

Board of Education Budget Hearing
Monday, September 14, 2026 5:30 PM
Mountain
Dundy County Stratton High School
P.O. Box 586
400 9th Avenue West
Benkelman, NE 69021-0586

1. **Call to Order and Notice of Open Meetings Act**

Procedural Item

1. The Board of Education reserves the right to enter into Closed/Executive Session for 1) the protection of the public interest or 2) the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and the individual has not requested a public meeting. When making a motion to enter into Closed/Executive Session, the member making such a request should be as specific as possible keeping the previously listed stipulation in consideration.
2. If the Board is in agreement, a motion may be to enter into Closed/Executive Session to 1) discuss a personnel matter or 2) for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individual, or 3) to discuss litigation and for the protection of the public interest.
3. Action Concerning Matters Discussed in Executive Session.

2. **Roll Call**

Procedural Item

3. **Verification of publication and notice**

Consent Item

To verify that notice of the meeting was given by publication in the Benkelman Post, a legal newspaper for Dundy County Stratton and by written notice to each member of the board, the designated method of giving notice.

4. **Budget Hearing**

Information Item

The president declares the hearing open.

The board is holding a hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Dundy County Stratton Public School (29-0017) in Dundy, Hitchcock, Hayes County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September, 2026 at 5:30 o'clock, P.M., at Jr/Sr High Media Center for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: <https://nep.education.ne.gov>

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	2024-2025 (1)	2025-2026 (2)	2026-2027 (3)			
General	\$ 7,062,459.00	\$ 10,346,400.00	\$ 12,110,000.00	\$ 753,309.00	\$ 7,371,090.00	\$ 5,547,696.00
Depreciation	\$ 473,916.00	\$ -	\$ 1,601,738.00		\$ 1,601,738.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,581.00	\$ -	\$ 22,581.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 309,784.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 611,430.00	\$ -	\$ 611,430.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 338,657.00	\$ 341,600.00	\$ 599,468.00	\$ -	\$ 599,468.00	
Bond	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Building	\$ 713,912.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 2,388,990.00		\$ 1,513,990.00	\$ 883,838.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 257,838.00	\$ -	\$ 257,838.00	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 8,898,728.00	\$ 11,288,000.00	\$ 17,592,045.00	\$ 753,309.00	\$ 11,978,135.00	\$ 6,431,534.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ -	\$ 6,431,534.00	\$ 6,431,534.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Dundy County Stratton Public School (29-0017) in Dundy, Hitchcock, Hayes County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of, September 2026 at 5:45 o'clock P.M., at Jr/Sr High Media Center for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Property Valuations	1,194,740,704	1,251,411,749	5%

2025-2026 Budget Information

2026-2027 Budget Information

Fund	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Property Tax Request	2025 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2025-2026 Request Divided By 2026 Valuation)	2026-2027 Operating Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2026 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	11,918,856.00	5,628,283.00	0.471088	0.449755	12,110,000.00	5,547,696.00	0.443315	-6%	2%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	0%	0
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Bond Fund _____			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Special Building Fund	1,643,437.00	742,424.00	0.062141	0.059327	2,388,990.00	883,838.00	0.070627	14%	45%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	247,997.00		0.000000	0.000000	257,838.00	-	0.000000	0%	4%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Total	13,810,290.00	6,370,707.00	0.533229	0.509082	14,756,828.00	6,431,534.00	0.513942	-4%	7%

5. **Closure of hearing**

Action Item

As this is a hearing the president closes the hearing.