Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2025 7:00 PM
WPS Library/Media Center
300 S. Bismark St.
Wausa, NE 68786

Wausa Public Schools Board of Education Vision Statement

We believe that all the youth of this community should be given an equal opportunity for a general education that will help them to become good citizens for democratic living.

We believe our school should provide an educational environment that will assist all student to fulfill their needs, interests, and abilities so that they may develop to their maximum capabilities.

We believe that it is as important to learn to live a full and complete life as it is to learn to be self-sufficient.

Therefore, the total development of each individual to his/her highest *potential is the primary concern of the Wausa School System.*

Wausa Public Schools: Educating Today's Students for Tomorrow's Future!

1. Call to Order
    1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
    1.2. Excuse Absent Board Members
2. Approval of Consent Agenda
    2.1. Agenda
    2.2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Guests
4. Financial Reports
    4.1. Treasurer
    4.2. Claims

4.3. Activity

5. Action Items

5.1. Discuss, consider, and make a motion and a second to approve Policy #3132, Internal Controls, as recommended by Perry Law firm due to the results of the Nebraska Department of Education Federal audit.

5.2. Discuss, consider, and make a motion and a second to approve the 2025-26 Budget as presented in the Knox County News on September 4th, 2025.

5.3. Discuss, consider, and make a motion and a second to approve Resolution #1, The Wausa Public Schools Tax asking, as presented in the Knox County News on September 4th, 2025.

5.4. Board to consider a Resolution calling for a Special Bond Election of the qualified electors of the District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, to vote FOR or AGAINST the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount NOT TO EXCEED $2,150,000, for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of constructing and equipping improvements to the District's existing property and facilities, which may include, without limitation, installation of a new 8 lane track, improvements to bleachers and other components of the District's track and field facilities, and related improvements, and providing for the necessary furnishings, equipment and apparatus for such facilities.

5.5. Discuss, consider, and make a motion and a second to approve the Wausa Education Association (WEA) as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff (teachers) for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 contract years.

6. Reports

6.1. Superintendent

6.2. Principal/Activities Director

7. Discussion Items

8. Executive (Closed) Session (If needed)

9. Dates of Future Board Meetings

10. Adjourn

A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0576 (WAUSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA; AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0576 (WAUSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Board of Education (the **"Board"**) of Knox County School District 0576 (Wausa Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the **"District"**) hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The District is duly organized as a school district under Chapter 79, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, under the jurisdiction of a single board of education.

(b) It is necessary that funds be provided for the purpose of paying the costs of preparing, constructing and equipping improvements to the District's existing property and facilities, which may include, without limitation, installation of a new 8 lane track, improvements to bleachers and other components of the District's track and field facilities, and related improvements, and providing for the necessary furnishings, equipment and apparatus for such facilities (collectively, the **"Project"**).

(c) To pay the costs of the Project, it will be necessary for the District to issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($2,150,000).

(d) A proposition for the issuance of bonds for such purposes has not been submitted to the electors of the District within six months preceding the date of the special election called by this Resolution.

Section 2. A special election (the **"Election"**) is hereby called and shall be held in the District on November 4, 2025, (the **"Election Date"**) at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

> "Shall Knox County School District 0576 (Wausa Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Two Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($2,150,000), for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs preparing, constructing and equipping improvements to the District's existing property and facilities, which may include, without limitation, installation of a new 8 lane track, improvements to bleachers and other components of the District's track and field facilities, and related improvements, and providing for the necessary furnishings, equipment and apparatus for such facilities; such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education; and
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> "Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?"

The ballots to be voted on and cast at such election shall have printed thereon the foregoing proposition with the words "FOR such Bonds and tax" and "AGAINST such Bonds and tax" following the proposition.

Qualified electors voting in favor of the proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "FOR such Bonds and tax" following such proposition, and qualified electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "AGAINST such Bonds and tax" following such proposition.

Section 3. Notice of the Election shall be given by the District to the qualified electors of the District for at least 20 days prior to the Election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the Election, or as otherwise provided by law, such notice and sample ballot to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and the Secretary be and hereby is directed to cause such notice and sample ballot to be published.

Section 4. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Clerk of Knox County, Nebraska, serving as election commissioner, (the **"Election Commissioner"**) on or before September 12, 2025, which is the eighth Friday prior to the Election Date, who shall designate the polling places (if the Election Commissioner determines to hold an election at polling places), appoint the election officials and otherwise conduct the Election as provided by law. The District hereby agrees to reimburse the Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the Election.

Section 5. The form of ballot and form of notice for such bond election shall be in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as **Attachment I**, utilizing the appropriate provisions for an election held by mail or at polling places, as applicable, and with such other additions and changes determined appropriate by the Election Commissioner. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for such election and to do all other things and to take all other appropriate or necessary action in order to cause such proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as above provided.

Section 6. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the President and Secretary of the Board and the Superintendent are hereby authorized and directed to (a) cause the form of ballot and form of notice approved herein and attached hereto as **Attachment I** to be published in accordance with such laws, with such changes therein as such officials, in consultation with counsel to the District and bond counsel, deem necessary to conform to such laws, and (b) take all further actions necessary to comply with all publication and filing deadlines and other election procedures and requirements as may be necessary or proper to submit the proposition described in **Section 2** hereof to the qualified electors of the District on the Election Date.

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Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED: _____ ____, 2025

KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0576 (WAUSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

ATTEST:

By: _____
President

By: _____
Secretary

ATTACHMENT I

SAMPLE BALLOT

$2,150,000

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0576
(WAUSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

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"Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?"

 FOR such Bonds and tax

 AGAINST such Bonds and tax

Electors voting in favor of the proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "FOR such Bonds and tax" following the proposition.

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

$2,150,000

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(WAUSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the qualified electors of Knox County School District 0576 (Wausa Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the **"District"**) that a special election has been called and will be held in the District on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

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Ballots for early voting may be obtained from the County Election Commissioner's office.

By Mail Election
This election will be an election by mail. All registered voters residing within Knox County School District 0576 (Wausa Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska will receive their ballot by mail and therefore no polling places will be open for voting. Ballots will be mailed by the Election Commissioner not sooner than the 22nd day and not later than the 10th day before the election date of November 4, 2025

(between October 13, 2025, and October 25, 2025). Upon receipt of the official ballot, the registered voter shall mark it, seal the ballot in the identification envelope supplied with the ballot, sign the identification envelope, and comply with the instructions provided with the ballot.

Voter Registration Deadlines

The deadline to register to vote at an agency, online, with a deputy registrar, by mail or delivered by an agent is the third Friday before the election date (October 17, 2025). The deadline for in-person registration is the second Friday before the election date (October 24, 2025), by 6:00 p.m. at the County Election Commissioner's office for the County in which the voter lives. Any voter who changes information on a current registration or registers to vote after the ballots have been mailed but before such in-person registration deadline, will be given a ballot at the time of registration or change. Ballots for early voting may be obtained at the Election Commissioner's office of the County in which the voter lives.

Ballot Return Deadline

Voted ballots, sealed in the completed identification envelope and completed in accordance with the instructions provided with the ballot, must be delivered by mail, in person, or by an agent to the Election Commissioner. Ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF KNOX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0576 (WAUSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA