Holdrege Public Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting

September 21, 2026, immediately following the property tax request hearing

Holdrege High School Media Center, 600 12th Avenue, Holdrege, NE 68949

I. Call to Order - Roll Call
II. Recognition of Visitors
  II.A. HEA Report
  II.B. Student Council Report
  II.C. Public Forum
III. Board of Education Committee Reports
IV. Business Items
  IV.A. Action Items
    IV.A.1. Consent Agenda
      IV.A.1.a. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Minutes - August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting and September 16, 2026 Budget Workshop & Budget Hearing
      IV.A.1.b. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Warrants/Bills
      IV.A.1.c. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Treasurer's Report
      IV.A.1.d. Excuse Absent Board Members
    IV.A.2. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Bill(s) from InSPIRe - Holdrege, LLC.
    IV.A.3. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Bill(s) from John Deere Financial/Landmark Implement, Inc.
    IV.A.4. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on Holdrege Public Schools 2026-27 Budget
    IV.A.5. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on Holdrege Public Schools Property Tax Request for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year
    IV.A.6. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on Amendment & Restatement of Section 125 Flexible Benefits Plan
    IV.A.7. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Resignation of Superintendent
    IV.A.8. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on the Resignation of Noncertificated Staff
    IV.A.9. Discuss, Consider, and Take Action on Proposed Revision of 2026-27 Extra Duty Assignments
V. Reports
  V.A. Administrative Reports
  V.B. Superintendent's Report
VI. Board Policies

VI.A. Approval of 2026-27 Resolution & Appendix to Board Policy #5006 - Enrollment Option

VII. Adjournment

Instructions for those who wish to speak during Public Forum:

Getting Started: When it is your turn to speak during the public forum portion of the agenda, please come forward to the Board Secretary, complete the form provided with your name and any organization represented, as well as your address, and then state your name and any organization represented to the Board of Education.

Time Limit: You may speak only one time and must limit comments to 5 minutes or less.
Personnel or Student Topic: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that our policies require that such concerns initially be directed to the administration for consideration. Board members will not respond to any questions you ask or comments you may make about individual staff members or students. You are cautioned that slanderous comments are not protected just because they are made at a Board meeting.

General Rules: Please remember that this is a public meeting for the conduct of the business of the Board of Education. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Holdrege Board of Education
Monday, August 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
High School Media Center

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Holdrege Public Schools was convened in open session on Monday, August 17, 2026, at the High School Media Center at 6:00 p.m.

Notice of Meeting Posted 8/13/26 Holdrege Daily Citizen
Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was duly called to order.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting
At the beginning of this meeting, it was announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room and directed the public to its location.

The following board members were present: Teresa Kroll, Alex McClymont, Chris McQuillan, Samantha Minnick, Brian Rust, and Nick Wells. Also present were Todd Hilyard, Superintendent, Sandy Dunaway, Secretary, and Elizabeth Piening, Business Manager.

President Rust recognized visitors and invited comments for the public forum.

Board committee reports were reviewed.

Motion by Minnick, seconded by McClymont, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:
a. Approval of Minutes of July 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
b. Approve the Warrants/Bills
c. Approve the Treasurer's Report
d. Excuse Absent Board Members

On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McQuillan, seconded by McClymont, to approve payment of the bill from InSPIRe - Holdrege, LLC. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-abstained with conflict, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wells, seconded by Minnick, to approve an agreement with Done Right Masonry of Kearney for HHS masonry sealing in the amount of $45,000. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rust, seconded by Kroll, to approve the 2026-27 CCC Memorandum of Understanding for courses offered by HPS, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McQuillan, seconded by Minnick, to approve the 2026-27 Interlocal Agreement with Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska Head Start as presented for the purpose of serving preschool children with disabilities in the least restrictive environment. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Minnick, seconded by Rust, to approve the agreement with Axtell Public Schools for 2026-27 special education services for a resident student at Axtell North Mosaic, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McClymont, seconded by Wells, to approve the revised 2026-27 Extra Duty Assignments, as presented. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by McQuillan, seconded by Kroll, to accept the resignation of the following noncertificated staff: Bridgette Melroy, paraeducator, effective July 20, 2026. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Minnick, seconded by McQuillan, to approve the employment of the following noncertificated/classified staff: Lynn Kinnaman, Amanda Krause, Tami Littrell, and Tifani Sorensen, paraeducators. On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Administrative reports were reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on September 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Sandy Dunaway

Sandy Dunaway, Secretary
Holdrege Board of Education

BUDGET WORKSHOP & BUDGET HEARING
Holdrege Board of Education
Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
High School Media Center

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Holdrege Public Schools was convened in open session on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at the Holdrege High School Media Center, 600 12th Avenue, Holdrege, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m.

Notice Posted 9/10/26 Holdrege Citizen
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President Rust recognized visitors and invited comments for the public forum.

Budget information was reviewed, including valuation, levies, property tax, and facilities goals.

The 2026-27 Budget Hearing was held for the purpose of allowing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget.

No comments were given and the hearing was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Sandy Dunaway

Sandy Dunaway, Secretary
Holdrege Board of Education

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Holdrege Public Schools (69-0044) in Phelps 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 16th day of September 2026 at 6:00 o'clock, P.M. at the Holdrege High School Media Center 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	$ 16,065,180.00	$ 19,323,000.00	$ 20,413,656.00	$ 4,000,000.00	$ 12,883,656.00	$ 11,646,465.00
Depreciation	$ 44,966.00	$ -	$ 250,000.00		$ 250,000.00	
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 734,237.00	$ 850,000.00	$ 1,100,000.00	$ -	$ 1,100,000.00	
School Nutrition	$ 661,588.00	$ 587,491.00	$ 875,000.00	$ -	$ 875,000.00	
Bond	$ 1,030,243.00	$ 1,950,500.00	$ 1,880,000.00	$ -	$ 985,000.00	$ 904,040.00
Special Building	$ 680,377.00	$ 1,850,000.00	$ 1,815,000.00		$ 1,277,066.00	$ 543,368.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Cooperative	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Student Fee	$ 13,758.00	$ -	$ 11,000.00	$ -	$ 11,000.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 19,230,349.00	$ 24,560,991.00	$ 26,344,656.00	$ 4,000,000.00	$ 17,381,722.00	$ 13,093,873.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 904,040.00	$ 12,189,833.00	$ 13,093,873.00

2026-2027
STATE OF NEBRASKA
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

County-District #: 69-0044 **Class #: III**

Holdrege Public Schools

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF

Phelps County

This budget is for the Period SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 through AUGUST 31, 2027

Upon Filing, The School Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX REQUIRED FOR:	Principal and Interest on Bonds	All Other Purposes	TOTAL
General Fund	$ -	$ 11,646,465.00	$ 11,646,465.00
Bond Fund(s) *[If More Than 1 Bond Fund - Total All Together]*	$ 904,040.00		$ 904,040.00
Special Building Fund	$ -	$ 543,368.00	$ 543,368.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total All Funds	$ 904,040.00	$ 12,189,833.00	$ 13,093,873.00

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of September 1, 2026
(Include Bond Fund(s) and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund)

$ 5,160,000.00	Principal
$ 263,730.00	Interest
$ 5,423,730.00	**Total Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness**

Total Certified Valuation (All Counties) $ 1,721,767,167

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.*

County Clerk's Use Only

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?

[ ] YES [X] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th.*

Has your School District held a successful election to override the levy limits provided in Statute 77-3442, which is in effect for 2025-2026 school fiscal year?

[ ] YES [X] NO

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO Box 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2026

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk
3. Nebraska Dept. of Education -Upload to NDE Portal only

BUDGET STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF TAX

County-District # 69-0044
Holdrege Public Schools

2026-2027 BUDGET ADOPTED

	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Column 3)	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 5)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 6)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	NECESSARY CASH RESERVE (Column 8)	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS (Col 7 + Col 8) (Column 9)
General	7,491,755.00	12,883,656.00	11,530,000.00	24,413,656.00	3,000,000.00	17,413,656.00	20,413,656.00	4,000,000.00	24,413,656.00
Depreciation	147,431.00	250,000.00		250,000.00			250,000.00		250,000.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-		-
Activities	280,448.00	1,100,000.00		1,100,000.00			1,100,000.00	-	1,100,000.00
School Nutrition	-	875,000.00		875,000.00			875,000.00	-	875,000.00
Bond	957,614.00	985,000.00	895,000.00	1,880,000.00			1,880,000.00	-	1,880,000.00
Special Building	1,197,016.00	1,277,066.00	537,934.00	1,815,000.00			1,815,000.00		1,815,000.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-	-
Student Fee	10,035.00	11,000.00		11,000.00			11,000.00	-	11,000.00
				-					-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	10,084,299.00	17,381,722.00	12,962,934.00	30,344,656.00	3,000,000.00	17,413,656.00	26,344,656.00	4,000,000.00	30,344,656.00

PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX RECAP	General Fund	Bond Fund(s) [Total Of All Bond Funds]	Special Building Fund	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund
PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM COLUMN 3 (Line A)	11,530,000.00	895,000.00	537,934.00	-
COUNTY TREASURER'S COMMISSION 1% OF TAXES COLLECTED (Line B)	116,465.00	9,040.00	5,434.00	-
TOTAL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Line A + Line B) (Line C)	11,646,465.00	904,040.00	543,368.00	-

CERTIFIED STATE AID	MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES
$ 1,596,484.00	**$ 765,000.00**

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2026			
1,200,000.00	175,000.00	55,000.00	-

2025-2026 ACTUAL/ESTIMATED								
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	**TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES** (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	**PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES** (Column 3)	**TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE** (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Column 5)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Column 6)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS** (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE** (Col 4 - Col 7) (Column 8)
General	10,268,853.00	20,214,755.00	6,600,000.00	26,814,755.00	3,301,000.00	16,022,000.00	19,323,000.00	7,491,755.00
Depreciation	145,631.00	147,431.00		147,431.00			-	147,431.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	420,448.00	1,130,448.00		1,130,448.00			850,000.00	280,448.00
School Nutrition	78,017.00	587,491.00		587,491.00			587,491.00	-
Bond	2,046,714.00	2,133,114.00	775,000.00	2,908,114.00			1,950,500.00	957,614.00
Special Building	2,718,664.00	2,867,307.00	179,709.00	3,047,016.00			1,850,000.00	1,197,016.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	-	-	-			-	-
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-
Student Fee	10,030.00	10,035.00		10,035.00			-	10,035.00
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	15,688,357.00	27,090,581.00	7,554,709.00	34,645,290.00	3,301,000.00	16,022,000.00	24,560,991.00	10,084,299.00

NOTE: Total Disbursements and Transfers (Column 7) is the sum of Column 5 and Column 6 for the General Fund only. For all other funds, numbers will pull automatically from the Worksheets.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	
$	**800,000.00**

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2024-2025 ACTUAL								
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	**TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES** (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	**PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES** (Column 3)	**TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE** (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Column 5)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Column 6)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS** (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE** (Col 4 - Col 7) (Column 8)
General	8,974,971.00	19,256,251.00	7,077,782.00	26,334,033.00	2,486,816.00	13,578,364.00	16,065,180.00	10,268,853.00
Depreciation	183,359.00	190,597.00		190,597.00			44,966.00	145,631.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	442,956.00	1,154,685.00		1,154,685.00			734,237.00	420,448.00
School Lunch	166,754.00	739,605.00		739,605.00			661,588.00	78,017.00
Bond	2,080,245.00	2,285,518.00	791,439.00	3,076,957.00			1,030,243.00	2,046,714.00
Special Building	2,793,006.00	3,105,333.00	293,708.00	3,399,041.00			680,377.00	2,718,664.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	-	-	-			-	-
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-
Student Fee	23,780.00	23,788.00		23,788.00			13,758.00	10,030.00
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$ 14,665,071.00	26,755,777.00	8,162,929.00	34,918,706.00	2,486,816.00	13,578,364.00	19,230,349.00	15,688,357.00

NOTE: Total Disbursements and Transfers (Column 7) is the sum of Column 5 and Column 6 for the General Fund only. For all other funds, numbers will pull automatically from the Worksheets.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	
$	**922,264.00**

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	**Holdrege Public Schools**
ADDRESS	**PO Box 2002**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Holdrege, NE 68949**
TELEPHONE	**308-995-8663**
WEBSITE	**dusters.org**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Brian Rust	Todd Hilyard	Elizabeth Piening
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Superintendent	Business Manager
TELEPHONE	308-995-8663	308-995-8663	308-995-8663
EMAIL ADDRESS	todd.hilyard@dusters.org	todd.hilyard@dusters.org	elizabeth.piening@dusters.org

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [ ] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [X] Preparer

Holdrege Public Schools

2026-2027 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Non-Bond Property Tax Request (1) $ 11,874,761.00
*(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes from **prior year** budget - Cover Page)*

Base Limitation Percentage Increase (2%) 2.00 % (2)

Real Growth Percentage Increase

10,542,130.00	/	1,594,139,673.00	=	0.66 % (3)
2026 Real Growth Value per Assessor		Prior Year Total Property Valuation per Assessor		

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) 2.66 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) $ 315,868.64

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) **$ 12,190,629.64**
(Without needing to attend Joint Public Hearing, or be included on postcard notification)

ACTUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

2026-2027 ACTUAL Non-Bond Property Tax Request (7) $ 12,189,833.00
(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes from Cover Page)

Property Tax Request is within allowable growth percentage. Political subdivision is NOT required to complete postcard notification requirements, or participate in the joint public hearing.

If line (7) is **greater than** line (6), your political subdivision **is required** to participate in the joint public hearing, and complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You must provide the required information to the County Assessor electronically by September 4th. You are not required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632. The joint public hearing is completed in lieu of this hearing.

If line (7) is **less than** line (6), your political subdivision **is not required** to participate in the joint public hearing, or complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You are required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632.

SCHEDULE A GENERAL FUND LID EXCLUSIONS

County-District # 69-0044

Holdrege Public Schools

Line No.		2026-2027 Amount Budgeted To Spend
1	Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster: (List repair)	
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9	**Total Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster** (Lines 1 through 8)	$ -
10	**Judgments:** (List the types of judgments obtained against your School District to the extent such judgment is not paid by liability insurance)	
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		
17	**Total Judgments** (Lines 11 through 16)	$ -
18	**Distance Education Courses**	
19	**Amounts eligible as exclusion for Voluntary Termination Agreements**	
20	**Retirement Contribution Increase**	$ 237,820.00
21	**Native American Impact Aid**	
22	**Total General Fund Lid Exclusions - To LC-2 Form** (Line 9 + Line 17 to 21)	$ 237,820.00

Holdrege Public Schools

Schedule B - Levy Limit Compliance

NOTE: The Schedule portion below is to determine if the School District has met the levy limitations .

Line No.		**General Fund** (Column A)	**Bond Funds** (Column B)	**Special Building Funds** (Column C)	**Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Funds** (Column D)
1	Total Personal and Real Property Taxes -Cover Page	11,646,465.00	904,040.00	543,368.00	-
2	**Exclusions:**				
3	Bonded indebtedness secured by a levy on property (Includes Co. Treasurer Comm.)	-	904,040.00		-
4	Judgments not paid by liability insurance	-			
5					
6	Voluntary termination agreements with certificated Teachers 9/1/17 and after	-			
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12	**Total Exclusions (Line 3 + Line 11)**	-	904,040.00	-	-
13	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement Subject to the Levy Limitation (Line 1 minus Line 12)	11,646,465.00	-	543,368.00	-
14	Assessed Valuation	1,721,767,167	1,721,767,167	1,721,767,167	1,721,767,167
15	Levy Subject to Limitation ((Line 13 / Line 14) x 100)	0.676425	0.000000	0.031559	0.000000
16	Total Levy for Compliance	0.707984			

Schedule C - Levies Expected to be Set by County

NOTE: The Schedule portion below is to assist with the Levy setting process. Be sure to update valuation column if a particular fund(s) has a different valuation from the standard district-wide valuation noted on the cover page

Fund	Property Taxes	Valuation	Expected Levy
General Fund	$ 11,646,465.00	$ 1,721,767,167	0.676425
Special Building Fund	$ 543,368.00	$ 1,721,767,167	0.031559
Bond Fund	$ 904,040.00	$ 1,721,767,167	0.052507
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Total	**$ 13,093,873.00**		**$ 0.760491**

Must agree to Cover

**** County must independently verify levy calculations before County Board approves final levies pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-1601. Calculations shown here are intended to assist only - it is not to be used for official levy setting purposes.**

Superintendent Pay Transparency Notice—Proposed Contract (*Name of current or new superintendent)*

Notice is hereby given that Holdrege Public Schools has approval of a proposed superintendent employment contract/contract amendment on its agenda for the board meeting to be held on February 16, 2026 at 6 pm at the Holdrege High School Media Center in Holdrege, Nebraska.

After the 2026/27 school year, how many years remain on the contract: (Column F must be completed if additional years remain on contract.)	**2 yrs**

The estimated costs to the district for the 2026/27 year and future years are listed below:

	2026/27 Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits	**Future Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits per Contract**	**TOTAL CONTRACT COST**
Base Pay for the Total FTE	$ 207,375.00	$ 414,750.00	**$ 622,125.00**
Compensation for activities outside of the regular salary:			
● *Extended contracts / Activities outside of regular salary*			$ -
● *Bonus/Incentive/Performance Pay*			$ -
● *Stipends*			$ -
● *All other costs not mentioned above*			**$ -**
Benefits and Payroll Costs Paid by district:			
● *Insurances (Health, Dental, Life, Long Term Disability)*	$ 29,857.00	$ 59,714.00	$ 89,571.00
● *Cafeteria Plan Stipend*			$ -
● *Cash in lieu of insurance*			$ -
● *Employee's share of retirement, deferred compensation, FICA and Medicare* ***if paid by the district***			$ -
● *District's share of retirement, FICA and Medicare*	$ 31,202.00	$ 62,404.00	$ 93,606.00
● *IRS value of housing allowance*			$ -
● *IRS value of vehicle allowance*			$ -
● *Additional leave days*			$ -
● *Annuities*			$ -
● *Service credit purchase*			$ -
● *Association / Membership dues*	$ 1,087.00	$ 2,174.00	$ 3,261.00
● *Cell Phone/Internet reimbursement*	$ 600.00	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,800.00
● *Relocation reimbursement*			$ -
● *Travel allowance/reimbursement*			$ -
● *Mileage Allowance*			$ -
● *Educational tuition assistance*			$ -
● *All other benefit costs not mentioned above*			$ -
Totals:	**$ 270,121.00**	**$ 540,242.00**	**$ 810,363.00**

Schedule D

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Holdrege Public Schools (69-0044) in Phelps 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 16th day of September 2026 at 6:00 o'clock, P.M. at the Holdrege High School Media Center 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	$ 16,065,180.00	$ 19,323,000.00	$ 20,413,656.00	$ 4,000,000.00	$ 12,883,656.00	$ 11,646,465.00
Depreciation	$ 44,966.00	$ -	$ 250,000.00		$ 250,000.00	
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 734,237.00	$ 850,000.00	$ 1,100,000.00	$ -	$ 1,100,000.00	
School Nutrition	$ 661,588.00	$ 587,491.00	$ 875,000.00	$ -	$ 875,000.00	
Bond	$ 1,030,243.00	$ 1,950,500.00	$ 1,880,000.00	$ -	$ 985,000.00	$ 904,040.00
Special Building	$ 680,377.00	$ 1,850,000.00	$ 1,815,000.00		$ 1,277,066.00	$ 543,368.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Cooperative	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Student Fee	$ 13,758.00	$ -	$ 11,000.00	$ -	$ 11,000.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 19,230,349.00	$ 24,560,991.00	$ 26,344,656.00	$ 4,000,000.00	$ 17,381,722.00	$ 13,093,873.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 904,040.00	$ 12,189,833.00	$ 13,093,873.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Holdrege Public Schools (69-0044) in Phelps 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 6:00 o'clock P.M. at the Holdrege High School Media Center 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	1,594,139,673	1,721,767,167	8%

	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	20,102,704.00	11,624,206.00	0.729184	0.675132	20,413,656.00	11,646,465.00	0.676425	-7.2%	1.5%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	1,875,500.00	903,500.00	0.056676	0.052475	1,880,000.00	904,040.00	0.052507	-7.4%	0.2%
Special Building Fund	1,650,000.00	250,555.00	0.015717	0.014552	1,815,000.00	543,368.00	0.031559	100.8%	10.0%
Total	23,628,204.00	12,778,261.00	0.801577	0.742159	24,108,656.00	13,093,873.00	0.760491	-5.1%	2.0%

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Holdrege Public Schools — Phelps

SUBDIVISION NAME — COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)
City of Holdrege	9/6/2005 - 8/31/2010 Automatically Renews	Obtain utility services and other related services and to obtain, install, own, operate, and maintain related utility service and equipment.
ALICAP	Amended 1/15/2007 - Ongoing	Insurance Coverage: Property, Auto, General Liability, Auto, Errors & Omissions, Workers Compensation, Employers Liability, Employer
NASB Medicaid Consortium	9/1/2014 - Ongoing	Medicaid Administrative Claiming Reimbursement Program
Central Community College	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2028	Cooperative instructional program and use of facilities.
Educational Service Unit #11	2025-26 through 2027-28	E-Rate discount procurement of telecommunications services and Internet access.
State of Nebraska	2025-26 through 2027-28	E-Rate discount procurement of telecommunications services and Internet access.
Community Action Partnership of Mid Nebraska Head Start	8/1/2011 - Ongoing, reviewed annually	Serving preschool children with disabilities in the least restrictive environment.
Nebraska Choice Joint Utilities Management Program CJUMP administered by Nebraska Assn of	12/12/2011 - Ongoing	Purchase natural gas and related services.
Educational Service Unit #15	2025-26	Title III Limited English Proficient and Title III Immigrant Education Consortia services for English Language Learners.
Network Nebraska	7/1/2013 - 6/30/2015 Automatically Renews	Provide dependable telecommunications service, support, and delivery to the participants of Network Nebraska-Education and to maintain the integrity of
City of Holdrege	10/10/2016 - 2036-37 School Year	North Park Tennis Court usage for curricular and extracurricular tennis program.
United Way of Midlands	2025-26	Jobs for America's Graduates JAG NE Program at High School and Middle School

Holdrege Public Schools
2026-27
Budget Trivia

Levy Information	2025-26	2026-27	Levy Change	
General Fund	0.729184	0.676425	(0.052759)	
Bond Fund (Elem School)	0.056676	0.052507	(0.004169)	
Building Fund (started levy 09/10)	0.015717	0.031559	0.015842	
	0.801577	0.760491	(0.041086)	

Tax Request	2025-26	2026-27	$ Change	% Change
General Fund	$11,624,206	$11,646,465	$22,259	0.19%
Bond Fund (Elem School)	$903,500	$904,040	$540	0.06%
Building Fund	$250,555	$543,368	$292,813	116.87%
	$12,778,261	$13,093,873	$315,612	2.47%

Budget of Expenditures	2025-26	2026-27	$ Change	% Change
General Fund	$18,802,704	$19,013,656	$210,952	
Protect Unused Budget Authority	$1,300,000	$1,400,000	$100,000	
	$20,102,704	$20,413,656	$310,952	1.55%
Bond Fund	$1,875,500	$1,880,000	$4,500	0.24%
Special Building Fund	$1,650,000	$1,815,000	$165,000	10.00%

Valuation				
General Fund	2025-26 Valuation	2026-27 Valuation	$ Valuation Change	% Change
Phelps Co.	$1,508,379,068	1,629,829,328	$121,450,260	8.05%
Harlan Co.	$85,760,605	91,937,839	$6,177,234	7.20%
Total General Fund	1,594,139,673	1,721,767,167	$127,627,494	8.01%

State Aid	2025-26	2026-27	$ Change	% Change
	$1,720,406	$1,596,484	($123,922)	-7.20%

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2026-27 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION
For Holdrege Public Schools, Phelps County District 69-0044

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

WHEREAS, public was given at least four days in advance of the day of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests for the 2026-27 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, and Special Building Fund of Holdrege Public Schools, Phelps County School District 69-0044; and,

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

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

(1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at $11,646,465;
(2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at $904,040;
(3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at $543,368;
(4) the total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by 8.01%;
(5) 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 $0.742159 per $100 of assessed value;
(6) the Holdrege Public Schools, Phelps County School District 69-0044 proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $0.760491 per $100 of assessed value; and
(7) based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Holdrege Public Schools, Phelps County School District 69-0044 will increase last year's budget by 2.0 percent.

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

It is so moved by ___, and seconded by ___, this 21st day of September, 2026.

On roll call vote: Kroll-___, McClymont-___, McQuillan-___, Minnick-___, Rust-___, Wells- ___. Motion ___ .

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Holdrege Public Schools, Phelps County School 69-0044, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

Sandy Dunaway
Secretary

2026-27 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION
For Holdrege Public Schools, Phelps County District 69-0044

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(6) the Holdrege Public Schools, Phelps County School District 69-0044 proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $0.760491 per $100 of assessed value; and
(7) based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Holdrege Public Schools, Phelps County School District 69-0044 will increase last year's budget by 2.0 percent.

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

It is so moved by Rust, and seconded by Wells, this 21st day of September, 2026.

On roll call vote: Kroll-yes, McClymont-yes, McQuillan-yes, Minnick-yes, Rust-yes, Wells-yes. Motion carried.

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Holdrege Public Schools, Phelps County School 69-0044, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

Sandy Dunaway
Secretary

Holdrege High School
Board Report
September 21, 2026

Jeremy Ham, Principal

1. **MAP Testing** - Fall MAP testing has been completed for all HHS 9-11 students. We tested over two days August 26-27. We held testing sessions 8-10 AM and ran a late start schedule the remainder of the day. The teaching staff much preferred this format over previous years as each of their classes were able to meet each day. Seniors were assigned job shadowing in place of MAP testing.

2. **John Baylor, On to College -** On to College is an ACT preparation program that we use with our Junior class. John will work with our students on September 28th for an in-person three hour session at the Tassel to get the students off to a solid start in English preparation for the ACT. Juniors take the ACT in April. John's program is productive and engaging, he is the voice of Husker volleyball, and takes a special interest in Holdrege as we were one of the first schools in his program. Our students benefit greatly from Mr. Baylor!

3. **Homecoming Week** - Homecoming is this week Mrs. Mach and the student council have an engaging week planned for HHS. Last year we saw a significant increase in student participation with the activities planned by the student council. We will again use our Seminar periods for some of the activities, this allows for maximum participation with so many of our students involved in various activities in the evenings. Coronation will take place right before the football game this year. The student council voted for this, in an effort to provide more time after the game for students to prepare for the dance. The dance will be Friday after the game, 9PM-midnight.

4. **Staff Update** - We have been in school for over 5 weeks at this point. I'm happy to report a very positive start to the year with our new staff. I believe the culture and overall quality of the educational experience continues to improve, I'm observing many positives.

   I started early this year with teacher observations and evaluations, 27% of this year's HHS teaching staff evaluations have been formally completed. Nine staff are currently in the probationary period and will need to be evaluated each semester. My plan is for every teacher to have one evaluation completed by the end of October.

5. **Grades update:** Last week ended with just 33 students (11% of the student body) with at least one grade below C-. 19 students (6.4% of the HHS Student body) had at least one failing grade, and 18 students (6.0% of the HHS Student body) had at least one D grade. These numbers provide a good starting point after 5 weeks and will be used to evaluate our progress with student accountability throughout the semester.

Holdrege Public Schools

Special Education & Early Childhood Report

Director: Casey Klein

September 21, 2026

	Aug	Sep
Birth-3 years	10	7
3-5 years with IEP attending **NON**-HPS Preschool	1	3
3-5 years with IEP attending HPS preschool	5	5
Holdrege Elementary	79	77
Holdrege Middle School	62	60
Holdrege High School	41	41
Special Services Students	**198**	**193**
*3-5 **without IEP** Attending HPS Preschoolers*	*24*	*22*

Notice of Annual Determination — September 14, 2026

Holdrege Public Schools - **met requirements**: We are pleased to share that our annual special education determination information has been received. We will continue to review the information provided by the Nebraska Department of Education and use it to guide our ongoing work to improve outcomes and services for children with disabilities.

Focused Monitoring

Our Focused Monitoring materials were submitted on August 31. We will now wait for next steps and feedback from the Review Team. In the meantime, our special education teachers and staff will continue to focus on identified areas for improvement and strengthening services and outcomes for children with disabilities.

NASES Conference

Mrs. Klein attended the NASES Conference September 9–11. The first day provided opportunities for networking, collaboration, and learning about resources available to support special education. The second day focused on Leading Complex, Adaptive Change, providing strategies for leading through change and addressing complex challenges in education. The final day included the State of the State, where participants reviewed current trends, progress, and potential changes impacting special education across Nebraska.

Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP)

Our Targeted Improvement Plan continues to guide our work toward strengthening special education practices and improving outcomes for students. Staff will continue to focus on using data, collaboration, and evidence-based practices to identify areas of need and make meaningful improvements.

Elementary Board Report
Amber Porter
September 21, 2026

- Elementary students took Fall MAP Assessments September 2nd and 3rd in Kindergarten through 4th grade. We assessed the areas of reading/language arts and math. We had the whole elementary school test at one time. This allowed for everyone in the building including specials teachers to be involved. This called for less out of class testing time. This data is invaluable for student decision making for student placement and school improvement and focus for classroom instruction. We had training on how to adjust classroom work according to the NWEA data from a NWEA/NDE trainer. We have another inservice on this on January 5, 2027.

- Teachers have been again setting their goals for the year based on what we have been learning from our Marzano professional development. These goals help teachers focus on specific areas to improve and use Marzano research based learning strategies within the classroom.

- School Pictures for the Elementary School will be taken on September 17 and 18.

- Our PBIS Team continues to implement the Duster Way all school ticket collection to honor positive student behavior. The whole school will turn in tickets given for positive behavior. When we reach certain goals we get special days at school such as Pajama D. We have a point level system on a very large Duster on a bulletin board in the commons. Students are very excited about this. We are also going to have a Duster t-shirt give away for all students.

- We continue to get teachers and staff trained in the Science of Reading. When this group of teachers completes this comprehensive training, all elementary classroom teachers, Special Education, Speech Pathologists, and Pre-K teachers will have had this training. The rest of the teachers include specials such as PE, Music, Library, Art as well as paras had an abbreviated training.

- Our 4th grade students attended UNK Health and Fitness Day at UNK on September 17. They were given a t-shirt as well as some really fun experiences related to healthy food and healthy habits.

- On September 17, 2026, we had our first Title I family night of the year. We had a game night where students interacted with teachers and their family playing games. They also received free books, prizes, and snacks. Families were also given information on reading with their children.



Upcoming Major Sporting Events

- Volleyball
  - Holdrege Invite September 26th
  - Conference will now be over 2 days (October 19th & 20th)
  - Districts = Serpentine
- Golf
  - Holdrege Golf Invite September 24th
  - Conference @ Cozad September 29th
  - District Golf @ Lakeside Country Club October 5th
- Tennis
  - State Tennis October 14th, 15th, 16th (Now moved to 3 day format)
- Softball
  - Softball Districts will be serpentined (October 8th, 9th & 10th)
- Cross Country
  - Conference Cross Country @ Cozad October 8th
  - District Cross Country @ Ogallala (Crandall Creek) October 14th
  - State Cross Country Friday October 23rd @ Kearney Country Club

HOLDREGE DUSTERS
HOMECOMING WEEK

MON SEP 21	TUE SEP 22	WED SEP 23	THU SEP 24	FRI SEP 25	SAT SEP 26
JV Girls Golf Invite 2 PM @ Holdrege CC	**Boys & Girls XC** 10 AM @ Hastings Elks CC	**Powderpuff Football** 3 PM @ Keifer Field	**Varsity Girls Golf Invite** 9 AM @ Holdrege CC	**HOCO Parade** 2 PM 12th to East to 9th to West to 12th	**Varsity Softball** 9 AM @ Tiger Softball Complex
Powderpuff Football 3 PM @ Keifer Field	**Varsity Girls Golf** 10 AM @ Ogallala		**Studmuffin Volleyball** 3 PM @ HHS	**HOCO Pep Rally** After Parade @ Keifer Field	Tekamah-Herman Tournament
Reserve Volleyball 5:30 PM @ Alma	**Varsity Boys Tennis** 12 PM @ North Platte		**JV Boys Tennis** 4 PM @ Holdrege North Park	**HOCO Crowning Before Kickoff**	**Varsity Volleyball** 9 AM @ HHS
JV Football 6 PM @ HHS	**Gym Games** 3 PM @ HHS		**JV Softball** 5 PM @ Alma / S Valley	**Varsity Football** 6 PM @ HHS	Holdrege Invite
	JV & V Volleyball 5 PM @ Ogallala		**Reserve Volleyball** 5 PM @ Wood River	**HOCO Dance** 9 PM @ HHS	

HOLDREGE DUSTERS BOOSTER CLUB

Board Report
Holdrege Middle School
Lacie Wright-Principal/Curriculum Coordinator
Jacob McLain-Assistant Principal/Assitant AD
September 21, 2026

We are off to a strong start this school year, and I'm excited to share some highlights from September at HMS:

- JAG Program:
  - Hosting several business guest speakers
  - Upcoming leadership field trip on October.
- Arts:
  - New Kiln came in and we can't wait to see what the kids create!
- Sports:
  - Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball are all off to a strong start. Students are working hard, showing teamwork, and representing our school well.
- Staff Highlights:
  - Mr. McLain has implemented positive praise emails for staff and students. The responses to this warmed my heart so much and just make my day. So this is my staff shoutout to him. Thank you for being intentional with positivity!
- MAPS:
  - MS has finished maps testing. We took two mornings to get that completed. Attendance was much better than past years so there was only a handful of make-up testing to do. I owe Mrs. Hellreigel a huge thank you and shout-out for organizing, scheduling, rostering, and putting accommodations in. This is a huge undertaking and I am so thankful for her!
- New initiatives:
  - Staff is being more intentional about tracking some data and following agendas for our day-to-day operations, which is really helping with student and staff accountability.
- Homecoming: Dress up week starts this week and we can't wait to join in the fun!

Thank you for your continued support as we move into the heart of the semester. Our staff and students are off to a fantastic start, and the year ahead looks very bright! School board, If ever you would like to come and visit, feel free to stop by we would love to have you.

Superintendent's Report
9/21/2026

1) Registration for the State Education Conference

    a) Registration opened on September 16th
    b) Room registration opens on September 30th

2) Commissioner's Advisory Meeting

    a) I will be out of the office all day on September 21st (Sidney) but back for the board meeting.

3) Masonry Work at HHS

    a) This project has begun but as of the typing of this report, I have not gotten an update as to the timeline or anything else.

4) Annual Audit

    a) Our annual audit will take place on Wednesday, September 23rd. We expect great results again this year.

5) October 5th Inservice

    a) Monday, October 5th the district will have an inservice day for all certified staff. School will not be in session that day.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications by October 15th for the following school year; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs for the following school year; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this Resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this Resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member ___ moved for its passage and adoption, member ___ seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: Teresa Kroll, Alex McClymont, Chris McQuillan, Samantha Minnick, Brian Rust, and Nick Wells.
The following members voted against the same: None.
The following members were absent or not voting: None.
The Resolution having been consented to and approved by more than a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 21st day of September, 2026.

Attest: **HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

/s/Sandy Dunaway
Secretary

By: /s/Brian Rust
President

Appendix "1" to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix "1" to Policy 5006 effective upon adoption for the 2026-27 School Year and in place for the ensuing school year(s) until superseded. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students in any program, class, grade level, or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has "0" as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	Program Capacity	Projected Resident & Contracted Student Enrollment	Maximum No. of Option Students
Building Capacity:			
Elementary School	400	294	
Middle School	400	255	
High School	420	280	
Kindergarten	80	60	20
First	80	48	32
Second	80	60	20
Third	80	57	23
Fourth	80	69	11
Fifth	100	58	42
Sixth	100	59	41
Seventh	100	65	35
Eighth	100	73	27
Ninth	105	62	43
Tenth	105	63	42
Eleventh	105	74	31
Twelfth	105	81	24

*Special education capacity will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with state law and the available resources as determined by the district's Special Education Director or designee.
** Siblings of current option students are exempt from any capacity limits.