

September 2026
Monday, September 14, 2026 7:00 or following
Tax Request Hearing

BOE Room
100 N Sycamore
Amherst, NE 68812-0008

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order
2. Notice of adherence to the Open Meeting Law
3. Roll Call
 - 3.1. Excuse absent Board members
4. Approval of Minutes, Claims and Reports
 - 4.1. Review previous meeting minutes
 - 4.2. Review financial reports and monthly claims
 - 4.3. Board action on a consolidated motion to approve minutes, claims and reports.
5. Public Comment
6. Reports and communications from board members.
7. Principal's Report
8. Superintendent's Report
 - Sept 15th at 6:30 pm Buffalo County Tax Hearing - 1400 East 34th Street Kearney
 - Sept 23rd Special Meeting - 6:30 pm to Approve Budget and Property Tax Levy for General Fund, Bond Fund, and Special Building Fund for 2026-2027
 - Discussion of Superintendent's contract, for the term of 1 year, to Mr. Thomsen for the 2027-2028 school year. Will be an Action item in November
 - Discussion of the addition of a High School Principal for the 2027-2028 School year. Could be an action item in November.
9. Old Business
10. New Business
 - 10.1. Surplus the 2012 Bus - to be sold at Bramer's Auction (as is) in November.
 - 10.2. Adopt the resolution on the school district standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications.
 - 10.3. Revisit Daycare rates from the August Board meeting. Take into account prices during the day and after hours prices. Suggested to go \$4.25 per hour daycare during school hours and leave non-school days and after-school hours daycare at \$6.00 per hour.
11. Miscellaneous or non-action items
 - 11.1. Board Development Opportunities: State School Board Conference November 18-20, CHI Center Omaha.
12. Adjourn

August 2026

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Monday, August 10, 2026 7:00 PM

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

1. Call meeting to order

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

1.2. Notice of adherence to the Open Meeting Law

2. Roll Call

2.1. Excuse absent Board members

3. Approval of Minutes, Claims and Reports

3.1. Review previous meeting minutes

3.2. Review financial reports and monthly claims.

3.3. Board Action on a consolidated motion to approve Minutes, Claims and Financial Reports. Move to approve minutes, claims, and fund reports as presented. 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

4. Public Comment

5. Reports and communications from board members.

6. Principal's Report

7. Superintendent's Report

After school daycare proposed change

Breakfast program proposed change
Rock at FB field - W/Jared Kenney
Revisit Class Size restrictions in regard to Option Enrollment numbers.
Class sizes K-5 = 23, 6-12 = 28, K-12 SPED = 30
Budget process change for next year and General Budget discussion
Set up Budget Committee meeting after Aug 20th
Rule 10 Audit of school this school year

8. Old Business

9. New Business

9.1. Approve Handbooks for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve Preschool, Student- ELEM & High School, Teacher, iPad Use, Coaches and Activity Handbooks for the 2026-27 School Year,. This motion, made by Justin Taubenheim and seconded by Casey Mitchell, Passed.

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

9.2. Transfer \$25,000 to Lunch Fund from the General Fund. - Food Service

Motion to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Lunch Fund. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhoefner and seconded by Les Adelung, Passed.

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

9.3. Transfer \$25,000 to Activity Fund from the General Fund. — Athletics

Motion to transfer \$25,000 to the Activity fund from the General Fund. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhoefner and seconded by Les Adelung, Passed.

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

9.4. Transfer \$75,000 to Depreciation Fund from the General Fund - Transportation

Motion to transfer \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Deprecation Fund - marked for Transportation. This motion, made by Jared Kenney and seconded by Justin Taubenheim, Passed.

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

9.5. Board Policy:

5001 Attendance Policy

5004 Option Enrollment

5015 Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

5016 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

5018 Parent Involvement

5045 Student Fees

6009 Grade Placement and Academic Credits of Transfer Students

6046 Right to Access School Library Materials

Motion to accept Policies as presented by Policy Committee. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhoefner and seconded by Justin Taubenheim, Passed.

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

9.6. Approve Pre-School and Daycare rates.

Pre School was (\$105 a month). Suggested to go to (\$115 a month). Not based on days per month but based on payments total of \$1150 per school year paid over 10 months.

Daycare was \$4.00 per hour. Suggested to go to \$4.25 per hour.

Motion to approve the Pre-School rate for the 26-27 school year to \$1250 a year (\$125 a month). AND to set Daycare rates for the 26-27 school year of \$6.00 per hour. This motion, made by Les Adelung and seconded by Liz Klingelhofer, Passed.

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

9.7. Adopt all state content area standards in relation to Curriculum and Instruction K-12

Motion to adopt the Nebraska State content standards in all areas K-12. This motion, made by Jared Kenney and seconded by Casey Mitchell, Passed.

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

9.8. Approve the purchase of a 2023 Chrysler Pacifica Touring L Van from Platte Valley Auto for the purchase price of \$24,995.

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Chrysler Pacifica Touring L Van from Platte Valley Auto for the purchase price of \$24,995. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhofer and seconded by Les Adelung, Passed.

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

10. Miscellaneous or non-action items

11. Executive Session

12. Adjourn

Moved to adjourn at. This motion, made by Casey Mitchell and seconded by Jared Kenney, Passed.

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

August 2026
BOE Room
Monday, August 10, 2026 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Jared Kenney, Casey Mitchell, Les Adelung, Karen Harmony, Justin Taubenheim, Liz Klingelhofer

Visitors present: Mr. Roger Thomsen, Mr. Carter Blauvelt, Bev Anderson, Jason Stubbs, Stacy Ringlein, Carlene Abbott, Jami Hadwiger, AND THERE WERE TWO OTHERS

Move to approve minutes, claims, and fund reports as presented. This motion, made by Justin Taubenheim and seconded by Jared Kenney, Passed.

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

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

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

Motion to transfer \$25,000 to the Activity fund from the General Fund. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhofer and seconded by Les Adelung, Passed.

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

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Motion to accept Policies 5001, 5004, 5015, 5016, 5018, 5045, 6009, & 6046 as presented by Policy Committee. This motion, made by Liz Klingelhofer and seconded by Justin Taubenheim, Passed.

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

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

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

Moved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. This motion, made by Casey Mitchell and seconded by Jared Kenney, Passed.

Les Adelung: Yea, Karen Harmony: Yea, Jared Kenney: Yea, Liz Klingelhofer: 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. Discussion was held on the viability of the daycare and breakfast programs. Mr. Thomsen updated on improvements and class sizes.

FINANCIAL REPORT For August 31, 2026

Fund	Bank	Interest	Co. Treas	NSDLAF	Int.	TOTAL	Mo. Intr.	Balances
	08/31/26		07/31/26	08/31/26		08/31/26		08/31/25
General	177,795.43	1,097.28	56,279.67	4,394.11	12.64	2,226,101.45	6,995.07	1,814,795.64
General FiveP	2,043,911.91	5885.15						
Lunch	39,076.95	39.86				39,076.95	39.86	15,280.46
Petty Cash	5,286.87					5,286.87		3,580.11
Activity	344,076.27	758.61				344,076.27	758.61	268,888.58
Retirement	32,636.09					32,636.09		33,148.80
Spe. Bld.	87,861.69	163.37	513.32	278.95	0.80	88,140.64	164.17	43,762.18
Handicp/QCP	1,169.63	2.97		597.08	1.71	1,766.71	4.68	1,724.56
Deprec.	79,671.60	89.63		520.62	1.50	266,769.89	628.35	254,529.17
Deprec. FiveP	186,577.67	537.22						
Unemployment	5,971.93	9.37		2,637.64	7.59	8,609.57	16.96	11,609.08
Caf. Plan	7,157.51	11.02				7,157.51		9,122.19
Bond	29,002.94	39.68	8,648.26			501,188.65	1,399.27	395,591.47
Bond FiveP	472,185.71	1,359.59						
Construction	-	-		20.91	0.06	20.91	0.06	20.18
TOTAL	\$ 3,512,382.20	\$ 9,993.75	\$ 65,441.25	\$ 8,449.31	\$ 24.30	\$ 3,520,831.51	\$ 10,007.03	\$ 2,852,052.42

Interest rate = (3.00% = Activity) (3.00% = General) (2.15% = Bond) (2.20% = Special Building) (1.95% = Depreciation) (1.85% = Lunch)
 (3.4% = FNB Account) (3.39% NLAF)

	Budgeted	Spent to Date	Budget percentage
General Fund	\$ 6,100,000.00	\$ 5,685,313	6.80%
Lunch Fund	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 257,104	14.30%

negative = over budget each month average is 8.3%

Consolidated Check Listing

Direct Dep.	Check	Check Date	Payable To	Amount
01 - GENERAL FUND				
	00037518	09/11/2026	Am. Family Life Assurance Co	1,237.12
	00037519	09/11/2026	AFLAC	516.17
	00037520	09/11/2026	Country Partners Cooperative	4,137.65
	00037521	09/11/2026	Amplify Education Inc	1,092.00
	00037522	09/11/2026	Anderson Bros. Elec., Plg. & H	3,930.16
	00037523	09/11/2026	ASK Supply Co.	489.80
	00037524	09/11/2026	Heartland Bank	15.00
	00037525	09/11/2026	BD Pipe and Excavation	535.00
	00037526	09/11/2026	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	73,797.40
	00037527	09/11/2026	Builders How To	249.00
	00037528	09/11/2026	BulkBookstore	483.40
	00037529	09/11/2026	Cash Drawer-amherst School	61.85
	00037530	09/11/2026	Cash-wa Dist Co	397.68
	00037531	09/11/2026	Coachmaster's Inc	7,978.25
	00037532	09/11/2026	Column Software PBC	114.68
	00037533	09/11/2026	Culligan of Kearney	146.00
	00037534	09/11/2026	Dawson Co Pub Power	9,053.71
	00037535	09/11/2026	Ecolab Pest Elimination	89.06
	00037536	09/11/2026	Engineered Controls	176.46
	00037537	09/11/2026	Equitable Financial Life Ins Co of America	281.44
	00037538	09/11/2026	ESU 10	3,530.04
	00037539	09/11/2026	FNBO	2,149.88
	00037540	09/11/2026	Flinn Scientific Inc.	1,310.91
	00037541	09/11/2026	Frontier	114.69
	00037542	09/11/2026	General Collection Co	299.39
	00037543	09/11/2026	Glass Doctor	740.60
	00037544	09/11/2026	Graham Tire Company	139.53
	00037545	09/11/2026	Learning Without Tears	2,048.70
	00037546	09/11/2026	Heartland Bank	55,474.33
	00037547	09/11/2026	Heartland Refrigeration LLC	312.50
	00037548	09/11/2026	Hometown Leasing	802.85
	00037549	09/11/2026	Integrated Life Choices	4,916.82
	00037550	09/11/2026	Island Supply Welding Co	21.08
	00037551	09/11/2026	Kully Pipe & Steel Supply	311.58
	00037552	09/11/2026	Lockmobile	40.75
	00037553	09/11/2026	Matheson-Linweld Tri-Gas Inc	300.05
	00037554	09/11/2026	Menards - Kearney	1,298.19
	00037555	09/11/2026	Midwest Floor Specialists	4,354.30
	00037556	09/11/2026	Miscellaneous Cash Account	1,649.92
	00037557	09/11/2026	Ne Assoc Of School Boards	94.00

Consolidated Check Listing

Direct Dep.	Check	Check Date	Payable To	Amount
	00037558	09/11/2026	NASB ALICAP	81,290.00
	00037559	09/11/2026	Nebraska Council of School Administrators	235.00
	00037560	09/11/2026	Nebraska Dept Of Education	420.00
	00037561	09/11/2026	Nebraska Safety Center @ UNK	375.00
	00037562	09/11/2026	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	91.78
	00037563	09/11/2026	Platte Valley Communication	1,129.54
	00037564	09/11/2026	Postmaster	390.00
	00037565	09/11/2026	Prestige Group Inc	2,650.00
	00037566	09/11/2026	Principal Life	1,056.99
	00037567	09/11/2026	Ravenna Sanitation	452.00
	00037568	09/11/2026	Really Good Stuff LLC	59.98
	00037569	09/11/2026	Retirement	36,969.83
	00037570	09/11/2026	Heartland Bank	7,100.29
	00037571	09/11/2026	Scholastic	247.23
	00037572	09/11/2026	Black Hills Energy	615.64
	00037573	09/11/2026	State Fire Marshal Office	120.00
	00037574	09/11/2026	Heartland Bank	4,946.64
	00037575	09/11/2026	The Tire Guys	243.16
	00037576	09/11/2026	University of Nebraska - Lincoln	130.00
	00037577	09/11/2026	Village Of Amherst Water Dept	867.66
	00037578	09/11/2026	Yandas Music	374.00
01 - GENERAL FUND Totals:				324,456.68
06 - LUNCH FUND				
	00004997	09/11/2026	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	944.38
	00004998	09/11/2026	Cash-wa Dist Co	17,622.15
	00004999	09/11/2026	Domino's Pizza	840.00
	00005000	09/11/2026	FNBO	50.47
	00005001	09/11/2026	Heartland Bank	2,107.33
	00005002	09/11/2026	Kayla Hutsell	276.75
	00005003	09/11/2026	Miscellaneous Cash Account	620.39
	00005004	09/11/2026	Sherry Mulholland	164.55
	00005005	09/11/2026	Retirement	1,485.67
	00005006	09/11/2026	Heartland Bank	259.93
06 - LUNCH FUND Totals:				24,371.62
Report Total:				348,828.30

RESOLUTION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF OPTION ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Amherst Public Schools is committed to providing an education of high quality to its students in an economically efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the school district's faculty, facilities, and equipment can serve only a limited number of students effectively; and

WHEREAS, section 79-238 imposes upon the school district an obligation to "automatically accept applications for siblings of option students enrolled in the option school district without regard to capacity limitations"; and

WHEREAS, the Amherst Board of Education, in consultation with the administration, has reviewed the school district's faculty, facilities, equipment, interdisciplinary efforts and interrelationships of grades, subjects, and faculty; and has determined the maximum number of students it can serve effectively at any given grade level and in total;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the board adopts the following standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications:

Special Education Capacity. Capacity for special education services will be determined on a case-by-case basis. If an application for option enrollment received by the school district indicates that the individual student applying for option enrollment or any of his or her siblings has an individualized education program under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq., or has been diagnosed with a disability as defined in section 79-1118.01, the application will be evaluated by the director of special education services or the director's designee who must determine if the school district and the appropriate class, grade level, or school building has the capacity to provide the individual student applying for option enrollment and all of his or her siblings the appropriate services and accommodations. The Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Rights Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g) permits the release of education records when a student seeks or intends to enroll in a different school district.

Numeric Capacity. The capacity in the following grade levels, programs, classes, and/or school buildings is as follows:

K-5 = 23 Students per grade level
6-12 = 28 Students per grade level
K-12 Special Education = 30 Students K-12 total

Total enrollment for the school district should not exceed: 334 students.

The Board of Education reserves the authority to further determine numeric capacity of classes, grade levels, or school buildings by operation of resolution, by action of the Superintendent as the board's designee, or through freestanding action to the extent permitted by law and policy.

Other Standards. The school district shall not accept any application for option enrollment when enrollment of the individual student seeking to enroll as an option student or the enrollment of any of his or her siblings:

- (a) Would increase the operating costs of the school district, such as by requiring the hiring of new staff or contracting with outside entities to provide services to the individual student applying for option enrollment and all of his or her siblings;
- (b) Would require the procurement of new equipment, technology, or furnishings;
- (c) Would cause or require the rearrangement of caseloads for staff and contracted professionals;
- (d) Is reasonably deemed by appropriate school staff to pose a potential risk to the health or safety of students or staff;
- (e) May pose a risk of adversely affecting the quality of educational services being provided to resident students, as determined by appropriate school staff.

After the above resolution was read, board member _____ moved for passage of the motion. Board member _____ seconded the motion. After discussion, and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of the motion: _____.

The following members voted against the motion: _____.

The following members did not vote: _____.

Having been consented to by a majority of the voting members, the board president declared the motion to have been passed and adopted.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 202____.

President, Board of Education