Gothenburg Board of Education Planning Retreat

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 5:00 PM

District Conference Room
1322 Avenue I
Gothenburg, NE 69138

Agenda

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Rationale: Gothenburg Public Schools is the cornerstone of a proud, passionate, and progressive community where students and staff thrive in a positive and innovative environment. We ensure the growth of all individuals by inspiring them to own and maximize their potential.

A copy of the open meetings law is posted on the wall of the Board Room and is available to the public.

2. Declare meeting open.

Rationale: This meeting was published in the May 7th issue of The Gothenburg Leader.

Proof of Publication

3. Recognition of Visitors

3.1. Public Participation

Rationale:

Board Policy 2009 - Opportunity for Public Expression.
(A copy of the policy is linked here.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK: This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.

- **Time Limit:** The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.

- **Personnel or Student Topic:** If you are planning to speak about a personnel or a student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such complaints and concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments about individual staff members or students.

- **General Rules:** This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening and hostile conduct or statements and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.

- **No Action by the Board:** The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.

4. Review and discussion of district priorities.

5. Review upcoming meetings. Declare meeting adjourned.

Rationale: The next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 8th at NOON in the High School Conference Room.