

Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM
Monday, November 10, 2025 at the Central Office at the Falls City Middle School

The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.

1. **Business Items:**
 - 1.1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
 - 1.2. Approval of Absences
 - 1.3. Approval of Agenda
 - 1.4. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - 1.5. Public Comment
 - 1.6. Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - 1.7. Approval of Claims
2. **Informational Items/Reports:**
 - 2.1. Staff/Student/Organization Report: Julie Bauman CPA, P.C.
 - 2.2. Principal's Reports:
 - 2.2.a. Mrs. Leyden - North Elementary School Principal
 - 2.2.b. Mr. Gibson - South Elementary School Principal
 - 2.2.c. Mrs. Robeson - Middle School Principal
 - 2.2.d. Mr. Sullivan - High School Principal
 - 2.3. Board President's Report:
 - 2.4. Superintendent's Report:
 - 2.4.a. Dr. Offner - Superintendent
 - 2.5. Board Committee/Member Reports:
3. **Old/New Action Items:**
 - 3.1. Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions - on hold
 - 3.2. Discuss and take action on purchasing a new van from Armbruster Motor Company for \$44,750. Conversion to rear-wheelchair access will cost around \$23,000.
 - 3.3. Discussion on FCPS external 5-year visit, and I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work.
 - 3.4. Discussion on facility priorities and take action on moving forward with the BVH facility study for a cost of \$45,000.
 - 3.5. Discussion and take action to set a date for our strategic planning meeting on _____ at _____.
 - 3.6. Discuss and take action on going 11 man or 8 man for football for the next two-year cycle.
 - 3.7. Discussion about putting a tri-fold brochure report to go out to all patrons in our districts.
 - 3.8. Discussion on Dr. Andrew Offner's first semester evaluation and the tool to use
4. **Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute**
5. **Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for December 8th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.**

Elementary Activity Account (November)				
Account	Beginning Balance	Deposit	Expense	End Balance
General - South	\$10,579.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,579.42
Staff - South	\$29.21	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$59.21
Science - South	\$467.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$467.86
Field Trip - South	\$2,998.86	\$0.00	\$403.00	\$2,595.86
General - North	\$16,870.72	\$126.73	\$74.02	\$16,923.43
Staff - North	\$197.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$197.58
Field Trip - North	\$2,522.76	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$1,722.76
Library - NS & SS	\$1,246.33	\$3,173.21	\$0.00	\$4,419.54
PCC - North	-\$1,013.07	\$895.02	\$694.17	-\$812.22
Total Account				\$36,153.44
<i>Shelly Leyden</i> Principal Signature				

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT - BEGINNING BAL	\$2,593,187.47
Richardson County Treasurer (212,750.22)	
District 56 Taxes	\$158,412.82
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$48,369.46
Local Fines	\$1,820.00
County Fines	\$9,022.29
ProRate Motor Vehicle	\$1,743.90
State of NE(CCP/C4K)	\$47,849.13
State of NE(MIPS)	\$4,735.98
State of NE(State Aid)	\$142,029.00
Luke Fritz (Transportation Charge)	\$75.00
AGCO Finance (Reimbursement)	\$19.54
ESU#4 (Stipends)	\$8,365.88
Amazon(Reimbursement)	\$97.58
	\$3,015,728.05
Less Checks Paid	<u>\$1,482,619.46</u>
	\$1,533,108.59
Interest Earned	<u>\$5,053.32</u>
Bank Statement Balance October 31, 2025	\$1,538,161.91
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>\$15,695.28</u>
General Fund Balance October 31, 2025	\$1,522,466.63
General Fund Balance October 31, 2024	\$2,486,860.05
STUDENT FEE FUND-BEGINNING BALANCE	\$19,189.00
HS Activity Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$19,189.00
Driver's Education Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
Bank Statement Balance October 31, 2025	\$19,189.00
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>
Fund Balance October 31, 2025	\$19,189.00
DEPRECIATION FUND-STATEMENT - BEGINNING BALANCE	\$127,280.58
Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$127,280.58
Less Checks Paid	<u>\$27,873.97</u>
	\$99,406.61
Interest Earned	<u>\$49.38</u>
Bank Statement Balance October 31, 2025	\$99,455.99
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>
Fund Balance October 31, 2025	\$99,455.99
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND INV ACCT - A	\$910,644.88
Richardson County Treasurer (Local District Taxes)	<u>\$7,669.36</u>
	\$918,314.24
Transfer to SBF - Claims	<u>\$31,411.58</u>
	\$886,902.66
Interest	<u>\$260.54</u>
Bank Statement Balance October 31, 2025	\$887,163.20
SPECIAL BUILDING FUND INV ACCT - C	\$1,007,875.68
Quarterly Interest	<u>\$10,015.21</u>
Balance October 31, 2025	\$1,017,890.89

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND - BEGINNING BALANCE	\$25,000.00
Transfer from Investment Account	\$0.00
	\$25,000.00
Less Checks Paid	\$0.00
	\$25,000.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00
Bank Statement Balance October 31, 2025	\$25,000.00
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Fund Balance October 31, 2025	\$25,000.00

I do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct abstract of the records in my office and that the collections, disbursements and balance on hand as shown herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

District 56 Treasurer

BUDGET SUMMARY				
EXPENSES	FUNCTION #	BUDGET	MTD	YTD
FOR MONTH ENDING 10/31/2025				
ALL INSTRUCTION	1100-1400	\$ 6,815,223.00	\$ 573,213.68	\$ 1,123,497.80
	1200	\$ 1,954,160.00	\$ 185,775.60	\$ 356,775.35
SUPPORT SERVICES - PUPILS	2100-2150	\$ 627,781.00	\$ 64,050.02	\$ 102,122.75
SUPPORT SERVICES - STAFF	2200	\$ 230,746.00	\$ 41,872.67	\$ 103,226.77
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2310	\$ 203,011.00	\$ 1,930.61	\$ 172,242.23
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	2320/2330	\$ 439,817.00	\$ 37,976.72	\$ 77,663.46
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	2400	\$ 1,019,612.00	\$ 82,747.36	\$ 164,945.17
BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES	2510	\$ 315,002.00	\$ 4,857.96	\$ 63,549.07
MAINTENANCE/OPERATION	2600	\$ 1,208,946.00	\$ 95,477.29	\$ 190,804.92
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	2710	\$ 650,843.00	\$ 55,678.52	\$ 97,986.26
SPED TRANSPORTATION	2712	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 8,886.27	\$ 13,672.10
STATE CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS	3000	\$ 562,617.00	\$ 44,487.81	\$ 84,224.76
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	6000	\$ 538,000.00	\$ 70,894.14	\$ 106,084.35
TRANSFERS	8000	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 8,855.41	\$ 20,356.57
TOTALS		\$ 14,671,758.00	\$ 1,276,704.06	\$ 2,677,151.56
REVENUE				
FOR MONTH ENDING 10/31/2025	FUNCTION #	BUDGET	MTD	YTD
			\$ -	
PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY TAX	1100	\$ 8,007,940.00	\$ 158,412.82	\$ 1,273,004.68
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	1000-1900	\$ 886,051.00	\$ 122,160.63	\$ 201,314.05
COUNTY REVENUES	2000-2210	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 9,022.29	\$ 16,019.83
STATE REVENUE	3110-3990	\$ 4,035,142.00	\$ 143,772.90	\$ 333,710.90
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	4100-4995	\$ 508,200.00	\$ 5,180.37	\$ 8,393.86
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	5300-5690	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,558.10	\$ 16,798.72
NECESSARY CASH RESERVES		\$ 1,254,291.00	\$ -	\$ -
Budget TOTALS		\$ 14,848,624.00	\$ 447,107.11	\$ 1,849,242.04

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22.72%						
10.90%						
8.27%						
1.65%						
167.99%						
12.45%						

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - NOVEMBER 2025 CLAIMS

1	Amazon Capital Services	\$870.42	HS, MS, NS & SS Supplies
	Amazon Capital Services	\$1,248.36	CO, Nurse & Technology Supplies
	Amazon Capital Services	\$655.07	Maintenance & Custodial Supplies
	Amazon Capital Services	\$457.59	Sixpence & CCP Supplies
2	Apple	\$1,899.97	SPED Curriculum
3	Armbruster Motor	\$440.00	Repairs
4	Berwick Co-op Oil	\$280.00	Fuel
5	Boss Fuels	\$17,794.83	Fuel
7	Bosselman Pump & Pantry	\$84.24	Fuel
8	Central Office	\$3,979.98	Mileage and Workshop Expenses
	Central Office	\$399.91	Bus Permit-Mileage-Supplies-Cell Phones
	Central Office	\$312.00	Miscellaneous Expenses
9	Cintas	\$757.03	Uniform, Mop & Rag Services
10	Colorado West Equipment	\$3,935.30	Bus Parts
11	CRSSA-C4K	\$969.23	Stipends
12	ESU #4 Contracted	\$2,589.40	SPED Contracted Services
13	ESU #4 Co-op	\$435.00	Tech Support & Registrations
14	ESU #5	\$3,036.90	Cloud Hosting & Registrations
15	ESU #6	\$230.95	Technology Hosted Services
16	ESU #9	\$25.00	Registration
17	ESU #10	\$450.00	Registrations
18	ESUCC	\$252.00	Software Renewal
19	Falls City Auto Supply	\$475.16	Bus Parts
20	Falls City High School	\$1,405.41	Reimbursements
21	Falls City Journal	\$315.05	Advertising
22	Falls City Middle School	\$240.00	Registration
23	Falls City North School	\$1,665.44	Supply Reimbursement - September & October
24	Falls City Sanitation	\$944.00	District & Sixpence Waste Removal
25	Falls City School Lunch	\$9,691.50	September Lunch Support
26	Falls City Utilities	\$29,574.45	District Wide Utilities & Backflow Testing
27	Farm & City Supply	\$1,071.35	Maintenance, Grounds & Bus Parts
28	Fiber Platform	\$418.10	Internet Service
29	Get Framed	\$111.25	Supplies
30	Grainger	\$381.48	Maintenance
31	Harmon's	\$72.00	Tire Repair
32	HD Supply	\$88.86	Maintenance
33	Herrick Bruxellas Properties	\$560.00	Building Rental & Utilities
34	Hometown Floral	\$65.00	Memorial
35	HyVee	\$127.05	Maintenance Supplies
36	Jim Hill's	\$90.69	Maintenance
37	Jones Air Conditioning	\$56.78	Maintenance
38	Julie Bauman, CPA	\$8,875.00	Audit
39	JW Pepper	\$229.83	MS & HS Vocal Music Supplies
40	KexRx	\$262.15	Nurse Supplies
41	LaQuinta	\$346.00	Travel
42	Liberty Hardwoods	\$2,448.50	HS Industrial Tech Supplies
43	Malcolm, Mary	\$5,378.00	SPED Contracted Services
44	Mechanical Sales Parts	\$378.02	Maintenance
45	Merz Ink	\$17.00	Bus Supplies
46	Midwest Automatic Fire Sprinkler	\$705.00	Maintenance Repairs

47 Midwest Bus Parts	\$484.81	Bus Parts
48 NCECBVI	\$14,585.60	SPED Contracted Services
49 Nodaway Valley Bank	\$3,985.00	Copier Lease
50 One Source	\$53.00	Background Checks
51 O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$447.55	Bus Parts
52 Parent-Child Center	\$443.69	Meal Reimbursement
53 Pest Control Services	\$150.00	Pest Control Services
54 PGH&G	\$2,481.40	District Legal Services
55 Phillips' Floors	\$2,975.00	MS Gym Floor Repair
56 Pitney Bowes	\$216.96	Postage Machine Lease
57 ProServ	\$101.92	HS Copier Supplies
58 Purchase Power	\$908.00	Postage
59 RehabVisions	\$4,195.40	SPED Contracted Services
60 Richardson County CPR	\$80.00	Sixpence Registration
61 Scheitel Feed & Seed	\$1,100.00	Grounds
62 Security Services	\$4,400.00	MS Bell System
63 Sioux City Truck Sales	\$1,295.21	Bus Repairs
64 Sixpence	\$1,440.00	Childcare Scholarships
65 SNC	\$1,626.57	Telephone Service
66 Title IIa	\$2,559.00	Title IIa
67 Towle Realty	\$525.00	Sixpence Building Rental
68 Tri State Truck & Tractor Repair	\$244.00	Bus Repairs
69 Truck Center	\$2,231.94	Bus Parts
70 US Bank	\$1,990.73	Travel & Registrations
US Bank	\$4,110.39	Supplies & Equipment
US Bank	\$1,145.02	Sixpence
71 US Postal Service	\$368.00	PO Box Rental
72 Water Engineering	\$249.18	Maintenance Agreement
73 Wolfes Printing	\$167.44	Bus and Nurse Supplies

Total \$161,657.06

\$1,115,532.51 Payroll - November 2025

GRAND TOTAL **\$1,277,189.57**

Depreciation Fund

1 General Fund	<u>\$1,712.00</u>	Sales Tax Refund Reimbursement
	\$1,712.00	

Special Building Fund

1 Amazon	\$3,359.53	NS Whiteboard & District Air Purifier Filters
2 JEM Restoration Services	\$37,099.00	Stadium Bleacher Re-Finish
3 Overtone Acoustics	\$4,501.83	NS Music Room Sound Panels
4 US Bank	<u>\$794.44</u>	NS Music Room Sound Panels
	\$45,754.80	

FCMS Activity Account October 2025

Date	Check #	Activity		Amount	Deposit	Balance	Description
10/8/25	2454	Amazon	X	\$34.86		\$30,519.41	MS MISC - Courtesy
10/28/25	2455	US bank		\$340.55		\$30,178.86	NJHS 90.93 MS MISC HAL 249.62
10/28/25		Deposit	X		\$250.00	\$30,428.86	MS MISC - Robotics
10/29/25		Deposit	X		\$2,668.67	\$33,097.53	MS MISC - Robotics (2567.67) FCA (92.00)
10/31/25		Interest	X		\$14.47	\$33,112.00	Interest



Meghan Robeson
Middle School Principal

FALLS CITY SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT OCTOBER 2025

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$42,120.38
INCOME	
NORTH SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$6,364.90
SOUTH SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$4,105.25
MIDDLE SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$4,670.45
HIGH SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$5,398.50
FEDERAL/STATE REIMBURSEMENT -SEPTEMBER	\$43,221.31
DISTRICT 56 REIMBURSEMENT-HEALTH INSURANCE	\$9,246.41
HEAD START REIMBURSEMENT-SEPTEMBER	\$1,178.38
HIGH SCHOOL ALA CARTE DEPOSITS	\$1,621.00
MIDDLE SCHOOL ALA CARTE DEPOSITS	\$688.00
NORTH SCHOOL/SOUTH SCHOOL EXTRA MILK DEPOSITS	\$136.62
MISCELLANOUS INCOME	\$59.95
BANK INTEREST-OCTOBER	<u>\$15.90</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$76,706.67
EXPENSES	
FOOD	\$27,596.45
ALA CARTE	\$977.89
MILK	\$5,186.69
BREAD	\$887.32
SUPPLIES	\$1,937.09
MISCELLANEOUS	\$34.95
MILEAGE	\$266.00
FUEL SURCHARGE/DELIVERY FEE	\$73.00
LUNCH MONEY REFUND	\$351.70
SNA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & HOTEL	\$0.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$0.00
ANNUITY	\$0.00
RETIREMENT	\$1,289.57
PAYROLL TAX	\$1,327.27
WAGES EXPENSE	\$17,812.51
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	<u>\$8,855.41</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$66,595.85
ENDING BALANCE	\$52,231.20
YEAR TO DATE PROFIT (LOSS) 08/1/2025-10/31/25	\$44,290.93



Falls City Public Schools

Audit Report

August 31, 2025

Financial Report Includes:

- Auditor's Report
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Activities
- Notes to the Financial Statements
- Supplemental Information
 - Supplemental fund schedules

Audit Opinion:

- Unmodified Opinion – Cash Basis – Financial Statements:
 - “Clean Opinion” previously unqualified opinion
 - In our opinion, based on our testing, the financial statements are not materially misstated.
- In Relation To Opinion – Supplemental Information:
 - In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Cash Financial Summary:

- Cash on Hand at August 31, 2025:
 - \$6,064,219
- County Treasurer Balance from August 31, 2025:
(included above)
 - \$1,229,222

General Funds:

- Depreciation Fund:
 - Cash on Hand \$152,053
 - Change in Net Position:
 - Increase \$12,015
- Building Fund:
 - Cash on Hand \$1,953,598
 - Change in Net Position:
 - Increase: \$330,540

School Nutrition Fund:

- Fund Balance at August 31, 2025:
 - \$16,260
- Decrease in Net Position \$27,433

Significant Accounting Policies:

- Accounting policies are found in Note A of the footnotes. “Cash Basis”
- Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies.
- Footnotes for GASB #84 – Activity Fund will now be listed with the General Funds, not Fiduciary

Schedule of Findings & Questioned Costs:

Internal Control over financial reporting:

- There were no material weaknesses identified
- There were no significant deficiencies identified
- There were no noncompliance material to financial statements noted.

Other Matters:

- We are happy to report there were no:
 - Disagreements with management
 - Difficulties encountered in performance of our audit
- We are not aware of any additional consultations that management had with other independent accountants.
- We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year. These discussions occurred in the normal course of our audit.

Supplemental Information:

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made the certain inquires of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Thank you!

A special thanks to management and staff for their hard work all year long, and throughout the audit process.





Board Report North Elementary School

November 2025

North School November Updates

Veterans Day Parade: We are proud to share that our North School students in grades K–2 will be participating in the Veterans Day parade.

- Kindergarten students will observe the parade from the courthouse lawn.
- First and second grade students will actively participate by marching in the event.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to honor local veterans and learn more about the importance of this day.

ELA Update: We are excited to announce that Falls City Elementary Schools has been awarded the Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant, in partnership with ESU 4!

This grant provides our teachers with access to LETRS Volume 1 training, a highly respected professional development program grounded in the Science of Reading. This opportunity is available to:

- ✓ K–5 Classroom Teachers
- ✓ Special Education Teachers
- ✓ Title I Teachers

Training Highlights:

- In-person sessions led by a certified LETRS facilitator
- Ongoing instructional coaching
- Practical tools to strengthen literacy instruction across all tiers
- Increased success for students in reading and foundational literacy skills

Training Schedule:

-  December 1 — Kick-Off Zoom (3:45–4:45 PM)
-  January 19 — Unit 1 (8:30 AM–3:30 PM)
-  March 6 — Unit 2 (8:30 AM–3:30 PM)
-  June 4 — Unit 3 (8:30 AM–3:30 PM)
-  August 5 — Unit 4 (8:30 AM–3:30 PM)

There will be No School for North and South School students on Monday, January 19, to allow teachers to complete Unit 1 training.

Math Update: North School teachers continue to focus on high-quality math instruction as part of the ESU 4 Math Acceleration Project. In November, teachers will participate in peer classroom observations, which will allow them to:

- Observe colleagues teaching core math lessons
- Share effective instructional practices
- Strengthen collaboration across grade levels
- Improve student learning through reflection and coaching

This process helps teachers grow professionally while supporting our schoolwide goal of increasing math proficiency.



Board Report North Elementary School

November 2025

Professional Development

I wanted to share a few upcoming professional commitments on my schedule:

- Wednesday, November 12: I will be attending the NAESP Region 1 Meeting in Ashland during the evening.
- Thursday & Friday, November 13–14: I have been invited to serve as an external team member for the Ponca Public Schools School Improvement Visit.
- Wednesday & Thursday, December 3–4: I will be attending the State Principal's Conference in Lincoln. As the current NAESP President, I am honored to be assisting with both the organization and presentation components of the conference.

Upcoming Events

- ☐ November 11: Veterans Day Parade
- ☐ November 13: Math Acceleration Peer Coaching
- ☐ November 25: R.O.A.R.S. Jam
- ☐ November 26-28: Thanksgiving Break



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South School Principal's Report November 2025

ELA: Falls City North and South Elementary Schools have been awarded funding through the CLSD Consortium Grant, in partnership with ESU 4. Through this collaboration, Shelly and I have been working with ESU 4 to guide our district through the next phase of meaningful professional development. Our elementary staff (K-5) will be participating in LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) Training, a highly respected program grounded in the Science of Reading.

Dates:

- December 1 - Kickoff Zoom
- January 19 - Unit 1 (No school for the elementary)
- March 6 - Unit 2
- June 4 - Unit 3
- August 5 - Unit 4

Math: Tara Gossman and Erin Hamilton with ESU 4 will be helping to facilitate math learning walks on Thursday, November 13th. Teachers will be able to watch each other teach while having meaningful conversations with Tara or Erin over the Instructional Practice Guide (IPG). This is another step in the Math Acceleration project to improve instruction, collaboration, and student learning.

Reading Club: Reading Club is off to a strong start. South School has forty students participating with ten total tutors. I am excited to see the impact this program has on MOY testing.

Veteran's Day Parade South School students will be walking in the Veteran's Day Parade on Tuesday, November 11th. The parade is set to begin at 1:30.

Parent Teacher Conferences: South School had a fantastic turn out with conferences. Teachers made contact with 163/166 South School families. The ongoing collaboration between parents and the school is instrumental in student success and continues to be a priority.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandon Gibson

Important Dates/Reminders:

November 5 - Tiger Branch Bank open
November 11 - Veteran's Day Parade
November 13 - 4th Grade Concert @ HS Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
November 19 - Tiger Branch Bank open
November 25 - Final day of Reading Club
November 26-28 - Thanksgiving Break (No School)
December 2-3 - Brighter Smiles Program present



Falls City Middle School
School Board Report 11/10/25
Meghan Robeson FCMS Principal

As a district, we have completed our NDE Frameworks External Visit. In which we had administrators from across the state come and review our progress towards our school improvement goals over the last five years. The visit validated much of the hard work that has gone into our Continuous Improvement Plan, particularly our focus on improving student achievement in reading and math. The team gave us good actionable feedback that we will utilize as we move through our next five year cycle.

Academically, the middle school continues to make strides in both literacy and mathematics. Our partnership with the District Management Group (DMG) is helping us build a more effective progress monitoring system for secondary reading comprehension. Teachers are using this data to reflect on the efficacy of Tier 1 instruction while preparing for the next progress monitoring cycle in January. In math, our staff continues its collaboration with ESU 4 through the Math Acceleration Project. This ongoing work focuses on lesson design, questioning strategies, and using formative assessments to guide instruction. Across content areas, teachers are aligning instruction to pacing guides and preparing students for the upcoming MAP midyear benchmark.

Winter sports are officially underway at FCMS. The Girls Wrestling team kicked off its season on November 6th with a meet in Auburn, marking the first middle school girls wrestling competition of the year. This season, 14 student-athletes are participating. The Boys Basketball team will open its season on November 13th, also in Auburn, with 22 athletes representing FCMS. Both programs have shown strong early participation and enthusiasm, reflecting the continued growth of our extracurricular opportunities and student engagement in athletics.

The FCMS Scheduling Committee has officially begun its work to review and refine the middle school schedule for the 2026–2027 school year. This committee is composed of teachers, from each grade level and content area, examining ways to maximize instructional time, strengthen intervention and enrichment opportunities, and ensure alignment with district-level initiatives. Early discussions have focused on how the schedule can better support academic growth, streamline transitions between classes, and provide consistent time for PAWS and MTSS. The group will continue meeting throughout the winter to review data, gather staff input, and develop a potential schedule for 2026-2027. I am excited to work collaboratively with staff to create a schedule that supports student learning.

Respectfully submitted,
Meghan Robeson
Principal, Falls City Middle School.



FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

November School Board Meeting ***High School Principal's Report*** ***November 10th, 2025***

Continuous Improvement

Career Academy:

- Finalizing Spring Registration for classes
- Mrs. E has organized College and Career Access Day for November 12th
 - Falls City Public School will again have a session to recruit some of our own into the variety of careers that the school system provides.

Academic Improvement:

- Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD Grant) -
 - Teachers have been doing Progress Monitoring with 9th and 10th grade students.
 - Goal: By December 12, 2025, 93 of 122 Grade 9 and 10 students will grow by 2 points on their post-assessment.
 - PM #1 - Average growth by student of 3 point from the beginning of the year assessment
 - PM #2 - Data is being finalized
 - Students have a better understanding of their performance and are able to strive for growth and improvement throughout the year.

Student Activity Engagement:

- Veterans Program and Parade - November 11th
 - Joint performances by the Falls City Public and Falls City Sacred Heart Bands and Choirs
- Conducted a Fall Activity Participation Survey for 2026-2027 School Year
 - Students 8th-11th grades were surveyed
 - Students committed to playing a sport next fall:
 - Football: 26 Students
 - Softball: 24 Students
 - Volleyball 20 Students
 - Cross Country: 7 Students
- October 22nd - Caroline Powell competed at State Land Judging in Wahoo
- October 23rd - Malori Kuker (5th Place), Brock Niedfeldt, Bowdy Jones, Ethan Morris, and Blakely Sells competed at District Livestock Judging and Qualified for State.
- October 25th - Audrey Scrivens and Jennifer Sweeney competed at State Cross Country in Kearney.
- Alumni Kemper Foster received his American Degree at National Convention
- All Conference Softball:
 - Tatum Maddox - Honorable Mention
 - Malori Kuker - Honorable Mention
 - Jazzy Strecker - Honorable Mention



Dr. Offner – November 10th, 2025 Board Report

1. Board committees
 - a. Negotiations – Meeting dates have been sent for November please pick one
 - b. Building and grounds update
 1. Roofs of HS and North Gym– underway – close to being done
 2. Track resurfacing is complete – Track should be reopened
 3. Hope to move forward with BVH
 4. Projects for the summer
 - a. Middle School fire panel
 - b. Heat pumps and plumbing in high school – P1 has been here waiting on the report
 - c. Elevators
 - d. Others
2. Budget update
 - a. AFR is complete, thank you, Anne and Steph
 - b. We will have a federal grant desk review starting this month
3. Staffing
 - a. New staff
 - i. None at this time
4. Other
 - a. Bus SOPs – Any more feedback, or can I move ahead?
 - b. Have had a request to review the code of conduct – committee will be formed before Christmas break
 - c. The 5-year External Visit was a success
 - i. Would like to look at vision, belief, and mission statements
 - d. Staff celebration is on November 22nd, starting at 6 pm at the Elks
 - e. State Conference is November 19th – 21st – I will be gone Wednesday – Friday
 - f. Activities
 - i. Fall seasons are complete
 - ii. Coaching evals are completed



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8/25/2025

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Letter of Agreement - FACILITIES ASSESSMENT

Andrew,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue the relationship with Falls City Public Schools with master planning for your school district. We appreciate the long-term relationship with the district.

I. DESCRIPTION OF WORK

BVH will assist Falls City PS to analyze existing facilities, determine the facilities alignment for current and future educational programs, curriculum and delivery, conduct community engagement, and establish potential project budgets, schedules, and phasing plans.

II. SCOPE OF WORK & PHASE COMPONENTS

The Architect shall furnish and perform the following Basic Professional Services during the project:

Basic Service Phases:

A. Facilities Assessment

During this phase, the BVH team will study the existing facilities at the following sites to understand the current physical conditions. A report of findings and recommendations will describe the short and long term facilities need. Within this report, a facilities conditions score will be made which relates the existing structures to new facilities in order for the district to make informed decisions on potential facilities investments.

Study Sites:

- a. North Elementary School
- b. South Elementary School
- c. Middle School
- d. High School

B. Educational Alignment - ***Most of this work was performed during the last study. An overview process is included in this agreement to review the prior study findings and***

determine design direction with any new findings that arise.

THIS WAS PERFORMED IN THE LAST STUDY:

- a. Current facility's alignment to teaching and learning best practices
- b. Enrollment projections utilizing district data (10-year data history broken down by grade level is usually sufficient)
- c. Building grade configurations
- d. Space Planning for reconfigurations, renovations & potential additions
- e. Safety and security, code and life safety current conditions

Duration: Typically 1 to 2 months, depending on participant availability and the school's decision-making process. 2 to 3 meetings are anticipated in this phase.

Deliverables:

The following information will be prepared throughout the process:

- Facility Heat Maps
- Staff / Student Surveys
- Space Programs (for each site)
- Recommendations for Master Planning

C. FUTURE PHASE TO BE CONTRACTED SEPARATELY:

Master Planning Design for facility usage, renovations, additions and potential new facilities:

Deliverables:

The following information will be prepared throughout the process:

- Site Plan/Floor Plan Describing the Master Plan Scope of Work
- Phasing Plans (as needed)
- 2-3 Renderings are included
- Estimates of Probable Cost:

Note: BVH provides general cost estimates based on our understanding of the construction market through similar current projects. If detailed estimating is desired by a professional cost estimator or a contractor this can be included as an additional service.

D. Community, Staff and Student Engagement is included in our processes above to gain insight from these important stakeholders and help build support for the resulting project.

We anticipate the following sessions in the process:

- a. 2 All Staff Meetings
- b. 4 District Administrator Meetings
- c. 2 Student Group Meetings
- d. 4 Community Meetings

E. Board &/or Board Committee Meetings are included in the process as needed.

BVH ARCHITECTURE

Design Team Members Anticipated:

- Master Planning Lead & Architectural Design: BVH Architecture
Key Staff: Cleve Reeves, Cynthia Ray & Mike Daily
- Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Engineering: Engineering Technologies Inc.
Key Staff: Derek Kotschwar

Design Services Not Anticipated For This Scope Of Work, Can Be Added If Needed:

- Detailed Estimating
- Civil, Structural & other engineering services not included above
- Project Funding Assistance
The BVH team usually works alongside the school district's fiscal agent to help determine potential bond levy impacts if a bond referendum or other financing mechanism is anticipated. Some fiscal agents will lead community engagement processes in this phase, while others will look to BVH or the school to lead these processes. We can support others or lead should these processes be needed.

Once the preferred design solution for the project(s), cost estimate, and potential phasing plans are determined, the BVH team will assist the school with information materials that can be used to help educate the community on the cost and benefits of the proposed project(s). These materials can include:

- Fact Sheets, Flyers, Brochures
- Display Boards
- Informational Website
- Educational Social Media and/or Email Campaign
- Community Presentations

III. COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. The basic professional design services described above will be completed for the stipulated sum as follows:

Facilities Assessment & Educational Alignment Review	\$45,000
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Our cost for this work is typically two times this amount or more. We will absorb the cost beyond the amount noted above as an investment in the relationship with the school as well as your future project, provided that the district retains the BVH team for project(s) resulting from this planning process.

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2. Reimbursable Expenses, which may include but not be limited to printing, mileage, photography, reproduction of drawings, postage, delivery/messenger service, lodging, meals, filing fees, miscellaneous supplies, etc. are in addition to the basic professional design services listed above and will be billed at our invoice cost times 1.10.
3. Consulting Engineers & other consultants not already included, should they be required, are in addition to the basic professional design services and fees listed above and will be billed at our invoice cost times 1.10 or negotiated prior to performing the work.
4. Any additional work not included in this Letter-Agreement will be performed at our standard hourly rates or negotiated prior to performing the work.

IV. BILLING

1. Billing is sent on a four-week schedule. Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice and will be made via electronic funds transfer (EFT). BVH Bank account information will be provided upon execution of this document. A late fee of 1.25% (15% annualized) will be made on unpaid balances twenty-eight (28) days past due.

V. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. Services required for governmental agency reviews, securing approvals, etc., other than normal review by the City Building Department and the State Fire Marshal will be considered as an Additional Service.
2. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement does not contemplate a design involving in any way any type of hazardous waste material. The Owner hereby agrees to indemnify the Architect for any claims, lawsuits, expenses or damages arising from or relating to the handling, use, treatment, purchase, sale, storage or disposal of any type of hazardous waste materials.
3. Limitation of Liability: The Owner agrees to limit the Architect's Liability to the Owner, due to the Architect's negligent acts, errors or omissions, such that the total aggregate liability of the Architect to the Owner, shall not exceed the Architect's total design fee for professional design services rendered on this project. If a required component of the project is omitted from the construction documents, the Architect shall not be responsible for paying the cost required to add such item or component to the extent that such item or component would have been included in the original construction documents. The Owner agrees that the Architect will not be responsible for any cost or expense that provides betterment or upgrades or enhances the value of the project.
4. If the Owner authorizes deviations, recorded or unrecorded, from the documents prepared by the Architect without written agreement of the Architect, the Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the Architect, Architect's consultants and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting in whole or in part from such deviations,

regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder.

5. The Architect's services shall be provided to assist the Owner in making changes to an existing facility for which the Owner shall furnish, in a timely manner, documentation and information upon which the Architect may rely for its accuracy and completeness. Unless specifically authorized or confirmed in writing by the Owner, the Architect shall not be required to perform or to have others perform destructive testing or to investigate concealed or unknown conditions. In the event documentation or information furnished by the Owner is inaccurate or incomplete, any resulting damages, losses and expenses, including the cost of the Architect's Additional Services, shall be borne by the Owner.
6. Inasmuch as the remodeling and/or rehabilitation of the existing structure requires that certain assumptions be made by the Architect regarding existing conditions, and because some of these assumptions may not be verifiable without the Owner expending substantial sums of money or destroying otherwise adequate or serviceable portions of the structure, the Owner agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the Architect, its officers, directors, employees and subconsultants (collectively, Architect) against all damages, liabilities or costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and defense costs, arising out of or in any way connected with this Project, excepting only those damages, liabilities or costs attributable to the sole negligence and willful misconduct by the Architect.
7. The Owner acknowledges that the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Fair Housing Act (FHA) and other federal, state and local accessibility laws, rules, codes, ordinances and regulations will be subject to various and possibly contradictory interpretations. The Architect, therefore, will use its reasonable professional efforts and judgment to interpret applicable accessibility requirements in effect as of the date of completion of the design phase and as they apply to the Project. The Architect, however, cannot and does not warrant or guarantee that the Owner's Project will comply with all interpretations of the accessibility requirements and/or the requirements of other federal, state and local laws, rules, codes, ordinances and regulations as they apply to the Project.
8. Corporate Protection Clause: It is intended by the parties to this Agreement that the Architect's services in connection with the Project shall not subject the Architect's individual employees, officers or directors to any personal legal exposure for the risks associated with this Project. Therefore, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Owner agrees that as the Owner's sole and exclusive remedy, any claim, demand or suit shall be directed and/or asserted only against BVH Architecture, a Nebraska corporation, and not against any of the Architect's individual employees, officers or directors.
9. The Drawings, Specifications, and other documents, whether in hard copy or machine readable form, prepared by the Architect and marked with the copyright symbol for this project are instruments of the Architect's service for use solely with respect to this Project and, unless otherwise provided, the Architect shall be deemed the author of these documents and shall retain all copyright interests. This is to include all sketches and renderings, hand-drawn or computer-generated, and the use or reproduction of same for news releases or any other purposes is to be done only with the permission of and with credit given to the Architect.

BVH ARCHITECTURE

We trust this Letter-Agreement meets with your approval. Please sign and return one copy to our office, and retain another copy for your records. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,
BVH Architecture

Accepted,
Falls City Public Schools



Cleve Reeves, AIA, ALEP
Principal

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Enclosure:
Exhibit A BVH Standard Hourly Rates

EXHIBIT A:

BVH Standard Hourly Rates

Senior Principal	\$325
Principal	\$275
Senior Project Manager	\$245
Project Manager	\$225
Senior Architect	\$200
Architect	\$165
Senior Interior Designer	\$160
Graphic Designer	\$130
Project Coordinator	\$120
Interior Designer	\$115
Administrative	\$115
Student Intern	\$85

These rates are in effect through December 31, 2025.



Falls City Public Schools

Facilities Master Plan & Renovation Priorities (2025)

Overview

Falls City Public Schools, in partnership with BVH Architecture, is advancing a comprehensive modernization and reconfiguration plan designed to align learning environments with modern K–12 standards, improve safety and accessibility, and optimize building use across the district.

District Reconfiguration and Facility Upgrade

North Elementary

Early Learning Center

Add resource rooms; convert admin areas; enhance accessibility and aesthetics.

South Elementary

Grades K–2

Update bathrooms, playgrounds, and windows; expand space for specialized instruction.

Middle School

Grades 3–6

Address space constraints; improve resource rooms; recommission BAS system.

High School

Grades 7–12

Consolidate 7–8th grades; modernize CTE, labs, and HVAC; add secure entry; construct a dedicated wrestling room.

New CTE Facility

CTE & Trades Education

Construct new facility near HS/MS to replace outdated workshops.

Implementation Framework

Phase 1 – Planning & Design

2025–2026

Educational alignment, schematic design, community engagement.

Phase 2 – Construction Prep

2026

Finalize CTE site, design development, secure funding.

Phase 3 – Implementation

Projected 2027

Begin possible grade reconfiguration and CTE facility construction and other upgrades.

Top Strategic Priorities 2 – 7 not in order of importance

- 1. Conduct a facility study on all buildings to help establish priorities.**
2. Construct a new CTE facility near the High School campus.
3. Consolidate grades 7–12 into a unified Junior/Senior High model.
4. Reconfigure elementary schools (North–Early Learning, South–K–2, Middle–3–6).
5. Enhance safety, security, and accessibility districtwide.
6. Modernize classrooms and infrastructure for efficiency and equity.
7. Construct a dedicated wrestling room at the High School as part of athletic and facility modernization.

Sources

BVH Feasibility Study (June 2025); BVH March 25 Notes; FCPS BOE Meetings (Feb–Mar 2025); HVAC Summary (2024); Multiple Google Docs and notes from 2025.