Centura School Board Committee of the Whole
Monday, November 9, 2026 5:00 PM
Centura Public Schools: District Board Room
201 N. Hwy 11
Cairo, NE 68824

Agenda

1. Opening The Meeting:

1.1. Call to order: The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Centura Public Schools' Board of Education is called to order on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room 201 Highway 11, Cairo, NE 68824. The public notice for this meeting was published on the Centura Public Schools district website (www.centuraps.org) as per Centura Board of Education Policy #2008.

1.2. Roll Call of Board Members:

1.2.1. Motion to excuse or not excuse Board Members not in attendance.

2. Approval of the Agenda.

3. Recognition of visitors and public comment per Centura Public Schools Policy No. 2009.

4. Committee of the Whole Discussion/Information Items:

4.1. Review School District Policies: 2016, 2017, 3001, 3002, 3004, 3005, 3007, 3008, 3009, and 3010.

2016
Participation in Insurance Program by Board Members

Members of board of education may participate in the school district's health and life insurance plans which are provided to school district employees. A board member electing to participate in the insurance program of the school district shall pay both the employee and the employer portions of the premiums to the district in advance of any payments being due from the district to the insurance carrier.

Every three months, the board will place on its agenda a report identifying the board members who have elected to purchase insurance coverage through the district. This report will shall be made available in the school district office for review by the public upon request.

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2017
Indemnification and Liability Insurance

In addition to circumstances where it is obligated to provide indemnity or procure insurance, the school board has broad authority to purchase insurance or otherwise indemnify school board members, officers, employees, or agents of the school district. The school board will purchase liability insurance and provide indemnification at its discretion and review its current coverages and indemnification obligations when it deems appropriate.

In the event the school district's current insurance, indemnification agreements, contract obligations, or other promises to indemnify do not cover a situation which the school board can agree to cover, the school board may authorize indemnification. The school board may elect to indemnify any board member, officer, agent, or employee if he or she is a party or is threatened to be made a party in any pending or completed suit, proceeding, or any other action, whether criminal, civil, administrative, or investigative, if the individual is involved because of current or past service on the board, employment, or agency relationship with the school district. However, the indemnification and defense will only be considered if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interests or not opposed to the best interests of the school district, including in a criminal proceeding if he or she had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful.

In circumstances involving employees, the board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to provide the indemnification to the extent the Superintendent is authorized to procure legal services, as long as the indemnification is otherwise consistent with the authority granted under the law.

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3001
Budget and Property Tax Request

The board of education shall adopt a budget each year to support the school district's programs and services for the ensuing fiscal year. The superintendent of schools shall be responsible for developing the budget subject to the direction and decisions of the board. The budget document shall be under continuous development, based upon the requirements of the adopted educational program.

BUDGET PROCEDURES

Proposed Budget. The superintendent shall prepare the proposed budget in accordance with board policies and goals, state statutes, and regulations. As the district's spending plan, the budget will be based on up-to-date revenue estimates, and will reflect the assessed needs and programs approved by the board.

Budget Hearing Notice. Notice of place and time of the hearing, together with a summary of the proposed budget statement, must be published at least four calendar days prior to the date set for hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district. The four calendar days shall include the day of publication but not the day of hearing. The notice shall include the following statement:

> For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: [Insert Internet address for the web site established pursuant to Laws 2021, LB528, section 5].

In addition, the district must electronically publish this statement on the school district web site. Such electronic publication must be prominently displayed with an active link to the Internet address for the web site established by the Nebraska Budget Act to allow the public access to the information.

Budget Hearing. The board must conduct a hearing prior to adopting the budget. The hearing must be held separately from any regularly scheduled meeting and may not be limited by time. The board must make a presentation outlining key provisions of the proposed budget statement, including, but not limited to, a comparison with the prior year's budget. Any member of the public desiring to speak on the proposed budget statement shall be allowed to address the board at the hearing and must be given a reasonable amount of time to do so. Five minutes shall generally be considered a reasonable amount

of time.

Budget Hearing Documents. The board must make at least three copies of the proposed budget statement and at least one copy of all other reproducible written material to be discussed at the hearing available to the public at the hearing.

Budget Adoption. After the budget hearing, the proposed budget statement shall be adopted or amended and adopted as amended. If the adopted budget statement reflects a change from that shown in the published proposed budget statement, a summary of the changes (including the items changed and the reasons for such changes) must be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district within twenty calendar days after its adoption without further hearing.

Certification and Filing. The amount to be received from personal and real property taxation shall be certified to the appropriate levying board as provided by law. The budget shall also be filed with the state auditor.

Purchase Authorization. Except for bids required under the section "Bid Letting and Contracts," the board's adoption of the budget shall authorize the purchases without further board action.

Monthly Report. At each monthly board meeting, the superintendent will provide a report on the current status of the major sections of the budget.

PROPERTY TAX REQUEST PROCEDURES – PROPERTY TAX REQUEST IS EQUAL TO OR LOWER THAN THE ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Property Tax Request Hearing. The board must hold a special public hearing called for the purpose of passing a property tax request resolution.

Property Tax Request Hearing Notice. The district must publish a hearing notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district at least four calendar days prior to the hearing. The four calendar days shall include the day of publication but not the day of hearing. The hearing notice must contain the following information: The certified taxable valuation under section 13-509 for the prior year, the certified taxable valuation under section 13-509 for the current year, and the percentage increase or decrease in such valuations from the prior year to the current year; the dollar amount of the prior year's tax request and the property tax rate that was necessary to fund that tax request; the property tax rate that would be necessary to fund last year's tax request if applied to the current year's valuation; the proposed dollar amount of the tax request for the current year and the property tax rate that will be

necessary to fund that tax request; the percentage increase or decrease in the property tax rate from the prior year to the current year; and the percentage increase or decrease in the total operating budget from the prior year to the current year.

Increase in Total Property Taxes Levied. If the annual assessment of property would result in an increase in the total property taxes levied as determined using the previous year's rate of levy, the district's property tax request for the current year shall be no more than its property tax request in the prior year, and the district's rate of levy for the current year shall be decreased accordingly when such rate is set by the county board of equalization.

Decrease or No Change in Total Property Taxes Levied. If the annual assessment of property would result in no change or a decrease in the total property taxes levied as determined using the previous year's rate of levy, the district's property tax request for the current year shall be no more than its property tax request in the prior year, and the district's rate of levy for the current year shall be adjusted accordingly when such rate is set by the county board of equalization.

Resolution. The board shall pass a resolution to set the amount of its property tax request only after holding the public hearing. The resolution setting the district's property tax request at an amount that exceeds the prior year's property tax request shall include, but not be limited to, the information required by section 77-1601.02(4).

Certification. The resolution setting the property tax request shall be certified and forwarded to the county clerk on or before October 15th of the year for which the tax request is to apply.

PROPERTY TAX REQUEST PROCEDURES – PROPERTY TAX REQUEST IS GREATER THAN THE ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Property Tax Request Hearing. The board must hold a public hearing called for the purpose of passing a property tax request resolution. If another political subdivision within the county also seeks to exceed the allowable growth percentage, the hearing will be a joint hearing. In the event of a joint hearing, each political subdivision must designate one representative to attend the joint public hearing on behalf of the political subdivision. If a political subdivision includes area in more than one county, the political subdivision shall be deemed to be within the county in which the political subdivision's principal headquarters are located. The hearing agenda will only include discussion on each political subdivision's intent to increase its property

tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage.
The hearing must be held after 6 p.m. on or after September 17th and before September 28th and before the district files its adopted budget statement. Any member of the public must be allowed a reasonable amount of time to speak at the hearing.

At the joint public hearing, the representative of each political subdivision must give a brief presentation on the political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage and the effect of such request on the political subdivision's budget. The presentation must include, at a minimum, all information and statements required by law.

Property Tax Request Hearing Notice. Notice of the joint public hearing must be provided by:

- The County Assessor sending a postcard with all required information to all affected property taxpayers. The postcard shall be sent to the name and address to which the property tax statement is mailed;
- Posting notice of the hearing with all required information on the home page of the relevant county's web site, except that this requirement shall only apply if the county has a population of more than twenty-five thousand inhabitants; ***and***
- Publishing notice of the hearing with all required information in a legal newspaper in or of general circulation in the relevant county.

Provide Information to County Clerk. Each political subdivision that participates in the joint public hearing shall provide the following information to the county clerk by September 5th: the date, time, and location for the joint public hearing; a listing of and telephone number for each political subdivision that will be participating in the joint public hearing; and the amount of each participating political subdivision's property tax request.

Resolution. The board shall pass a resolution to set the amount of its property tax request only after holding the public hearing. The resolution setting the district's property tax request at an amount that exceeds the prior year's property tax request, including any increase in excess of the allowable growth percentage shall include, but not be limited to, the information required by law.

Certification. The resolution setting the property tax request shall be certified and forwarded to the county clerk on or before October 15th of the year for which the tax request is to apply.

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3002
Deposits

The board of education shall designate the depository or depositories for all school funds. All funds received by the district shall be deposited promptly in the proper account of each such depository. All funds shall be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a surety bond approved by the board on securities of the United States government pledged by joint custody receipt.

Funds collected by district representatives shall be receipted, accounted for, and directed without delay to the proper depository. Funds exceeding shall not be left overnight in school buildings, except in safes provided for the safekeeping of valuables.

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3004
General Purchasing and Procurement

I. Applicability of this policy.

Purchases made with federal funds, whether those funds are derived directly from the federal government (e.g. award of a federal grant) or are derived by pass-through awards from the Nebraska Department of Education (e.g. special education funds, school lunch funds, Title I funds) are subject to the policy on Purchasing and Procurement with Federal Funds, which is found elsewhere in this section.

This policy applies to all other purchases made by the school district other than construction, remodeling, repair and site improvements.

II. General Purchasing Policy

A. The school district's budget shall be the guide for all purchases. No employee of the district may make a purchase that is not provided for in the budget without board or administrative approval.

B. The board intends to purchase competitively, whenever possible, without prejudice and to seek maximum educational value for every dollar expended.

C. The acquisition of services, equipment and supplies shall be centralized in the administration office under the supervision of the superintendent of schools, who shall be responsible for developing and administering the purchasing program of the school district.

D. Purchases or commitments of district funds that are not authorized by this policy will be the responsibility of the person making the commitment.

III. Building-Specific Purchasing

A. School buildings are operationally under the control of building principals. Principals have control and responsibility for the building and grounds, for all supplies and equipment housed at the building, for all school-related activities in the building, and for all pupils, teachers, and other employees assigned to the building.

B. Principals, in consultation with their staff, are responsible for requisitioning, managing, distributing, and utilizing supplies within the building.

C. The superintendent of schools or his designee is responsible for the requisitioning, managing, distributing, and utilizing of supplies for maintenance and transportation.

D. The administration is responsible for purchasing of goods, services and supplies and for providing the necessary forms for establishing efficient procedures to facilitate the process.

IV. Purchasing Procedures

A. School personnel must secure the approval of an authorized administrator before making any purchases.

B. Employees seeking reimbursement for a purchase made with their personal funds must attach an itemized receipt or invoice to all requests for reimbursement; must sign all purchase receipts or charge slips; and must submit itemized receipts and any purchasing card or credit card receipts to the office of the superintendent no later than a week prior to the next regular board meeting. A non-itemized credit card receipt is not sufficient.

C. Employees making purchases with a school district credit card or purchasing program must comply with the steps set forth in the district's Purchasing (Credit) Card Program.

D. All purchases of goods and services made with district funds must be made on a properly executed purchase order.

E. All purchases shall be initiated with a purchase order. Purchase orders are signed by the person responsible for that particular budget and finally by the superintendent.

F. For purchases of more than $10,000, authorized staff members must secure written quotes and/or estimates from a reasonable number of vendors. Staff will purchase from a responsible vendor with the lowest price unless the board approves the purchase from the more expensive vendor.

V. Relations with Vendors

A. The board wishes to maintain good working relations with vendors who supply materials, supplies and services to the school system. The school shall not extend favoritism to any vendors. Each order shall be placed on the basis of quality, price and delivery, with past services being a factor if all other considerations are equal. The administrative team may, in its discretion, use a Nebraska a state-wide cooperative purchasing program in lieu of obtaining quotes or bids under this policy to the extent such a bid or quote is not otherwise independently required by law.

B. No purchase shall be made that violates any conflict of interest policy or law.

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C. No employee shall endorse any product of any type or kind in such a manner as will identify him/her in any way as an employee of the school district.

D. The board believes in patronizing local businesses. Consequently, when proposals are judged to be equal in terms of quality, price, and/or service, the contract or purchase will be awarded to the firm that is located within the district. However, the board will not sacrifice either quality or economy to patronize local businesses.

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3005
School Activities Fund

The superintendent of schools shall establish an activities fund account to be used to finance the operations of student organizations, inter-school athletics, and other school activities that are not a part of any other fund. The school activities fund is a school district account. All transactions related to the activities fund shall be conducted through an account at a board-approved depository.

The superintendent shall manage the activities fund and serve as its treasurer. The superintendent may divide the activities fund into more than one account to allocate portions of the fund for different purposes.

Funds in an activity's account after the activity ceases to exist shall be transferred to the general fund or such other fund as the board may choose. Funds left in a graduating class's account may be transferred into any other school account at any time after graduation upon board approval.

As school activities are a responsibility of the school district, any deficit in the activity fund shall be paid from the general fund.

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3007
Review of Bills

The president of the board of education may appoint a board member or committee of the board to meet with the superintendent of schools each month to review all bills that are to be presented to the board for payment. The board member or committee may report its recommendations to the board.

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3008
Gifts, Grants and Bequests

The school district encourages those who wish to make gifts, grants, bequests or devises of property, real or personal, to the school district to make such donations through the district's foundation. The superintendent or his or her designee is authorized to accept on behalf of the school district gifts of personal property that are consistent with the district's mission and objectives. Upon acceptance, donations shall become the sole property of the district. The donation will be under the complete control of the board or school district which will not have any obligation to replace it if it is destroyed or becomes obsolete.

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3009
Audit

The board of education shall appoint a certified public accountant or public accounting firm to audit all school accounts annually and report to the board of education. The audit shall include all areas required by law and the rules of the Nebraska Department of Education. The auditor is not obligated to follow generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) but shall conduct the audit according to the standards of the auditing profession.

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3010
Insurance

The board or education shall purchase such insurance as it deems appropriate to protect the district, the board as a corporate body, individual board members, appointed officers, employees, and volunteers from financial loss arising from any claim, demand, suit or judgment. The district may, but is not required to, solicit bids or quotes for insurance coverage.

The board shall review its insurance coverage before its expiration date, or as need dictates.

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4.2. Discuss timeline of policy review in 2027.
4.3. Review Facility Modernization Planning & Plan for Steering Committee Meeting.
5. Meeting Adjournment.