Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2026
Conference Room - Wilcox - 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

    2.A. Pledge

3. Consent Agenda

    3.A. Approval of Agenda

    3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular January 19, 2026 Board Meeting

    3.C. Approval of Claims

    3.D. Financial Report

4. Visitors and communication from the public

5. Action Items

5.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the resignations of Melissa Myers and Emilie Kelley.

5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the school calendar for the 2026-2027 academic year.

5.C. Discuss, Consider and take all necessary action to approve the ESU Master Service Agreement for the 2026-2027 academic year.

6. Discussion Items

6.A. Financial Literacy Report

7. Administrator Report

7.A. Superintendent Report

7.B. Principal Report

8. Next Board Meeting: 8:00 am Monday, March 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and Board Retreat in the Wilcox Conference Room

9. Adjourn

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 19, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 01/08/2026
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 01/07/2026
Conference Room - Wilcox
404 Sapp Street
Wilcox, NE 68982-0190

1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

2.A. Pledge

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular December 15, 2025 Board Meeting

3.C. Approval of Claims

3.D. Financial Report

4. Visitors and communication from the public

5. Action Items

5.A. Reorganization of the Board of Education. Discuss, Consider and take all necessary action to approve officers and committee assignments

Current positions:
Kirk Nelson Board President,
Kert Hansen Board Vice President,
Alan Casper Board Treasurer,
Ryan Knaus Board Secretary.
Administrative Staff Negotiations-Kert Hansen, Chris Stuehm, Teresa Carey;
Certified Staff Negotiations-Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper, Ryan Knaus
Americanism-Kert Hanson, Chris Stuehm, Teresa Carey;
Technology and Equipment-Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper;
Support Services-Kert Hansen,
Curriculum and Instruction-Teresa Carey, Alan Casper;
Building and Grounds-Kirk Nelson, Kert Hansen, Ryan Knaus;
Transportation-Alan Casper, Teresa Carey;
Finance-Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper,
Volunteers in Public School-Chris Stuehm, Teresa Carey;
WACF-Teresa Carey, Kert Hansen;
Franklin County Community Foundation- Alan Casper
Phelps County Community Foundation-Alan Caper;
GRN-Alan Casper, Kert Hansen

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to take all necessary action to approve officers and committee assignments. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to review board policies 2002, 2006, 2014, 5006, 5044, 2012, 2013

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to take all necessary action to review board policies 2002, 2006, 2014, 5006, 5044, 2012, 2013. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.C. Designate KSB School Law as legal counsel, Cornerstone Bank as the depository bank, and the Minden Courier as the district newspaper.

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to designate KSB School Law as legal counsel, Cornerstone Bank as the depository bank, and the Minden Courier as the district newspaper. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.D. Appoint Joee Muhlbach as the district Title IX Coordinator

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to appoint Joee Muhlbach as the district Title IX Coordinator. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Discussion Items

6.A. Strategic Plan Update

6.B. Election Reminders for the Board

7. Administrator Report

7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

1. School Finance updates
2. Security Camera installation updates
3. Strategic Plan updates
4. Board Election reminders to the BOE

7.B. Principal Report

Principal Muhlbach Reported:
- Device Data
- NAEP Testing
- Literacy Night

Glenn Reported:
- Quarter 2 and Semester 1 attendance numbers

8. Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 16, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Wilcox Conference Room

9. Adjourn

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Alan Casper, to adjourn meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 01	GENERAL FUND	
Alma Public School	20260225ElemQuizBowl	Elem. Quiz Bowl Entry Fee 2/25/26	25.00
Total Alma Public School			25.00
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	14K6-1JYR-THJN	Custodial Supplies	29.16
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	1G1Q-XKNQ-MVWQ	One Act Supplies	58.29
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	1MJ4-XP1Y-7LPP	Custodial Supplies - Wilcox	47.97
Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	1VWT-JDJD-G4FP	Credit Memo-One Act 2025	(48.20)
Total Amazon Capital Services, Inc.			87.22
Black Hills Energy	4456237296-0080	613 Nelson Street	2,984.38
Black Hills Energy	4694971507-0080	102 N Stockton Street	7,019.72
Black Hills Energy	5673345098-0079	208 Stockton Street	499.45
Black Hills Energy	8027394935-0081	404 E Sapp Street	909.86
Total Black Hills Energy			11,413.41
BTS Communications	35827-0001	Remote Support	54.00
Total BTS Communications			54.00
Capital Sanitary Supply Co, Inc.	0097223	Custodial Supplies	1,738.59
Total Capital Sanitary Supply Co, Inc.			1,738.59
Carolina Biological Supply Company	53232891RI	Dissection Supplies-Science Room	696.12
Carolina Biological Supply Company	53244922RI	Science Room Supplies	234.64
Total Carolina Biological Supply Company			930.76
Carter Electric	10509	Hildreth Site Repair	483.60
Total Carter Electric			483.60
CEHS Business Center	2026ASDConfRegistrat	2026 ASD Conference Registration	600.00
Total CEHS Business Center			600.00
Clearfly	INV790322-0001	Phone Services	97.39
Total Clearfly			97.39
Cooperative Producers Inc	Jan26FuelCharges	Jan Fuel/Bus Accessories	3,395.88
Total Cooperative Producers Inc			3,395.88
DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	1508938-0001	Interregional Fee Dec 2025	317.87
Total DAS State Accounting-Central Finance			317.87
Eakes Office Solutions	9132128-0	M. Maul Tech Supplies	23.36
Eakes Office Solutions	9264837-0	Custom Stamp-Bookkeeper	34.75
Eakes Office Solutions	9269306-0	Staples for Copy Machine-Wilcox	79.99
Eakes Office Solutions	9269309-0	Wilcox Workroom Staples for Copy Machine	81.69
Eakes Office Solutions	9269998-0	Office Supplies - UE	7.60
Eakes Office Solutions	9270550-0	3rd Grade Classroom Supplies	45.88
Eakes Office Solutions	9270550-1	Classroom Supplies 3rd Grade	7.61
Eakes Office Solutions	9272951-0	3rd Grade Classroom Supplies	70.00
Eakes Office Solutions	9280118-0	Envelopes	100.56
Eakes Office Solutions	9281584-0	Julie Office Supplies	21.76
Eakes Office Solutions	9283461-0	Office Supplies - UE	13.80

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
Total Eakes Office Solutions			487.00
Eiley, Veronica	CCCFal25ClassReimb.	CCC-Industrial Sensors Class Reimb.	48.00
Total Eiley, Veronica			48.00
Family Medical Specialties	6700	A. Pistulka Bus Physical	149.00
Total Family Medical Specialties			149.00
Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center	3804	PT SA/PT Birth-3	364.70
Total Family Physical Therapy & Sports Center			364.70
Franklin County Chronicle	Dec2025Notices	December 2025 BOE Notices	78.28
Franklin County Chronicle	Jan2026Invoices	Jan. 2026 BOE Notices/Sped Notice	132.40
Total Franklin County Chronicle			210.68
Fritz's Market	Jan2026 Charges	Jan Health Room Charges	12.96
Total Fritz's Market			12.96
Furby's Plumbing	11959	Hildreth Site Repair-Auger Drain	285.00
Total Furby's Plumbing			285.00
Great Plains Communications	50365-0071	Wilcox Site Phone Bill	292.61
Total Great Plains Communications			292.61
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	0882313775	Custodial Supplies-Wilcox	4.18
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	0882313776	Wilcox Site PreSchool/Building Supplies	517.97
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	0882313777	Hildreth Site Filter	801.48
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	0882313778	PreSchool Restroom Supplies	65.54
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	0882352569	Building Supplies	9.90
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	0882400674	Building Supplies - Hildreth Site	31.24
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	0882412784	Building Supplies-Hildreth	87.28
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	0882421356	Building Supplies-Hildreth	130.30
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	9245084394	Custodial Supplies-Hildreth Site	668.04
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	9245084395	Custodial Supplies - Hildreth Site	144.44
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	9245260306	Custodial Supplies-Hildreth Site	186.86
HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.	9245260307	Custodial Supplies-Wilcox Site	60.04
Total HD Supply Facilities Maintenance, Ltd.			2,707.27
Hometown Leasing	1280109825-0001	Copy Machine Lease Payment	894.00
Total Hometown Leasing			894.00
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	368210487	Choir Music	139.59
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	368211324	Choir Music	7.00
J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	368231038	Choir Music	27.19
Total J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.			173.78
Kat's Korner Market	Jan2026FCSSupplies	FCS Supplies-January 2026	105.25
Total Kat's Korner Market			105.25
Kidwell, Inc	289002	Cameras - Hildreth Site	4,000.00
Kidwell, Inc	289003	Camera Project Payment-Wilcox	2,297.50
Total Kidwell, Inc			6,297.50

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
KSB School Law PC LLO	20774	Legal Services	77.00
Total KSB School Law PC LLO			77.00
Larsen's Ace Hardware	51862	Custodial Supplies-Hildreth Site	29.98
Larsen's Ace Hardware	52243	Hildreth Site Custodial Supplies	47.97
Larsen's Ace Hardware	52322	Hitch Ball-Transportation	19.99
Total Larsen's Ace Hardware			97.94
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	0032704172-0001	Acetylene & Oxygen - I.A.	150.68
Total Matheson Tri-Gas Inc			150.68
MatterHackers	MH254495-0001	Raise3D E2 Industrial 3D Printer	2,480.03
Total MatterHackers			2,480.03
Menards - Kearney	03167	Custodial Supplies Wilcox & Hildreth	92.12
Total Menards - Kearney			92.12
Mid-America Research Chemical	0868581-IN	Custodial Supplies	1,073.71
Total Mid-America Research Chemical			1,073.71
Minden Public School	20260218QuizBowlFee	Elem. & JH Quiz Bowl Entry Fee 2/18/26	50.00
Total Minden Public School			50.00
NASB	N-55038	Annual Membership Dues 4/1/26-3/31/	3,791.00
NASB	N54922	Board Leadership-SuperintendentEvaluatio	300.00
Total NASB			4,091.00
Nebraska Department of Environmental and Energy	2026PoolPermit	2026 Swimming Pool Permit	40.00
Total Nebraska Department of Environmental and Energy			40.00
OneSource The Background Check Company, LLC	2022198117	Background Check-Kitchen	19.00
Total OneSource The Background Check Company, LLC			19.00
Overton Public School	FKCHonorBandLunch26	FKC Honor Band Lunch	130.00
Total Overton Public School			130.00
Presto-X Company	91305449	Monthly Pest Control Maintenance	117.44
Total Presto-X Company			117.44
Protex Central, Inc.	168408	Access Control-Exit Button-Hildreth Site	1,397.99
Total Protex Central, Inc.			1,397.99
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	20260112Postage	Postage for Postage Machine	500.00
Total Quadient Finance USA, Inc.			500.00
Quadient Leasing, USA, Inc.	Q2192324	Postage Machine Lease	474.37
Total Quadient Leasing, USA, Inc.			474.37
Rahmann, Brian	20260212PTConfMeal	Parent Teacher Conf. Meal	480.00
Total Rahmann, Brian			480.00

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
Raynor Garage Doors of Ce. Ne.,	20021806	Bus Barn Door Repair	258.00
Total Raynor Garage Doors of Ce. Ne.,			258.00
S & W Auto Parts	014348	Def for All Busses	459.98
Total S & W Auto Parts			459.98
Syndicate Publishing	25423	Sped Legal Publication	10.63
Syndicate Publishing	25491	1/19/26 BOE Minutes Publishing	99.39
Syndicate Publishing	25572	BOE Meeting Notice 2/9/26	9.82
Total Syndicate Publishing			119.84
University of Nebraska at Kearney	57-15230	Jeff Jezbera School Bus Endorsement	255.00
Total University of Nebraska at Kearney			255.00
Village Of Hildreth	099-0070	613 Nelson Street Utilities	1,660.30
Village Of Hildreth	100-0070	WH Upper Elem. - Bus	36.73
Village Of Hildreth	249A FB Fi-0070	Football Field	119.40
Total Village Of Hildreth			1,816.43
Village Of Wilcox	10600-0074	102 N Stockton	1,664.20
Village Of Wilcox	15500-0074	105 North Stockton/Greenhouse	56.81
Village Of Wilcox	23000-0074	102 North Stockton-Kitchen	192.50
Village Of Wilcox	23400-0065	Water-102 N. Stockton	127.82
Village Of Wilcox	23700-0074	308 East Sapp Street/Ag Building	155.90
Village Of Wilcox	24300-0074	Wilcox Site Water-South West	76.60
Village Of Wilcox	24400-0074	102 North Stockton-School Office	56.20
Village Of Wilcox	24500-0074	Wilcox Site-South East	62.20
Village Of Wilcox	24700-0074	Wilcox Site-FB Field	100.00
Village Of Wilcox	25600-0074	208 N Stockton Street-Bus Barn	30.38
Total Village Of Wilcox			2,522.61
VISA	BennettsFeb2026GF	Restroom Supplies/Postage	495.38
VISA	GlennFeb2026GF	Attendance Bash	38.88
VISA	HinrichsFeb26GF	Kearney Hub Online Subscription	227.76
VISA	MuhlbachFeb2026GF	Staff Inservice/Reg Fees/Membership Dues	809.40
VISA	PattersonFeb2026GF	Fuel/FKCMeal/JobPostingAd	905.54
VISA	WHSFeb2026GF	SpediPadApps/FCS/Fuel	538.81
Total VISA			3,015.77
Wage Works	INV8656604-0001	FSA Admin Fee	128.75
Total Wage Works			128.75
Wayne State College	HonorChoir2026	Honor Choir Reg Fee-Taylor Ingram	50.00
Total Wayne State College			50.00
White Auto Glass Inc	10932-34722	Bus #23 Windshield Replacement	469.94
White Auto Glass Inc	10932-34737	Pit Repair Van #5	90.00
Total White Auto Glass Inc			559.94
Woodward's Disposal Service	NO9308-187-0001	Destruction Services-Shredding of Docs	55.00
Total Woodward's Disposal Service			55.00
Yanda's Music And Pro Audio	794404	Supplies for Band	54.69

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
Yanda's Music And Pro Audio	796465	School Instrument Repair-Saxophone	78.30
Total Yanda's Music And Pro Audio			132.99
Fund Number 01			51,817.06
Checking Account ID 1			51,817.06

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Amount
Checking Account ID 6	Fund Number 06	NUTRITION FUND	
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14936720	Hildreth Site Food & Supplies	648.56
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14947363	Wilcox Site Food	988.95
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14955119	Wilcox Site Food & Supplies	879.89
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14955120	Hildreth Site Food	938.32
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14963227	Hildreth Site Food	538.71
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14963602	Wilcox Site Food & Supplies	1,037.18
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14966596	Food - Wilcox Site	1,705.01
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14970750	Food & Supplies - Hildreth Site	520.14
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14970751	Foam Cups-Hildreth Site	91.95
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14971299	Food-Wilcox Site	1,466.78
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14977905	Hildreth Site Food	620.72
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	14978166	Wilcox Site Food & Supplies	782.20
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	CM3938730	Credit Memo-Wilcox Site Food	(48.90)
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	CM3939700	Credit Memo-Wilcox Site Food	(23.83)
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	CM3939721	Credit Memo-Hildreth Site Food	(72.98)
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	CM3945331	Credit Memo-Food Wilcox Site	(38.82)
Cash-Wa Distributing Co	P14950064	Hildreth Site Beef	56.37
Total Cash-Wa Distributing Co			10,090.25
Presto-X Company	90111000	Monthly Pest Control Maintenance	101.05
Total Presto-X Company			101.05
Sysco Lincoln	16190748P	Credit Memo-Wilcox Site Supplies	(101.57)
Sysco Lincoln	661751099	Credit Memo Wilcox Site Food	(24.96)
Sysco Lincoln	661753169	Wilcox Site Food & Supplies	1,018.52
Sysco Lincoln	661775910	Wilcox Site Food & Supples	526.00
Sysco Lincoln	661779379	Supplies-Wilcox Site	108.53
Total Sysco Lincoln			1,526.52
Fund Number 06			11,717.82
Checking Account ID 6			11,717.82

GENERAL FUND

	1/31/2026
County Receipts	$724,224.28
Motor Vehicle Taxes	$19,089.43
Local License Fees	$10.00
Interest Earned	$3,571.11
Other Local Receipts	
County Fines & Licenses	$1,038.20
Homestead Exemption	
Nameplate Capacity Tax	
Other County Sources	
High Ability Learners	
State Aid	$38,517.00
SPED Programs	$61,143.00
State Apportionment	$59,210.76
Pers. Prop Tax Credit	
Property Tax Relief	
Pro Rata Motor Vehicles	$1,377.75
In Lieu of Taxes	$371.11
Medicaid	$131.35
Title I	
Title IIA	
Title IV	
IDEA Base (611)	
IDEA Base (619)	
Misc Receipts	
ESU11 Receipts	$925.84
High Ability Learners	
Perkins Grant	
U.S. Fish & Wildlife	
Lunch Tax/Retire	$4,755.05
Federal Grant (CTE-Career Ed)	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$914,364.88**

Instructional Services-1100	$170,924.02
SPED Service-1200	$37,331.95
Summer School-1300	
Student Support Service-2100	$11,495.68
Support Services - Staff 2200	$25,616.03
Executive Admin/Superin-2300	$29,025.74
Principal-2400	$44,494.51
Business-2500	$11,607.24
Operation-Maintenance-2600	$59,363.93
Regular Transportation-2700	$23,281.82
Community Service -3300	$1,240.12
Grants 3400/3500	$2,183.05
Architech & Engineering-4300	
Building Improvement/4700	$13,753.27
Debt Serivices-5000	
Federal Funds/Title I-6200	$2,194.14
CLSD Grant/6300	$38.31
IDEA - 6400	
Fed Voc (Perkins) - 6700	
Emerg. Relief-ESSER-6900	
Transfers-8000	
Non-Program Transfers-9000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$432,549.81**

ACCOUNT BALANCES: **31-Jan-26**

Depreciation	$961,587.55
General	$1,798,508.38
Lunch	$51,956.96
ADA	$526,631.36
Employee Benefit	$6,499.78
HS Activity	$569,080.55
Gen Fund Clearing	$5,372.95
Student Fee	$16,458.20
URM Fund	$15,725.72
Falcon Team Account	
Special Building Fund	$180,415.03
Total Funds	**$4,132,236.48**

Account Balance as of: **January 31, 2026**

DEPRECIATION FUND BREAKDOWN:

Charter Reimb	$0.00
Transportation	$304,927.48
Building	$316,422.90
Track	$200,000.00
Interest	$16,180.97
Computer Hardware	$124,056.20
Total:	**$961,587.55**

New CD - 6 Month	**$335,048.77**

Combined 8 Smalls CD's + $250,000.00 from Depr. Fund

GENERAL FUND BANK RECONCILIATION:

Bank Balance as of January 31, 2026	$1,828,994.53
Outstanding Checks:	$30,486.15
Ending Balance:	**$1,798,508.38**

Report Date 2/1/2026

GENERAL FUND

	1/31/25
County Receipts	$814,133.41
Motor Vehicle Taxes	$13,451.59
Local License Fees	$10.00
Interest Earned	$5,298.04
Other Local Receipts	
County Fines & Licenses	$1,117.07
Homestead Exemption	
Nameplate Capacity Tax	
Other County Sources	
High Ability Learners	
State Aid	$38,744.00
SPED Programs	$62,001.00
State Apportionment	
Pers. Prop Tax Credit	
Property Tax Relief	
Pro Rata Motor Vehicles	$1,299.06
In Lieu of Taxes	$410.96
Medicaid	$483.78
Title I	
Title IIA	
Title IV	
IDEA Base (611)	$72,908.00
IDEA Base (619)	
Misc Receipts	$1,492.00
Grant-C4K/Swimming Pool	
High Ability Learners	
Perkins Grant	$352.58
U.S. Fish & Wildlife	
Lunch Tax/Retire	$2,452.59
REAP Grant	
ESSER III Grant	$17,790.56
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**$1,031,944.64**

Instructional Services-1100	$176,448.52
SPED Service-1200	$32,729.74
Summer School-1300	
Student Support Service-2100	$10,374.05
Support Services - Staff 2200	$13,569.63
Executive Admin/Superin-2300	$27,077.68
Principal-2400	$36,174.10
Business-2500	$10,120.71
Operation-Maintenance-2600	$55,712.49
Regular Transportation-2700	$16,714.11
Community Service -3300	$2,625.61
Grants 3400/3500	$16,729.29
Architech & Engineering-4300	
Federal Funds/Title I-6200	$7,422.40
Building Improvement/4700	
Debt Serivices-5000	
IDEA - 6400	$681.29
Fed Voc (Perkins) - 6700	$1,243.52
Emerg. Relief-ESSER-6900	
Transfers-8000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	**$407,623.14**

ACCOUNT BALANCES: **31-Jan-25**

Depreciation	$739,667.92
General	$1,951,712.29
Lunch	$15,777.72
ADA	$325,007.23
Employee Benefit	$6,493.70
HS Activity	$562,416.48
Gen Fund Clearing	$5,228.82
Student Fee	$14,616.11
URM Fund	$17,262.92
Falcon Team Account	
Special Building Fund	$1,050,410.71
Total Funds	**$4,688,593.90**

Account Balance as of: **January 31, 2025**

DEPRECIATION FUND BREAKDOWN:

Charter Reimb	$0.00
Transportation	$205,627.48
Building	$227,883.22
Track	$100,000.00
Interest	$33,990.27
Computer Hardware	$172,166.95
TCD	$20,000.00
Total:	**$759,667.92**

GENERAL FUND BANK RECONCILIATION:

Bank Balance as of January 31, 2025	$1,956,827.14
Outstanding Checks:	$5,114.85
Ending Balance:	**$1,951,712.29**

Report Date 2/4/2025

Monthly Category Expenses:																
		Bdgt 22-26	Sept Exp	Oct Exp	Nov Exp	Dec Exp	Jan Exp	Feb Exp	Mar Exp	Apr Exp	May Exp	June Exp	July Exp	Aug Exp	Total	Balance
1100's	Instruction	**$2,628,400**	$172,994	$185,728	$173,035	$174,369	$170,924	$171,248							$1,048,299	$1,580,101
1200's	SPED	**$555,300**	$33,674	$39,784	$42,171	$43,388	$37,332	$40,041							$236,390	$318,910
1300's	Summer School	**$7,000**													$0	$7,000
2100's	Sup Ser Pupils	**$371,300**	$12,846	$12,794	$11,512	$62,862	$11,495	$10,266							$121,776	$249,524
2200's	Sup Ser Staff	**$255,950**	$19,417	$28,576	$15,370	$16,907	$25,616	$15,158							$121,044	$134,906
2310's	General Admin	**$296,700**	$19,218	$21,699	$20,040	$21,410	$29,026	$18,534							$129,928	$166,772
																$0
2400's	Principal	**$515,600**	$34,534	$36,378	$36,889	$36,364	$44,495	$37,619							$226,278	$289,322
2500's	Super/Business	**$245,100**	$21,916	$25,090	$22,840	$15,945	$11,607	$15,832							$113,231	$131,869
2600's	Main & Oper	**$1,027,000**	$73,159	$51,386	$44,876	$41,278	$59,364	$54,809							$324,872	$702,128
2700's	Reg Trans	**$528,000**	$17,233	$27,989	$32,752	$20,605	$23,282	$28,410							$150,272	$377,728
2712's	SPED Trans															$0
3000's	Community	**$98,100**	$1,046	$192	$21,220	$163	$1,240	$79							$23,940	$74,160
3500's	HAL/State Categorical	**$110,400**	$251	$251	$10,326	$20,994	$2,183	$8,022							$42,028	$68,372
4000's	Architecture/Engin	**$140,000**		$4,215			$13,753								$17,968	$122,032
6000's	Federal	**$208,675**	$6,690		$2,379	$10,545	$2,232	$5,284							$27,130	$181,545
5000's	Debt Services	**$0**													$0	
8000's	Transfers	**$152,114**													$0	$152,114
9000's	Non-Program														$0	
Total		**$7,139,639**	$412,978	$434,082	$433,412	$464,832	$432,550	$405,301	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,583,154	$4,556,485
Total Monthly Expenses:																
General		**$6,118,264**	$372,615	$389,832	$378,535	$389,906	$377,049	$351,954	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,259,890	$3,858,374
SPED		**$555,300**	$33,674	$39,784	$42,171	$43,388	$37,332	$40,041	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$236,390	$318,910
Federal		**$208,675**	$6,690		$2,379	$10,545	$2,232	$5,284							$27,130	$181,545
Total		**$6,882,239**	$412,978	$429,616	$423,086	$443,838	$416,613	$397,279	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$2,523,410	$4,358,829
Total Yearly Expenses:																
General		**$5,966,150**	$372,615	$762,446	$1,140,982	$1,530,887	$1,907,936	$2,259,890	$2,259,890	$2,259,890	$2,259,890	$2,259,890	$2,259,890	$2,259,890	$2,259,890	$3,706,260
SPED		**$555,300**	$33,674	$73,458	$115,629	$159,017	$196,349	$236,390	$236,390	$236,390	$236,390	$236,390	$236,390	$236,390	$236,390	$318,910
Federal		**$208,675**	$6,690	$6,690	$9,069	$19,614	$21,846	$27,130	$27,130	$27,130	$27,130	$27,130	$27,130	$27,130	$27,130	$181,545
Total		**$6,730,125**	$412,978	$842,594	$1,265,679	$1,709,518	$2,126,131	$2,523,410	$2,523,410	$2,523,410	$2,523,410	$2,523,410	$2,523,410	$2,523,410	$2,523,410	$4,206,715
Total Unencumbered:																
General		**$6,118,264**	$5,745,649	$5,355,818	$4,977,282	$4,587,377	$4,210,328	$3,858,374	$3,858,374	$3,858,374	$3,858,374	$3,858,374	$3,858,374	$3,858,374		
SPED		**$555,300**	$521,626	$481,842	$439,671	$396,283	$358,951	$318,910	$318,910	$318,910	$318,910	$318,910	$318,910	$318,910		
Federal		**$208,675**	$201,985	$201,985	$199,606	$189,061	$186,829	$181,545	$181,545	$181,545	$181,545	$181,545	$181,545	$181,545		
Total		**$6,882,239**	$6,469,261	$6,039,645	$5,616,560	$5,172,721	$4,756,108	$4,358,829	$4,358,829	$4,358,829	$4,358,829	$4,358,829	$4,358,829	$4,358,829		
Gen Budget Avg Spend Down			$5,608,613	$5,098,349	$4,588,698	$4,078,435	$3,568,783	$3,059,132	$2,549,481	$2,039,217	$1,529,566	$1,019,915	$509,651	$0		
Total Budget Avg Spend Down			$6,544,907	$5,949,461	$5,354,729	$4,759,283	$4,164,551	$3,569,820	$2,975,088	$2,379,642	$1,784,910	$1,190,178	$594,732	$0		

January 31, 2026

Dear Members of the Board of Education, Administration, and Staff of Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools,

I am writing to formally resign from my position as Third Grade Teacher at Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools, effective at the conclusion of the current school year.

This decision was not made lightly. During my time here, I have learned a great deal and am grateful for the support, guidance, and opportunities I have received as a beginning teacher. Being part of this school community has helped me grow professionally and personally.

I sincerely appreciate the mentorship and encouragement I have received from you and my colleagues, and I am thankful for the experience of starting my teaching career at Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools. I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition before my departure.

Thank you again for the opportunity and for your understanding.

Sincerely,
Emilie Kelley

February 3, 2026

Dear Board of Education,

Please accept this letter as a formal notice of my resignation as the special education teacher at the end of the 25-26 contract school year.

I have loved my time at Wilcox-Hildreth and am grateful for the opportunities the district has provided me. After careful consideration, I have made the tough decision to teach in Minden next year. This decision was not easy, but it will allow me to spend more time with family and be on the same schedule as my son. Wilcox-Hildreth will always be like family to me

Sincerely,

Melissa Myers

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2026-2027 MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into this 19 day of January, 2026 ("effective date") by and between THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT 11, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "ESU 11", and Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska referred to as "the DISTRICT."

Recitals

Whereas, ESU 11 by NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-1204 may contract to provide services;

Whereas, the DISTRICT wishes to receive certain services and participate in certain Projects that are conducted by the ESU 11; and

Whereas, the DISTRICT wishes to have certain services and initiatives made available to its school district.

Now, therefore, the ESU 11 and the DISTRICT agree as follows:

General Provisions

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the general terms and conditions applicable to the education initiatives, services and projects (collectively "Projects") which ESU 11 supplies to the DISTRICT for the 2026-2027 school year. This Agreement is intended to serve as a framework for the provision of services under one or more of the ESU 11's Projects.

2. Participation in Individual Projects. This Agreement outlines several Projects which ESU 11 has undertaken for the benefit of their member school districts. The DISTRICT may choose to participate in some, but not all of the Projects referenced by this Agreement. The DISTRICT shall indicate its intention to participate in a particular Project by marking, where indicated, each Project in

which it wishes to participate in for 2026-2027 ESU 11 is only obligated to provide services to the DISTRICT for the Projects which the DISTRICT has marked as provided herein.

3. Term. The term of this Agreement shall be one (1) year, commencing on August 1, 2026 and ending on July 31, 2027.

4. Staffing of ESU 11 Services.
    a. ESU 11 retains the right to designate personnel to provide the service(s). All personnel provided by ESU 11 shall be qualified to provide their respective services. If ESU 11 is unable to staff any of the selected service(s), alternative methods for service delivery (e.g. remote teleservice) may be used with prior approval by the DISTRICT. If ESU 11 is still unable to staff any of the selected service(s) the DISTRICT agrees to release ESU 11 from obligation to provide said service(s).
    b. In the event of a resignation or termination during the year, ESU 11 will make reasonable efforts to provide coverage for those contracted service(s). If ESU 11 is still unable to staff any of the selected service(s) the DISTRICT agrees to release ESU 11 from obligation to provide said service(s). The DISTRICT will only be billed for the actual service time received.
    c. Policies regarding sick leave, personal leave, and professional leave shall be determined by ESU 11 for personnel providing services to the DISTRICT.
    d. ESU 11 does not provide substitute coverage for periodic absences throughout the year, but will attempt to provide coverage for any long-term absences.

5. Compliance with State Law. Each Party will comply with applicable laws in its performance hereunder and will advise the other of changes in laws that concern the conduct of the Projects and services contemplated by this Agreement. Each Party shall obtain and maintain all approvals required to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

6. New Projects. In the event ESU 11 determines to offer a new Project during the term of this Agreement and the DISTRICT wishes to participate in said new Project, the parties may describe the new Project in writing and incorporate that writing as a formal addendum to this Agreement.

7. Amendments in Writing. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, any amendment to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each Party. No oral understanding or agreement not incorporated in this Agreement is binding on any of the Parties.

8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement supersedes and replaces all prior agreements or understandings and constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties concerning the subject matter hereof; there are no other agreements, understandings, or representations, whether written or oral, between the DISTRICT and ESU 11 concerning the subject matter addressed herein.

9. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Technology Support

1. Technology support is requested and tracked using the ESU 11 ticketing system by visiting support.esu11.org or emailing support@esu11.org.
2. Technology support is provided during normal business hours and will be prioritized and scheduled according to ESU 11 technology staff discretion.
3. Technology support services provided under this agreement are offered on a best effort basis. While reasonable efforts will be made to respond to and resolve support requests in a timely manner, no guarantees are made regarding specific response times, resolution times, or availability of services.
4. The DISTRICT acknowledges that ESU 11 technology staff may have access to credentials, systems, and possibly privileged information as part of the normal course of technology support work.
5. ESU 11 agrees to provide technology support to the DISTRICT between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027 based on the option selected below. Any technology support hours utilized beyond the selected support option below will be billed at the same hourly rate.

Technology Support Options (must select one)	**Cost**
☐ Base Hourly Rate as Needed	$90/hour
OR	
☐ 50 Hours *(roughly 1 scheduled visit day per month during school year)*	$80/hour = $4,000
☑ 100 Hours *(roughly 2 scheduled visit days per month during school year)*	$75/hour = $7,500
☐ 200 Hours *(roughly 0.5 scheduled visit days per week during school year)*	$70/hour = $14,000

Other Technology Services	**Cost**
☑ E-Rate Category 1 Application Filing for Transport Circuit to Network Nebraska	$500

☑ **The DISTRICT wishes to contract for technology services as selected.**

SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

Software Subscription Services Details

1. Pricing for these services may vary depending on how many elect to participate.
2. If you have any questions about ESU 11 software subscription services, please contact Jody Bauer <jody.bauer@esu11.org>.

IXL

Pricing per student is based on the number of subjects selected below.
1 Subject $14.00, 2 Subjects $19.50, IXL Complete $24.50 (All 4 Subjects),

Subject(s)	Grades	# of Students
☑ Math	K-8	140
☑ ELA	K-8	140
☑ Science	K-8	140
☐ Social Studies		
☐ Spanish ($5)		

On to College w/John Baylor	# of Students	Cost
☑ High School (9-12)	40	See Attachment
☐ Middle School		Included w/ MS

BrainPOP **Cost**

Updated pricing won't be available until January.

Option #1 (24/7 Access, BrainPOP, BrainPOP Jr., & BrainPOP Espanol)

☐ Combo (for 200 enrollment or less)	$3,685
☐ Combo (for over 200 enrollment)	$4,095

Option #2 (BrainPOP Jr. or BrainPOP without Espanol)

☐ Jr. K-2 (for 200 enrollment or less)	$2,016
☐ 3-12 (for 200 enrollment or less)	$2,424
☐ 3-12 (for over 200 enrollment)	$3,030

Mystery Science **Cost**

Updated pricing won't be available until January.

☑ K-5

Mystery Writing **Cost**

Updated pricing won't be available until January.

☐ K-5

SeeSaw

2025-2026 was the first year of a 3-year subscription. For those who purchased this you will be billed annually.

Turnitin	**# of Students**	**Cost**
☑ Plagiarism Checker	30	$6.25 per student

Carnegie Learning	**# of Students**	**Cost**
☐ Clear Fluency		$18 per student

OverDrive Nebraska Shared Collection (eBooks)	**# of Students**	**Cost**
☑ K-12 (all)	240	$0.65 per student

Zoom	**# of Licenses**	**Cost**
☑ Meeting Pro	3	$9.00 per license

☑ **The DISTRICT wishes to contract for the software subscription services as selected.**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Staff Development Billing

1. ESU 11 will bill back the DISTRICT an on-site participant fee of $25 per person when attending workshops, meetings, or other in-services at ESU 11.
2. ESU 11 will bill back the DISTRICT a pro-rated amount for any costs associated with bringing in outside presenters for workshops, meetings, or other in-services.

Staff Development Services

- ☐ Entry Year
- ☑ Continuous Improvement Process
- ☑ Professional Learning Communities
- ☑ Specialist Training, Support & Networking
- ☑ Standards and Assessments
- ☑ On-site School Services
- ☑ Curriculum Development & Alignment
- ☑ Instruction
- ☑ Crisis Team/School Safety
- ☑ Perkins Grant Management

☑ **The DISTRICT wishes to contract for the staff development services as selected.**

HIGH ABILITY LEARNER SERVICES

High Ability Learner Consortium	**Cost**
☑ The DISTRICT wishes to participate in ESU 11 High Ability Learner Consortium	100% remittance of State HAL funds
Testing Services	Included
Enrichment Activities	Included
Academic Quiz Bowl	Included
Future Problem Solving	Included
Invention Convention	Included
Summer Honors Program	$210 per student

Non-Public Districts Only (do not receive state funds)	**Cost**
☐ Testing Services	$200 per testing session
☐ Enrichment Activities	$80.00/hour
☐ ESU 11 Academic Quiz Bowl	$140 per team
☐ Future Problem Solving	$100 per seminar + lunch
☐ Invention Convention	$115 per school
☐ Summer Honors Program	Not Available

☑ **The DISTRICT wishes to contract for the high ability learner services as selected.**

ENGLISH LEARNER SERVICES

English Learner Services

1. The cost and amount of time allotted will be based on the number of districts that elect to participate in this service.

☐ English Learner Instructor

The English Learner (EL) Instructor supports students whose first language is not English by developing their skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening in English. They collaborate with classroom teachers to adapt instruction, ensuring English learners can access academic content and succeed in all subject areas.

☐ **The DISTRICT wishes to contract for the English learner services as selected.**

LITERACY COACH SERVICES

Literacy Coach Services

1. The ESU 11 Literacy Coach is a key component of the state's Nebraska Literacy Project, launched with federal funding and supported with state appropriation dollars to improve reading outcomes for all students, especially in kindergarten through third grade.
2. The ESU 11 Literacy Coach will provide job-embedded, evidence-based support to educators, focusing on the science of reading to build capacity within schools and districts to deliver high-quality instruction.
3. The ESU 11 Literacy Coach will help teachers and schools implement evidence-based reading instruction grounded in the science of reading.
4. The ESU 11 Literacy Coach will work directly in classrooms, providing observations, feedback, and co-teaching to help educators refine their practice.
5. The amount of time allotted will be based on the number of districts that elect to participate in this service.

☑ Literacy Coach

☑ **The DISTRICT wishes to contract for the literacy coach services as selected.**

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Student Records System (SRS)

1. SRS is an online special education record keeping system. It creates all special education documents required by Rule 51, including 504, IEP, MDT, IFSP and all required notices. The SRS is a highly secured system that organizes and stores documents and provides easy access to files from anywhere via the internet. SRS training is provided across the state for district staff and college and university staff.
2. DISTRICTS participating in the SRS project must pay an additional fee to receive access to SRS. Fees will be assessed in accordance with the State established yearly cost per DISTRICT.

☑ **Participate in SRS**

Contracted Special Education Services

1. That ESU 11 does hereby agree that it will furnish to the DISTRICT the following described special education services which meet the requirements of the State Department of Education. All rates are subject to the approval of the State Department of Education, and will be provided to the DISTRICT prior to the DISTRICT'S budget preparation.
2. Program Supervisory Services will be provided at a rate not to exceed eight percent (8%) of the DISTRICT special education program costs selected below in accordance with State Department of Education allowable costs.
3. That ESU 11 does hereby agree that it will furnish to the DISTRICT the following described special education services as follows.

Service	Service Time
☑ School Psychology	3 days per week

School Psychology assists in the identification process for students birth to age 21 who have been referred for special education and support in the areas of behavior and mental health. Collaboration with school district personnel and parents is also an essential role in the services to districts.

☑ Speech Language Pathology	4 days per week

Speech and language services concentrate on communication areas including language, articulation, voice, and/or fluency for students birth to age 21. This service can also aid in broadening areas of academic and functional needs.

☑ Occupational Therapy 1 days per week

Occupational Therapy is a related service for students birth to age 21, as identified through the student's individual education program (IEP) process. The focus of the service is to enhance the student's education and foster a level of independence.

☐ Behavior/Mental Health _____ days per week

Behavior/Mental Health assists students with behavioral and/or mental health needs. This service works collaboratively with educational team members, families, and/or outside agencies to support students' needs while in the school setting.

☐ Resource Teacher _____ days per week

Resource services provide individualized special education programming that addresses school-aged students' needs within the student's resident district.

☐ Paraprofessional _____ days per week

Paraprofessionals provide instructional and behavioral support to students under the direction of a certified teacher.

☑ Transition 8 days per year

Transition services and activities emphasize learning opportunities that center on post-secondary success and the development of independence. These services are implemented following federal and state guidelines during the school year a student turns 14.

☐ Special Education Instructional Coach _____ days per year

Special Education Instructional Coach assists in the coordination of age and developmentally appropriate educational programming for special education students. Provide guidance and support to teachers/staff in implementing effective instructional practices, accommodations, and interventions for students with disabilities.

☐ Early Childhood Ages 0-2 based on service time

Early Childhood providers deliver support to infants and toddlers (birth to age 3) with developmental delays or disabilities by assessing needs, determining eligibility, and developing Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs).

☐ Early Childhood Ages 3-5 based on service time

Early Childhood providers assess eligibility for services, develop and implement IEPs, and provide specialized instruction in classrooms/community settings.

☐ Teacher of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing based on service time

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services are provided to students birth to age 21 whose hearing loss impacts skills in communication, language, educational performance, or social competency.

☑ SPED Final Financial Reports

ESU 11 will complete SPEDFRS reporting on behalf of the districts in which the ESU 11 Director of Special Education serves as the district's Director of Special Education only. This relates to SPEDFRS reporting due within the time frame of this MSA (MSA for the current school year would reflect ESU 11 completing the district's SPEDFRS for the previous year.)

4. Services shall be provided only to children who qualify for such service as specified in State Department of Education, Special Education Rules and Regulations.

5. ESU 11 shall supply to the DISTRICT a copy of the plan of service for each service provided.
6. ESU 11 shall supply recorded information on each child for whom services are contracted. ESU 11 agrees that it will confer with the DISTRICT personnel for purposes of evaluating each child's progress.
7. The placing of a child in said program shall be made by joint decision of ESU 11, the DISTRICT and the parent/s or guardian/s of said child.
8. ESU 11 agrees to perform the services, and the DISTRICT agrees that it will repay in accordance with ESU 11 rate schedule as approved by the Nebraska State Board of Education. This schedule shall be in full force and effect during the school year of 2026-2027 commencing not earlier than August 10, 2026, and ending not later than May 30, 2027.
9. The DISTRICT agrees that its payments will be made quarterly upon receipt of billings from ESU 11 in December, March, June, and August. The first three quarterly bills shall each reflect 1/4 of the estimated cost with the final quarterly billing adjusted to actual cost.
10. It is understood and agreed that in the event for any reason this contract does not comply with the State's requirements, it will be changed in accordance therewith, upon written notice by ESU 11 to the DISTRICT and advising the DISTRICT of the required changes to meet State requirements.

☑ **The DISTRICT wishes to contract for the special education services as selected.**

TITLE I SERVICES

Title I Cooperative

1. ESU 11 Title I Consultant provides compliance support and assists Title I Staff in preparing for monitoring visits and other required reports. The schools are also supported by contact with the Title I Staff through e-mails and school visits. ESU 11's fee is 6% of the DISTRICT'S Title I allocation for the fiscal year.

☑ Participate in ESU 11 Title I Cooperative

☑ **The DISTRICT wishes to contract for the Title I services as selected.**

NURSING SERVICES

On-Call Nursing Services	Cost
☑ On-Call Nursing Services	$35/hour

On-call nursing services may include: immunization records, medical trainings, health talks and plans, head lice checks, etc.

Student Health Appraisals	Cost

1. A Certificated School Nurse assigned by ESU 11 to administer individual student health appraisals at the locations of the DISTRICT'S elementary and secondary attendance centers at a mutually agreed upon time during the months of September - April. The student health appraisals and all related reports will be completed by a certificated School Nurse employed by ESU 11 in accordance with the requirements of the Nebraska State Department of Education and the Nebraska State Department of Health.

☑ Student Health Appraisals	$10.50 per appraisal

☑ **The DISTRICT wishes to contract for the nursing services as selected.**

SIGNATURE PAGE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

FOR Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

☑ **I certify that I have checked the relevant boxes above to indicate the services in which the DISTRICT wishes to participate.**

OR

☑ **I certify that the DISTRICT wishes to participate in ALL of the above services.**

_____ _____

Signature Date

_____ _____

Print Name Title

FOR THE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #11

_____ _____

John Poppert, Administrator Date

Wilcox-Hildreth Financial Literacy Report

Date: December 22, 2025

Presented by: Justin Patterson, Superintendent on behalf of Ms. Martin Business Teacher

Background: The purpose of this report is to provide an update on financial literacy education in Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools. In May of 2021, The Financial Literacy Act was signed into Nebraska Law and requires this update be provided to the Board annually. In addition to this annual report, the Financial Literacy Act has the following requirements:

- Starting with the 2023-2024 school year, each school district must include appropriate financial literacy instruction in elementary and middle schools
- Starting with the 2023-2024 school years, high school students must complete a financial literacy course as a part of graduation requirements.
- The annual update must include progress in financial literacy courses.

Curriculum Overview

At the elementary level. Personal finance concepts are primarily covered through a variety of standards. For example, fourth grade students are taught to recognize that money is used to purchase goods and services and are able to explain the purpose of money by running a district wide bake sale. In sixth grade, students explain how the interaction between producers and consumers satisfy economic wants and needs.

At the middle level, in addition to the economic strand of the social studies standards, additional financial literacy is being taught in exploratory classes such as business and family consumer science for 7th and 8th grade students where students learn about consumer decisions, lifestyle budgeting (housing, food, transportation, etc.) checking and savings accounts, credit cards, loans comparison shopping, and smart shopping.

At the high school level, all students are required to take Personal Finance as a graduation requirement. While it was recently mandated by the state, Wilcox-Hildreth had already offered Personal Finance prior to its codification in Nebraska Statute. Wilcox-Hildreth added it as a graduation requirement in the 2021-22 school year. The Personal Finance course develops student understanding and decision-making skills in such areas as income, money management, budgeting, financial goal attainment, the wise use of credit, insurance, and investments. The course includes topics such as the

consumer decision making process, budgeting and financial recordkeeping, savings and investment, checking accounts and banking services, insurance, and various types of credit and credit reports. Students determine their current financial position, develop personal financial goals, prepare a personal financial spending budget, develop tax planning strategies, evaluate financial investment choices, evaluate real-estate investment choices, evaluate insurance products, and implement an estate planning strategy.

High School Personal Finance Participation (Graduation Requirement Course)		
Academic Year	# of Students	Pass Rate
2023-2024	14	100%
2024-2025	21	100%

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools
Monthly Board Notes
Prepared for the Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools Board of Education

February 16, 2026

To: Wilcox-Hildreth Board of Education
From: Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Superintendent's Report:

A. FINANCES

- 36.81% of the budget is spent (50% of the year complete) compared to:
  i. 2025- 36.72%
  ii. 2024- 36.08%
  iii. 2023- 35.66%
  iv. 2022- 34.77%
  v. 2021- 42.55%
  vi. 2020- 41.06%
  vii. 2019- 38.8%
  viii. 2018- 37%
  ix. 2017- 33%
- The General Fund Cash Balance is $1,951,712.29 compared to
  i. 2024- $1,730,157.87
  ii. 2023- $1,625,800.82
  iii. 2022- $1,345,235.63
  iv. 2021- $753,953.15
  v. 2020- $2,096,930.73
  vi. 2019- $3,349,666
- Through February we have spent $2,604,951.31
  i. 2025- $2,562,166.99
  ii. 2024- $2,486,418.36
  iii. 2023- $2,371,672.28
  iv. 2022- $2,243,905.08
  v. 2021- $2,547,373.26
  vi. 2020- $2,323,304
  vii. 2019- $2,135,010
  viii. 2018- $1,969,366
  ix. 2017- $1,932,265
  x. 2016- $2,194,935
- We are in line to spend approximately $6 million in the GF with 68% of expenses being payroll.
- We should grow our cash position approximately $300,000 this fiscal year.

B. BOARD RETREAT: 8:00AM Monday, March 9, 2026 in the Wilcox Conference Room

- Let me know if you have any specific topics you would like to discuss
- I will share financial projections for next year during the retreat