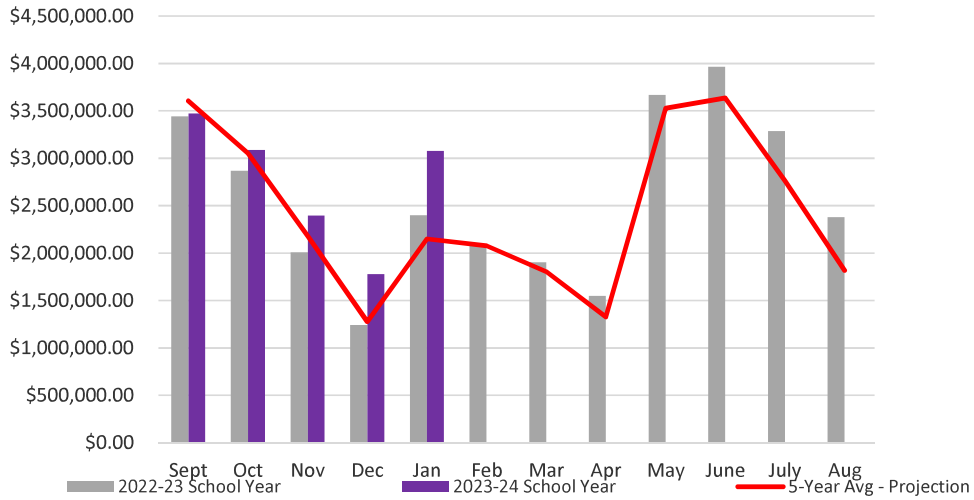
Month	Projected Expenses	Actual Expenses	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,283,564.81	\$1,265,586.62	(\$17,978.19)	(\$17,978.19)
October	\$1,101,546.69	\$1,090,793.87	(\$10,752.82)	(\$28,731.01)
November	\$1,089,412.15	\$977,859.89	(\$111,552.26)	(\$140,283.27)
December	\$1,102,894.98	\$971,628.07	(\$131,266.91)	(\$271,550.18)
January	\$1,102,894.98	\$938,675.53	(\$164,219.45)	(\$435,769.63)
February	\$1,073,232.76			
March	\$1,093,457.00			
April	\$1,097,501.85			
May	\$1,119,074.37			
June	\$1,137,950.32			
July	\$1,085,367.31			
August	\$1,195,926.46			

### General Fund Balance

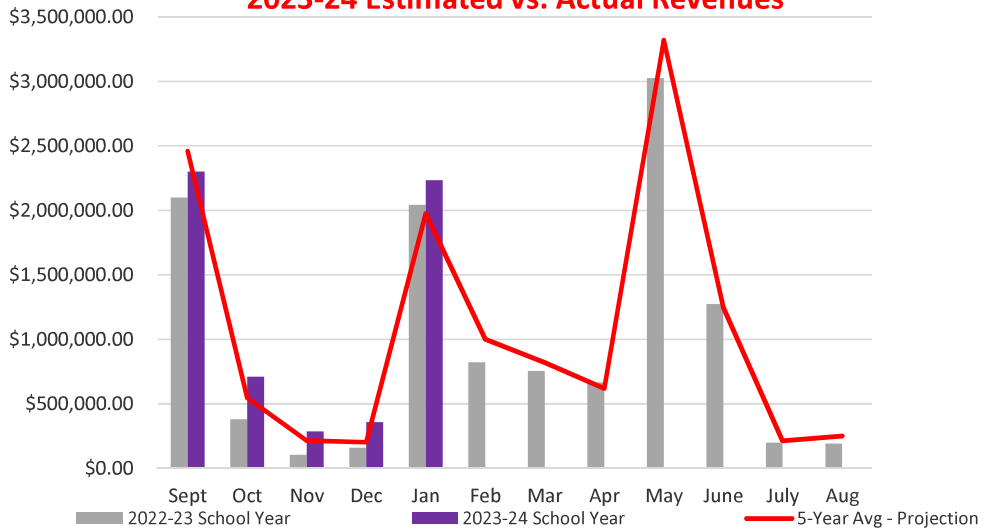
Beginning Reconciled GF Balance = \$2,431,730.31

Month	Projected GF Balance	Actual Reconciled GF Balance	Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$3,607,063.28	\$3,469,471.28	(\$137,592.00)
October	\$3,052,367.22	\$3,088,989.01	\$36,621.79
November	\$2,177,835.20	\$2,396,284.65	\$218,449.45
December	\$1,276,953.28	\$1,780,905.60	\$503,952.32
January	\$2,149,154.11	\$3,076,431.33	\$927,277.22
February	\$2,078,266.39		
March	\$1,804,441.98		
April	\$1,325,846.37		
May	\$3,526,477.01		
June	\$3,635,346.13		
July	\$2,762,285.54		
August	\$1,815,980.31		

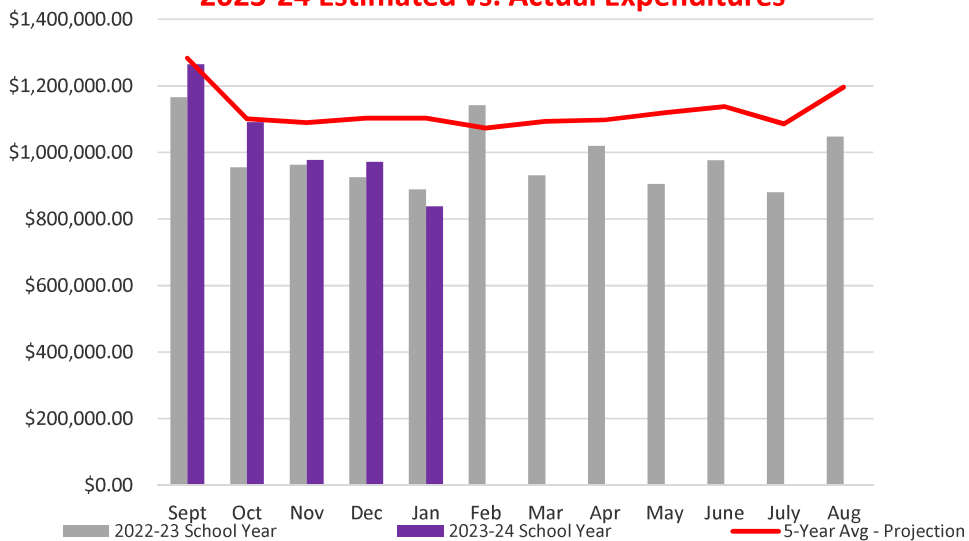
### 2023-24 Estimated vs. Actual General Fund Balance



### 2023-24 Estimated vs. Actual Revenues



### 2023-24 Estimated vs. Actual Expenditures



# General Fund Expenditures

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Disbursed	Remaining Balance	Percent Spent
01100 - Regular Instruction	\$6,237,917.23	\$2,886,918.10	\$3,350,999.13	46.28%
01125 - Academic Intervention (Flex Funding)	\$99,357.14	\$48,570.35	\$50,786.79	48.88%
01200 - School Age SPED	\$1,538,537.83	\$657,336.61	\$881,201.22	42.72%
01291 - Preschool Age 3-5	\$15,077.25	\$2,737.84	\$12,339.41	18.16%
01292 - Preschool Age 0-2	\$120.79	\$20.79	\$100.00	17.21%
01300 - Summer School	\$21,244.67	\$702.97	\$20,541.70	3.31%
02120 - Guidance Counselor	\$302,270.58	\$153,060.64	\$149,209.94	50.64%
02130 - Health Services	\$81,840.84	\$40,937.80	\$40,903.04	50.02%
02141 - School Psychologist - School Age	\$122,184.73	\$60,519.27	\$61,665.46	49.53%
02151 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$217,049.29	\$94,626.21	\$122,423.08	43.60%
02152 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	0.00%
02153 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$0.00	\$59.68	(\$59.68)	
02161 - Occupational Therapy	\$37,750.00	\$21,809.25	\$15,940.75	57.77%
02171 - Physical Therapy	\$12,750.00	\$6,196.50	\$6,553.50	48.60%
02172 - Physical Therapy	\$2,500.00	\$1,802.25	\$697.75	72.09%
02173 - Physical Therapy	\$1,500.00	\$141.75	\$1,358.25	9.45%
02190 - Student Activities	\$202,964.34	\$103,297.67	\$99,666.67	50.89%
02213 - Instructional Staff Training	\$33,000.00	\$1,834.03	\$31,165.97	5.56%
02220 - Media Center	\$266,849.36	\$130,494.30	\$136,355.06	48.90%
02230 - Technology Support	\$153,228.94	\$80,233.20	\$72,995.74	52.36%
02240 - Assessment Coordinator	\$20,070.18	\$7,044.54	\$13,025.64	35.10%
02310 - Board of Education	\$49,850.00	\$15,191.17	\$34,658.83	30.47%
02320 - Superintendent	\$308,332.74	\$154,717.98	\$153,614.76	50.18%
02330 - District Legal Services	\$50,000.00	\$9,031.05	\$40,968.95	18.06%
02410 - Principal	\$705,147.12	\$327,100.30	\$378,046.82	46.39%
02510 - Business Office	\$229,587.81	\$103,720.01	\$125,867.80	45.18%
02610 - Custodial	\$503,450.00	\$318,137.36	\$185,312.64	63.19%
02620 - Building Maintenance	\$939,490.10	\$408,803.22	\$530,686.88	43.51%
02630 - Grounds Maintenance	\$196,009.22	\$54,922.44	\$141,086.78	28.02%
02640 - Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$24,597.47	\$9,784.63	\$14,812.84	39.78%
02650 - Non-Pupil Vehicle	\$6,000.00	\$3,500.69	\$2,499.31	58.34%
02660 - Security	\$44,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	0.00%
02670 - Safety	\$48,450.00	\$25,393.04	\$23,056.96	52.41%
02710 - School Bus Driving	\$351,455.20	\$166,723.08	\$184,732.12	47.44%
02712 - School Age SPED Driving	\$4,786.23	\$0.00	\$4,786.23	0.00%
02713 - Below Age 5 SPED Driving	\$11,871.57	\$5,308.65	\$6,562.92	44.72%
02730 - School Bus Driving Vehicle Maintenance	\$66,123.09	\$17,350.84	\$48,772.25	26.24%
02732 - School Age SPED Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
03535 - High Ability Learners	\$47,839.33	\$23,060.66	\$24,778.67	48.20%
06200 - Title IA	\$146,308.00	\$69,570.55	\$76,737.45	47.55%
06406 - IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	\$2,467.00	\$2,467.00	\$0.00	100.00%
06408 - IDEA Part B (611)	\$188,935.00	\$109,272.17	\$79,662.83	57.84%
06412 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,110.63	\$1,110.00	\$0.63	99.94%
06700 - Carl Perkins	\$2,000.00	\$180.00	\$1,820.00	9.00%
08000 - Transfers (Outgoing)	\$185,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$55,000.00	70.27%
09000 - Reimbursed by Other Funds/Entities	\$0.00	\$2,909.23	(\$2,909.23)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,482,823.68</b>	<b>\$6,256,597.82</b>	<b>\$7,226,225.86</b>	<b>46.40%</b>

# General Fund Revenues - Thru 01/31/24

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Received	Remaining Balance	Percent Received
01100 - Taxes Levied/Assessed	\$9,309,118.68	\$2,293,212.85	\$7,015,905.83	24.63%
01115 - Carline Taxes	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
01120 - Public Power District Sales Tax	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	0.00%
01125 - Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$425,000.00	\$130,765.76	\$294,234.24	30.77%
01140 - Penalty & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$14,250.00	\$8,614.79	\$5,635.21	60.45%
01323 - SPED Tuition from Other School Districts	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	0.00%
01370 - Preschool Tuition and Fees	\$25,000.00	\$13,494.00	\$11,506.00	53.98%
01510 - Interest	\$30,000.00	\$26,184.03	\$3,815.97	87.28%
01910 - Rental of School Facilities & Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
01911 - Local License Fees	\$3,750.00	\$0.88	\$3,749.12	0.02%
01920 - Contributions and Donations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
01921 - Police Court Fines	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
01980 - Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures	\$0.00	\$190.93	(\$190.93)	
01990 - Miscellaneous Local Revenue	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	0.00%
02110 - County Fines & License Fees	\$20,000.00	\$9,968.24	\$10,031.76	49.84%
03110 - State Aid	\$1,324,923.00	\$662,460.00	\$662,463.00	50.00%
03120 - Special Education - School Age	\$1,125,000.00	\$322,163.00	\$802,837.00	28.64%
03180 - Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	\$20,000.00	\$3,385.01	\$16,614.99	16.93%
03400 - State Apportionment	\$101,750.00	\$145,399.33	(\$43,649.33)	142.90%
03535 - High Ability Learners Payments	\$8,000.00	\$8,156.00	(\$156.00)	101.95%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	(\$7,500.00)	
04505 - "ESSA Title I, Part A"	\$105,936.00	\$20,950.00	\$84,986.00	19.78%
04509 - "ESSA Title II, Part A"	\$26,034.00	\$0.00	\$26,034.00	0.00%
04516 - IDEA Preschool Base (619)	\$2,467.00	\$0.00	\$2,467.00	0.00%
04518 - IDEA Part B (611) Base & E-P Allocation	\$188,935.00	\$8,572.00	\$180,363.00	4.54%
04521 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,110.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	0.00%
04525 - Carl Perkins Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.22	(\$50.22)	105.02%
04530 - Other Federal Receipts - Categorical	\$0.00	\$58,812.04	(\$58,812.04)	
04708 - Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	\$20,000.00	\$15,639.05	\$4,360.95	78.20%
04709 - Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAAPS)	\$17,500.00	\$6,091.03	\$11,408.97	34.81%
05300 - Sale of Property	\$5,000.00	\$20,547.20	(\$15,547.20)	410.94%
05690 - Other Non-revenue Receipts	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,867,073.68</b>	<b>\$3,763,156.36</b>	<b>\$9,103,917.32</b>	<b>29.25%</b>

# Bank Statement Reconciliation

Description

Adjustment Date

Adjustment Amount

Minden High School Activities 01/01/2024 through 01/31/2024

## Bank Statement Reconciliation Summary

Statement Balance	\$ 391,162.19
- Outstanding checks	\$ 17,584.65
+ Outstanding Deposits	\$ 0.00
+ Outstanding Adjustments	\$ 0.00
- Outstanding Investment Transfers	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 373,577.54
+ Investments	\$ 37,000.00
Book Balance	\$ 410,577.54

# Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
02/13/2024	4653	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp.	Ameritas Tsa	\$ 400.00
02/13/2024	4654	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	Vision Insurance	\$ 1,220.13
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Dental Insurance	\$ 597.18
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Dental Insurance	\$ 190.79
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 2PT	\$ 2,759.74
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 1,412.76
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins FAM	\$ 18,426.80
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SNG	\$ 1,345.08
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 2PT	\$ 35,260.94
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 13,126.21
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins FAM	\$ 88,083.67
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SNG	\$ 7,008.48
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SPD	\$ 5,662.00
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins Split	\$ 1,602.77
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental 2PT	\$ 681.66
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental FAM	\$ 1,596.69
02/13/2024	4655	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental SPD	\$ 75.21
02/13/2024	4656	Credit Management Services, Inc.	Kearney County Court CMSI	\$ 652.50
02/13/2024	4657	Fiduciary Trust Company	Flatwater Wealth TSA	\$ 1,000.00
02/13/2024	4658	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	Horace Mann Life Insurance	\$ 1,275.00
02/13/2024	4659	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Feba Life Insurance	\$ 229.38
02/13/2024	4659	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long-Term Disability	\$ 1,350.32
02/13/2024	4659	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Term Life Policy	\$ 473.13
02/13/2024	4660	Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co.	HSA Contribution	\$ 4,825.81
02/13/2024	4661	Minden Public Schools	District Court	\$ 495.00
02/13/2024	4661	Minden Public Schools	F/b Dependent Care	\$ 3,888.92
02/13/2024	4661	Minden Public Schools	F/b Medical Dental	\$ 4,308.39
02/13/2024	4661	Minden Public Schools	Increased Retirement Percent	\$ 14,382.63
02/13/2024	4661	Minden Public Schools	NE Retirement	\$ 97,590.06
02/13/2024	4662	Minden Public Schools.	Computer Lease Purchase	\$ 509.26
02/13/2024	4663	Mps Payroll	Federal Withholding	\$ 42,526.64
02/13/2024	4663	Mps Payroll	FICA	\$ 71,845.66
02/13/2024	4663	Mps Payroll	Medicare	\$ 16,802.66
02/13/2024	4664	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	State Withholding - NE	\$ 18,961.37
02/13/2024	4666	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	East Custodial Supplies	\$ 104.97
02/13/2024	4666	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	EAST/HS Technology Supplies	\$ 374.36
02/13/2024	4666	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Ag Supplies	\$ 86.55
02/13/2024	4667	Aurora Cooperative	Fuel	\$ 5,815.42
02/13/2024	4668	Black Hills Energy	Bus Barn Natural Gas	\$ 1,281.78
02/13/2024	4668	Black Hills Energy	East Natural Gas	\$ 2,459.72
02/13/2024	4668	Black Hills Energy	MS & HS Natural Gas	\$ 8,862.49
02/13/2024	4668	Black Hills Energy	MS Activity Building Natural Gas	\$ 2,747.91
02/13/2024	4669	Carter Electric	Activity Gym Electrical Repair	\$ 296.30
02/13/2024	4670	Cash-wa Distributing Co.	Custodial Supplies	\$ 48.65
02/13/2024	4671	CenturyLink - Regular Telephone	Telephone Service	\$ 427.19
02/13/2024	4672	City Of Minden	Utilities	\$ 15,646.43
02/13/2024	4673	Clearly Communications	Telephone Services	\$ 790.06
02/13/2024	4674	Communications Engineering, Inc.	MS Clock Repairs	\$ 11,039.00
02/13/2024	4675	Cornhusker Marriott Hotel (The)	NASB Conference	\$ 283.25
02/13/2024	4676	Cummins Sales and Service	Bus 20C Repair	\$ 1,394.29
02/13/2024	4677	Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP	Annual Audit	\$ 4,500.00
02/13/2024	4678	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	Internet Service	\$ 351.29
02/13/2024	4679	Eakes Office Solutions	Custodial Supplies	\$ 2,174.77
02/13/2024	4680	Educational Service Unit #10	Power School Hosting Fees/Updates & Maintenance	\$ 210.07
02/13/2024	4681	Elan Financial Services	Central Office Newspaper	\$ 21.99

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
02/13/2024	4681	Elan Financial Services	HS Ag Supplies	\$ 173.24
02/13/2024	4681	Elan Financial Services	HS Building Repairs	\$ 534.45
02/13/2024	4681	Elan Financial Services	HS Web/Cloud Based Software	\$ 5.00
02/13/2024	4681	Elan Financial Services	MS Supplies	\$ 81.00
02/13/2024	4681	Elan Financial Services	NETA Conference	\$ 199.00
02/13/2024	4682	Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C.	OT/PT/SLP Services	\$ 8,241.75
02/13/2024	4683	Fifth Street Printing	Envelope Printing	\$ 33.00
02/13/2024	4684	Hometown Leasing	Copier & Printer Lease	\$ 3,900.00
02/13/2024	4685	Ideal Cleaners & Launderers	Band Uniform Dry Cleaning	\$ 1,010.50
02/13/2024	4686	John Deere Financial	John Deere Mower Maintenance	\$ 127.78
02/13/2024	4687	JW Pepper & Son, Inc.	2024 Marching Band Music	\$ 67.99
02/13/2024	4688	Kearney County Health Services	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 70.00
02/13/2024	4689	Landmark Implement Carquest	East Equipment Repair	\$ 211.22
02/13/2024	4690	Mason's Market	FCS Supplies	\$ 420.15
02/13/2024	4690	Mason's Market	HS Ag Supplies	\$ 103.53
02/13/2024	4690	Mason's Market	HS Life Skills Supplies	\$ 121.82
02/13/2024	4690	Mason's Market	Kindergarten Supplies	\$ 6.99
02/13/2024	4690	Mason's Market	MS Life Skills Supplies	\$ 32.63
02/13/2024	4691	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	MS Metals Shop Supplies	\$ 264.87
02/13/2024	4692	Menards - Kearney	East Building Repairs	\$ 438.43
02/13/2024	4693	Mhs Journalism	Central Office (1) and Board (6) Yearbooks	\$ 350.00
02/13/2024	4693	Mhs Journalism	HS Counselor Yearbook	\$ 50.00
02/13/2024	4693	Mhs Journalism	HS Media Center Yearbook	\$ 50.00
02/13/2024	4694	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS HVAC Repairs	\$ 4,855.77
02/13/2024	4694	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	MS HVAC Repair	\$ 286.50
02/13/2024	4694	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	MS HVAC Repairs	\$ 2,661.00
02/13/2024	4695	Midwest Tennis & Track Co.	Grounds Supplies	\$ 200.00
02/13/2024	4696	Miller Body Shop	18V2 Van Repairs	\$ 456.50
02/13/2024	4697	Minden Hardware	HS Ag Supplies	\$ 10.99
02/13/2024	4697	Minden Hardware	Supplies & Repairs	\$ 322.45
02/13/2024	4698	Minden Lumber & Concrete	Building Maintenance Supplies	\$ 10.99
02/13/2024	4698	Minden Lumber & Concrete	Custodial Supplies	\$ 169.97
02/13/2024	4698	Minden Lumber & Concrete	East Repairs	\$ 14.17
02/13/2024	4699	Mps Lunch Fund M.s.	Transfer to Lunch Fund	\$ 25,000.00
02/13/2024	4700	Napa Auto Parts	05 Dodge Pickup Repair	\$ 65.98
02/13/2024	4700	Napa Auto Parts	Grounds Supplies	\$ 22.94
02/13/2024	4700	Napa Auto Parts	Transit Bus Repair	\$ 28.58
02/13/2024	4700	Napa Auto Parts	Transportation Repair	\$ 23.64
02/13/2024	4700	Napa Auto Parts	Transportation Supplies	\$ 92.37
02/13/2024	4701	NCS Pearson	School Psych Testing	\$ 192.60
02/13/2024	4702	Ne Association School Boards	2024 Federal Advocacy Dues	\$ 650.00
02/13/2024	4702	Ne Association School Boards	NASB Legislative Issues Conference	\$ 505.00
02/13/2024	4703	NE Rural Community Schools Association	2024 NRCSA Legislative Forum	\$ 100.00
02/13/2024	4704	Nebraska Central Equipment	Transit Bus Repair	\$ 306.00
02/13/2024	4705	Nebraska Safety Center	Bus Driver Training	\$ 270.00
02/13/2024	4706	Nebraska State Bandmasters Association	NSBA Convention	\$ 92.00
02/13/2024	4707	NSASSP - Region IV	NSASSP Region IV Dues	\$ 40.00
02/13/2024	4708	One Source	Background Checks	\$ 125.00
02/13/2024	4709	Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O	Legal Services	\$ 1,013.25
02/13/2024	4710	Pony Express Ford	Bus 20C Service	\$ 194.55
02/13/2024	4710	Pony Express Ford	Bus 21P Service	\$ 92.95
02/13/2024	4710	Pony Express Ford	Bus 22P Service	\$ 92.95
02/13/2024	4711	Presto-X Company	East Pest Control Services	\$ 56.14
02/13/2024	4711	Presto-X Company	HS Pest Control Services	\$ 52.48
02/13/2024	4711	Presto-X Company	MS Pest Control Services	\$ 61.02

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
02/13/2024	4712	Protex Central, Inc.	HS Range Hood Repair	\$ 1,800.00
02/13/2024	4712	Protex Central, Inc.	HS/MS Range Food Inspections	\$ 194.40
02/13/2024	4713	Rasmussen Mechanical Service	HS Heat Exchanger Cleaning	\$ 6,501.01
02/13/2024	4714	Schmidt, Chad A	Transit Bus Repair	\$ 35.80
02/13/2024	4715	Sports Facility Maintenance, LLC	CLJ Gym Basketball Hoop Support Repair	\$ 15,075.00
02/13/2024	4716	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Meeting Minutes	\$ 59.88
02/13/2024	4716	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Board Meeting Notice	\$ 11.78
02/13/2024	4716	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	HS Office Newspaper	\$ 20.50
02/13/2024	4716	Syndicate Publishing, LLC	Winter Sports Tab Ad	\$ 171.00
02/13/2024	4717	Travis Dassinger	MS Gym Repair	\$ 75.00
02/13/2024	4718	University of Nebraska - Lincoln (ASD)	ASD Conference	\$ 620.00
02/13/2024	4719	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Hot Spot Data Plan	\$ 160.04
02/13/2024	4720	Village Uniform	East Mop & Mat Service	\$ 146.11
02/13/2024	4720	Village Uniform	HS Mop & Mat Service	\$ 502.13
02/13/2024	4720	Village Uniform	MS Mop & Mat Service	\$ 697.44
02/13/2024	4721	Widdifield, James T	January Reimbursement	\$ 418.50
02/13/2024	4722	Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Shredding Service	\$ 60.00
02/13/2024	4723	WorkMed Midwest PA	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 290.00
02/13/2024	4724	Wright Express Fleet Services	Fuel	\$ 682.72
02/13/2024	EFT	Minden Exchange Bank - EFT	Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 34.30
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 601,598.08</b>
<b>Net Payroll - February 2024</b>				<b>\$ 410,455.76</b>
<b>Total General Fund Disbursements - February 2024</b>				<b>\$ 1,012,053.84</b>

**Secretary** Kevin Raun

# Lunch Fund Checks and Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
5936	1/10/2024	Village Uniform	Kitchen Apron & Rag Service	\$ 238.80
5938	1/10/2024	LinPepCo Partnership	Beverages	\$ 1,145.20
5939	1/10/2024	Hiland Dairy	Milk Products	\$ 3,868.75
5940	1/10/2024	Cash-wa Distributing Co.	Commodities	\$ 9,488.66
5941	1/10/2024	Mason's Market	Commodities	\$ 3.88
5942	1/10/2024	Rebecca Davis	Lunch Account Refund	\$ 42.20
5943	1/10/2024	Dollar General	Kitchen Supplies	\$ 18.65
457	2/13/2024	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	EE Vision Insurance Premiums	\$ 40.07
458	2/13/2024	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health & Dental Insurance Premiums	\$ 5,846.24
459	2/13/2024	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE FEBA Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 7.12
459	2/13/2024	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 15.12
459	2/13/2024	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long Term Disability	\$ 20.52
460	2/13/2024	Minden Public Schools	EE & ER Retirement Contributions	\$ 2,330.08
460	2/13/2024	Minden Public Schools	Employee FEBA - Medical/Dental	\$ 208.34
461	2/13/2024	Mps Payroll	EE & ER FICA, Medicare, & Federal Income Tax	\$ 2,439.79
462	2/13/2024	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	EE Nebraska Income Tax Withholding	\$ 274.20
<b>Subtotal</b>				<b>\$ 25,987.62</b>
<b>Net Payroll - February 2024</b>				<b>\$ 9,621.94</b>
<b>Total Lunch Fund Disbursements</b>				<b>\$ 35,609.56</b>

# Building Fund Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
611	2/13/2024	Benesch	Topographic Survey & Traffic Study - 91.50% Complete	\$7,379.00
611	2/13/2024	Benesch	Topographic Survey & Traffic Study - 91.50% Complete	\$7,379.00
612	2/13/2024	CMBA Architects	HS Parking Lot Expansion - 26.21% Complete	\$9,283.54
612	2/13/2024	CMBA Architects	MS Front Entry Renovation - 26.21% Complete	\$27,850.61
612	2/13/2024	CMBA Architects	MS Front Entry Renovation - 47.12% Complete	\$54,048.90
612	2/13/2024	CMBA Architects	Meals & Mileage	\$79.42
<b>Total Building Fund Disbursements - February 2024</b>				<b>\$106,020.47</b>

**Minden Public Schools  
C.L. Jones Middle School  
February 2024  
Report to the Board of Education  
Mrs. Chelsey Jensen, Administrator**

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

**Whippet of the Month Awards-**

The C.L. Jones Middle School staff nominates students who demonstrate outstanding character, behavior, and commitment to academic progress. These students were given a certificate of achievement and a Pizza Hut gift certificate for their hard work. Congratulations to the following: **Dominic Cervantes, Cade Schwenka, Colten Johnson, MaeLeigh Crowell, Natalie Ramos, Hunter Vahl, Bryson Knott, Zoey Calderon, Sebastyn Sharkey, Lillyann Quintana**

**Important Dates:**

February 7- Students dismissed at 1:10 pm for MS; PT Conferences 3:00-6:00 pm  
February 8- Students dismissed at 1:10 pm for MS; PT Conferences 3:00- 8:00 pm  
February 9- No School for students/ staff

**CLJMS Middle School Dance-**

The Student Council is organizing a dance for 7th and 8th-grade students on February 23, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at C.L. Jones Middle School. Please note that this event is exclusively for current C.L. Jones Middle School 7th and 8th-grade students, and unfortunately, no out-of-town guests are permitted to participate.

**Staffing Changes for Next School Year-**

Mr. Buck Wood is retiring at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Wood has been an outstanding educator within the Minden Public School district. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him on his retirement and express our gratitude for his dedicated service.

I am delighted to announce the staff assignments and movements for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year:

- Mr. Heath Wragge will transition from teaching 7th-grade math to 8th-grade math.
- Mrs. Betsy Olson will shift from teaching 6th grade to 7th-grade math.
- Mrs. Sarah Rosno will move from instructing middle school art to teaching 6th grade.
- Mrs. Katie Jorgensen will transfer from teaching 3rd grade to teaching middle school art.

**Hoops for Heart-**

Middle school students, in collaboration with Nurse Julie Anderson and Mr. Wilson, are actively fundraising for the American Heart Association. As of January 31, 2024, our middle school students have successfully raised \$1215.47 in support of the American Heart Association. Students have the opportunity to earn various prizes through their generous donations.

## Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference Information-

We're looking forward to meeting with parents/ families during our upcoming parent-teacher conferences on February 7th and 8th, 2024 at C.L. Jones Middle School. See the additional information below.

### C. L. Jones Middle School Second Semester Parent-Teacher Conferences 2024

Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8

C. L. Jones Middle School Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, February 7, 3:00-6:00 PM**, and **Thursday, February 8, 3:00-8:00 PM**.

East Elementary students are dismissed at 1:00 PM, and middle school & high school students at 1:10 PM on both days.

**No school on Friday, February 9, 2024.**

Participating in conferences provides valuable insight into your child's education, their classroom performance, and it promotes successful collaboration between parents, teachers, and students. **As a vital participant on their educational team, your child should accompany you at the parent-teacher conference.** Students are encouraged to share their input and ideas.

Grade 4 & 5 conferences are coordinated and communicated by each classroom teacher. For grades 6-8, conferences will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis this year, similar to the fall conference format. Teachers will be located in their classrooms, not the gym. To ensure sufficient time for parents to meet with each teacher, we kindly request that each meeting be limited to **5 minutes**. If additional time is necessary, please coordinate an alternative date with the teacher.

Please try to follow these scheduled times:

**February 7, 3:00 - 6:00**

Last name begins with A – L

**February 8, 3:00 - 8:00**

Last name begins with M – Z

If the suggested times do not work for you, please come when you are able. Please enter through the front lobby doors.

#### Fourth Grade

Mrs. True - Gr 4, Room 209

Miss Lempka - Gr 4, Room 210

Mrs. Thatcher - Gr 4, Room 212

#### Fifth Grade

Mrs. Christensen- Gr 5, Room 208

Mrs. McDowell- Gr 5, Room 204

Mrs. Gilson- Gr 5, Room 206

#### 6-7-8th Grade

Mrs. Clapper- Gr 6 & 8 Science

Mrs. Shelton- Gr 6 & 7 Science

Mrs. Jensen- Gr 6 Lang. Arts, Reading, Student Council

Mr. Lewis- Gr 8 American History

Mrs. Gray- Gr 7 Lang.Arts

Mrs. Schoone- Gr 6 Lang.Arts, Math

Mrs. Olson - Gr 6 Lang.Arts, Social Studies

Mr. Wheelock- Gr 7 Social Studies

Mr. Wood- Gr 8 Math

Mr. Wragge- Gr 7 Math, Strength & Conditioning

Mr. Wilson- PE & Health, Spanish

Mrs. Maulsby- 8th Grade Lang. Arts

#### Specialists

Mrs. Space- Gr 4-6 Resource, Room 215

Mrs. tenBensel- Gr 7 & 8th Resource, Room 112

Mrs. Jacobsen- Guidance, Room 107A

Mrs. Rosno – Art, Room 207

Mr. Nichols - Media Center, Room 105A

Mr. Stubbs - Band (Located in HS building)

Miss Zimmerman- Vocal (Located in HS building)

Mrs. Widdifield- Technology, Room 205

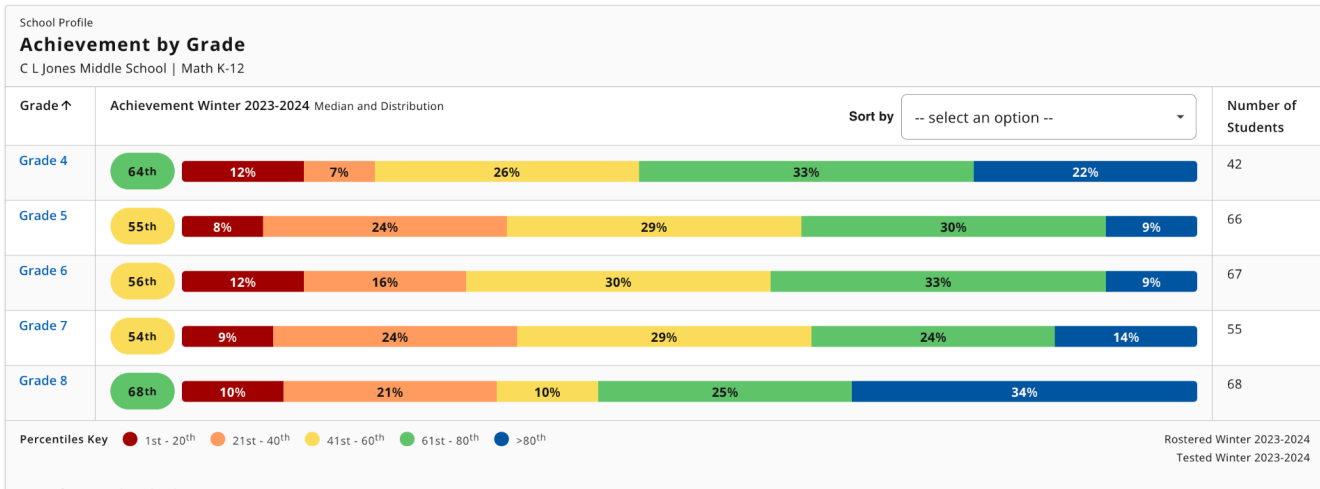
Mrs. Emery- Assessment Coordinator, Talent Pool, Quiz Bowl

## MAP Winter 2024 Testing-

Ideally, we want students to score in the 50th percentile or higher during each testing period. The MAP test is given three times per year (fall, winter, and spring). Student performance during each testing session helps determine intervention groups, and remedial supports to help students progress, and tailors instruction to meet the needs of every student.

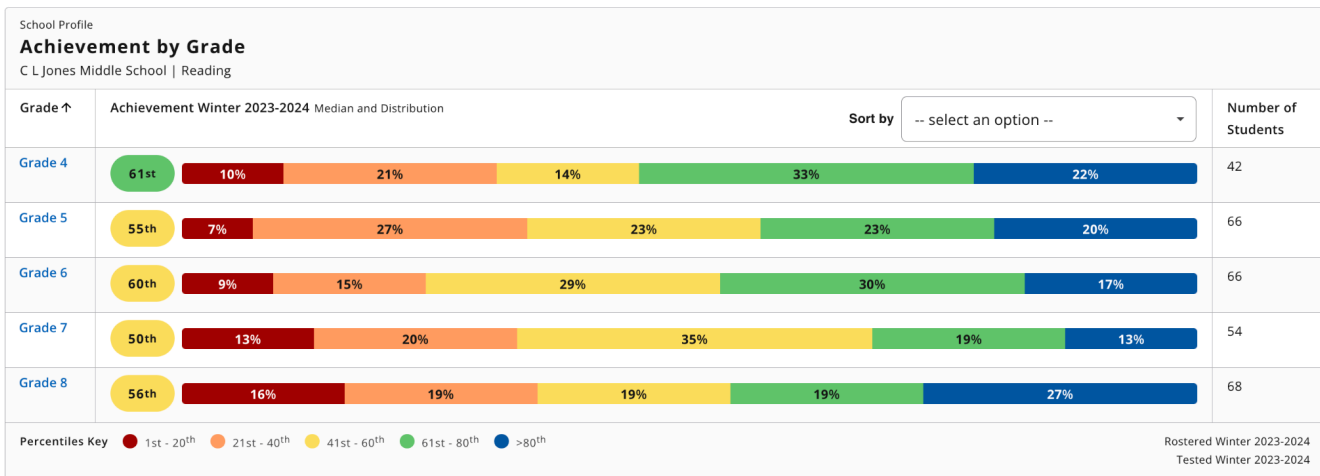
### Math MAP Scores- Winter 2024

Summary: As shown below, the median percentile was 54th percentile or higher for each grade level. We saw an overall increase in the median scores (grades 4-8) from the fall 2023 Math testing to the winter 2024 Math testing. Fall 2023 median score was the 56th percentile. Winter median score was 58th percentile.



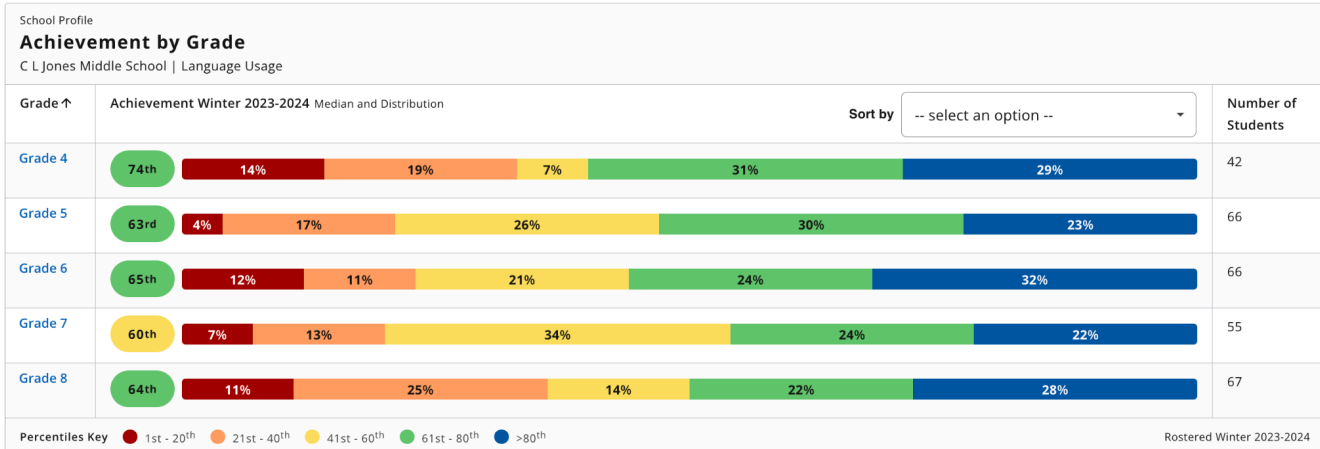
### Reading MAP Scores- Winter 2024

Summary: Median score of 50th percentile or higher for each grade level. Great scores, overall, in each grade level!



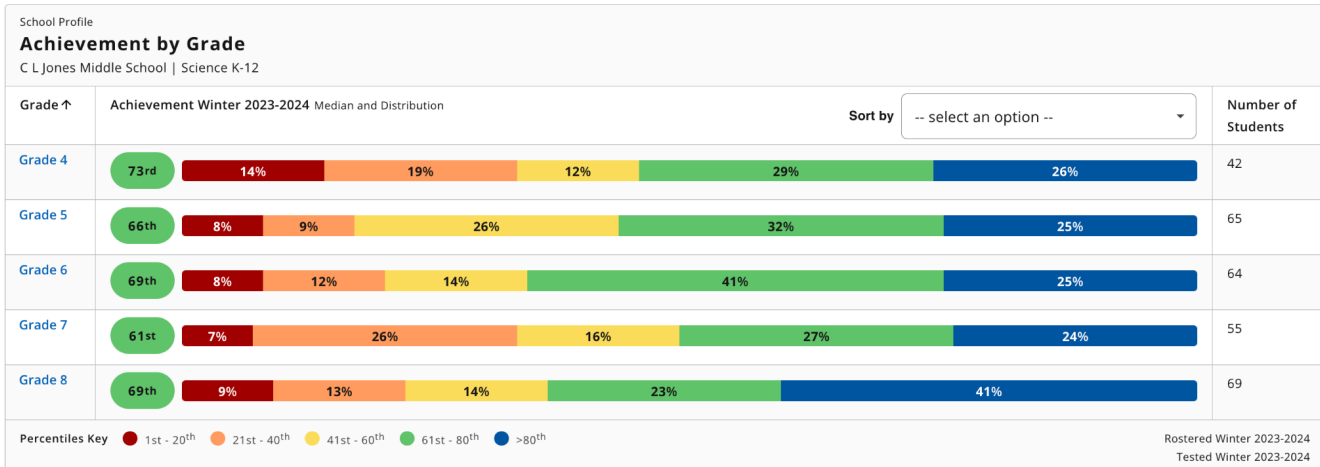
## MAP Language Usage Scores- Winter 2024

Summary: 60th percentile or higher for each grade level. Great progress in each grade level!



## MAP Science Scores- Winter 2024

Summary: The science scores are outstanding! MAP Winter 2024 Science scores = 61st percentile or higher for each grade level.





**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**FEBRUARY 2024 BOARD MEETING  
MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT**

January was a very busy month in middle school and boy did it fly by fast. We are a little past half way through the third quarter sport season for girls wrestling and boys basketball. The girls have wrestled in four tournaments and have one more in Gibbon February 22nd. They have 19 girls on the team and have been really dominating the teams they have been competing against. The coaches are Lige Reed and Angela Soelberg. The boys have played 6 basketball games so far and have a few left at this point. There are 11 seventh graders and 14 eighth graders out for boys basketball. Both teams have really competed well so far this season. The coaches for the 7th grade are Dan Wilson and Jake McCarthy, the coaches for the 8th grade are Dale Blum and Dan Kristensen.

The C.L. Jones gym will be getting the basketball hoops fixed Wednesday, February 7th. It will be nice to be able to raise and lower the side hoops again when this work is finished. We are thankful for the beautiful gym we have and appreciate the upgrades to the basketball hoops so they are safe again.

When we came back to school after break Mrs. Jensen and I decided we should revisit our expectations for everyone in our building whether in the cafeteria, classrooms, hallways, and playground. Our expectations all center around our students and staff being respectful, responsible, safe, and kind. We have great students and staff but from time to time I feel it's beneficial to review our expectations and make sure we are all on the same page.

The NSAA has mandated that all coaches be certified in CPR Training for the 2024-2025 school year. The certification will last for two years. Nurse Julie is lining up the training at this time so coaches have options to get the training/certification done by this fall. This will be one more training for our coaches to do but it makes sense working with students and being present at games where there are a lot of people that they are trained if there is a medical emergency.

Mr. Strong and I are starting to work on coach staffing positions that have opened up and communicating with our present coaches to find out their intent for next school year. We have several positions open at this point of the school year and will share them with the staff to see who is interested in these positions.

**Ed Rowse**

# Minden High School

## February 2024

### Board of Education Report



I hope this report finds you well. As we progress through the second semester and we have January behind us, I am pleased to provide you with a brief overview of significant events and highlights from this past month.

#### **1. Athletics and Extracurricular Highlights:**

The athletic and extracurricular teams have remained busy this past month. Our basketball teams have had some great games this past month. The wrestling teams have also been knocking it out of the park. It is exciting and to see how our student-athletes are making such positive progress throughout the season. I look forward to their upcoming district and state matches.

Our Speech team has participated in several competitions, and each weekend they come home with a fist full of medals and awards. Mr. Horner and his team will be hosting our large Minden Speech Meet on Saturday, February 10th. Please stop by if you are in town that day!

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## 2. College Commitments:

Graduation is right around the corner. Our seniors have been busy visiting colleges, and applying for scholarships and several of our seniors have already committed to their next step in their education. Here is a list of students who have committed to colleges and the colleges they plan on attending next fall. We are very excited for these students and their families.

FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:	COLLEGE:
Alex	Alkire	CCC
Megan	Althouse	UNO
Cassandra	Arnold	UNL
Olivia	Arnold	Minnesota-Duluth
Gelsey	Chavez	UNK
Marah	Dornhoff	Northeast CC
Kade	Dorszynski	PERU
Daniel	Eagle Elk	UNK
Gracie	Fries	FORT HAYS
Bronson	Glanzer	UNK
Charlee	Graf	CCC-Hastings
Sayge	Grotrian	UNK
Alex	Johnson	CREIGHTON
Jadyn	Lockhorn	CCC
Austin	Lutkemeier	UNK
Mia	Malcom	UNL
Rozie	Nelson	UNK
Ashtian	Nielsen	Hastings College
Ayleigh	Porter	CCC GI
Lindsay	Rehtus	Washburn
Elenora	Reichstein	SCC
Jake	Ryan	Wake Forest
Sylvia	Schmidt	UNK
Brycen	Schwenka	Dordt University
Jessica	Tunnell	UNK

## **National Honor Society-Jayne Hoban**

Minden High School Chapter of the National Honor Society consists of eight senior members and thirteen junior members. Induction of the thirteen juniors was held on November 7, 2023.

Current senior members began the year by visiting the freshmen's access classes to introduce themselves and tell them about NHS. They encouraged them to start as freshmen to build leadership, show good character, get good grades, and perform community service. The members also gave advice on being in high school and answered any questions the younger students asked. In October, members took turns greeting students at CLJ and East Elementary before school as they entered their buildings. This was a great way to connect with the younger students in those buildings. For Custodial Appreciation Day in October, the students presented the high school custodians with a basket of treats and thanked them for everything they do at our school. Also in October, they showed their appreciation for Mr. Hosick and Mr. Strong by presenting them with donuts and a paper with what each member appreciated about them. November was busy organizing the Induction Ceremony. With the addition of the junior members, our group was excited to do more projects. December brought us the opportunity to thank the high school teachers, staff, and administration by providing them with hot apple cider and treat bags. We were also able to go over to East Elementary to hand out candy canes to all of their students. January kept us busy with the Winter Ball. Members decorated the high school commons area and brought cookies for the students to enjoy during the dance. About 195 students and guests danced the night away. We are looking forward to doing more group projects in February, March, and April.

Besides these monthly group projects, members are required to do one hour of community service on their own each month. These vary from helping at church, helping with younger sports organizations, to helping at the public library. It's great to see what our members are doing in the community!

I am honored to work with this great group of students who exemplify the four pillars of NHS - scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

## **Instrumental Music-Matt Stubbs**

The Whippet Bands have been hard at work preparing for the Spring semester. Here are some highlights from what has happened so far and what is coming up.

### **HS Band**

- **Benezith Alarcon and Abby Reith** participated in the Kearney High Underclassmen Honor band on 1/15. They spent the day rehearsing with other students and performed in a concert that night.

- **Abby Reith and Rebecca Lempka** auditioned and were selected to perform with the UNK festival band on 1/29. They were among 600 other students who were selected to be part of the UNK Honor Band and Choir Clinic.

-**SWC Band/Choir/Art** will take place on March 16th in Holdrege. Around 15 band students will participate in this event.

-**The High School** concert band is preparing for a couple of performances this Spring. On March 28th they will attend the NSBA Concert Band festival at Kearney High. This event brings in out-of-state clinicians to work with the bands. They are also preparing for the District Music Contest on April 19th in Holdrege.

### **HS Jazz Band**

-The Jazz band meets on Thursday mornings at 7:00 AM. This group was restarted last school year and they are working to add some more performances this year.

-They will perform at the District Music Contest in April as well as the Spring Concert at the end of the school year.

### **7-8th Grade Band**

-7 students were selected to participate in the North Platte 8th grade Honor Band on February 3rd. Mason Shirley, Sawyer Grotrian, Jaelyn Trew, Madi Morey, Dayne Porter, Hailey Petersen, and Hali Knott. They will spend the day working on music and then perform in a concert that night.

- This band is working hard to prepare for Spring concerts

### **5-6th Grade Bands**

-These students continue to improve their playing and will spend this semester learning new musical topics. They are also working diligently for the Spring Concerts.

## Spanish Department-Bryce Sweeney

Over the course of this year, the Spanish department has strived to improve on and build upon the skills acquired over the students' previous semesters of foreign language instruction. Throughout this semester, Spanish 1 has been covering present tense conjugations of the three main types of verbs found in the Spanish language (-AR, -ER, and -IR verbs). In the coming months, we look to begin our units on family, the house, food, and stem-changing verbs in the present tense. Towards the middle of March, we hope to begin our novel *Brandon Brown quiere un perro / Brandon Brown Wants a Dog* to help bring all of their learning full circle.

Spanish 2 is beginning their unit over travel, during which we will be introducing travel-related vocabulary to help them navigate travel-related instances in Spanish (*ex: the airport, train station, etc.*) and working with one of the two main past tenses in Spanish, the preterite tense. Within the coming weeks, students will get to experience first-hand what it is like to fill out official passport submission documents from Mexico (in Spanish) and will only be able to communicate any questions they have concerning the documents in Spanish. This is a good practice, not just for them to see how much they know and are able to create meaning in instances in which they may not know every word, but also be able to experience how overwhelming such situations can be for anyone trying to use their non-native language.

Spanish 3 is finishing up their unit over art and artists of the Spanish-speaking world. During this unit, students have learned about great artists such as Velázquez, Kahlo, Dalí, and Picasso, as well as taking time to do thorough examinations of their most famous works (*ex: El Guernica, La persistencia de la memoria, Las meninas, etc.*) and both the literal and symbolic meanings behind them. Within the next week, we will begin the first part of our final unit, *El cambio de identidad nacional / Change of National Identity*, during which students will be examining two independence/reform movements, the Catalan independence movement in Spain and the government reform movement/s in Cuba, and the motives behind them. We hope to have time to finish up the year with our novel, *La casa dividida / The Divided House*, which discusses the first independence/government reform movement in Cuba back in the 1960s from two different perspectives of young people experiencing the reforms within two different socioeconomic contexts.

# **FFA-Ms. Wippel**

## **February Events**

### **Feb. 7- State Degree Interviews**

- Location: Hastings CCC
- Students: Olivia Arnold, Cassie Arnold, Marah Dornhoff, Mia Malcom
- Time: I will be gone all day and the students (with parent permission and forms signed) will be dismissed at 10:17 for their interviews in Hastings.

### **Feb. 12- State Officer Visit**

- All day during school only

### **Feb. 18-24- National FFA Week**

### **Feb. 23-24- FFA Spring Leadership Conference in Kearney**

- Time: Feb. 23 6:00-9:30 and Feb. 24 8:00-3:30
- Location: Kearney Younes
- Students: Any member wanting to attend and myself for state proficiency reviews.

Monday- Feb. 19th	Member Monday- Wear your FFA shirt and get a donut!  Teacher Treat in Mailbox- Eileen's Sugar Cookie
Tuesday- Feb. 20th	Dress Like a Farmer  8th Grade Ag Olympics - Members dismissed at 2:30  Trivia Night Social at 6:00 in the ag room!
Wednesday- Feb. 21st	CDE Contests at Hastings CCC

Thursday- Feb. 22nd	<p>Members wear FFA jacket with jeans</p> <p>Farmer Breakfast at Fairgrounds - FFA members return to class at 9:00</p> <p>Elementary Scavenger Hunt</p>
Friday- Feb. 23rd	<p>Hunting Gear (Neon orange or camo day)</p> <p>Staff Count the Kernels Contest</p> <p>Dodgeball Tournament after school</p>

## **FBLA-Luke Grossnicklaus**

Loper Business Invitational:

Ten of our FBLA students had a great experience at the Loper Business Invitational today held at UNK. Students were able to hear from professors about the various programs offered within the College of Business and Technology at UNK. Students also sat in on a panel with current students majoring in a business-related field at UNK and had the opportunity to ask them questions regarding their major, the transition from high school to college, and much more.

Finally, the bulk of the day for students was spent participating in two business competitions of their choice. The competitions included objective tests, case studies, presentations, and job interviews. I'm proud of the way our students competed and conducted themselves throughout the day. We were able to walk away with four Top 3 finishes including:

- Carson Wright - Introduction to Business - 2nd Place
- Treven Keen - Introduction to Information Technology - 2nd Place
- Nathan Althouse - Business Calculations - 3rd Place
- Carson Wright - Introduction to Financial Math - 3rd Place





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## **FEBRUARY 2024 BOARD MEETING**

### **ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT**

#### **Wrestling Report:**

The girls wrestling team competed at the Sub District Meet at Gothenburg High School on Friday February 2nd. The girls wrestled hard and we produced 12 qualifiers for the District wrestling tournament that is scheduled to take place on Friday February 9th at Broken Bow High School. Congratulations to Xitlali Nunez, Aliena Osterbuhr, Trinity Carr, Myia Hofaker, Cassie Bernshausen, Aubree Bules, Myka Petersen, Addison Brown, Autumn Johnson, Mia Melroy, Isabel Serrano, and Cheyenne Vahl for qualifying for the district meet! Overall, the girls wrestling team has had a fantastic season and competed at a high level each and every tournament. Coaches Ostrom and Wippel did a great job getting our wrestlers prepared to reach their highest potential.

The boys wrestling team has also had a simply remarkable season so far. This past weekend, the boys competed at the NSAA State Dual Championships in Kearney. They wrestled at an extremely high level and brought home the 2024 State Dual Runner Up Trophy! This is the first state team award in the history of our wrestling program and we could not be more proud of the wrestlers and coaches! The boys team is also busy preparing for the district tournament to be held at Broken Bow High School on Saturday February 10th. The boys team has high hopes for multiple state qualifiers and looks to compete for overall team honors at the State Tournament in Omaha! Much like the girls wrestling team, the Coaches Gracey, Oslen, and Wragge have worked hard to put our kids in positions to be successful. Good luck to the boys at both districts and state!

#### **FFA:**

FFA members competed in District LDE Contests on Jan. 17. We have 4 members who qualified for the State FFA Convention: Sam Cederburg in Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Arabella Reed in Senior Prepared Public Speaking, Dayne Porter in Ag Literacy Speaking, and Sydney Jenkins in Discovery Speaking. Coming up in February we have a state FFA officer visiting our chapter, competing in CDE contests, and celebrating National FFA Week Feb. 19-25.

#### **FCCLA:**

FCCLA recently had their District 6 STAR competition in Kearney. STAR projects are typically very involved, and require a great deal of time and effort. We had 9 competitors this year, all of which received GOLD medals and will be advancing to State competition in April.

#### **Representing Minden at State FCCLA are:**

Addison Klabunde and Cadence Shrader - Focus on Children (project involves pen pals between middle school and high school students)  
Dawson Conyers and Adalle Banzhaf - Interpersonal Communication (project related to talking about mental health)  
Carmin Gramke - Fashion Design (designed a line of clothing, and constructed one complete outfit from that line)  
Sophia Cederburg - Event Planning (planning a Father Daughter Dance for later this spring)  
Jessie Tunnell - Job Interview (made a portfolio highlighting career readiness skills and participated in an interview)  
Allison Burchell and Cheyenne Vahl - Chapter Service Project (planned a sewing day with Bethany Home residents)

Any projects which place first or second at state will qualify for nationals, which are in Seattle, WA this summer!

We also have a student who is running for a State office this year. Dawson Conyers has submitted his application, and will participate in an Officer Screening Day in Lincoln on Feb. 7th. The elections will take place at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in April.

### **Speech:**

Speech team is 36 members strong this year. While we only have 3 seniors leaders on the team, our 10 juniors have been fantastic leaders too. Round that out with 17 great sophomores, and 6 eager freshmen and we have a great group of competitors! Our team has been very successful at meets bringing home many medals and a number of event champions. As we look to the end of the season, we will face some very tough competition at our district, but our students have shown that part of why our district is so strong is because we are part of it. We have four more regular season meets, the SWC meet, district meet in Gothenburg, and state in Kearney in March.

### **High School Basketball:**

The girls basketball team currently sits with a record of 16-3 with one remaining regular season game at Wood River on Thursday February 9th. The team won the Southwest Conference Tournament Championship with a victory over Gothenburg in the finals at North Platte Community College! The girls await the announcement of seedings and host sites for sub district play!

The boys basketball team currently sits with a record of 7-10 with three games remaining for the regular season. They play Wood River on Thursday February 8th and then travel to Hastings to play Saint Cecelia on Monday February 12th and finally to Hastings High on February 17th . The sub-district host site has not yet been determined.

### **Esports Report from Coach Porter:**

The winter season began in early December. We have 2 Mario Kart teams, and one Overwatch team. Overwatch was a new game for Minden, it had been played before by most of the team in our division. This team was made up of 3 seniors Aden Jonak, Conner Ramsey, and Ashtain Neilsen, Junior Seth Mishek and Freshman Treven Keen. The state quarterfinal match against Omaha Skutt, has become one of legend among the coaches this season, we took the number one team to limit, ultimately falling to them, but gained a TON of respect from other schools. It gave me as a coach a new respect for this team and these students. Communication for most of our players isn't easy, but they made it look that way, and almost made it to the state tournament.

Mario Kart returned all team members from last year's state runner-up team. We also added Freshman Jon Althouse to an already stout line up. We went 6-1 in the regular season, earning the 5 seed in the playoffs. For the second straight year, we advanced to the state tournament held in York, NE.

We had the difficult task of facing the top team in our division, Seward High School. We played excellent and almost were able to win, but fell short in a spectacular match. The team rebounded and was able to defeat Omaha Skutt for third place. Nathan Althouse, Aden Jonak, Jon Althouse, and Conner Ramsey took home bronze medals this season.

We have seen more and more support from faculty and staff this season. We are also enjoying more community members knowing about our program. We raised enough funds last season, as well as, getting some anonymous donations, we were able to purchase a Nintendo Switch, to help kids who don't have a gaming console the chance to still play on our team. As we move forward with this program, we hope to have more community involvement to get more equipment, and hopefully soon our own E-Sports Room.

Thank you,

Nate Porter, E-sports Head Coach

Spring sports practices can begin on Monday, February 26th!

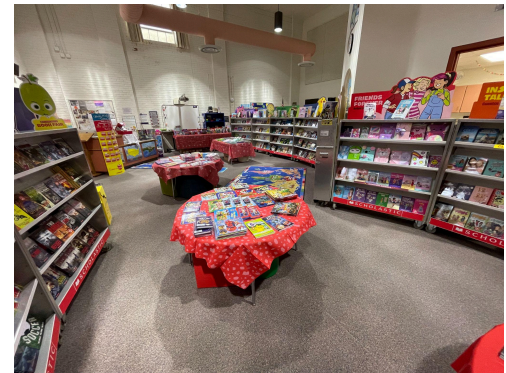
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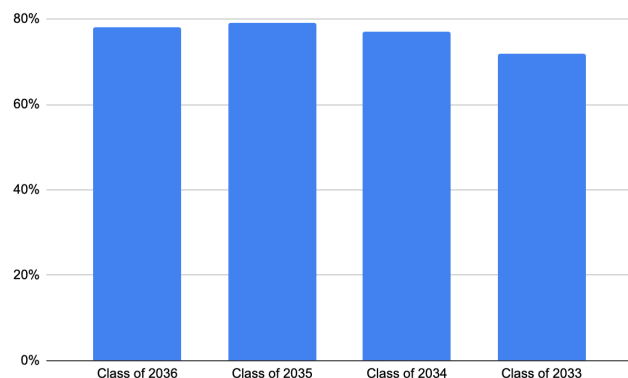
Sandy Pohl, East Elementary and Minden Public Preschool Principal

The Hoops for Heart event organized by Nurse Julie and Mr. McCarthy raised over \$12,300 to be donated to the American Heart Association. Our focus with the students at school were heart healthy living strategies such as exercise and nutrition.

Parent/Teacher conferences had almost a 100% attendance rate for parents visiting teachers. During this time, teachers and parents communicate and collaborate on student strengths, areas to grow, and highlight areas of learning for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Olson opens up the school library for parents and community members to visit the library and browse books to purchase during conferences. Parents enjoy seeing student art displayed by Mrs. Woodward which brightens the school hallways. The Parent Advisory Council spoils staff members with snacks and a meal on conference days. Members of the group include Katie Craig, Kelli Carey, Jessica Deitloff, Ashley Dornhoff, Angela Carlson, and Jessica Shoff.



Teachers are currently reviewing math curriculum samples. A professional development Friday featured Kate Hatch from ESU 11 who presented about math standards and how the various curriculum should be reviewed. Kim Steen, Mindy Boudreau, and Kerri Harsin visited Kearney Public School to see their



math curriculum in action. We hope to also join Wilcox-Hildreth in order to preview what they are using for math. The blue chart displays the math proficiencies according to the Winter MAP assessment at each grade level.

Students absolutely love interacting with our high school students. This year, outside of the traditional whippet walks, our students have been visited by the National Honor Society, welcomed the volleyball team, and listened to a football player. This month we were visited by members of the wrestling team during lunch. They spoke to students about what it takes to be a trustful and hardworking teammate. Of course, the visit also included celebrating with the school fight song. Next month, we look forward to interacting with members of the FFA.

Fourteen children who attend East Elementary are considered to be English Language Learners and will take the English Language Proficiency Assessment this spring. To be considered an English Language Learner, parents complete a home language survey indicating English is a second language in their home. Then students are given a language assessment which is a set of questions to determine their language levels. Students are no longer considered to be an English learner when they are proficient on their NSCAS test or are proficient on their ELPA test. Parents are made aware of the language support and their proficiencies.

### **Early Childhood Update:**

With our continuous concerted effort to increase child find and promote early intervention services, Sara Anderson currently serves 12 children ages birth to three years old. She completes most of these services in the child's home as her and the parents form a family service plan to help the child grow. Our local Community For Kids group has been busy with community outreach promoting the importance of quality early childhood education. During the month of January, a licensed childcare provider collaboration night was held. Many of the providers in Minden attended and shared policy information with



each other, offered up tips and tricks, and planned for events the daycares

could take part in together. Our Community For Kids group also met at the Jensen Memorial Library in order to plan our event for community members on February 22nd at East Elementary. The evening will feature the Buffalo County Childcare Champions as they work to answer questions and give information to community members about what is required to become a licensed in-home childcare provider. They will also be sharing positive incentives that come along with owning and running your own in-home childcare business. The group also reviewed a report prepared by the



Economic Development Department of the Nebraska Public Power District. The report highlighted the Economic Impacts of Inadequate Child Care Access in Kearney County.

It's that time of year when parents begin asking questions about and registering their three and four year olds for preschool for the upcoming school year. The early childhood display pictured above shared preschool registration information for Head Start, First Christian Preschool, and Minden Public Preschool. Also displayed for parents to learn about were birth to three milestones for parents to be aware of and work towards as well as information for the early development network.

**Superintendent Report**

Meeting: February Board Meeting

Date: 2/12/24

Mr. Widdifield

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**Topics:**

Legislative Topics: We are talking with our local senators on legislation that applies to public schools. We will have several meetings with NRCSA and NCSA to discuss legislation that could impact education in Nebraska and our local districts. My hope is that the legislation passed is good for Nebraska public schools and good for Minden.

Winter Season: Our winter activities are coming to an end, and we will get a small window to prepare for spring events. I am proud of our administration, staff, and students for the hard work they have all put in. We are over the halfway point of the 3rd quarter. We are already working on next year's items and the potential needs for our district for the 24-25 school year.

Math Textbook Review: The admin and teachers have been working hard on finding our next math series. We are looking for text that is research-based, can connect all grades, and has a common language for our staff and students.

Thank You: I want to thank the teachers and administrators for their work during Parent-Teacher conferences. We had an excellent turnout for the two days and good communication with parents and their children. This month was a time to recognize the Board and Counselors. I am thankful for a tremendous Board that does what is best for the district, staff, and students and our counselors who work with our kids to help them grow and navigate school and life.

01/26/24

To the Minden Public Schools Administration:

This letter is to inform you of my plans to retire. I will not renew my contract for the 2024-2025 school year. I have enjoyed my association with Minden Public Schools. I have been fortunate to have great students, teachers, administrators and school board members throughout my tenure. Thank you for all you have done for my family and myself.

*Stephen R Wood*

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February 6, 2024

Minden Board of Education  
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Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing this letter to inform you that I will be retiring from teaching at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year.

Minden Public Schools has been a huge part of my life. I would like to express my sincere thankfulness for the opportunity to serve East Elementary for 38 years.

I will dearly miss the staff and students, but I am excited to start a new chapter in my life.

Jill Woodward