

Minden Public Schools
Board of Education
Board of Education Regular Meeting
C.L. Jones Middle School
520 West Third
Minden, NE 68959
Monday, May 11, 2026 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
 - 2.a. FBLA Presentation
 - 2.b. 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 Resignation
 - 6.b. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Out-of-State FBLA Trip
7. Next Meeting & Educational Opportunities
8. Adjournment per Board President Action at 7:21 pm

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 13, 2026**

The agenda for the April 13, 2026 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.

The board heard two Invention Convention presentations from students.

Motion by Craig and second by Reed to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes from the March 16 and meeting, financial reports, and claims for payment. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the amendments to Policy 1040 Annual Report, Policy 3540 Bidding Construction Projects, Policy 5601 Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol, and Policy 7050 Bids and Contracts.

The board discussed Policy 5209 School Library Materials and Parent Access.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Craig to adopt Policy 5209 School Library Materials and Parent Access. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to approve the amendments to Policy 1040 Annual Report, Policy 3540 Bidding Construction Projects, Policy 5601 Asthma and Allergic Reaction Protocol, and Policy 7050 Bids and Contracts. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

At 7:31 pm, the meeting was adjourned per Board President action.

Secretary, Board of Education

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT
April 30, 2026

SCHOOL BALANCE - March 31, 2026		\$366,927.87
Current Months Receipts		\$849,148.03
Transfers from Investments		\$450,000.00
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts		\$1,666,075.90
Less: Disbursements		\$1,111,413.68
Transfer to Investments		\$0.00
Total Disbursements		\$1,111,413.68
SCHOOL BALANCE - April 30, 2026		\$554,662.22
BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT - April 30, 2026		\$557,181.12
Deposits In Transit		\$0.00
LESS : Outstanding Checks		\$2,518.90
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE - April 30, 2026		\$554,662.22
(Balance - April 30, 2025 = \$348,002.26)		
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS		\$2,969,922.84
Money Market Minden Exchange	\$1,589,371.98	2.02% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$1,380,550.86	1.51% demand
(Balance April 30, 2025 = \$2,939,625.47)		
DEPRECIATION FUND INVESTED		\$326,535.45
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$276,858.15	2.02% demand
Money Market First Bank	\$49,672.11	1.11% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$5.19	
(Balance April 30, 2025 = \$181,015.90)		
BUILDING FUND		\$2,545,771.22
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$978,998.19	2.02% demand
CD Minden Exchange Bank - 6/15/26 maturity	\$750,000.00	3.80% term
Money Market First Bank	\$134,927.06	1.51% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Building Fund	\$681,841.47	3.39% demand
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$4.50	
(Balance April 30, 2025 = \$1,148,413.81)		
BOND FUND		\$1,380,178.09
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$668,367.03	2.02% demand
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Bond Fund	\$711,811.06	3.39% demand
(Balance April 30, 2025 = \$1,311,648.17)		
LUNCH FUND		\$47,637.46
Money Market First Bank	\$1,914.61	1.00% demand
Checking First Bank	\$45,722.85	
(Balance April 30, 2025 = \$53,399.47)		
FUNDS PLEDGED FOR DEPOSITS		
Minden Exchange Bank	\$7,000,000.00	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
April 30, 2026

Bank	Account #	Beginning Balance	Plus: Receipts	Plus/(Minus) Transfers/Loans	Minus: Expenditures	Ending/ Reconciled Balance	Previous Year Ending Balance
General Fund							
MEB	401505	\$366,927.87	\$849,148.03	\$450,000.00	\$1,111,413.68	\$554,662.22	\$348,002.26
MEB	601096	\$2,036,542.05	\$2,829.93	(\$450,000.00)	\$0.00	\$1,589,371.98	\$1,580,467.47
FB&T	801472	\$1,378,850.91	\$1,699.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,380,550.86	\$1,359,158.00
	Subtotal	\$3,782,320.83	\$853,677.91	\$0.00	\$1,111,413.68	\$3,524,585.06	\$3,287,627.73
Depreciation Fund							
MEB	401919	\$5.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.19	\$5.19
MEB	613109	\$276,403.79	\$454.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$276,858.15	\$131,912.53
FB&T	807982	\$49,627.24	\$44.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,672.11	\$49,098.18
	Subtotal	\$326,036.22	\$499.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$326,535.45	\$181,015.90
Building Fund							
MEB	106690	\$4.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.50	\$4.50
MEB	603209	\$915,509.09	\$63,489.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$978,998.19	\$358,792.59
MEB	CD	\$750,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750,000.00	\$0.00
FB&T	801407	\$134,760.92	\$166.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$134,927.06	\$132,836.26
NLAF	9300655	\$679,949.57	\$1,891.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$681,841.47	\$656,780.46
	Subtotal	\$2,480,224.08	\$65,547.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,545,771.22	\$1,148,413.81
Bond Fund							
MEB	620112	\$595,714.70	\$72,652.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$668,367.03	\$629,224.43
NLAF	9300692	\$711,167.86	\$643.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$711,811.06	\$682,423.74
	Subtotal	\$1,306,882.56	\$73,295.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,380,178.09	\$1,311,648.17
Lunch Fund							
FB&T	801399	\$1,913.04	\$1.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,914.61	\$1,894.39
FB&T	990119	\$62,577.88	\$31,463.94	\$0.00	\$48,318.97	\$45,722.85	\$51,505.08
	Subtotal	\$64,490.92	\$31,465.51	\$0.00	\$48,318.97	\$47,637.46	\$53,399.47
Grand Total		\$7,959,954.61	\$1,024,485.32	\$0.00	\$1,159,732.65	\$7,824,707.28	\$5,982,105.08

2025/26 Projections vs. Actuals for General Fund As of April 30, 2026

Income

2024/25 Budgeted Income = \$13,339,362.54

Month	Projected Income	Actual Income	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,595,749.51	\$1,496,569.58	(\$99,179.93)	(\$99,179.93)
October	\$566,922.91	\$641,420.61	\$74,497.70	(\$24,682.23)
November	\$220,099.48	\$108,633.28	(\$111,466.20)	(\$136,148.43)
December	\$312,141.08	\$518,932.61	\$206,791.53	\$70,643.10
January	\$2,012,909.81	\$1,546,409.73	(\$466,500.08)	(\$395,856.98)
February	\$1,768,437.72	\$2,596,382.27	\$827,944.55	\$432,087.57
March	\$1,187,203.27	\$553,784.85	(\$633,418.42)	(\$201,330.85)
April	\$642,957.27	\$853,677.91	\$210,720.64	\$9,389.79
May	\$3,436,219.79			
June	\$1,236,558.91			
July	\$176,079.59			
August	\$184,083.20			

Cash Flow

Month	Projected Cash Flow	Actual Cash Flow	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$196,569.33	\$230,163.19	\$33,593.86	\$33,593.86
October	(\$632,988.78)	(\$554,424.67)	\$78,564.11	\$112,157.97
November	(\$948,273.32)	(\$1,023,386.76)	(\$75,113.44)	\$37,044.53
December	(\$874,868.34)	(\$540,464.77)	\$334,403.57	\$371,448.10
January	\$910,481.98	\$489,775.71	(\$420,706.27)	(\$49,258.17)
February	\$587,162.65	\$1,537,272.03	\$950,109.38	\$900,851.21
March	\$40,334.27	(\$570,879.61)	(\$611,213.88)	\$289,637.33
April	(\$561,255.19)	(\$257,735.77)	\$303,519.42	\$593,156.75
May	\$2,273,581.34			
June	\$18,010.59			
July	(\$937,816.93)			
August	(\$1,067,437.60)			

Expenses

2024/25 Budgeted Expenses = \$14,335,862.54

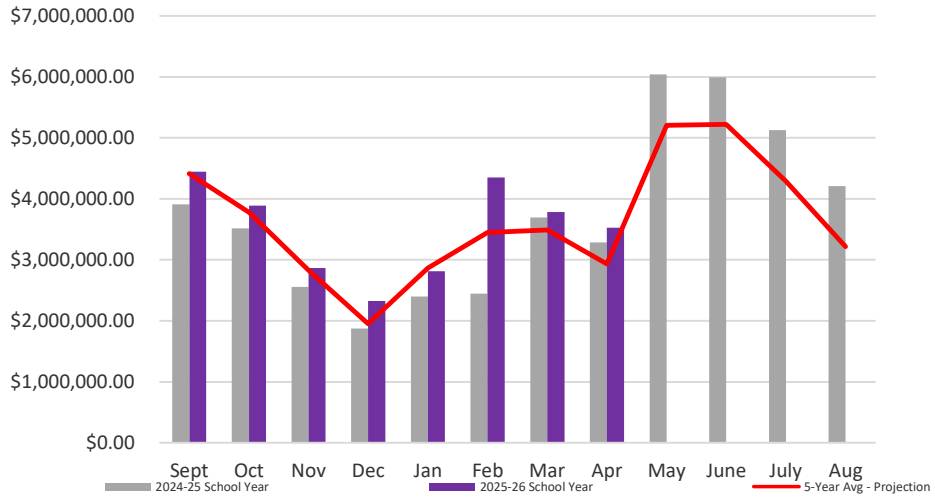
Month	Projected Expenses	Actual Expenses	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,399,180.18	\$1,266,406.39	(\$132,773.79)	(\$132,773.79)
October	\$1,199,911.69	\$1,195,845.28	(\$4,066.41)	(\$136,840.20)
November	\$1,168,372.80	\$1,132,020.04	(\$36,352.76)	(\$173,192.96)
December	\$1,187,009.42	\$1,059,397.38	(\$127,612.04)	(\$300,805.00)
January	\$1,102,427.83	\$1,056,634.02	(\$45,793.81)	(\$346,598.81)
February	\$1,181,275.07	\$1,059,110.24	(\$122,164.83)	(\$468,763.64)
March	\$1,146,869.00	\$1,124,664.46	(\$22,204.54)	(\$490,968.18)
April	\$1,204,212.46	\$1,111,413.68	(\$92,798.78)	(\$583,766.96)
May	\$1,162,638.45			
June	\$1,218,548.32			
July	\$1,113,896.52			
August	\$1,251,520.80			

General Fund Balance

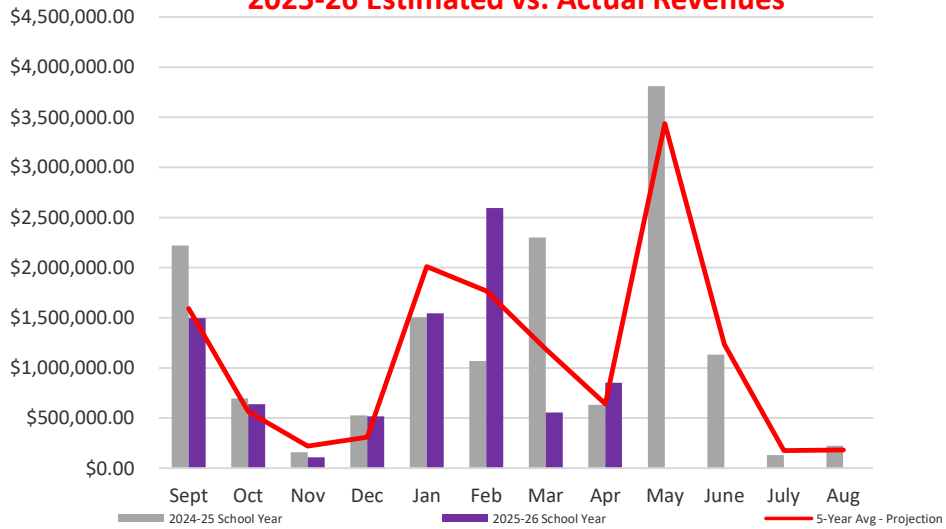
Beginning Reconciled GF Balance = \$4,214,265.71

Month	Projected GF Balance	Actual Reconciled GF Balance	Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$4,410,835.04	\$4,444,428.90	\$33,593.86
October	\$3,777,846.26	\$3,890,004.23	\$112,157.97
November	\$2,829,572.94	\$2,866,617.47	\$37,044.53
December	\$1,954,704.60	\$2,326,152.70	\$371,448.10
January	\$2,865,186.58	\$2,815,928.41	(\$49,258.17)
February	\$3,452,349.23	\$4,353,200.44	\$900,851.21
March	\$3,492,683.50	\$3,782,320.83	\$289,637.33
April	\$2,931,428.31	\$3,524,585.06	\$593,156.75
May	\$5,205,009.65		
June	\$5,223,020.24		
July	\$4,285,203.31		
August	\$3,217,765.71		

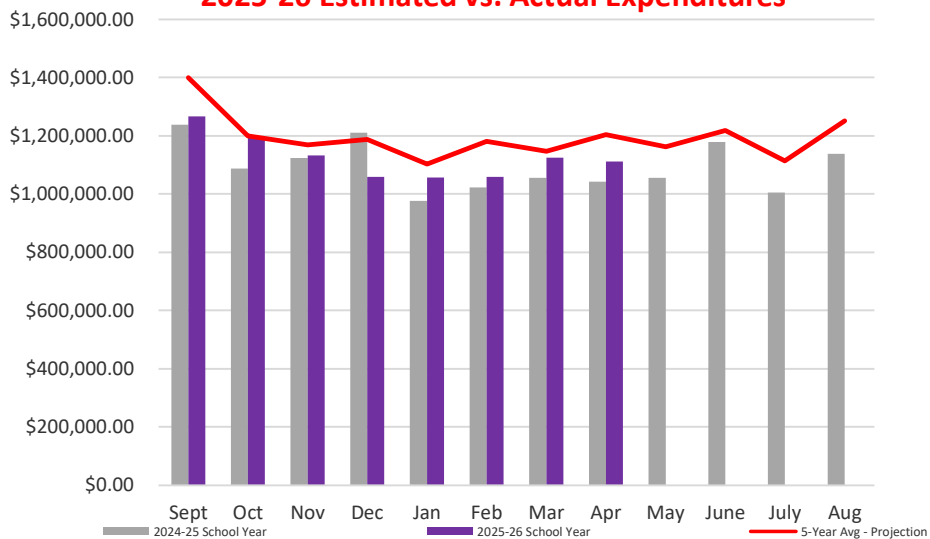
2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual General Fund Balance



2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual Revenues



2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual Expenditures



General Fund Revenues - Thru 04/30/26

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Received	Remaining Balance	Percent Received
01100 - Taxes Levied/Assessed	\$9,508,972.54	\$2,099,863.00	\$7,409,109.54	22.08%
01115 - Carline Taxes	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	0.00%
01120 - Public Power District Sales Tax	\$35,000.00	\$47,013.56	(\$12,013.56)	134.32%
01125 - Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$425,000.00	\$367,974.93	\$57,025.07	86.58%
01140 - Penalty & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$14,250.00	\$8,915.82	\$5,334.18	62.57%
01370 - Preschool Tuition and Fees	\$20,000.00	\$20,827.64	(\$827.64)	104.14%
01510 - Interest	\$40,000.00	\$39,031.85	\$968.15	97.58%
01910 - Rental of School Facilities & Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$25.00	\$975.00	2.50%
01911 - Local License Fees	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	0.00%
01920 - Contributions and Donations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
01921 - Police Court Fines	\$500.00	\$25.00	\$475.00	5.00%
01925 - Categorical Grants from Corporations/Private Sources	\$0.00	\$6,269.07	(\$6,269.07)	
01980 - Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures	\$0.00	\$480.15	(\$480.15)	
01990 - Miscellaneous Local Revenue	\$300.00	\$48.38	\$251.62	16.13%
02110 - County Fines & License Fees	\$20,000.00	\$18,315.38	\$1,684.62	91.58%
03110 - State Aid	\$1,320,697.00	\$1,056,560.00	\$264,137.00	80.00%
03120 - Special Education - School Age	\$1,400,000.00	\$922,443.00	\$477,557.00	65.89%
03125 - SPED Transportation - School Age	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.00%
03130 - Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$39,785.84	(\$39,785.84)	
03131 - Property Tax Credit	\$0.00	\$1,795,354.21	(\$1,795,354.21)	
03166 - Flex Funding: School Age Support Services	\$0.00	\$98,532.00	(\$98,532.00)	
03180 - Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	\$20,000.00	\$6,753.54	\$13,246.46	33.77%
03400 - State Apportionment	\$148,750.00	\$190,258.11	(\$41,508.11)	127.90%
03535 - High Ability Learners Payments	\$7,358.00	\$7,848.00	(\$490.00)	106.66%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	0.00%
04301 - CLSD Grant	\$0.00	\$5,207.85	(\$5,207.85)	
04505 - "ESSA Title I, Part A"	\$109,196.00	\$42,085.00	\$67,111.00	38.54%
04509 - "ESSA Title II, Part A"	\$22,363.00	\$22,363.00	\$0.00	100.00%
04516 - IDEA Preschool Base (619)	\$2,442.00	\$0.00	\$2,442.00	0.00%
04518 - IDEA Part B (611) Base & E-P Allocation	\$178,673.00	\$129,356.00	\$49,317.00	72.40%
04521 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,111.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	100.00%
04525 - Carl Perkins Grant	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
04708 - Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	\$20,000.00	\$27,900.88	(\$7,900.88)	139.50%
04709 - Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAAPS)	\$17,500.00	\$2,296.66	\$15,203.34	13.12%
04969 - Title IV, Part A SSAE Grant	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	
05300 - Sale of Property	\$5,000.00	\$5,156.45	(\$156.45)	103.13%
05690 - Other Non-revenue Receipts	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
Total	\$13,339,362.54	\$6,971,801.32	\$6,367,561.22	52.26%

General Fund Expenditures

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Disbursed	Remaining Balance	Percent Spent
01100 - Regular Instruction	\$6,612,921.85	\$4,642,671.80	\$1,970,250.05	70.21%
01125 - Academic Intervention (Flex Funding)	\$102,981.59	\$76,528.31	\$26,453.28	74.31%
01200 - School Age SPED	\$1,761,833.00	\$1,263,112.49	\$498,720.51	71.69%
01291 - Preschool Age 3-5	\$11,630.53	\$1,914.96	\$9,715.57	16.46%
01292 - Preschool Age 0-2	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	0.00%
01300 - Summer School	\$20,942.64	\$137.55	\$20,805.09	0.66%
02120 - Guidance Counselor	\$331,913.32	\$243,453.98	\$88,459.34	73.35%
02130 - Health Services	\$95,608.07	\$69,959.71	\$25,648.36	73.17%
02141 - School Psychologist - School Age	\$130,264.42	\$96,892.83	\$33,371.59	74.38%
02151 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$204,381.65	\$144,090.04	\$60,291.61	70.50%
02152 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	0.00%
02153 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
02161 - Occupational Therapy	\$42,500.00	\$30,840.75	\$11,659.25	72.57%
02171 - Physical Therapy	\$13,500.00	\$10,307.25	\$3,192.75	76.35%
02172 - Physical Therapy	\$1,500.00	\$486.00	\$1,014.00	32.40%
02173 - Physical Therapy	\$1,250.00	\$2,453.81	(\$1,203.81)	196.30%
02190 - Student Activities	\$206,366.92	\$167,085.08	\$39,281.84	80.97%
02212 - Instruction & Curriculum Development	\$0.00	\$125.00	(\$125.00)	
02213 - Instructional Staff Training	\$20,000.00	\$15,665.96	\$4,334.04	78.33%
02220 - Media Center	\$282,687.51	\$203,951.90	\$78,735.61	72.15%
02230 - Technology Support	\$168,661.49	\$126,859.82	\$41,801.67	75.22%
02240 - Assessment Coordinator	\$18,972.75	\$8,393.50	\$10,579.25	44.24%
02310 - Board of Education	\$48,100.00	\$27,213.10	\$20,886.90	56.58%
02320 - Superintendent	\$327,998.17	\$243,705.20	\$84,292.97	74.30%
02330 - District Legal Services	\$30,000.00	\$13,217.50	\$16,782.50	44.06%
02410 - Principal	\$783,796.24	\$547,226.81	\$236,569.43	69.82%
02510 - Business Office	\$223,787.40	\$167,412.00	\$56,375.40	74.81%
02610 - Custodial	\$511,904.80	\$435,309.50	\$76,595.30	85.04%
02620 - Building Maintenance	\$975,951.29	\$574,581.20	\$401,370.09	58.87%
02630 - Grounds Maintenance	\$211,011.25	\$105,606.20	\$105,405.05	50.05%
02640 - Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$29,481.79	\$17,848.72	\$11,633.07	60.54%
02650 - Non-Pupil Vehicle	\$6,500.00	\$3,505.01	\$2,994.99	53.92%
02660 - Security	\$90,500.00	\$95,867.21	(\$5,367.21)	105.93%
02670 - Safety	\$49,150.00	\$8,582.15	\$40,567.85	17.46%
02710 - School Bus Driving	\$255,772.60	\$208,503.05	\$47,269.55	81.52%
02712 - School Age SPED Driving	\$80,266.89	\$49,582.00	\$30,684.89	61.77%
02713 - Below Age 5 SPED Driving	\$12,964.89	\$7,839.19	\$5,125.70	60.46%
02730 - School Bus Driving Vehicle Maintenance	\$136,250.20	\$78,126.26	\$58,123.94	57.34%
02732 - School Age SPED Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$526.44	\$2,473.56	17.55%
03400 - Expenditures from Private/Corporate Grants	\$0.00	\$5,750.13	(\$5,750.13)	
03535 - High Ability Learners	\$46,200.69	\$31,262.62	\$14,938.07	67.67%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$7,500.00	\$1,718.46	\$5,781.54	22.91%
06200 - Title IA	\$141,559.00	\$98,465.78	\$43,093.22	69.56%
06301 - CLSD Grant	\$0.00	\$9,816.33	(\$9,816.33)	
06406 - IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	\$2,442.00	\$2,733.75	(\$291.75)	111.95%
06408 - IDEA Part B (611)	\$178,673.00	\$140,961.51	\$37,711.49	78.89%
06412 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,111.59	\$1,111.00	\$0.59	99.95%
06700 - Carl Perkins	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.00%
08000 - Transfers (Outgoing)	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	133.33%
09000 - Reimbursed by Other Funds/Entities	\$0.00	\$4,244.59	(\$4,244.59)	
Total	\$14,335,862.54	\$10,185,646.45	\$4,150,216.09	71.05%

Bank Statement Reconciliation

Description

Adjustment Date

Adjustment Amount

Minden High School Activities 04/01/2026 through 04/30/2026

Bank Statement Reconciliation Summary

Statement Balance	\$ 311,161.32
- Outstanding checks	\$ 19,955.30
+ Outstanding Deposits	\$ 0.00
+ Outstanding Adjustments	\$ 0.00
- Outstanding Investment Transfers	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 291,206.02
+ Investments	\$ 37,000.00
Book Balance	\$ 328,206.02

Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
05/12/2026	EFT	CenturyLink	Telephone Services	\$ 461.84
05/12/2026	EFT	Minden Exchange Bank - EFT	Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 34.75
05/12/2026	EFT	Wright Express Fleet Services	Station Fuel Purchases	\$ 1,105.02
05/12/2026	6742	Accelerated Receivables Solutions	Kearney County Court - ARS	\$ 419.35
05/12/2026	6743	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	Vision Insurance	\$ 1,261.92
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Dental Insurance	\$ 173.49
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 2PT	\$ 4,453.80
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 2,279.97
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins FAM	\$ 25,772.89
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SNG	\$ 2,894.32
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SPD	\$ 1,311.65
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 2PT	\$ 32,763.60
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 14,122.41
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins FAM	\$ 96,791.10
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SNG	\$ 7,540.38
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SPD	\$ 4,568.76
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins Split	\$ 1,724.40
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental 2PT	\$ 873.00
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental FAM	\$ 2,428.86
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental SPD	\$ 134.90
05/12/2026	6744	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$ 619.02
05/12/2026	6745	Fiduciary Trust Company	Flatwater Wealth TSA	\$ 500.00
05/12/2026	6746	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	Horace Mann Life Insurance	\$ 1,275.00
05/12/2026	6747	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Feba Life Insurance	\$ 203.50
05/12/2026	6747	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long-Term Disability	\$ 1,884.15
05/12/2026	6747	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Term Life Policy	\$ 488.55
05/12/2026	6748	Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co.	HSA Contribution	\$ 7,897.41
05/12/2026	6749	Minden Public Schools	District Court	\$ 507.00
05/12/2026	6749	Minden Public Schools	F/b Dependent Care	\$ 6,539.63
05/12/2026	6749	Minden Public Schools	F/b Medical Dental	\$ 4,633.38
05/12/2026	6749	Minden Public Schools	Increased Retirement Percent	\$ 4,911.73
05/12/2026	6749	Minden Public Schools	NE Retirement	\$ 99,009.65
05/12/2026	6750	Minden Public Schools.	Computer Lease Purchase	\$ 487.64
05/12/2026	6751	Mps Payroll	Federal Withholding	\$ 47,390.45
05/12/2026	6751	Mps Payroll	FICA	\$ 81,978.26
05/12/2026	6751	Mps Payroll	Medicare	\$ 19,172.24
05/12/2026	6752	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	State Withholding - NE	\$ 19,348.81
05/12/2026	6753	ADA Sports and Rackets, LLC	HS PE Supplies	\$ 821.00
05/12/2026	6754	Ag Ed Toolbox, LLC	HS Ag Class Supplies	\$ 55.00
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	2nd Grade Supplies	\$ 632.54
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	3rd Grade Supplies	\$ 581.06
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	6th Grade Supplies	\$ 186.80
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	7th Grade Language Arts Supplies	\$ 546.88
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	7th Grade Math Supplies	\$ 303.70
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Central Office Supplies	\$ 12.79
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	East SPED Supplies	\$ 789.35
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS FCS Supplies	\$ 1,243.31
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Industrial Tech Supplies	\$ 32.13
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Journalism Supplies	\$ 202.22
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Media Center Supplies	\$ 635.79
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Spanish Supplies	\$ 12.99
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Kindergarten Supplies	\$ 254.32
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	MS Art Supplies	\$ 754.58
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	MS Media Center Supplies	\$ 260.26
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	MS SPED Supplies	\$ 641.62
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Reading Intervention Workbooks	\$ 187.14

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
05/12/2026	6755	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Tech Supplies	\$ 887.12
05/12/2026	6756	Anderson Jewelry	Retirement Gifts	\$ 480.00
05/12/2026	6757	Aurora Cooperative	Fuel and Chemicals	\$ 5,400.35
05/12/2026	6758	Bjorem Speech Publications, LLC	Speech Supplies	\$ 206.98
05/12/2026	6759	Black Hills Energy	Bus Barn Natural Gas	\$ 100.38
05/12/2026	6759	Black Hills Energy	East Natural Gas	\$ 1,741.76
05/12/2026	6759	Black Hills Energy	MS Activity Building Natural Gas	\$ 1,231.26
05/12/2026	6759	Black Hills Energy	MS/HS Natural Gas	\$ 4,466.72
05/12/2026	6760	Carter Electric	FB Field Well Repair	\$ 677.70
05/12/2026	6761	Christopher M. Knoell	Renewed Tude Professional Development	\$ 4,250.00
05/12/2026	6762	City Of Minden	Utilities	\$ 17,741.90
05/12/2026	6763	Clearly	Telephone Service	\$ 823.93
05/12/2026	6764	Colorado/West Equipment, Inc.	Bus 21P Repair	\$ 118.02
05/12/2026	6765	Communications Engineering, Inc.	Camera System Upgrade - 50% Billing	\$ 24,249.00
05/12/2026	6766	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	Internet Service	\$ 402.63
05/12/2026	6767	Demco Media	HS Media Center Supplies	\$ 214.20
05/12/2026	6768	Eakes Office Solutions	Custodial Supplies	\$ 2,005.80
05/12/2026	6768	Eakes Office Solutions	HS Copier Staple Cartridge	\$ 84.19
05/12/2026	6769	Educational Service Unit #10	Deaf Education Services	\$ 266.11
05/12/2026	6769	Educational Service Unit #10	Powerschool Services	\$ 234.95
05/12/2026	6770	Educational Service Unit #11	Tech Support & Internet Switch	\$ 706.88
05/12/2026	6771	Elan Financial Services	HS Counselor Supplies	\$ 44.98
05/12/2026	6771	Elan Financial Services	MS Science Supplies	\$ 34.90
05/12/2026	6771	Elan Financial Services	Newspaper Subscription	\$ 32.99
05/12/2026	6771	Elan Financial Services	School Psych Training	\$ 30.00
05/12/2026	6772	Electronic Systems, Inc.	Bus Barn Fire Alarm Inspection	\$ 156.40
05/12/2026	6773	Embassy Suites	NASBO Conference Lodging	\$ 298.00
05/12/2026	6774	Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center, P.C.	OT & PT Services	\$ 6,947.25
05/12/2026	6775	Foundations in Learning, LLC	Reading Intervention	\$ 24.00
05/12/2026	6776	Gumdrop Books	East Library Books	\$ 2,694.74
05/12/2026	6777	HALO Branded Solutions, Inc.	HS Counselor Magazines	\$ 758.98
05/12/2026	6778	Hometown Leasing	Copier & Printer Lease	\$ 3,855.49
05/12/2026	6779	Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC	Trailer Tires	\$ 115.00
05/12/2026	6780	Kankakee Spikeball, Inc.	HS PE Supplies	\$ 55.98
05/12/2026	6781	Kurita America, Inc.	HS Cooling Tower Controller Installation	\$ 1,100.00
05/12/2026	6782	Landmark Implement Carquest	Bus 21P Repair	\$ 18.99
05/12/2026	6782	Landmark Implement Carquest	Bus 22P Repair	\$ 18.99
05/12/2026	6782	Landmark Implement Carquest	Shop Supplies	\$ 15.29
05/12/2026	6782	Landmark Implement Carquest	Trailer Repair	\$ 38.41
05/12/2026	6783	Learning Without Tears	Preschool Textbooks	\$ 445.50
05/12/2026	6784	Mason's Market	HS Foods Class Supplies	\$ 159.26
05/12/2026	6784	Mason's Market	HS Life Skills Supplies	\$ 101.51
05/12/2026	6784	Mason's Market	Kindergarten Supplies	\$ 21.26
05/12/2026	6785	Medtox Laboratories	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 40.93
05/12/2026	6786	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS HVAC Repairs	\$ 2,584.50
05/12/2026	6787	Miller The Driller, Inc.	FB Field Well Repair	\$ 839.40
05/12/2026	6788	Minden Courier	Board Legal Postings	\$ 56.94
05/12/2026	6789	Minden Hardware	Supplies & Repairs	\$ 181.29
05/12/2026	6790	Mission Plumbing, LLC	MS Drain Cleaning	\$ 464.00
05/12/2026	6791	Mps Lunch Fund	Transfer to Lunch Fund	\$ 75,000.00
05/12/2026	6792	MSC Industrial Supply Co.	HS Industrial Arts Supplies	\$ 199.47
05/12/2026	6793	Mud Hole Custom Tackle	HS Ag Class Supplies	\$ 1,169.01
05/12/2026	6794	Napa Auto Parts	Coach Bus Repair	\$ 19.97
05/12/2026	6794	Napa Auto Parts	HS Industrial Tech Supplies	\$ 120.88
05/12/2026	6794	Napa Auto Parts	JD Tractor Batteries	\$ 399.98
05/12/2026	6794	Napa Auto Parts	Transportation Maintenance Supplies	\$ 11.99

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
05/12/2026	6795	National FFA Organization	HS Ag Class Books	\$ 55.00
05/12/2026	6796	NCSA	2026 Session Legal Implications	\$ 75.00
05/12/2026	6796	NCSA	NASBO Conference Registration	\$ 180.00
05/12/2026	6796	NCSA	NCSA Membership Renewal	\$ 3,394.00
05/12/2026	6797	Nebraska Future Problem Solving	Nebraska FPS Bowl Registrations	\$ 410.00
05/12/2026	6798	Nippon Sanso Matheson	HS Metals Shop Gas	\$ 101.50
05/12/2026	6798	Nippon Sanso Matheson	Metals Shop Supplies	\$ 204.90
05/12/2026	6799	Northwest Evaluation Association	2026-27 MAP Testing	\$ 6,179.00
05/12/2026	6800	Omnify Benefits	COBRA and FSA Fees	\$ 140.80
05/12/2026	6801	One Source	Background Checks	\$ 11.00
05/12/2026	6802	Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O	Legal Services	\$ 437.00
05/12/2026	6803	Pony Express Ford	Bus 20C Service	\$ 194.55
05/12/2026	6803	Pony Express Ford	Bus 21P Service	\$ 92.95
05/12/2026	6803	Pony Express Ford	Bus 22P Service	\$ 92.95
05/12/2026	6803	Pony Express Ford	Van 24V1 Service	\$ 122.25
05/12/2026	6804	Presto-X Company	Pest Control Services	\$ 203.40
05/12/2026	6805	Protex Central, Inc.	HS/MS Fire Alarm Monitoring	\$ 360.00
05/12/2026	6806	Really Good Stuff	2nd Grade Supplies	\$ 223.89
05/12/2026	6807	Riverside Insights	Speech Testing	\$ 196.82
05/12/2026	6808	Sand Creek Ag Solutions, LLC	Fertilizer	\$ 3,392.00
05/12/2026	6809	School Fix	HS Restroom Door Repairs	\$ 76.50
05/12/2026	6810	School Mate	East Planners	\$ 511.50
05/12/2026	6810	School Mate	MS Planners	\$ 341.00
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	4th Grade Supplies	\$ 204.11
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	5th Grade Supplies	\$ 292.86
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	Central Office Supplies	\$ 104.45
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	East Speech Supplies	\$ 108.48
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	HS Math Supplies	\$ 478.08
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	HS Media Center Supplies	\$ 167.58
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	HS Science Supplies	\$ 102.94
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	HS Spanish Supplies	\$ 104.89
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	HS SPED Supplies	\$ 385.10
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	Kindergarten Supplies	\$ 255.51
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	MS Art Supplies	\$ 1,993.28
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	MS Principal Office Supplies	\$ 128.11
05/12/2026	6811	School Specialty, LLC	MS Recess Supplies	\$ 387.85
05/12/2026	6812	The Owl's Nest for Ag Ed, LLC	HS Ag Class Curriculum	\$ 180.00
05/12/2026	6813	Verizon	Transportation Tracking Subscription	\$ 255.10
05/12/2026	6814	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Hotspot Data Plan	\$ 160.04
05/12/2026	6815	Village Uniform	East Mat & Mop Service	\$ 306.96
05/12/2026	6815	Village Uniform	HS Mat & Mop Service	\$ 472.59
05/12/2026	6815	Village Uniform	MS Mat & Mop Service	\$ 366.15
05/12/2026	6816	Widdifield, James T	April Reimbursement	\$ 290.28
05/12/2026	6817	Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Shredding Service	\$ 62.50
05/12/2026	6818	WorkMed Midwest PA	Bus Driver Drug Testing	\$ 40.00
Subtotal				\$ 694,305.34
Net Payroll - May 2026				\$ 485,849.62
Total General Fund Disbursements - May 2026				\$ 1,180,154.96

Secretary Kevin Raun

Lunch Fund Checks and Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
EFT	4/9/2026	Sysco - EFT	Commodities	\$ 7,144.38
6157	4/9/2026	Mason's Market	Commodities	\$ 57.66
6158	4/9/2026	LinPepCo Partnership	Beverages	\$ 1,341.85
6159	4/9/2026	Village Uniform	Kitchen Apron and Rag Service	\$ 382.92
6160	4/9/2026	Cash-wa Distributing Co.	Commodities	\$ 14,637.92
6161	4/9/2026	Hobart Sales & Service	East Dishwasher Repair	\$ 261.40
621	5/12/2026	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp..	EE Vision Insurance Premiums	\$ 52.12
622	5/12/2026	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health & Dental Insurance Premiums	\$ 4,991.47
623	5/12/2026	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 37.05
623	5/12/2026	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long Term Disability	\$ 11.58
624	5/12/2026	Minden Public Schools	EE & ER Retirement Contributions	\$ 2,832.36
625	5/12/2026	Mps Payroll	EE & ER FICA, Medicare, & Federal Income Tax	\$ 3,116.51
626	5/12/2026	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	EE Nebraska Income Tax Withholding	\$ 372.90
Subtotal				\$ 35,240.12
Net Payroll - May 2026				\$ 14,074.64
Total Lunch Fund Disbursements				\$ 49,314.76

Building Fund Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
663	5/12/2026	CMBA Architects	New Elementary Project Architectural Services - 26.73% Complete	\$ 158,156.00
663	5/12/2026	CMBA Architects	New Elementary Project Architectural Services Mileage	\$ 217.50
663	5/12/2026	CMBA Architects	New Elementary Project Architectural Services - 37.81% Complete	\$ 162,668.00
663	5/12/2026	CMBA Architects	New Elementary Project Architectural Services Mileage & Meals	\$ 396.05
Total Building Fund Disbursements - May 2026				\$ 321,437.55

Internal Board Policies - OrganizationStanding Committees

It shall be the policy of Minden Public Schools that the following will be the standing committees of the Board of Education:

1. Negotiations Committee
2. Committee on American Civics
3. Transportation/Facilities
4. Finance Committee
5. Policy Committee
6. Legislation Committee

It shall further be the policy of Minden Public Schools that the Superintendent shall appoint the members of the above committees.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-724
Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-520

Date of Adoption: July 8, 2019
Date Reaffirmed: March 8, 2021



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**MAY 2026 BOARD MEETING
MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT**

The month of April flew by much like the rest of the school year has. The school calendar is loaded this time of year with a lot of opportunities for our students. With the warmer weather our students are getting spring fever and some of our students are showing signs of wanting to be done and ready for summer break. It has really been a good school year at the Middle School and we look to finish strong.

Mr. Strasburg and I have been able to finish all teacher observations and send them their summative report that includes all information from the observations we did with them this school year. After the teacher reads it they are asked to sign it and return it to us to be kept in their observation file. This spring I observed so many great teachers instructing, observing, leading, and holding students accountable to high standards. I'm proud of our teachers outside the classroom as well for the relationship they have together and for their willingness to take care of each other all the time. I am so thankful for the staff that we have!

Our girls and boys track team has continued to improve throughout the season with personal records as well as broken school records almost every week. Last week at the "A" Town Showdown in Aurora there were multiple records broken in individual and relay events. We had 21 students qualify for this invite and they all competed very well with so many other great athletes. I commend our coaching staff for their hard work and direction in training our student athletes day by day focusing on improving their marks and times. We hosted two middle school track meets this spring with anywhere from 300 to over 400 entries at each one. It takes a large number of people to work these events. The high school track team and their coaches are instrumental in running our middle school track meets at home. I couldn't do it without them as well as the help from Mr. Strong and our staff and volunteers.

My goal by the end of the school year is to have all extra curricular positions filled and ready for the start of the next school year. At this time I have these positions available: 7th-8th grade girls basketball coach, and 7th-8th grade boys basketball coach. It's getting harder to find coaches for our sports even though the difference they make is life changing for both the student athletes and the coaches.

Even though our only sport going now is track for girls and boys the middle school is a busy place in the spring. We have had field trips for the 8th grade to Lincoln to the State Capitol and the University of Nebraska Lincoln Museum at Morrill Hall, our 5th grade traveled to Alma to a Water Jamboree at Harlan Reservoir, 4th grade traveled to Hastings Museum, and our 6th grade attended the Fort Kearny Expo at Fort Kearney.

I am excited to see the start of the new elementary school building project! It will be so great to have all of our students and staff connected.

Ed Rowse



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May 2026 BOARD MEETING
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

FCCLA STATE CONFERENCE:

The state FCCLA conference was held March 29th-31st in Lincoln. Kaylie Lawless competed in Fashion Construction Level 2, where she received silver. We took our future officer team to SLC to collect ideas for what we want to compete and accomplish next school year. The state conference is always a unique opportunity for our participants to network with other FCCLA members and compete with other chapters from across the state of Nebraska.

FBLA STATE CONFERENCE:

Minden's FBLA chapter competed at the Nebraska FBLA State Leadership Conference in Kearney on April 16th - 18th. 4 students attended the conference with each of them competing in five different events of their choice. Events include pre-judged projects that students complete prior to the conference, performance events at the conference, and objective tests at the conference. Our students had a great showing and we were proud to have several events placed in the Top 8. We will have two students representing Minden High School at the National Leadership Conference this summer in San Antonio, TX.

Chapter Awards

- Nebraska FBLA Foundation Ribbon Project
- LINK Ribbon Project

Individual Awards

- Sales Presentation - Frank Kovacs & Jon Althouse - 1st Place
- Network Design - Carson Wright - 2nd Place
- Network Design - Frank Kovacs - 3rd Place
- Management Information Systems - Carson Wright - 4th Place
- Public Speaking - Frank Kovacs - 7th Place
- Financial Planning - Carson Wright - 7th Place
- Business Communication - Frank Kovacs - Honorable Mention

Three of our members qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, TX. Carson Wright qualified to compete in Network Design, but will not be attending National FBLA. Frank Kovacs and Jon Althouse will compete in the Sales Presentation event.

The conference will take place June 29th - July 2nd.

Southwest Conference Cup Standings:

For the second consecutive year and three out of the last four, the Minden High School girls finished the season by winning the Southwest Conference Cup! This award is given by our conference annually for the girls and boys. This award scores each school according to their finish at Southwest Conference Championships and determines the overall winner. On the girls side activities scored include volleyball, cross country, girls golf, basketball, speech, play production, wrestling, quiz bowl, and track. The Minden girls have won more SWC Cups than any other school in the 17 year history of this award by winning 7 times total! On the boys side, there is one SWC Championship event

remaining which is boys golf. The winner of the boys SWC Cup will be determined following the outcome of the boys golf conference meet. Currently, the Minden High School boys are in second place in the SWC Cup standings.

Boys Golf

The boys golf team has had a solid season to this point. On May 7th, the team travelled to Broken Bow for the Southwest Conference Championship Meet. The final home meet of the season is the Minden Classic on Thursday May 14th at Lochland Country Club in Hastings! The golf team travels to Hastings at Southern Hills Golf Club for the district meet on Monday May 18th! The Class C State Boys Golf Championship is scheduled for Wednesday May 27th and Thursday May 28th at Jackrabbit Golf Course in Grand Island!

Track and Field:

The high school track and field participants have been busy competing at various meets in the surrounding area. There have already been some impressive marks set this season by our athletes on both the girls and boys teams. The Whippet track and field team currently has several individual and relay events with chances to finish highly at both the conference and district meets and hopefully qualify for the state meet. The Southwest Conference meet was held on Saturday May 2nd at Cozad High School. At the conference meet, our kids performed well with many competitors achieving personal bests! The girls team claimed the SWC Team Runner Up! The boys team finished in 4th place as a team. The district meet is scheduled for Tuesday May 12th at Central City High School and the Class A/B State Championship is set for Wednesday May 20th and Tuesday May 21st at Burke Stadium in Omaha!

Jason Strong

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Nathan Strasburg, Principal

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May 2026 Report to the Board of Education Mr. Nathan Strasburg, Administrator

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

Whippets of the Month-

Congratulations to our April Whippets of the Month! These students were selected by our staff based on the criteria of academic performance, character, and behavior. Students receive a certificate and Pizza Hut gift certificate.

The students include:

4th- Brekkan Dornhoff, Kason Anderson, Thea Goodell

5th- Christopher Jauregui, Luke Hartman, Tatum Eckhardt

6th- Jarvis Lennemann, Brooke Wragge

7th- Jada Jenkins, MaeLeigh Crowell, Harpor Torres, Victoria Carson

8th- Lucas Baughman, Brynlee Trew, Gavin True, Hartleigh Bienhoff



Field Trips-

As the end of the year quickly approaches, our grade levels are busy getting out of the building for annual field trips. The 5th grade attended the water jamboree at Harlan County Reservoir on April 29th. The 4th graders were able to attend a "Go Science" program in Kearney on May 1st. The 4th grade also visited Hastings Museum on Wednesday, May 6th. The 6th graders were also out of the building on May 6th at Fort Kearny for a variety of activities that involved other schools as well. These are all great experiences for our students!

Admin. Assistant Appreciation Day-

Wednesday, April 22nd was Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day. The CL Jones staff made sure we let Shari know how grateful we are for everything she does! Since taking over in October, Shari has done a great job of keeping myself, Mr. Rowse, and the rest of the building in line. She has been a great addition to our office staff!

Teacher Appreciation Week-

May 4th-8th was Teacher Appreciation Week. The MS Parent Advisory Committee put together a great week to make sure our staff felt the love. It is not said or shown enough how thankful we are for our wonderful staff throughout CL Jones! They make a difference each and every day for our students. Below is what the staff was able to enjoy throughout the week!

Monday- Popcorn Bar

Tuesday- Loaded teas from The Buzz

Wednesday- Treat Cart

Thursday- Grab and go breakfast

Friday- Special Scoops Ice Cream

4th Grade Signing Day-

Our 4th grade Signing Day is scheduled for May 12th, 2026. The event will kick off with a building tour led by current CLJMS students. Our current students will introduce the incoming fourth graders to the middle school environment and our routines/expectations. The day will culminate with the signing of intention letters by the fourth graders. Special thanks to Mrs. Maulsby for coordinating this exciting afternoon! Keep an eye out for signing day photos on social media.

Teammates-

As we wrap up a successful school year, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our very special TeamMates mentors. The Teammates program celebrated the end of the year with a pizza party on May 5th. Teammates and their mentors were able to enjoy complimentary pizza to help wrap up the year. We are grateful to have this program in our building. Thank you mentors for your continued support and dedication to our MPS students!

4th-6th Grade Track and Field Day-

On Thursday, May 14th CL Jones Middle School will host its annual 4th-6th grade track meet. The track meet typically starts in the morning and runs until early afternoon. Kids compete against their grade level classmates in field events and running events. The students get to choose the events they would like to compete in. This is a great day of fun for the students and staff! The track meet is led by Mr. Wilson and our 7th and 8th grade track students. Thank you Mr. Wilson for organizing a fun day for our 4th-6th grade students!

Purple White Day-

The CLJMS Student Council will wrap up the school year with a Purple and White Day celebration on May 19th, 2026. The student council will coordinate a range of games and competitions open to the entire student body. A big thank you to Mrs. Jensen and the Student Council for arranging this enjoyable event for everyone!

CLJMS Concert and Art Show-

The CLJMS music concert and art show are happening tonight, May 11th, 2026. Students from 4th-8th grade dedicated themselves to showcasing their musical and artistic skills. The event featured both vocal and instrumental performances. You can watch the recorded program on our YouTube channel. Special thanks to Mr. Haws, Mrs. Althouse, Mrs. Jorgensen, and Mr. Stubbs for guiding these exceptional groups of musicians and artists!

5th Grade Wax Museum-

Fifth-grade students worked hard to prepare for their wax museum presentations on May 1st, 2026. The students researched significant figures from different historical periods, crafting speeches detailing their chosen personalities, and then embodying them through dress and performance. The 5th grade students did a fantastic job presenting their projects!



CLJMS Summer Enrichment Program-

The summer enrichment program at CLJMS will run from May 26th-June 18th from 8:30-11:30 each morning, Monday-Thursday. Information has been posted on social media and forms can also be picked up in the office.

CLJMS Summer Enrichment Learning Program 2026

Dear CLJMS Parents/ Guardians,

Your child is invited to participate in this free, four-week middle school reading and mathematics summer enrichment learning program for C.L. Jones Middle School students. This program is available to any student who is currently in grades 4-8 at CLJMS.

Classes will be in session Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 11:30 am, starting May 26 through June 18 at C.L. Jones Middle School.

- Please register your child and plan for them to attend, Monday through Thursday
- The registration deadline is May 15, 2026
- Transportation is not available for the summer session, so please plan accordingly
- Students will be grouped according to grade level
- If you have questions, please contact Mr. Strasburg at 308-832-2338 or nathan.strasburg@mindenwhippets.org

Please return this registration form to your child's homeroom teacher or the middle school office by May 15, 2026.

Educationally,

Nathan Strasburg
Principal

Important Dates-

4th and 6th Grade Field Trip- May 6th

3rd Grade visit to CLJMS- May 12th

4th-6th Track and Field Day- May 14th

CLJMS Class Awards- May 18th

Purple/White Day- May 19th

End of 4th Quarter/Last Day- May 19th (Half Day)

Minden High School

May 2026

Board of Education Report



Celebrating the End of the School Year

May is always a special time at the High School as we celebrate the accomplishments of our students and reflect on a successful school year. From performances to projects to graduation, this month highlights the many ways our students continue to excel.

Graduation

Graduation is one of the most meaningful events of the year. It is a time to recognize the hard work, growth, and achievements of our seniors as they prepare to take the next step in their lives. Each graduating class leaves its own mark on our school, and this year's group is no exception. We are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to seeing the impact they will make in the future.

Music & Performing Arts

Our students delivered outstanding performances at the District Music Contest, as well as during our spring concerts. These events showcased not only the talent of our students but also their dedication, preparation, and pride in their work.

A great deal of credit goes to our music, especially Mr. Stubbs, for his extra work while Mrs. Ellis was gone for maternity leave. Mr. Haas has been Mrs. Ellis' sub, and he has worked very hard to make sure the MS and HS students continued to make progress while Mrs. Ellis was gone. I appreciate his extra work and his ability to work to communicate with Mr. Stubbs when he needed support or had questions. Angie Althouse also did a wonderful job in support during Mrs. Ellis' absence.

Spring Arts Festival – May 4

The Spring Arts Festival on May 4th was another highlight of the month. The work displayed by our students was truly impressive.

Our Family and Consumer Sciences, Art, and Industrial Arts students did an outstanding job showcasing their projects. The creativity, craftsmanship, and attention to detail were evident throughout the event. It is exciting to see the growth in these programs, and I look forward to their continued success in the years ahead.

A Personal Reflection

As my tenure at Minden Public Schools comes to a close, I find myself becoming more reflective and appreciative of the past 18 years.

First and foremost, I think about the hundreds of students who have walked through our doors. Each one has played a part in shaping the memories and experiences that I will carry with me moving forward.

I am also incredibly proud of the staff we have had the opportunity to bring on board over the years, as well as those who have retired after dedicating so much to Minden Public Schools. Their work has built a strong foundation that continues to support our students today.

Our office staff – simply put, are some of the best. There are not enough words to express what they have meant to me. These are the individuals I have worked alongside every day, and they will be at the top of the list of those I will miss the most.

Our athletic directors – I have had the privilege of working with four outstanding individuals in this role (Carl, Phil, Ed, and Jason). Their work behind the scenes, long hours, and attention to detail ensure that our extracurricular programs run smoothly. Their dedication often goes unnoticed, but it should not be overlooked.

Jayne and Beth – Two of the most caring and compassionate individuals we could ask for when it comes to supporting the students in our district. Their ability to connect with and care for kids is truly special. There is a special place in heaven for those two ladies.

Mr. Horner – What a tremendous colleague and friend. Having known him since our college days, I could not have imagined the impact he would have on my career. For 18 years, he has been a trusted sounding board, someone I could rely on for honest feedback, thoughtful perspective, and unwavering commitment to doing what is best for students. Even when we saw things differently, his focus never shifted away from what was right for kids, and that is something I deeply respect.

Dr. Wheelock and the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve Minden Public Schools beginning in 2008. Dr. Wheelock's leadership and vision, particularly in advancing the construction of our current high school building, helped set the stage for continued growth and improvement across the district. That momentum is still evident today as we continue to invest in our facilities and programs.

Finally, I would like to extend a special thank you to our current Administrative Team. We are a colorful group; our broad backgrounds and experiences are what make us great. I have appreciated our ability to work together and the many laughs that we have had over the past years, especially during our weekly meetings. Those laughs have allowed us to make it through the good times as well as the bad.

It has been an honor to serve the students, staff, and community of Minden Public Schools. I am grateful for the relationships, experiences, and memories that these past 18 years have provided.

Minden Public School Board of Education Report
May 2026



Sandy Pohl, East Elementary and Minden Public Preschool Principal

In recognition of Earth Day and following their unit focused on our environment, kindergarten students took a field trip to our Minden recycling center. Students learned about what items can be recycled and what happens to the items after they leave Minden.

Ms. Mayra and her daughter, Valeria, celebrated Cinco de Maya with all students by teaching us about the holiday. They shared about other traditions in Mexico while dressed in celebratory clothing. They performed two traditional dances which were very special for students to see.



We love our partnership with Jensen Memorial Library! Many times throughout the year they host story time in the Minden Public Preschool. In the springtime, they invite all classes to visit the library to learn more about the programs and events they have planned for the summertime.

Minden Public Preschool graduation is set to be held on May 15th at 11:30 in the Minden High School auditorium. Many of the students graduating from Minden Public Preschool will be attending kindergarten next school year. In preparation, kindergarten registration was held on April 24th at East Elementary. Fifty-five children and their families enjoyed the morning learning all about kindergarten.

The track and field day was held on May 8th. Mr. Houghtelling ordered up beautiful



weather for a day of fun and physical activity for all to enjoy.

Minden Exchange Bank welcomed our kindergarten students for a tour of their bank. This trip downtown was an extension of their social studies lesson focused on spending and saving/needs and wants. Each student was gifted a purple piggy bank.

Upcoming things we're really looking forward to:

The groundbreaking ceremony held on May 18th and the culmination of our spring data showing progress and growth throughout the entire 25-26 school year.



Superintendent Report

Meeting: May Board Meeting

Date: 5/11/26

Mr. Widdifield

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Topics:

Honor's Night/Graduation: Honor's Night will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, honoring our seniors' remarkable achievements, both academically and in the community. Many seniors will receive scholarships and awards for their accomplishments. Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, at 2:00 p.m., a day full of pride and celebration.

Summer projects: We are moving forward on several projects. The greenhouse and utility relocation will begin soon. We have a few smaller projects, such as security software and camera updates, that we need to address, along with a few small outdoor projects.

Summer Lunch: We will start summer lunch on June 2nd. It will be similar to how we distributed lunch last year. Parents will have opportunities to pick up meals during the week. Summer lunch will end in mid-July.

Thank You: Thank you to the staff, administration, community, and school board for the incredible support and help you've given to our school and community. The only way we can succeed is by working together, and I'm proud of everything we've achieved this year!

Bylaws of the Board - Bylaws, Policies and RegulationsFormulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies

Policy proposals and suggested amendments to or revisions of existing policies shall normally be submitted to all members of the Board of Education by the Superintendent in writing prior to a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting in which such proposed policies, amendments, or revisions thereof shall be read and discussed.

Policies will be adopted or amended after consideration at two (2) meetings of the Board of Education. The agenda and minutes shall be marked to indicate policy matters.

The formal adoption of policies shall be by majority vote of all members of the Board of Education and the actions shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Education. Only those written statements so adopted and so recorded shall be regarded as official policy.

Policies shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years or at such other periodic time periods as may be required by law.

Reference: Robert's Rules of Order

Date of Adoption: December 15, 2009

Date Reaffirmed: March 8, 2021

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April 22, 2026

Minden Public Schools Administration
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Dear Mr. Hosick/Dr. Widdifield,

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position with Minden Public Schools, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-26 school year/summer school session.

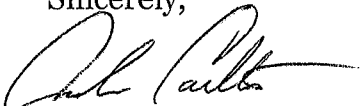
During my time here, I have valued the opportunity to serve the students, staff, and community of Minden and to contribute to the district's mission in my role. I have learned a great deal, and I leave with genuine appreciation for the relationships I have built and the experience I have gained.

Recently, it has become apparent to me that if I am going to continue advancing my career, that path will not be within Minden Public Schools. While I am not yet certain exactly what I will pursue next, I believe I owe it to myself to step away in order to explore new opportunities for growth and development. Dr. Widdifield, thank you for your willingness to release me from my contract per our conversation on April 13, 2026. I also want to thank you for all the time you spent helping me prepare for interviews in an effort to advance my career.

I am committed to making this transition as smooth as possible. Please let me know how I can best assist in transferring responsibilities, training others, or completing any outstanding work during my remaining time here.

Thank you again for the support I have received during my time at Minden. I wish you and the district continued success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Andrew Carlton

2026 FBLA National Leadership Conference

Monday, June 29th - Thursday, July 2nd
San Antonio, TX

[2026 National Leadership Conference Information Packet](#)



Frank Kovacs and Jon Althouse have qualified for the 2026 FBLA National Leadership Conference in the Sales Presentation event. This event allows members to showcase their ability to effectively sell a product or service of their choice. Members deliver an interactive presentation that highlights their sales techniques, product knowledge, and ability to engage and persuade potential customers. Frank and Jon placed 1st in this competition at the State Leadership Conference, qualifying them for the National Leadership Conference.

Brief Schedule

Sunday, June 28th:

Travel Day
Flying from Grand Island → Dallas → San Antonio

Monday, June 29th:

Nebraska FBLA Meeting
Competitive Events Begin
Workshops Available
Opening General Session
Study and Presentation Practice

Tuesday, June 30th:

Competitive Events Continue
Workshops Available
Regional Campaign Rally & Recognition Session
Nebraska FBLA Group Activity - Andrettis Extreme Racing and Gaming
Study and Presentation Practice

Wednesday, July 1st:

Competitive Event Finals
Workshops Available
National Officer Election Voting Opens
FBLA Rodeo Night (optional)

Thursday, July 2nd:

Middle School Awards Ceremony
National Officer Election Voting Closes
High School Awards Ceremony

Friday, July 3rd:

Travel Day
Flying from San Antonio → Dallas → Grand Island

Cost Information to Attend 2025 FBLA National Leadership Conference

Student Costs (2):

Conference Registration	\$198.00
Flights (including bags)	\$774.30
Hotel (5 nights - Quad)	\$412.00
Nebraska FBLA Fee	\$5.00
Excite Travel Fee	\$5.00
Group Activity	\$65.00
Total	\$1,459.30 per student

Adviser Costs (1):

Conference Registration	\$128.00
Flights (including bags)	\$774.30
Hotel (5 nights - Double)	\$824.00
Nebraska FBLA Fee	\$5.00
Excite Travel Fee	\$5.00
Group Activity	\$65.00
Total	\$1,801.30

Total Cost for Members & Advisers = **\$4,719.90**