

Board of Education Special Meeting
Monday, April 7, 2025 6:00 PM
Ashland-Greenwood Middle/High School
Conference, 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

2. Acknowledge of Open Meetings Law posting.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comment - Agenda Specific Topics

5. Action Items

5.1. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to call for a special election to authorize the school district to set its property tax request in excess of its property tax request authority by an amount approved by a sixty percent majority of legal voters voting on the issues pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405(1) and adopt resolution concerning the same.

5.2. Certified staff resignations.

6. Public Comment On Non-Agenda Specific Items

7. Informational Items

8. Call for Next Meeting

8.1. The next meeting is set for April 21st, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings are held in Ashland-Greenwood Middle/High School, Conference Room at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE 68003. Notice of the meetings are posted in advance in the District Office, 1842 Furnas Street - West Entrance, Ashland, NE, Farmers & Merchants Bank, 1501 Silver St., Ashland, NE and Bank of Ashland, 2433 Silver St., Ashland, NE. All meetings are open to the public. An agenda for the meeting shall be kept continuously current in the Office of the District Office at 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE 68003.

9. Adjournment.

9.1. Board of Education Information:

The Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Board of Education is empowered to act on any item listed on the agenda at any time during the meeting, irrespective of the time or order listed. Pages listed, or further detail, are available upon request. The Open Meetings Act requires and the intention of the Board is that agenda items be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. The Ashland-Greenwood Board of Education releases its agenda well in advance of most meetings and desires that all interested persons are fully informed. Any interested person who has a question or needs clarification about the sufficiency of a descriptive item should contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

COPY OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT: *The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. The Act is posted on the North wall of the meeting room west of the main entrance.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK: *This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.*

- **Getting Started:** *When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.*
- **Time Limit:** *The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.*
- **Personnel or Student Topic:** *If you are planning to speak about a personnel or a student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such complaints and concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing*

these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments about individual staff members or students.

- **General Rules:** *This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening and hostile conduct or statements and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.*
- **No Action by the Board:** *The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.*

REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSIONS:

The Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools is authorized by state statute to hold closed sessions. Closed sessions may be held when clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest or for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual. Reasons that meet this standard include but are not limited to: a) strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, real estate matters, pending litigation, or litigation which is imminent as evidenced by communication of a claim or threat of litigation to or by the public body; b) discussion regarding deployment of security personnel or devices; c) investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; (d) evaluation of the job performance of a person when necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person and if such person has not requested a public meeting; and e) legal advice.

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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, sign your name and address on the sign-in sheet and state your name 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 generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments you 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 meeting of the Board of Education held in public for conducting the business of the Board of Education. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated.

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