2026 Wausa Public Schools Budget Hearing
Monday, September 28, 2026 7:55 PM
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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
2. Consent Agenda
    2.1. Motion to Accept the Agenda as presented
3. Guests/Public Comment:
4. Discussion:
    4.1. 2026-27 Wausa School Budget
5. Adjourn

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Wausa Public Schools (54-0576) in Knox County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 28th day of September, 2026 at 7:55 o'clock, P.M., at Wausa Public Schools, 300 S. Bismark St. Wausa, NE 68786 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: https://nep.education.ne.gov

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2025-2026 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2026-2027 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	$ 4,257,280.00	$ 5,195,754.00	$ 5,494,129.00	$ 1,100,000.00	$ 3,175,515.00	$ 3,453,145.00
Depreciation	$ 62,212.00	$ 250,000.00	$ 250,000.00		$ 250,000.00	
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ 43,173.00	$ 45,000.00	$ -	$ 45,000.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 188,662.00	$ 360,000.00	$ 370,000.00	$ -	$ 370,000.00	
School Nutrition	$ 174,685.00	$ 307,000.00	$ 357,000.00	$ -	$ 357,000.00	
Bond	$ 208,266.00	$ 277,000.00	$ 417,000.00	$ 118,657.00	$ 168,657.00	$ 421,212.00
Special Building	$ 94,476.00	$ 2,480,205.00	$ 650,000.00		$ 450,000.00	$ 202,020.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ 79,428.00	$ 149,000.00	$ 149,000.00	$ -	$ 66,000.00	$ 83,838.00
Cooperative	$ -	$ 180,000.00	$ 180,000.00	$ -	$ 360,000.00	
Student Fee	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 5,065,009.00	$ 9,242,132.00	$ 7,912,129.00	$ 1,218,657.00	$ 5,242,172.00	$ 4,160,215.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 505,050.00	$ 3,655,165.00	$ 4,160,215.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Wausa Public Schools (54-0576) in Knox County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 21st day of, September 2026 at 6:05 o'clock P.M., at The Barn, God's Country, 53174 Hwy 84, Crofton, NE 68786 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Property Valuations	545,685,588	579,589,861	6%

	2025-2026 Budget Information				***2026-2027 Budget Information***				
Fund	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Property Tax Request	2025 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2025-2026 Request **Divided By** 2026 Valuation)	2026-2027 Operating Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2026 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	5,212,351.00	3,287,740.00	0.602497	0.567253	5,494,129.00	3,453,145.00	0.595791	-1%	5%
Bond Fund(s) 2019	277,000.00	214,141.00	0.039243	0.036947	417,000.00	265,072.00	0.045734	17%	51%
Bond Fund(s) 2025			0.000000	0.000000		156,140.00	0.036983	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	2,400,000.00	118,030.00	0.021630	0.020364	650,000.00	202,020.00	0.034856	61%	-73%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	149,000.00	80,808.00	0.014809	0.013942	149,000.00	83,838.00	0.014465	-2%	0%
Total	8,038,351.00	3,700,719.00	0.678178	0.638506	6,710,129.00	4,160,215.00	0.727829	7%	-17%

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Wausa Public Schools passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Wausa Public Schools resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	$	3,453,145.00
Bond Fund:	$	421,212.00
Special Building Fund:	$	202,020.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund:	$	83,838.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 6.21 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.638506 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Wausa Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.727829 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Wausa Public Schools will increase (decrease) last year's budget by -13.8 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt Resolution #_____.

Voting yes were:	Voting no were:
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Dated this 28th day of September, 2026