

David City Public School Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 8, 2025 7:00 PM
Bellwood Elem Media Center
612 Park St
Bellwood, NE 68624

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2. Open Meetings Statement
 - 1.3. Attendance/Absence Approval
2. Facility Advocates Presentation
3. Student and Staff Involvement
 - 3.1. FCCLA Presentation
4. Consent Agenda
 - 4.1. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s).
 - 4.2. Approve Claims Against the District
 - 4.3. Financial Reports
5. Board Committee Reports
 - 5.1. Negotiations Committee - Wed Oct 29 @ 7pm
6. Board Workshop/Conference Reports
 - 6.1. State School Board Conference - Wed Nov 19 - Fri Nov 21
7. Administrative Reports
 - 7.1. Dr. Denker
 - 7.2. Mrs. Athow

7.3. Mr. Lindsley

7.4. Ms. Greenfield

7.5. Ms. Romshek

7.6. Ms. Daniels

7.7. Mr. Hermelbracht

8. Public Forum

9. Discussion and Action Items

9.1. Discuss, consider, and take action on Policy 5006 Option Enrollment Capacity and Resolution for the 2026-27 school year.

9.2. Discuss 6th-grade enrollment and education options. No official action or decision will be made.

10. Enter into executive session to prevent the needless harm of an individual's reputation.

11. Personnel

11.1. Discuss, consider, and take action on the coach's aide application.

12. Future Discussion and Action Items

13. Adjournment

The girls' volleyball team is about halfway through their season with a record of 13-7. The upcoming games are a triangular at Shelby-Rising City with Shelby and Schuyler on Tuesday, October 7, and then another triangular with Sutton and Fairbury on Thursday, at Sutton.

The football team is also seeing a positive season with a record of 4-2, just recently playing and beating Madison on Thursday, October 2nd. Their next game is away, against Humphrey Lindsey Holy Family.

The softball team had their pinkout game against Milford in town on Thursday, October 2, and won 5-0 against the Eagles. They are now 19-7 and will begin districts next week, in Beatrice.

The marching band recently saw success at the competition in Pierce, receiving a 2 in excellence on Wednesday, October 1st.

Cross country had their pinkout meet here at the golf course in David City on Thursday, October 2, and had a decent turnout there.

Cheer and Dance just performed at the football game against Madison and were able to wear pink bows and use pink pom-poms for October's Breast Cancer Awareness.

FCA is going well and will have an upcoming event on October 22nd, at the auditorium in town, called Fields of Faith, and it will be open to the public for anyone to come in and experience the lesson and group of people.

The National Honor Society just finished up their random act of kindness for September by painting rocks and putting inspirational words on them and leaving them around parks in David City and Bellwood. For October, they will help by participating in Scare-Away Hunger and also volunteering to give out candy to businesses for Trunk-or-Treat downtown.

One-Act is beginning to practice and will have their first public performance here at the school on November 1st.

Stay-U discussed plans for Red Ribbon Week, which is coming up this month.

Student Council will be helping with parent-teacher conferences by handing out cookies and refreshments to the public, and will also be discussing ideas for Thanksgiving backpacks.

Board Report #2

The high school football team has moved to 4-2 and 3-0 in our district. Their next game is this Friday, Oct. 10th, against Humphery-Lindsay. Most importantly, they were able to defeat Newman Grove/St. Edward at our homecoming game.

The high school homecoming dance took place on Saturday, Sept. 20th. This year's theme was "Follow the Yellow Brick Road," inspired by *The Wizard of Oz*.

Cross Country has competed in a total of 5 meets. Their next meet is Thursday, Oct. 9th.

The Blue River Panthers have progressed to 18-7. Abby Lindsey set a new school record with 14 strikeouts. The girls have Districts against Beatrice on Thursday, the 9th.

The girls' volleyball team is now 13-7. Their next match is Tuesday, Oct. 7th, against Shelby-Rising City.

Stay-U held its first official meeting on Friday, Oct. 3rd. This year's theme is "Shine Bright, Stay Drug Free."

Esports has started its chess season off on a strong note. Calean Olson is undefeated.

One-Act is preparing for their first performance on Oct. 30th. This will be held in the high school gym.

Quiz Bowl is preparing for its first competition at Central City on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.

NHS has completed September's Random Act of Kindness by placing rocks with encouraging messages at the park, David City Elementary's playground, Bellwood's playground, Aquinas Elementary, the Preschool, and the Purple Park.

Jr. Mates have begun hanging out with their partners at the elementary school. This is the most volunteers we've had come from the high school. The elementary students love spending time with their older friends across the street, whom they look up to.

Students have been given the opportunity to take the PSAT here at David City on Tuesday, Oct. 14th.

David City Public School Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 10, 2025 7:10 PM or
immediately following the tax request hearing
Board Meeting Room at the High School
750 D St.
David City, NE 68632-1724

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and posting to meet the legal requirements for public notice of meeting. The meeting notice was published in the Banner Press and Columbus Telegram, publications established for general circulation within the district and posted on the front door of each school building and the David City Post Office. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. A current copy of the agenda for said meeting was available in the Superintendent's office and the district's website. 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.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Stephanie Summers called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Stephanie Summers asked all attendees to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2. Open Meetings Statement

Stephanie Summers informed all attendees that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law was posted and available for inspection.

1.3. Attendance/Absence Approval

All board members and all administrators were in attendance.

2. Student and Staff Involvement

2.1. Student Board Member Reports

Rands and Blades both submitted a written report.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s).

3.2. Approve Claims Against the District

Dr. Denker discussed this month's claims with the district, as provided.

3.3. Financial Reports

Kasey Kuhlman made the motion to approve consent agenda items 3.1-3.3. Marcus Thoendel seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Board Committee Reports

None to report

5. Board Workshop/Conference Reports

5.1. NASB Area Meeting

Stephanie Summers, Marcus Thoendel, Kasey Kuhlman, and Donnie Moravec attended the NASB area board meeting in York on Tuesday, August 26th.

Stephanie Summers, Marcus Thoendel, Donnie Moravec, Justin Krafka, and Kasey Kuhlman plan to attend the State School Board Conference in Omaha in November.

6. Administrative Reports

- 6.1. Dr. Denker
- 6.2. Mrs. Athow
- 6.3. Mr. Lindsley
- 6.4. Ms. Greenfield
- 6.5. Ms. Romshek
- 6.6. Ms. Daniels
- 6.7. Mr. Hermelbracht

All Admin submitted their written reports.

7. Discussion and Action Items

7.1. Discuss, consider, and take action on the 2025-26 school budget for all funds of the district. Kasey Kuhlman made the motion to approve the 2025-26 school budget for all funds of the district as provided. Donnie Moravec seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Aaron Rerucha voted no.

7.2. Discuss, consider, and take action on the 2025-26 tax request for all funds of the district (general, special building, qcpuf k-8) and adopt a resolution for the tax request. Donnie Moravec made the motion to approve the on the 2025-26 tax request for all funds of the district (general, special building, qcpuf k-8) and adopt a resolution for the tax request as provided. Justin Krafka seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1. Aaron Rerucha voted no.

7.3. Discuss, consider, and take action on updated board policy 3132 Internal Controls. Marcus Thoendel made the motion to approve the updated board policy 3132 Internal Controls as provided. Kasey Kuhlman seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

7.4. Discuss, consider, and take action to authorize the superintendent to sell the 2004 Chevy pickup.

Kasey Kuhlman made the motion to authorize Dr. Denker to sell the 2004 Chevy pickup. Marcus Thoendel seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

8. Personnel

None

9. Public Forum

No public forum

10. Future Discussion and Action Items

Discuss an additional 6th grade teacher for the 2026-27 school year at the October school board meeting. No official action will be taken. A final decision by the board will not be made until the November school board meeting.

Reminder: The October board meeting will be held in Bellwood.

11. Adjournment

Marcus Thoendel made the motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Donnie Moravec seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

DC Supt Monthly Board Report
October 2025
Chad Denker, Supt

HVAC

Travis Hays and I have spent a fair amount of time discussing various issues with the HVAC systems in our buildings. The board will be asked to move forward on some replacement projects in the near future. Facility Advocates will give a presentation at our October board meeting for you to review.

Communities For Kids

I have attended two community meetings with other stakeholders. The group is working on ways to support our area daycare providers to ensure quality options for families in the district.

Teacher Negotiations

Believe it or not, soon it will be time to conduct teacher negotiations for the 2026-27 school year. Insurance rates for next year will be available the last week of October. Everyone in the profession assumes we will see fairly significant rate increases.

Budget Codes

The feds have changed some of the budget codes so Angie and I will need adjust some of the ways we currently code some of our expenditures. You won't really see a difference because it is in the sub-codes for lack of a better term and not the overall overarching codes.

Budget and Tax Request

The approved budget and tax request for 2025-26 have been officially submitted to the state auditor, NDE, and all counties in which we have property (Butler, Platte, Saunders, and Seward).

Small Bus

Due to tariffs, etc. our 14-passenger bus is not scheduled to be delivered until December. The original date was October.

Tree

A tree fell on a student's car on the west side of the high school. Our insurance company said it is considered an act of God and not typically covered by our insurance policy. The representative will contact the family and explain it to them much better than I can.

Lions Club

Just an FYI, the Lions Club is looking to start a group here in David City. I think Wahoo is the closest one.

David City School Board Report: Athow

October 3, 2025

As we move into the fall season, we are reinforcing our guiding commitment for the year: to be **"All In"**—for our students, our staff, and our community. This principle guides our work in providing a quality educational environment. We are prioritizing three goals: improve communication with the staff and the public, continue and enhance the strong relationships and positive culture in the building and engage parents and the public in the school. The updates below reflect this commitment in action.

Celebration for Attendance Improvement (Strong relationships and Positive Culture)

We are excited about our attendance improvement we are seeing this quarter. As compared to last year at this time, we have cut our chronic attendance referrals by 60% and our tardies by 30%. We continue to focus on Visible Instruction and ensuring we are developing positive relationships with students. When students feel welcome, they want to be in school!

A Look Back at Homecoming (Positive Culture and Community Engagement)

Homecoming week was a success, centered around the theme **"There's No Place Like HOME Coming."** The community pep rally, football game, and dance were all well-attended. Thank you to the students, staff, and community members who participated in the week's events.

Athletic Tournament Success

Congratulations to our student-athletes on their recent wins in David City hosted tournaments. Both the Scout Volleyball Team and the Scout Softball Team won their respective competitions. We commend the players and coaches for their hard work and successful performance. Our cross country runners have improved and had a strong showing at Aquinas, even though the day was hot and humid. The football team has also been working hard to maintain a winning record for the season. Our eSports team has had success and took second at their first competition.

Updates from Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Our CTE programs are progressing with their hands-on learning projects for the semester.

- **Construction:** The construction class has begun its shed-building project, allowing students to apply their skills in a practical setting.

- **FFA:** FFA members are preparing for the upcoming Land Judging competition and organizing their annual "Feed the Farmer" event for this month.

Staff Professional Development

To improve instruction and student support, our staff participated in several professional development opportunities this month:

- **Marzano Training:** Teachers attended a session focused on effective instructional strategies. Marzano is our instructional framework, and the decision was made to provide professional development throughout the year to ensure our newer teachers were given proper training and our veteran teachers were given a refresher. The majority of teachers felt this opportunity was valuable and left with new strategies to use in the classroom.
- **Student Support Systems:** The MTSS team received additional training on the Educlimber platform, which is used to analyze student data and implement targeted academic and behavioral interventions. The team will attend the upcoming MTSS conference in Kearney this week to align programming K-12. Annie Chrisman and I will attend and return to lead the school MTSS team going forward.

September Newsletter (Communication Goal): The Newsletter is [LINKED HERE](#) and was sent to families with the following message:

David City Public Schools is committed to ensuring we have clear, consistent communication with families. You can find our monthly Newsletter on the David City Public Schools website, Facebook, email and via text message at the end of every month. Thank you for your support, and please reach out to Mrs. Athow with any questions you may have. Enjoy your September Newsletter and Go Scouts!

Daily Update (Communication Goal): I have attached an [example of the Daily Update](#), which is what staff sees on a daily basis. They receive this email each day by 7:35 (usually by 6 AM) to ensure clarity in communication and a collective effort at our school. I did not include some components for confidentiality reasons, but it gives you a good idea of what is received by staff.

Upcoming Items of Note: Please keep the following dates and events in mind as we approach the middle of the semester.

- **End of the First Quarter:** The first grading period is coming to a close. As we end the first quarter, I have been providing the top 10 teaching strategies as outlined by John Hattie in his *Visible Learning* series, which is a compilation of best practices backed by years of research.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Information regarding our first Parent-Teacher Conferences of the year will be sent out soon. We are looking forward to using this time and space for meeting parents, and providing some opportunities for community engagement.

Thank you for your continued support!

DC Secondary Principal, Stacy Athow

Chad Lindsley
Board Report
10/8/2025

The first quarter is almost done already and seemed to fly by. It is hard to believe we will be starting the 2nd quarter already next week. This month I am going to focus on a couple main points for this report.

A few items I would like to point out from this past month.

- Picture day went really well. We were able to get all the staff and students through in just a couple hours.
- I continue to meet with attendance support regularly which allows me to collaborate with any possible attendance concerns. Last year through the same amount of time we referred 17 students to attendance support and this year we have referred 8.
- I continue to work on my observations both formal and walk-throughs. I enjoy getting into the classrooms as it allows me for some great conversations with teachers. I enjoy seeing the great ways our teachers reach students.
- Last year through Oct. 3 we had a total of 212 tardies with 80 of those for 1st hour. This year we have had 147 tardies with 56 of those to 1st hour.
- Local law enforcement has been a great partner for our school. They even showed up to hang out with kids during the homecoming dance.
- Standard Response Protocol continues to be something we have to continue to review and practice.

David City Elementary October 2025–26 Board Report

Enrollment

David City Elementary currently serves 243 students in grades K–6 and 47 students in preschool. Compared to this time last year, the elementary enrollment reflects a decrease of nine students. This shift is primarily due to the transition of a large 6th-grade class to middle school.

Attendance

Our weekly and monthly attendance initiatives are making a difference. We are currently up 1.02% in overall attendance compared to this time last year. This improvement highlights the ongoing efforts of staff, students, and families to prioritize consistent attendance and support student success.

Constitution Day

On Wednesday, September 17, 2025, students at David City Elementary celebrated Constitution Day with a variety of engaging activities across grade levels:

- Preschool: *Together We Can—What is the U.S. Constitution?* PBS Kids video
- Kindergarten: *Constitution Day for Kids* video and Roll, Add, and Color activity
- 1st Grade: *Read "We the Kids" wrote and signed a classroom constitution*
- 2nd Grade: Constitution Mini Book
- 3rd Grade: *"Constitution Day for Kids" video. Trivia over the American government*
- 4th Grade: *The Constitution for Kids* video and Constitution Day Book activity
- 5th Grade: *Constitution Day—Federal Holiday* video by Bow Tie Guy and Wife
- 6th Grade: Constitution Day video and Constitution Scavenger Hunt
- Music: *The Star-Spangled Banner*

Students learned about the importance of the Constitution through videos, books, songs, and interactive activities that made the history and significance of this foundational document come alive.

Homecoming

Students and staff had a great time participating in all the special dress-up days throughout Homecoming Week. The energy and school spirit were on full display, and the pep rally was a fun way to wrap up the week's festivities.

High Ability Learner (HAL) Day

On September 17th, Mrs Roemmich, HAL Coordinator, organized an exciting day focused on water and environmental science. Sydney Abbott from NRD joined students to share about the NRD, lead a watershed activity, and guide them through hands-on water testing. Students were especially excited to test water samples brought from home wells and compare the results.

In the afternoon, students designed, built, and tested their own water filters. Using milk jugs, 2-liter bottles, and other recycled materials, they worked creatively and collaboratively to solve

problems. Students were challenged to think like engineers, and it was inspiring to see their teamwork, problem-solving, and enthusiasm shine throughout the day.

Vision & Hearing Screenings

The Lions Club assisted our school nurses with vision and hearing screenings. Everything went smoothly, and we are very appreciative of their support in helping ensure all students are screened efficiently and accurately.

PTO

The Krispy Kreme fundraiser was a huge success this year, with 515 dozen doughnuts sold, an increase from last year's 208. Despite a slight delay in delivery, the PTO ensured that all doughnuts were picked up and distributed to everyone who purchased them. The funds raised (\$3800) will directly benefit students and staff at David City Elementary.

Community Workers

Kindergarten students are learning about different community workers through weekly visits from special guests who share about their careers. I had the privilege of speaking to classrooms about what it's like to be a Principal. The students listened attentively, asked thoughtful questions, and shared stories of their own. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with students and support their learning about the important roles people play in our community.

Jr. Mates Program

David City Elementary is once again hosting the Jr. Mates program, modelled after TEAMMATES and designed to pair elementary students with positive high school role models. Each Friday, high school volunteers spend time with their elementary partners playing games, doing crafts, and engaging in meaningful conversations.

This year, nineteen high school students are participating, dedicating their time to support and mentor younger Scouts. So far, the first couple of sessions have been a huge success. It is inspiring to hear the conversations and see the special attention these students give to their younger peers.

Kids Heart Challenge

After thoughtful consideration and recommendations, David City Elementary has decided to discontinue participation in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. While the program offered some positives, such as encouraging students to support a larger cause and providing a few resources for PE, the drawbacks outweighed the benefits for our school community. Concerns included:

- Families are feeling financial pressure, with some students reporting that money collected was lost.
- Low-value prizes that did not reflect the effort students put in.
- Limited participation, with only 25–30 students involved out of nearly 250.

Our focus moving forward will be on finding other meaningful opportunities for students to learn about health, giving, and community in ways that better align with our school culture and values.

Fire Safety

October is Fire Prevention Month! On Friday, October 3, 2025, our local fire department visited David City Elementary to teach students about fire safety. Firefighters emphasized the importance of having a family safety plan in case of a house fire and demonstrated how they put on their gear, reminding students not to be afraid if they hear firefighters calling out during an emergency. The highlight for many was watching a special team repel down the side of the school building, just like Spider-Man!

Unfortunately, the demonstration was cut short when the firefighters were called out to a real emergency. We are grateful to have such an amazing fire department serving and protecting our community. Thank you to the following firefighters: Harley Eickmeier, Sam Hilger, Rick Schneider, Anthony Kobus, Victor Daro, Scott Steager, Broderick Hoeft, and Matt Fleming.

Looking Ahead

We will be holding another Data Day on October 21, 2025, to help staff prepare for Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 23rd. We are eager to share the tremendous growth students have shown in just fifty-one days of school.

In addition, we are excited to once again participate in the Book Blast program, running from October 13th–26th. This program is a wonderful way to put books directly into students' hands, and we are grateful to all the families who help make it possible. Halloween parties will be held on Friday, October 31st, and more information will be sent home.

October Newsletter [Link](#)

Bellwood Board of Education Report
October 2025

Another month of the school year has flown by. This coming Friday will be our last day of the 1st quarter. As always, a great deal has happened at Bellwood Elementary over the last month.



Homecoming Week

As always, the Bellwood Elementary students really enjoy Homecoming Week. They truly enjoy dressing up for the various theme days. Of course, being able to attend the pep rally in David



City is always a highlight for the students. The students couldn't wait for 1:30 to get here so they could go to the pep rally. They really appreciate being a part of this event. We saw a lot of Scout Pride at Bellwood Elementary during Homecoming Week!



Senior Citizen Luncheon

On Monday, September 15th, we had our first Senior Citizen Luncheon for the school year. It is always great to have community and family members in our building, and this event was no exception, as it is growing in size each time we host it. Our students always enjoy having guests at lunch. A lot goes into these events, and I truly appreciate all that Mrs Vavricek, Mrs Hough, Mr Kobza, and Mrs Lukert did to make this a successful event.



HAL Day

On Wednesday, September 17th, HAL Students from both buildings attended the second HAL Day of the school year. The Lower Platte North NRD conducted water experiments with students as guest presenters. They did a watershed activity, an aquifer in a jar activity, and tested well water for nitrates. They then conducted a water filter activity. The students were super excited about the information they learned, and Mrs Roemmich did a great job planning this event.



Lion's Club Vision and Hearing Screenings

Lion's Club Vision and Hearing screenings were held in the district on Thursday, September 25th and Friday, September 26th. They started at Bellwood Elementary and then moved to David City. We wouldn't be able to do these screenings without our great volunteers.



PBIS Rewards

Students earn rewards through our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports) program, and these prove to be great incentives for students to display positive behaviors. I have tried to connect as many rewards as I can with our theme for the school year, which is outer space. By doing this, it has made many of

these rewards fun as well as educational for the students. Rockets with the principal, a virtual field trip to outer space and a popcorn party, space food with the principal, and a Magic School Bus lunch are just some of the rewards that connect to this year's theme. I truly appreciate this part of my job where I get to spend time with students celebrating positive behavior.



PTO Cookie Dough Sales

The Bellwood Elementary PTO's Cookie Dough Sales on Monday, September 22nd and cookies will be delivered this Thursday, October 9th. The students sold 599 containers of cookie dough, and this is more than they have ever sold before. Therefore, they made more money through this fundraiser than they did in the two years prior. This fundraiser provides them with a large portion of their funds as an organization to do lots of great things for our school. This is a flyer that was sent to parents to let them know what the money from this fundraiser has gone to in the past: [Link to Flyer.](#)

Trainings Attended this Month

- On September 22nd, I attended edCLIMBER training. This is our new data management system that is replacing Schoolzilla. This program will be instrumental in helping us better utilize data, and I am getting more comfortable with this platform with each training I attend.
- I attended the Marzano training as part of our September 29th Professional Development Day. This was a great refresher for those who have attended in the past, and it was wonderful for our new staff. I thought our staff was engaged in the discussions and trying to get the most from the training. I have heard good feedback from teachers.
- On October 1st, I attended a regional continuous improvement training for school improvement with Mrs Daniels. I thought it was a good training, and I brought back some things that we will utilize.



October Newsletter

The Bellwood Elementary October Newsletter is linked here: [link.](#)

If you have any questions, please let me know.

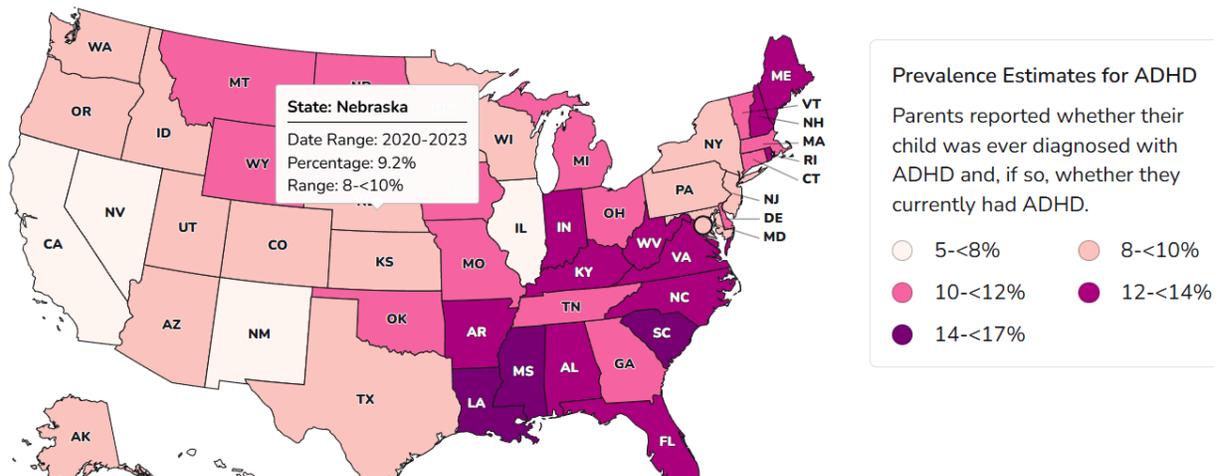
Peggy Romshek
Bellwood Elementary Principal

10/3/2025

School Board Report: Special Education

Submitted by: Kari Daniels

October is a very busy month. Did you know that October is ADHD Awareness Month? The theme for 2025 ADHD Awareness Month is “The Many Faces of ADHD.” This theme helps to remind us that ADHD can look different in different people depending on their age and whether they are male or female. According to a report by the CDC, that was made available in July, 2025, approximately 9.2% of children in Nebraska between the ages of 2-17 were diagnosed with ADHD. I thought that was a very high number when I heard it, but when I studied the map and compared us to surrounding states I felt a little bit better. <https://www.cdc.gov/adhd/data/state-based-prevalence-of-adhd-diagnosis-and-treatment-2016-2019.html>



There are supports that are available to students with a diagnosis of ADHD if it is affecting them educationally. The diagnosis of ADHD, in and of itself, does not

automatically qualify somebody to receive special education services. If there is an educational impact however, a student may qualify for special education services, under the category of Other Health Impaired or OHI, and receive services through an IEP. If a student does not meet the criteria to qualify for special education services, he/she may still be eligible to receive accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Either way, the most important thing to remember and to realize is that school districts understand that ADHD is real and that it affects a large number of our students. At David City Public Schools, we are here to develop the whole individual and to empower all students to succeed.

All Scouts Have Power

Board Meeting 10/8/2025

Teams and Activities

Football - The varsity team is currently 4-2. Recently defeating Madison, 64-30.

Volleyball- The varsity team currently has a 13-7 record. The season highlight up to this point is winning the David City Invitational with a win over Clarkson- Leigh in the Championship Game. They will be entering the SNC conference tournament as the number 3 seed. We will host the opening round on Mon. Oct. 13th.

Softball - Softball was crowned back-to-back Southern Nebraska Conference Champions. Sub District tournament starts Thursday, Oct. 9th. They are entering postseason play with a 19-7 record. They will take on Lexington in the opening round of the B-2 district at Beatrice.

Esports - 28 Active participants

Varsity - Rocket League: 3-0, Marvel Rivals: 3-0

Chess: Caelan O: 3-0, Jackson H: 2-1, Julien M: 2-1, Justin W: 2-1

Smash Bros 1v1: Abraham: 3-0, Benjamin: 1-2, Gerson: 3-0, Jackson: 2-1, Jacob: 1-2, Kendra: 2-1

Marching Band- Marching Band received an Excellent rating at the Pierce Marching Festival. They will compete again on Oct. 18th at the Ox Bow Marching Festival in Ashland, before they compete at the NSBA State Marching Competition on Oct. 25th.

Play Production- They are still in practice mode, but are preparing for their first competition that will take place on Sat., 11/1, at the Norfolk One Act Invitational. They will have their public performance on Oct. 30th. David City will be attending Schuyler for District One Act on Dec. 6th.

Cross Country - The SNC meet is scheduled for Thursday, 10/9 at Fairbury. The Junior High division was added to the competition for the first time last year. This will be their last competition before they head to the C-4 District meet on 10/15, hosted by Raymond Central at Branched Oak.

We are preparing to host the Middle School "A" and "B" Volleyball tournament on Saturday, 10/11/2025.

Other Notes:

Coaches' meetings were held over the past two weeks. All meetings were positive.

I will be attending the SNC AD meeting on Wednesday, 10/8/25 in York.

Wellness Committee

- We will be holding our second meeting on January 23rd, 2026

5006 OPTION ENROLLMENT 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: ????? Stephanie Summers, Marcus Thoendel, Aaron Rerucha, Justin Krafka, Kasey Kuhlman, and Don Moravec. 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 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 8th day of October, 2025.

DAVID CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By: _____
Stephanie Summers, President

Attest: _____
Kasey Kuhlman, Secretary

Appendix 1 Option Enrollment Capacity

The following is Appendix “1” to Policy 5006 for the 2026-2027 School Year. The Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2026-2027 school year 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 Allowed is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.**

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS ALLOWED
Kindergarten (20 BW; 48 DC)	68	55	13
First Grade (20 BW; 48 DC)	68	44	24
Second Grade (20 BW; 48 DC)	68	42	26
Third Grade (20 BW; 48 DC)	68	47	21
Fourth Grade (20 BW; 48 DC)	68	36	32
Fifth Grade (20 BW; 48 DC)	68	54	14
Sixth Grade (20 BW; 48 DC)	68	45	23
K-6 Building Capacity (BW 140; DC 336)	476	323	153
*K-6 Special Education Capacity (BW 20; DC 60)	*	104	case by case
Seventh Grade	72	41	31
Eighth Grade	72	46	26
7-8 Building Capacity	144	87	57
*7-8 Special Education Capacity (HS 20)	*	28	case by case
Ninth Grade (Freshmen)	72	46	26
Tenth Grade (Sophomores)	72	45	27
Eleventh Grade (Juniors)	72	59	13
Twelfth Grade (Seniors)	72	55	17
9-12 Building Capacity	288	205	83
*9-10 Special Education Capacity (HS 20)	*	29	case by case
*11-12 Special Education Capacity (HS 20)	*	35	case by case

Revised: October 2025; Enrollment from NDE Count

* 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 Director of Special Education or designee.

6th Grade Options For Future Years

Current Enrollment as of Mon Sept 15, 2025

K - 44 (33 + 11)

1 - 42 (33 + 9)

2 - 47 (36 + 11)

3 - 36 (28 + 8)

4 - 54 (40 + 14)

5 - 45 (31 + 14)

6 - 41

Option 1:

Continue to send all 6th graders to DC Elem. For the 2026-27 academic year, we will have a section of 23 and a section of 22. For the 2027-28 academic year, we will have two sections of 27. We would like to see the maximum at 24 when possible.

Pros - No additional cost to the district

No disruption to either building

Builds stability and a sense of community

No need to adjust teacher assignments or hire additional staff

Cons - Larger class sizes; what happens if more students enroll?

Tight learning spaces

Classroom management is possibly more difficult

Larger sections could impact differentiation, grading, and instructional planning

Hallways, cafeteria, and specials rotations may feel crowded.

Option 2:

Hire a 6th-grade teacher for Bellwood.

Pros - No disruption to DC Elem

Maintain reading/math interventions at DC Elem

Smaller class sizes allow for greater differentiation and stronger teacher-student relationships

Provides potentially fewer behavior referrals, smaller SPED Caseloads, and smaller intervention groups at DC Elem

If enrollment continues to grow, an established 6th-grade section at Bellwood could become a sustainable solution.

Cons - Additional cost to the district

Disruption to Bellwood in terms of moving staff and classrooms

Lose the easier transition to middle school gained by having all in DC

Not sure how many applicants want a short-term job

Requires Bellwood to adjust specials schedules and shared staff schedules

High school loses a shared teacher for an additional period

Option 3:

Make our intervention teacher a 6th-grade teacher in DC so we have 3 at DC Elem.

Pros - No additional cost to the district

No disruption to Bellwood

Classroom is available

Smaller sections for math and language arts

Students get accustomed to larger classes as they transition to middle school

Students have an opportunity to make more friends

Students learn DC cafeteria procedures

Students learn bus procedures

- Keeps the entire grade-level cohort together
- Strengthens grade-level collaboration
- More opportunities for small-group instruction – especially in math and reading, where class sizes directly impact achievement.
- Smooth transition to 7th grade
- Improves classroom management
- Cons - Disruption to DC Elem
- Loss of intervention time for students
- Change of teaching assignment for our current intervention teacher
- Master schedule changes for both elementary schools
- Reduced academic support for struggling students
- Shifting role for the current intervention teacher

Option 4:

Make our intervention teacher a 6th-grade teacher in DC for half a day and remain an intervention teacher for the other half of the day.

- Pros - No additional cost to the district
- No disruption to Bellwood
- Classroom is available
- Smaller sections for math and language arts
- Students get accustomed to larger classes as they transition to middle school
- Students have an opportunity to make more friends
- Students learn DC cafeteria procedures
- Students learn bus procedures
- Balances the needs of smaller core class sizes *and* keeps some intervention support
- Cons - Disruption to DC Elem
- Loss of half the intervention time for students
- Larger sections for the science, social studies, and specials
- Master schedule changes for both elementary schools
- Reduced intervention support
- Additional workload for the current intervention teacher

Option 5:

Hire a 6th-grade teacher for DC Elem and keep the intervention teacher position.

- Pros - No disruption to Bellwood
- Smaller class sizes
- Students get accustomed to larger classes as they transition to middle school
- Students have an opportunity to make more friends
- Students learn DC cafeteria procedures
- Students learn bus procedures
- Preserves intervention support.
- Students benefit from both smaller core classes *and* maintained interventions
- Supports long-term growth
- Helps teacher workload
- Stronger student relationships
- Cons - Additional cost to the district
- No classroom available, so we would have to have Title and intervention share a space or lose the conference room during the day
- Specials scheduling pressure