

December 2025
Monday, December 8, 2025 5:00 PM

BOE Room
100 N Sycamore
Amherst, NE 68812-0008

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Notice of adherence to the Open Meeting Law
4. Roll Call
 - 4.1. Excuse absent Board members
5. Approval of Minutes, Claims and Reports
 - 5.1. Review previous meeting minutes
 - 5.2. Review financial reports and monthly claims
 - 5.3. Board Action on consolidated motion for approving Minutes, Claims and Financial Reports
6. Public Comment
7. Reports and communications from board members.
8. Principal's Report
9. Superintendent's Report
 - Update on Election Filing dates
 - AQuESTT Classification
 - Elementary - Excellent
 - Middle School - Excellent
 - High School - Great
 - District - Excellent
 - Audit Report
10. Old Business
11. New Business
 - 11.1. Approve the Co-Op with Kearney Catholic and Pleasanton for girls and boys Soccer for the next NSAA 2 year cycle.
 - 11.2. Approve Negotiated agreement
 - 11.3. Approve the Audit by Dana Cole
 - 11.4. Transfer \$20,000 from the General Account to the Lunch account.
 - 11.5. Approve the Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools Roger Thomsen
12. Miscellaneous or non-action items
13. Executive session
14. Adjourn

November 2025
BOE Room
Monday, November 10, 2025 7:00 PM

Les Adelung: Present
Karen Harmony: Present
Jared Kenney: Present
Liz Klingelhoefner: Present
Casey Mitchell: Present
Justin Taubenheim: Present

Visitors present: Mr. Roger Thomsen, Mr. Carter Blauvelt, Maranda Martenson, Stacy Ringlein, Bobbi Sorensen, Julie Rose, Alyssa Clay

Motion to approve Minutes, Claims and financial Reports. This motion, made by Justin Taubenheim and seconded by Jared Kenney, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhoefner: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Motion to approve the December 15, 2025, bond payment of \$398,375 to BOK Financial. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhoefner and seconded by Justin Taubenheim, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhoefner: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Motion to approve moving from 11-Man to 8-Man for the next NSAA cycle. This motion, made by Justin Taubenheim and seconded by Liz Klingelhoefner, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhoefner: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

Motion to adjourn at 7:36PM. This motion, made by Casey Mitchell and seconded by Justin Taubenheim, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhoefner: Yea, Casey Mitchell: Yea, Justin Taubenheim: Yea

President Adelung began the Regular Board Meeting in the BOE Room at 7:00 PM. President Adelung made known the location of the “Open Meetings Law” poster, which is hanging on the BOE’s wall. The Board congratulated the girls’ volleyball team on a great season. The December meeting will start at 5pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT For November 30, 2025

Fund	Bank	Interest	Co. Treas	NSDLAF	Int.	TOTAL	Mo. Intr.	Balances
	11/30/25		10/31/25	11/30/25		11/30/25		11/30/24
General	214,365.21	819.39	26,973.94	4,269.75	13.99	1,324,116.55	4,121.71	1,473,743.40
General ICS	1,105,481.59	3288.33						
Lunch	24,153.27	25.78				24,153.27	25.78	16,782.85
Petty Cash	4,499.86					4,499.86		3,199.13
Activity	284,638.70	546.10				284,638.70	546.10	216,468.63
Retirement	45,144.32					45,144.32		139.71
Spe. Bld.	51,879.77	89.38	157.81	271.06	0.89	52,150.83	90.27	12,064.77
Handicp/QCP	1,149.35	4.00		580.18	1.90	1,729.53	5.90	1,693.37
Deprec.	29,192.15	44.93		505.89	1.66	209,049.44	566.94	325,468.44
Deprec. ICS	179,351.40	520.35						
Unemployem	9,104.64	12.90		2,562.98	8.40	11,667.62	21.30	11,519.01
Caf. Plan	8,561.15	13.25				8,561.15		5,632.99
Bond	211,524.48	337.88	3,153.70			562,366.60	1,388.74	455,073.09
Bond ICS	350,842.12	1,050.86						
Construction	-	-		20.32	0.07	20.32	0.07	19.56
TOTAL	\$ 2,519,888.01	\$ 6,753.15	\$ 30,285.45	\$ 8,210.18	\$ 26.91	\$ 2,528,098.19	\$ 6,766.81	\$ 2,521,803.95

interest 2.1% General fund, Bond Fund, Special Building, and Depreciation Funds

interest .1% on all other accounts ICS Account 3.65

NLAF 3.71%

	Budgeted	Spent to Date	Budget percentage
General Fund	\$ 6,100,000.00	\$ 1,539,033	-0.23%
Lunch Fund	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 84,751	-3.25%

Consolidated Check Listing

Direct Dep.	Check	Check Date	Payable To	Amount
01 - GENERAL FUND				
	00037003	12/07/2025	Am. Family Life Assurance Co	1,433.09
	00037004	12/07/2025	AFLAC	524.42
	00037005	12/07/2025	Country Partners Cooperative	3,844.77
	00037006	12/07/2025	DAS State Accounting - Central Finance	317.87
	00037007	12/07/2025	Assured Fire Protection	646.00
	00037008	12/07/2025	Heartland Bank	15.00
	00037009	12/07/2025	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	69,904.55
	00037010	12/07/2025	Cash Drawer-amherst School	155.05
	00037011	12/07/2025	Coachmaster's Inc	1,983.11
	00037012	12/07/2025	Column Software PBC	106.69
	00037013	12/07/2025	Credit Management	170.27
	00037014	12/07/2025	Culligan of Kearney	142.00
	00037015	12/07/2025	Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP	3,820.00
	00037016	12/07/2025	Dawson Co Pub Power	6,571.73
	00037017	12/07/2025	Ecolab Pest Elimination	85.63
	00037018	12/07/2025	Equitable Financial Life Ins Co of America	220.67
	00037019	12/07/2025	ESU 10	35,704.03
	00037020	12/07/2025	First Bankcard	3,683.00
	00037021	12/07/2025	Frontier	89.37
	00037022	12/07/2025	Heartland Bank	53,106.47
	00037023	12/07/2025	Hoehner Turf	440.00
	00037024	12/07/2025	Hometown Leasing	802.85
	00037025	12/07/2025	Horace Mann	24.66
	00037026	12/07/2025	Integrated Life Choices	5,311.80
	00037027	12/07/2025	Island Supply Welding Co	19.52
	00037028	12/07/2025	OnToCollege with John Baylor	2,860.00
	00037029	12/07/2025	KSB School Law	857.00
	00037030	12/07/2025	Lockmobile	304.25
	00037031	12/07/2025	Amherst Public School Lunch Fund	20,000.00
	00037032	12/07/2025	Matheson-Linweld Tri-Gas Inc	711.77
	00037033	12/07/2025	Menards - Kearney	847.77
	00037034	12/07/2025	Miscellaneous Cash Account	797.80
	00037035	12/07/2025	T&T Mobile Washing	467.50
	00037036	12/07/2025	Ne Assoc Of School Boards	2,100.00
	00037037	12/07/2025	National Art & School Supplies Inc.	188.31
	00037038	12/07/2025	NCS Pearson, Inc	18.05
	00037039	12/07/2025	TK Elevator Corporation	339.00
	00037040	12/07/2025	Platte Valley Communication	1,482.15
	00037041	12/07/2025	Principal Life	966.97
	00037042	12/07/2025	Ravenna Sanitation	445.00
	00037043	12/07/2025	Retirement	39,658.13

Consolidated Check Listing

Direct	Dep.	Check	Check Date	Payable To	Amount
		00037044	12/07/2025	Heartland Bank	7,505.14
		00037045	12/07/2025	Black Hills Energy	2,750.01
		00037046	12/07/2025	Heartland Bank	4,229.97
		00037047	12/07/2025	Verizon Wireless	120.47
		00037048	12/07/2025	Village Of Amherst Water Dept	425.03
		00037049	12/07/2025	Voyager Sopris	187.00
		00037050	12/07/2025	Kearney Winnelson Co.	300.00
01 - GENERAL FUND Totals:					276,683.87
06 - LUNCH FUND					
		00004895	12/07/2025	Apple Acres	450.00
		00004896	12/07/2025	Cash-wa Dist Co	10,288.67
		00004897	12/07/2025	Domino's Pizza	700.00
		00004898	12/07/2025	First Bankcard	270.97
		00004899	12/07/2025	Heartland Bank	1,714.89
		00004900	12/07/2025	Miscellaneous Cash Account	152.83
		00004901	12/07/2025	Retirement	1,215.16
		00004902	12/07/2025	Heartland Bank	209.92
		00004903	12/07/2025	Sysco Lincoln	1,648.89
06 - LUNCH FUND Totals:					16,651.33
Report Total:					293,335.20

January 5, 2026

First day a person may file for office to have their name placed on the ballot as a candidate at the 2018 election. (§32-606)

January 5, 2026

Last day for political subdivisions [the school board] to notify the Secretary of State, County Clerks or Election Commissioners of offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines for each office. (§32-404 and §32-601)

February 17, 2026

Last day for **incumbents** (any current office holder) to file for office on the primary ballot. (§32-606)

March 2, 2026

Last day for **non-incumbents** (new filers) to file for office on primary election. (§32-606)

May 12, 2026

Statewide Primary Election (§32-401)

June 15, 2026

ESUs holding elections in conjunction with the statewide general election must notify the Secretary of State, County Clerks or Election Commissioners of offices to be filled, terms, vacancies, votes to cast, and filing deadlines for each office. (§32-404 and §32-601)

July 15, 2026

Last day for **incumbents** (any current office holder) not on the Primary Ballot to file. (§32-606) Educational Service Unit Board Members.

August 3, 2026

Last day for **non-incumbents** (new filers) to file for office. (§32-606) Educational Service Unit Board Members.

October 23, 2026

last day for write-in candidate to file notarized affidavit and filing fee with the filing officer (§32-615)

November 3, 2026

Statewide General Election

School Snapshot

Student Membership



Student Membership
203

Peers 223 District 360 State 330,136



Teachers
12

Peers 18 District 28 State 23,951

Program Participation



English Learners

Peers 14% District * State 10%



Free/Reduced Lunch
17%

Peers 44% District 17% State 50%



Gifted

Peers 9% District 9% State 13%

Performance



NSCAS English Language Arts

78%

Peers 66% District * State 59%



NSCAS Mathematics

87%

Peers 69% District 86% State 58%



NSCAS Science

88%

Peers 90% District 85% State 80%

Financial



Per Pupil Expenditures

Per Pupil Expenditure Data
Not Available

Peers District State

AQuESTT

Beginning Status

EXCELLENT

NSCAS English Language Arts & Mathematics Proficiency

SUCCESS, ACCESS, AND SUPPORT

TEACHING, LEARNING, AND SERVING



Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Success

Students Without Out of School Suspension or Expulsion **99%**



Postsecondary, Career, and Civic Ready

In Development!



Transitions

Four Year Graduation Rate **0%**

Extended Graduation **0%**

AQuESTT uses 2023-2024 graduation rates



Student Achievement & Growth

Individual Score Growth **64%**

Non-Proficiency Reduction **No**

Science Proficiency Status **88%**



Educational Opportunities and Access

Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Score 4%

Progress Towards EL Proficiency N/A



Educator Effectiveness

In Development!

Final AQuESTT Classification

EXCELLENT	GREAT	GOOD	NEEDS SUPPORT TO IMPROVE
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Amherst Elementary School



Amherst Elementary School
100 N Sycamore



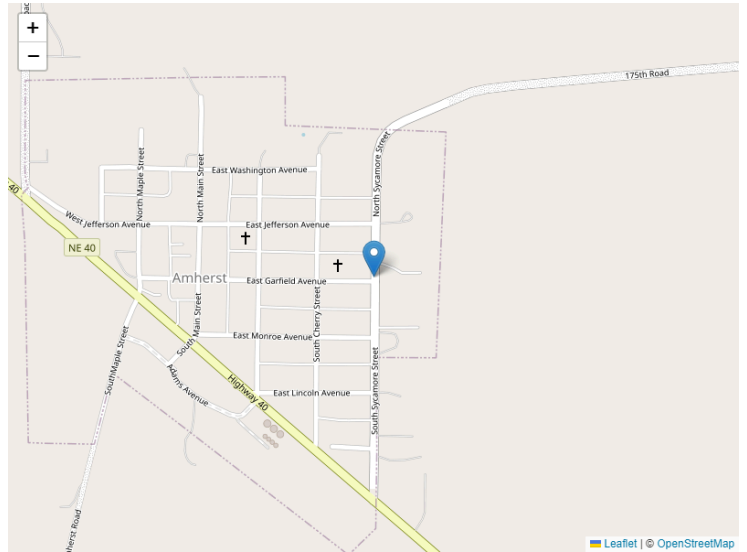
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School District	Amherst Public Schools
State Board District	6
Educational Service Unit	10
Legislative District	41

Agency Type	Elementary
Grades Served	PK - 6th grade
Title-I Status	Title 1 Targeted

School Description

Amherst Public School is a small school located in central Nebraska with around 200 students in grades PK-6. It operates as a single-section elementary school with one teacher per grade level, and every student is equipped with an iPad.

This description was provided by the school

District Snapshot

Student Membership



Student Membership
360

State 330,136 Peers 383



Teachers
28

State 23,951 Peers 35

Program Participation



English Learners

State 10% Peers 10%



Free/Reduced Lunch
17%

State 50% Peers 39%



Gifted
9%

State 13% Peers 15%



Special Education
17%

State 17% Peers 18%

Metrics



Attendance Rate
96%

State 93% Peers 95%



Dropout Rate

State 1% Peers *



Graduation Rate
96%

State 88% Peers 94%



College-Going Rate
82%

State 76% Peers 75%

Financial



State Aid
State Aid Data Not Available

State Peers



Per Pupil Expenditures
Per Pupil Expenditure Data Not Available

State Peers



Other State Receipts
Other State Receipts Data Not Available

State Peers



Expenditures
Financial Expenditure Data Not Available

State Peers

Performance



NSCAS English Language Arts

73%

State 59% Peers 66%



NSCAS Mathematics

86%

State 58% Peers 69%



NSCAS Science

85%

State 80% Peers 86%



ACT (11th Grade)

* **69%** **73%**

ELA Math Science

State ELA
43%

State Math
41%

State Science
48%

Peers ELA
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Peers Math
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Peers Science
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AQuESTT

Beginning Status

EXCELLENT

NSCAS English Language Arts &
Mathematics Proficiency

SUCCESS, ACCESS, AND SUPPORT



Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Success

Students Without Out of School Suspension or Expulsion **99%**

TEACHING, LEARNING, AND SERVING



Postsecondary, Career, and Civic Ready

In Development!



Transitions

Four Year Graduation Rate **100%**

Extended Graduation **97%**

AQuESTT uses 2023-2024 graduation rates



Student Achievement & Growth

Individual Score Growth **62%**

Non-Proficiency Reduction **No**

Science Proficiency Status **81%**



Educational Opportunities and Access

Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Score 11%

Progress Towards EL Proficiency N/A



Educator Effectiveness

In Development!

Final AQuESTT Classification

EXCELLENT	GREAT	GOOD	NEEDS SUPPORT TO IMPROVE
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Amherst Public Schools



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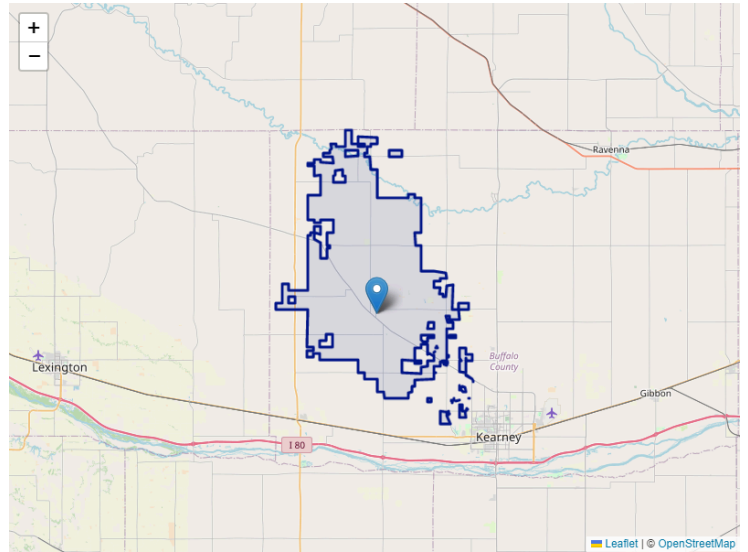
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Schools in District	2
State Board District	6
Educational Service Unit	10
Legislative District	37

District Description

Amherst Public Schools is a district with approximately 390 students in grades PK-12. Amherst is a small town located 15 miles northwest of Kearney on Hwy 40. Our student body includes the Amherst and Riverdale communities plus students who option into our school from surrounding communities. Amherst offers a wide variety of academic classes including college classes through Central Community College and the University of Nebraska at Kearney via distance learning. Amherst Schools is a member of the Nebraska School Activities Association and is classified as a C-2 school in most activities. Our extra-curricular activities are strongly supported by the community. Activities include football, volleyball, cross country, coop softball, g/b basketball, g/b wrestling, b/g track, coop b/g soccer, band, choir, speech, and drama. Other activities the district sponsors include cheerleading, dance team, National Honor Society, Academic Decathlon, Student Council, FFA, FBLA, and quiz bowl.

This description was provided by the district

School Snapshot

Student Membership



Student Membership
157

Peers 159 District 360 State 330,136



Teachers
16

Peers 16 District 28 State 23,951

Program Participation



English Learners

Peers 22% District * State 10%



Free/Reduced Lunch
17%

Peers * District 17% State 50%



Gifted
15%

Peers 16% District 9% State 13%

Performance



NSCAS English Language Arts

64%

Peers 57% District * State 59%



NSCAS Mathematics

85%

Peers 59% District 86% State 58%



NSCAS Science

82%

Peers 81% District 85% State 80%



ACT (11th Grade)

* **69%** **73%**

ELA Math Science

Peers ELA *	Peers Math *	Peers Science *
District ELA *	District Math	District Science
State ELA	State Math	State Science
43%	69%	73%
	41%	48%

Metrics



Graduation Rate

96%

Peers 89% District 96% State 88%



College-Going Rate

82%

Peers 72% District 82% State 76%

Financial



Per Pupil Expenditures

Per Pupil Expenditure Data
Not Available

Peers District State

AQuESTT

Beginning Status

GREAT

NSCAS English Language Arts & Mathematics Proficiency

SUCCESS, ACCESS, AND SUPPORT



Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Success

Students Without Out of School Suspension or Expulsion **99%**

TEACHING, LEARNING, AND SERVING



Postsecondary, Career, and Civic Ready

In Development!



Transitions

Four Year Graduation Rate **100%**

Extended Graduation **97%**

AQuESTT uses 2023-2024 graduation rates



Student Achievement & Growth

Individual Score Growth **0%**

Non-Proficiency Reduction **No**

Science Proficiency Status **73%**



Educational Opportunities and Access

Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Score **15%**

Progress Towards EL Proficiency **N/A**



Educator Effectiveness

In Development!

Final AQuESTT Classification

EXCELLENT	GREAT	GOOD	NEEDS SUPPORT TO IMPROVE
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AQuESTT

Beginning Status

EXCELLENT

NSCAS English Language Arts & Mathematics Proficiency

SUCCESS, ACCESS, AND SUPPORT

TEACHING, LEARNING, AND SERVING



Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Success

Students Without Out of School Suspension or Expulsion **99%**



Postsecondary, Career, and Civic Ready

In Development!



Transitions

Four Year Graduation Rate **0%**

Extended Graduation **0%**

AQuESTT uses 2023-2024 graduation rates



Student Achievement & Growth

Individual Score Growth **59%**

Non-Proficiency Reduction **No**

Science Proficiency Status **82%**



Educational Opportunities and Access

Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Score **20%**

Progress Towards EL Proficiency **N/A**



Educator Effectiveness

In Development!

Final AQuESTT Classification

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Amherst High School



Amherst High School
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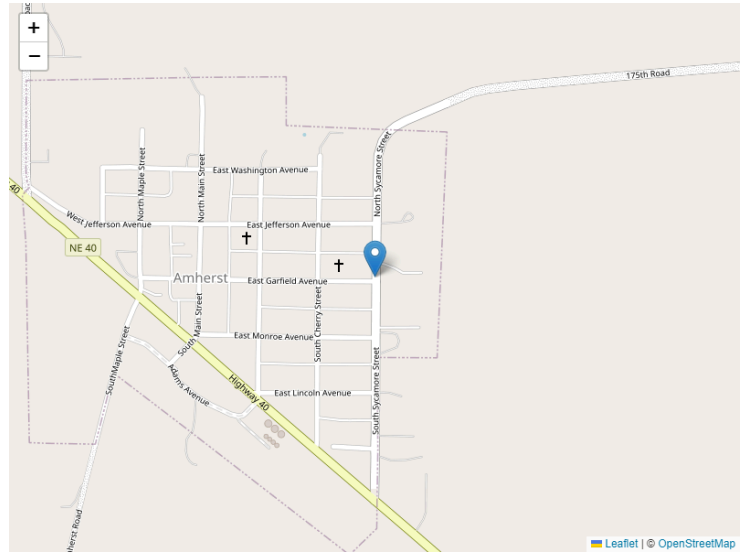
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School District	Amherst Public Schools
State Board District	6
Educational Service Unit	10
Legislative District	41

Agency Type	Secondary
Grades Served	7th grade - 12th grade
Title-I Status	Not a Title 1 School

School Description

The Amherst Public Schools is a small school located in central Nebraska. The school has approximately 180 students in grades 7-12. We have two sections in most middle and secondary classes with three teachers teaching math. Many of our students come from rural backgrounds and are interested in agriculture. We are a 1 to 1 I-Pad school providing the latest in educational technology to our students.

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