

Fremont Board of Education
Board of Education Special Hearing
Board Room
130 E 9th St
Fremont, NE 68025
Monday, August 11, 2025 6:30 PM

AGENDA SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WILL BE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK AT THE BOARD TABLE. WHEN RECOGNIZED BY THE CHAIR, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH YOUR COMMENTS. A MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT OF 5 MINUTES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR EACH AUDIENCE UNLESS AN EXCEPTION IS GRANTED BY THE CHAIR.

1.1. Open Meetings Act

A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Board Room. The Board may meet in Closed Session to consider issues including, but not limited to 1) strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate purchases, or litigation; 2) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; 3) investigative proceedings regarding allegations or misconduct; or 4) evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person or persons. The vote to hold a Closed Session shall be taken in open session and the subject matter and reason for the session shall be included in the motion. The motion and the vote of each member of the Board and the time when the session commenced and concluded shall be recorded in the minutes. If the motion passes, the President will restate on the record the limitation of the subject matter of the Closed Session.

2. CONSENT SECTION

All matters listed under the Consent Section are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, the item(s) will be considered at the end of the Consent Section.

Motion to approve the consent section as presented passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

2.1. Legality of Meeting

Approve that all legal requirements have been met as to advance notice of this meeting to both individual Board Members and to the public.

2.2. Approval of Agenda

Approval of the agenda as published/revised. Note that items can be removed or amended from the published agenda at this time but additions can be made only through an emergency resolution.

3. **LB243 Additional Property Tax Hearing**

Chris Loofe will present the LB243 additional property tax request.

3.1. Open Hearing

Open hearing to hear support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers related to increase the district's base growth percentage to the property tax request by up to an additional five percent as allowed by law.

Motion to open hearing passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

3.2. Close Hearing

Motion to close LB243 Additional Property Tax Hearing passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Board Member #1 and a second by Board Member #2.



Fremont Public Schools

Additional Property Tax Request Authority Hearing

Regular Board Meeting
6:30pm
Aug. 11, 2025



Link to [LB 243](#)

School District Property Tax Limitation Act, change levying authority and provide aid to community college areas, and change provisions relating to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission and property and income taxes.



LB 243:

Section 5 (2a)... A school district may increase the base growth percentage used to determine its property tax request authority under section 3 of this act by a percentage approved by an affirmative vote of at least seventy percent of the school board of such school district. **5% yeahs in FPS.**

Section 5 (2aiii)... The base growth percentage that would otherwise be applicable plus an additional five percent for school districts with an average daily membership of more than three thousand forty-four students but no more than ten thousand students. **FPS has approximately 5,300 students.**



LB 243:

Section 5 (b)... Before a school board votes to increase a school district's base growth percentage under this subsection, the school board shall publish notice of the upcoming vote in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the school district.

FPS Posted in the Tribune on August 2, 2025

Public notice is given that a Regular Meeting of the Fremont School District Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 11, 2025, at the Main Street Education Center, Board Room, 130 E. 9th St., Fremont, Nebraska, which meeting will be open to the public. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 5 of 2023 Neb. Laws 243, that the Board of Education for Fremont Public Schools will meet on the 11th day of August 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education room located at 130 E. 9th Street. Fremont, Nebraska for the purpose of discussing, considering and possibly voting to approve an increase to the school district's base growth percentage to the property tax request by up to an additional five percent as allowed by law.



LB 243:

Section 6... A school district may choose not to increase its property tax request by the full amount allowed by the school district's property tax request authority in a particular year. In such cases, the school district may carry forward to future years the amount of unused property tax request authority. NDE shall calculate each school district's unused property tax request authority and shall submit an accounting of such amount to the school board of the school district. Such unused property tax request authority may then be used in later years for increases in the school district's property tax request.

25-26 Property Tax Authority



Base Growth Percentage Limit from prior year: (# provided by NDE)

\$41,921,728

Base Growth + Additional Base Growth Limit: (# provided by NDE)

\$45,252,508

Additional Non-Bond Authority Amount:

Additional \$3,330,780 (5%)



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