

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026 7:00 PM
Superintendent's Office, 13800 W. Wood River
Rd, Wood River, NE 68883

The regular monthly meeting of the Wood River Rural Schools Board of Education will be held on Monday, August 10, 2026 7:00 PM in the Superintendent's Office, 13800 W. Wood River Rd, Wood River, NE 68883. The Board of Education will attempt to adhere to the sequence of the published agenda, but reserves the right to adjust the order of items if necessary and may elect to take action on any of the items listed. The following items will be put before the Board of Education for consideration.

1. Routine Business
 - 1.1. Recognize the Nebraska Open Meetings Act
 - 1.2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.3. Recognize Visitors
 - 1.4. Approval of Agenda
2. Presentations
 - 2.1. Activity Director Report
 - 2.2. Elementary Principal Report
 - 2.3. MS/HS Principal Report
 - 2.4. Superintendent Report
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3.1. Approval of Prior Minutes
 - 3.2. Approval of the Monthly Claims
 - 3.3. Approval of the Monthly Financial Reports
4. Discussions
 - 4.1. The design of the multi-use student programming space, strength and conditioning/weight room, and Career & Technical Education facilities.

4.2. 2026-2027 Budget

4.3. 2027-2028 Professional Development

5. Regular Agenda - Business

5.1. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to set the date for the Annual Budget Workshop.

5.2. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to review, confirm, and approve district goals.

5.3. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to award a contract for the High School ADA Parking project to the lowest responsible bidder.

5.4. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the architectural services agreement with Wilkins Architecture Design Planning LLC for the proposed multi-use student programming space, strength and conditioning/weight room, and Career & Technical Education facility improvements.

6. Adjournment

7. Thank You Notes

The Board of Education reserves the right to enter into Executive Session.

An agenda reflecting any changes will be available for public inspection during normal business hours in the office of the Superintendent of Schools. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda will not be enlarged later than 24 hours before the scheduled beginning of the meeting. Individuals attending the meeting are invited to make comments during the "Recognition of Visitors" time allowed under agenda item B.

Board of Education Regular Meeting

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Monday, July 13, 2026 7:00 PM

The meeting was opened at 7:08 PM recognizing the Open Meetings Act. **Present:** Tyler Doane, Dylan Gill, Craig Huxtable, Jodi Rauert, Nick Rennau, Crystal Stutzman.

1. Student Fee Policy Hearing (Policy 5045)
Opened 7:00 Closed 7:05
2. Protection of Student Rights Hearing (Policy 5015)
Opened 7:05 Closed 7:07
3. Parent Involvement Hearing (Policy 5018 & 5057)
Opened 7:07 Closed 7:08
4. Routine Business
 - 4.1. Recognize the Nebraska Open Meetings Act
 - 4.2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 4.3. Recognize Visitors
 - 4.4. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda passed with a motion by Dylan Gill and a second by Crystal Stutzman.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
5. Presentations
 - 5.1. Activity Director Report
Mr. Hirschert explained changes made to the activity handbook. These changes deal with emergency response to allergic reactions.
 - 5.2. Elementary Principal Report
Mrs. Phillips introduced herself to the board and gave some policy updates to the student handbook. There was a large addition to the student use of AI tools. There are also changes in how to handle short term suspension and how notices can be given.
 - 5.3. MS/HS Principal Report
 - 5.4. Superintendent Report
Mr. Zessin discussed the date and food selection for the staff supper. The NASB area membership meeting is coming up on August 20th.
6. Consent Agenda
Motion to approve consent agenda as presented passed with a motion by Dylan Gill and a second by Nick Rennau.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
 - 6.1. Approval of Prior Minutes
 - 6.2. Approval of the Monthly Claims
 - 6.3. Approval of the Monthly Financial Reports
7. Discussions

7.1. 2026-2027 School Year Budget

8. Regular Agenda - Business

- 8.1. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the updated 2026-2027 student handbook.
Motion to approve the updated 2026-2027 student handbook passed with a motion by Crystal Stutzman and a second by Jodi Rauert.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 8.2. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the updated 2026-2027 staff handbook.
Motion to approve the updated 2026-2027 staff handbook passed with a motion by Jodi Rauert and a second by Nick Rennau.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 8.3. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the updated 2026-2027 activity handbook.
Motion to approve the updated 2026-2027 activity handbook passed with a motion by Crystal Stutzman and a second by Dylan Gill.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 8.4. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on setting the meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year.
Motion to approve meal price increases for the 2026-2027 school year passed with a motion by Dylan Gill and a second by Nick Rennau.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
Student breakfast price will remain \$1. Prices will increase for second-chance breakfast from \$1 to \$3; adult breakfast price increased .50, and lunches across the board increased .20 to match OPAA's food price increases.
- 8.5. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action on a long-term substitute teacher for Brandon Wamberg for the 2026-2027 school year.
Motion to approve Brandon Wamberg's long term substitute contract passed with a motion by Nick Rennau and a second by Jodi Rauert.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 8.6. Review community feedback and discuss, consider, and take all necessary action regarding proceeding with architectural design and preparation of bid-ready construction documents for potential district facility improvements, including possible approval of a design contract.
Motion to approve proceeding with Wilkins ADP for the design planning on the potential addition to the high school passed with a motion by Jodi Rauert and a second by Dylan Gill.
Yea: 6, Nay: 0
- 8.7. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action regarding the review, revision, adoption, and implementation of Board Policies 2008, 3003, 3003.1, 3004.1, 3048, 3057, 3061, 4017, 4019, 4056, 4065, 5001, 5003, 5004, 5035, 5048, 6009, 6038, and 6046, and related forms as part of the 2026 annual policy update.
Motion to approve policies 2008 Meetings, changing the Board's designated method of publishing meeting notices to the Wood River Rural Schools website,

while continuing newspaper publication as a courtesy., 3003, 3003.1, 3004.1, 3048, 3057, 3061, 4017, 4019, 4056, 4065, 5001, 5003, 5004, 5035, 5048, 6009, 6038, and 6046, and related forms as part of the 2026 annual policy update passed with a motion by Dylan Gill and a second by Crystal Stutzman.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- 8.8. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to reaffirm policy 5045, student fees.

Motion to reaffirm policy 5045 passed with a motion by Jodi Rauert and a second by Nick Rennau.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- 8.9. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to reaffirm Policy 5015, Protection of Pupil Rights.

Motion to reaffirm policy 5015 passed with a motion by Crystal Stutzman and a second by Dylan Gill.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- 8.10. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to reaffirm policy 5057 & 5018, parent involvement.

Motion to reaffirm policy 5057 and 5018 passed with a motion by Jodi Rauert and a second by Tyler Doane.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- 8.11. Discuss, consider, and take all action necessary to declare items as surplus for immediate sale or disposal.

Motion to approve items as surplus for sale or disposal passed with a motion by Nick Rennau and a second by Jodi Rauert.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

- 8.12. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the final design plans for the Wood River High School ADA parking improvements and authorize the Superintendent to solicit competitive bids for construction.

Motion to approve design plans and solicit bids passed with a motion by Crystal Stutzman and a second by Dylan Gill.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Tyler Doane, acting on JEO's behalf, presented final design plans for ADA parking improvements in front of the high school theater entrance.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Tyler Doane and a second by Nick Rennau.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Dated the 13th day of July, 2026.

Attest:



Dylan Gill

Secretary

10. Thank You Notes

Wood River Rural Schools	
August 10, 2026	
Vendor Name	Amount
ACE HARDWARE & GARDEN CENTER	\$49.90
Aslan Mechanical LLC	\$1,855.00
Black Hills Energy E	\$239.79
Black Hills Energy H	\$200.42
Blacktop Chiropractic PC	\$80.00
BOOK SYSTEMS INC	\$1,038.00
Capital Sanitary Supply Co, Inc	\$3,681.11
Casey's Business Master Card	\$393.24
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	\$3,026.70
CHEMSEARCH	\$684.90
City of Wood River	\$13,815.40
CLIPPER PUBLISHING	\$549.40
Colorado/West Equipment, Inc.	\$760.41
COOPERATIVE PRODUCERS, Inc.	\$845.46
COPYCAT PRINTING	\$744.88
CROSSROADS AWARDS	\$400.00
Dave Bahe	\$227.50
DEPRECIATION MMK FUND	\$495,000.00
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #10	\$3,757.17
EGAN SUPPLY CO	\$11,782.18
Elan Financial Service	\$6,061.85
ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL	\$404.61
Follett Content Solutions	\$1,558.57
Franklin Covey Client Sales Inc	\$12,943.75
Graff, Tina	\$168.72
GRONE'S OUTDOOR POWER	\$571.26
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance LTD	\$318.16
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd	\$745.08
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL INC	\$1,666.48
HOMETOWN LEASING	\$1,035.42
HONEYWELL	\$34,660.93
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO	\$168.64
Karcher North Amerian, INC	\$126.83
KSB School Law, PC LLO	\$4,060.00
Level Data	\$488.00
Marcia Brenner Associates	\$750.00

MCCOUN TRUCK PARTS	\$5,891.72
MENARD'S	\$672.27
NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER CORPORATION	\$875.00
NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER	\$250.00
Omaha Stage Equipment Inc	\$9,664.67
ONE SOURCE THE BACKGROUND CHECK	\$40.00
PRESTO-X-COMPANY	\$237.74
Protex Central Inc	\$650.00
QUILL CORPORATION	\$411.62
SCHOOL MATE	\$310.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	\$635.96
Solution Tree Inc	\$10.50
SOUTHERN PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	\$545.00
STATE OF NEBRASKA	\$317.87
STELLING BRASS & WINDS	\$637.50
TKE Elevator Corporation	\$613.10
US Bank	\$12,861.05
Wood River Activity	\$100,000.00
Wood River Board of Education	\$1,430.92
WORTHINGTON DIRECT HOLDINGS, LLC	\$1,158.32
Yanda's Music	\$394.83
Total	\$742,467.83

WOOD RIVER RURAL SCHOOLS July, 2026

General Fund-Interest Rate: 2.78%		
Beginning Balance		\$6,528,566.72
Less Payroll	July, 2026	(\$330,905.02)
Less Payroll Bills	July, 2026	(\$337,295.83)
Less Monthly Bills	July, 2026	(\$181,461.71)
Heritage Bank	July, 2026	(\$30.00)
Hall County Treasurer	Taxes	\$37,082.31
\$81,667.92	Motor Vehicle Tax	\$21,500.19
	Fines & Licenses	\$2,937.22
	Homestead Exemption	\$16,457.32
	Personal Property Tax/SDPTRC Credit	(\$824.42)
	Motor Vehicle Pro-rate	\$4,515.30
ESU #10	Heroes Conf, EL Book Study, CTE Registration	\$544.95
ESU #10	EL Book Study	\$200.00
State of Nebraska	Title I	\$59.00
State of Nebraska	Title I	\$68,784.00
State of Nebraska	Title II	\$14,513.00
State of Nebraska	Title II	\$10,000.00
State of Nebraska	MIPS July 2026	\$2,161.41
Heritage Bank	Interest	\$13,448.44
Heritage Bank	Interest	\$0.04
	Total Deposits	\$191,378.76
Ending Balance		\$5,870,252.92
GENERAL MMK- CORNERSTONE Interest Rate: 3.00%		
Beginning Balance		\$1,241,821.37
Cornerstone	Interest	\$3,164.09
Ending Balance		\$1,244,985.46
	Ending Balance for General Fund & MMK	\$7,115,238.38
Less Payroll	August, 2026	(\$289,417.56)
Less Payroll Bills	August, 2026	(\$306,920.42)
Less Monthly Bills	August, 2026	(\$742,467.83)
Balance to date		\$5,776,432.57
DEPRECIATION MMK-CORNERSTONE Interest Rate: 3.00%		
Beginning Balance		\$534,422.85
Cornerstone	Interest	\$1,182.34
Midwest Flooring Covering, Inc	New flooring-counselor, 2 math rooms	(\$26,005.00)
New Wave Concrete, LLC	Concrete-parking Lot, track & long jump	(\$88,227.00)
Peters Painting, LLC	Labor & material outer building	(\$43,135.25)
Middleton Electric, Inc	Replace High Bay lighting in HS Gym	(\$13,450.00)
Middleton Electric, Inc	Replace Hallway Lighting at HS	(\$11,900.00)
Johnson Landscaping	Football Sprinklers	(\$27,927.00)
	Subtotal	\$324,960.94
JEO Consulting Group Inc	HS Parking Lot Survey & Design	(\$12,300.00)
Eakes Office Plus	Chairs & Desks	(\$17,467.56)
Ending Balance		\$295,193.38
SPECIAL BUILDING-MMK-Interest Rate: 1.45%		
Beginning Balance		\$613,847.73
Hall Co Treasurer	Taxes	\$2,364.98
Hall Co Treasurer	Homestead Exemption	\$1,047.29
Hall Co Treasurer	Motor Vehicle Pro-rate	\$287.33
Hall Co Treasurer	Personal Property Tax/SDPTRC Credit	(\$37.61)
Heritage Bank	Interest	\$753.49
Ending Balance		\$618,263.21
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND-MMK-Interest Rate: 0.20%		
Beginning Balance		\$3,678.02
Heritage Bank	Interest	\$0.62
Ending Balance		\$3,678.64
CAFETERIA FLEX PLAN-125		
Beginning Balance		\$24,324.81
Employee Contributions		\$6,581.95
Employee Distributions		(\$10,467.30)
Ending Balance		\$20,439.46
BOND ACCOUNT-Interest Rate: 0.60%		
Beginning Balance		\$43,718.53
Heritage Bank	Interest	\$21.56
	Sub-Total	\$43,740.09
Cornerstone General Fund MMK	Trf to General Fund MMK	(\$43,700.00)

Ending Balance		\$40.09
OCPUF FUND- OCPUF #1		
Beginning Balance		\$140,293.05
Hall Co Treasurer	Taxes	\$1,438.00
Hall Co Treasurer	Homestead Exemption	\$637.84
Hall Co Treasurer	Motor Vehicle Pro-rate	\$175.00
Hall Co Treasurer	Personal Property Tax/SDPTRC Credit	(\$30.03)
Ending Balance		\$142,513.86
QCPUF Pymt Schedule/Limited Tax & Refunding Bond \$2,100,000 Last Pymt 12/15/2031		
12/15/2026	Principal: \$210,000.00 Interest: \$11,482.50	\$221,482.50
6/15/2027	Principal: \$0 Interest: \$9,907.50	\$9,907.50
12/15/2027	Principal: \$215,000.00 Interest: \$9,907.50	\$224,907.50
NLAF QCPUF FUND 3.38%		
Beginning Balance		\$285,688.77
NLAF	Interest	\$822.90
Ending Balance		\$286,511.67
LUNCH ACCOUNT-Interest Rate: 0.05%		
Beginning Balance		\$101,541.62
RECEIPTS		
Student Lunch Deposits	\$1,141.50	
Adults & a la carte	\$124.43	
State of NE-Federal Reimbursement-June 2026	\$15,686.90	
Misc	\$623.50	
Interest	\$4.39	
		\$17,580.72
DISBURSEMENTS		
RevTrak, Inc./Credit Card Fees-Monthly Fee	(\$19.95)	
RevTrak, Inc./Credit Card Fees-Usage Fee	(\$7.71)	
OPAA! Management , Inc-June 2026 Contract Services	(\$14,264.70)	
US Bank-Supplies	(\$37.98)	
Elan Financial Services-Supplies	(\$53.84)	(\$14,384.18)
	Sub-Total	\$104,738.16
August 2026 Deposits		
Federal Reimbursement-July 2026	\$41,673.75	
Outstanding Bills		
Krystalynn Garcia- Student Lunch Refund	(\$288.80)	
Brian Carmichael-Lunch Refund	(\$18.55)	
August 2026 Bills		
OPAA! Management , Inc-July 2026 Contract Services	(\$20,670.20)	
Midwest Restaurant-repairs	(\$182.42)	
US Bank-Supplies	(\$39.59)	
		\$20,474.19
Ending Balance		\$125,212.35
Board of Education		
Beginning Balance		\$1,260.29
Colleen Gunn	Tuition reimb	(\$800.00)
General Fund	Monthly Reimbursement	\$4,257.37
Ending Balance		\$4,717.66
Student Fees		
Beginning Balance		\$1,711.56
	No Activity	\$0.00
Ending Balance		\$1,711.56

Fund: 05 ACTIVITY FUND

Chart of Account Number	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Balance Change	Balance
05 704 0100	Elementary Activity	390.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	390.00
05 704 0105	Wellness Center	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
05 704 0115	Celebrate Wood River	7,881.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,881.68
05 704 0116	Education Qwest Grant	10,109.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,109.95
05 704 0120	Technology	55.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.23
05 704 0130	iPads	4,221.04	89.91	492.00	0.00	4,623.13
05 704 0200	Activity Account	43,903.55	30,807.13	3,045.14	0.00	16,141.56
05 704 0210	Activity - Student Activity Fee	1,355.58	0.00	575.00	0.00	1,930.58
05 704 0215	Activity Account- WRES Student Lighthouse	11,375.78	0.00	455.23	0.00	11,831.01
05 704 0220	Volleyball	5,339.59	1,239.68	150.00	0.00	4,249.91
05 704 0230	Girls Basketball	1,427.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,427.13
05 704 0240	Weight Room	1.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.37
05 704 0250	Cross Country	461.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	461.39
05 704 0260	Football	2,936.00	5,805.65	1,395.00	0.00	(1,474.65)
05 704 0265	Track	2,969.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,969.67
05 704 0266	JH Track	2,211.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,211.72
05 704 0280	Wrestling	3,234.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,234.03
05 704 0285	Girls Wrestling	2,642.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,642.49
05 704 0290	Boys Golf	1,166.89	100.00	0.00	0.00	1,066.89
05 704 0292	Girls Golf	(6.05)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(6.05)
05 704 0295	Boys Basketball	391.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	391.04
05 704 0300	Concessions	35,550.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,550.93
05 704 0302	Middle School Funds	379.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	379.58
05 704 0303	6th Grade Funds	316.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	316.75
05 704 0310	Student Council	711.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	711.96
05 704 0320	Yearbook	555.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	565.00
05 704 0330	FFA	9,550.16	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	12,050.16
05 704 0340	FCA	2,053.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,053.76
05 704 0350	FBLA	860.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	860.01
05 704 0355	Teammates	5,469.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,469.72
05 704 0360	Spanish Club	3,625.30	869.24	0.00	0.00	2,756.06
05 704 0365	Mult Cultural Club	4,208.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,208.10
05 704 0385	Close-up	3,602.70	1,269.33	0.00	0.00	2,333.37
05 704 0395	National Honor Society	1,728.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,728.35
05 704 0400	Vocal Music	851.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	851.78
05 704 0405	Show Choir	325.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.00
05 704 0430	All School Play	1,466.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,466.68
05 704 0440	Music Trip	3,330.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,330.59

Fund: 05 ACTIVITY FUND

Chart of Account Number	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Balance Change	Balance
05 704 0445	Music Booster	5,049.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,049.54
05 704 0450	Cheerleaders	7,191.85	8,359.50	1,464.68	0.00	297.03
05 704 0455	Dance	950.45	329.75	0.00	0.00	620.70
05 704 0460	Band	7,278.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,278.17
05 704 0592	Class of 2030	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00
05 704 0593	Class of 2029	1,439.59	0.00	20.00	0.00	1,459.59
05 704 0594	Class of 2028	2,444.70	0.00	20.00	0.00	2,464.70
05 704 0595	Class of 2027	2,503.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,503.32
05 704 0596	Class of 2026	987.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	987.11
05 704 0598	Class of 2024	389.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	389.11
05 704 0610	Art	(215.50)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(215.50)
05 704 0615	Art Club	349.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	349.09
05 704 0620	Library	1,640.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,640.95
05 704 0625	Library Study Hall	54.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.94
05 704 0630	Shop	1,729.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,729.23
05 704 0650	MS/HS Teachers	3,029.68	0.00	132.07	0.00	3,161.75
05 704 0655	Elem Teachers	199.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	199.70
05 704 0700	Scholarships	52,911.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	52,911.96
05 704 0800	Projects	66,363.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,363.83
05 704 0801	FUND BALANCE- Youth Sports	29,174.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,174.49
05 704 0802	English Classes	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
05 704 0850	Apparel Store	(827.15)	0.00	15.00	0.00	(812.15)
05 704 0900	Booster Club	80,679.06	50.00	0.00	0.00	80,629.06
05 704 0910	Post Prom	4,879.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,879.63
05 704 0915	WRE PTO	7,947.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,947.59
Fund Total: 05		455,905.79	48,920.19	10,314.12	0.00	417,299.72