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Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026
6:30 PM

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Posted Date: 08/27/2026

Agenda:

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - 1.1. Acknowledge placement of Open Meetings Act poster
 - 1.2. Roll Call
 - 1.3. Motion to legally convene
 - 1.4. Approve Excusing Absent Board Members
2. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 2.1. Approve previous minutes
 - 2.2. Approve Secretary - Treasurer reports
 - 2.3. Approve District bills
3. Public Comment
4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
 - 4.1. Elementary Principal
 - 4.2. High School Principal
 - 4.3. Activity Director
 - 4.4. Superintendent
5. NEW BUSINESS (Review, discuss, and take all necessary action)
 - 5.1. Close the Cooperative Fund and the Flex Fund accounts for the District

- 5.2. Open the QCPUF Account for the District
- 5.3. General Fund Transfer to Activity Fund
- 5.4. General Fund Transfer to Depreciation Fund
- 5.5. Discuss consider and take action to adopt a resolution to increase the District's Property Tax Request Authority
- 5.6. School Farm Ground to the North discussion
- 5.7. Project and Plan Discussion
- 6. ADJOURN

This agenda contains a list of subjects known at the time of its distribution on August 27, 2026. A copy of the agenda reflecting any changes will be kept in the office of the superintendent and will be readily available for public inspection during normal office hours. Except for items of emergency nature, the agenda will not be enlarged later than twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting. The Board reserves the right to change the order of business discussed.

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education regular meeting of the Crofton Community School was held on Monday, July 13, 2026 immediately following the previous hearing, with the following attendance: **Absent:** Jayne Arens, Michael Janssen, **Present:** Jeremy Buschkamp, Amy Hoffman, Craig Marsh, Lisa Van Heek. Present: 4, Absent: 2.

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Lisa Van Heek to declare the meeting open and properly advertised in the Crofton Journal and on the school's website. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Absent, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Amy Hoffman to approve excusing absent board members Jayne Arens and Michael Janssen. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Absent, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made by Jeremy Buschkamp and seconded by Lisa Van Heek to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Absent, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

In Administrative time, Mr. Wragge referenced his report to the Board members.

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Lisa Van Heek to approve the Parental Involvement Policy and the Student Fees Policy for 2026-27, as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Absent, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The board policy committee met with Mr. Wragge earlier this month to review the school's KSB Law policy updates for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion was made by Amy Hoffman and seconded by Jeremy Buschkamp to update the board policies recommended by KSB School Law for 2026-2027, as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Absent, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Lisa Van Heek to approve the ES Student Handbook, the HS Student Handbook, the Staff Handbook, and the Coach-Sponsor Handbook for 2026-2027, as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Absent, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The school's farm ground north of the high school has been farmed conventionally, but people living close to the land have expressed concern about chemicals affecting lawns, shrubs, gardens,

etc. The board members held discussion on possible alternative options, and will continue discussions once more information is available.

The motion was made by Jeremy Buschkamp and seconded by Craig Marsh to approve the additional Environmental Services, Inc asbestos abatement quotes for the gym ceiling, gym floor, and stage tile, ceiling, and wall at the ES, as presented for \$149,320. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Absent, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Amy Hoffman to approve and adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance by the District, Limited Tax Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026, in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed more than \$400,000, and not to exceed a term of more than 10 years, to finance the costs of certain abatement projects for the District..

The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Absent, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

During the project and plan discussion, Mr. Wragge reported to the board on aspects and stages of the construction process and their progress, on the asbestos abatement project progress, and on the track project and the items that have been completed.

The motion was made by Lisa Van Heek and seconded by Amy Hoffman to set the next meeting for August 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm, and to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Absent, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Dana Wortmann, Acting Secretary

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

AUGUST 10, 2026

Balance on hand July 1, 2026	2,858,524.66
July receipts:	
Cedar County Treasurer	20,564.16
Knox County Treasurer	69,443.87
BJ School Buses	building rent 150.00
Health Ins.	1,001.29
Miscellaneous	0.00
Interest	1,467.59
Total receipts	92,626.91
Cash available	2,951,151.57
July disbursements	478,590.89
Balance as of July 31, 2026	2,472,560.68

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance July 1, 2026	2,513,626.31
Outstanding checks/receipts	41,065.63
Balance on hand July 31, 2026	2,472,560.68

SPECIAL BUILDING ACCOUNT

Balance on hand July 1, 2026	59,133.58
July receipts:	
Cedar County Treasurer	504.59
Knox County Treasurer	3,021.54
NLAF Transfer In	350,000.00
Interest	70.17
Total receipts	353,596.30
July disbursements	Architect/Const. Mgmt/Testing fees 354,823.34
Balance on hand July 31, 2026	57,906.54

BOND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand July 1, 2026	4,697.25
Interest	2.60
Total receipts	2.60
Balance on hand July 31, 2026	4,699.85

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCOUNT

Balance on hand July 1, 2026	3,968.71
July receipts:	
NLAF Redemption	0.00
Interest	4.21
Total receipt	4.21
July disbursements	0.00
Balance on hand July 31, 2026	3,972.92

DEPRECIATION FUND

Balance on hand July 1, 2026	159,841.02
July receipts	interest 88.24
July disbursements	0.00
Balance on hand July 31, 2026	159,929.26

NEBRASKA LIQUID ASSET FUNDS (NLAF)

(Sp. Bldg) Balance on hand July 1, 2026	7,654,859.07
ACH Purchase	0.00
ACH Redemption	350,000.00
Interest	21,690.75
Balance on hand July 31, 2026	7,326,549.82
(Emp. Benefit) Balance on hand July 1, 2026	260,694.99
Interest	750.91
ACH Redemption	0.00

ACH Purchase -----	0.00
Balance on hand July 31, 2026 -----	261,445.90
(General Fund) Balance on hand July 1, 2026-----	2,355,418.83
ACH Purchase -----	0.00
Interest-----	6,784.59
Balance on hand July 31, 2026 -----	2,362,203.42

Activity Fund Balance Report - Summary - Include Encumbrances

07/2026 - 07/2026

Regular; Beginning Month 07/2026; Processing Month 07/2026; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity; Fund Number 05

Fund: 05 ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

<u>Chart of Account Number</u>	<u>Chart of Account Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Outstanding AP</u>	<u>Outstanding PO</u>	<u>Balance Change</u>	<u>Balance</u>
05 704 0001	ATHLETIC ACCOUNT	48,357.90	1,057.11	1,310.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48,610.79
05 704 0004	GENERAL ACCOUNT	3,501.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,501.62
05 704 0005	Activity Improvement Fund	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
05 704 0007	NHS	1,941.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,941.88
05 704 0010	STUDENT COUNCIL	1,508.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,508.37
05 704 0013	CLOSE-UP	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
05 704 0016	DRAMA	8,524.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,524.17
05 704 0019	FFA	37,587.73	620.00	976.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	37,944.23
05 704 0022	BAND	11,100.23	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,100.23
05 704 0025	CHORUS	14,773.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,773.30
05 704 0026	Elementary Music	780.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	780.00
05 704 0028	FCCLA	2,326.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,326.18
05 704 0029	DISTRICT 8 FCCLA - FUND BALANCE	1,693.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,693.67
05 704 0031	ANNUAL	1,268.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,268.49
05 704 0034	PE	247.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	247.36
05 704 0037	C-CLUB	8,260.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,260.79
05 704 0040	INTEREST	8,667.48	0.00	173.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,841.05
05 704 0043	SPANISH	208.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	208.76
05 704 0044	ADMINISTRATOR ACCOUNT	1,709.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,709.17
05 704 0045	High School Recognition Account	1,372.05	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,872.05
05 704 0046	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2,805.87	24.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,281.87
05 704 0048	FUND BALANCE - HS CITIZENSHIP FUND	1,093.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,093.85
05 704 0049	SPEECH	1,835.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,835.55
05 704 0055	J. STEFFEN SCHOLARSHIP	21,513.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	21,513.93
05 704 0058	BOYS' TRACK	7,583.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,583.07
05 704 0073	VOLLEYBALL	5,908.84	960.00	1,237.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,168.34
05 704 0076	GIRLS' BASKETBALL	29,827.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,827.11
05 704 0079	BOYS' BASKETBALL	8,524.28	341.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,183.03
05 704 0082	BOYS' GOLF	1,486.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,486.90
05 704 0085	FOOTBALL	3,682.81	703.22	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,479.59
05 704 0092	TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE STUDENT COSTS ACCT	25,071.43	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,071.43
05 704 0098	CROSS-COUNTRY	3,549.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,549.44
05 704 0113	WEIGHT ROOM ACCOUNT	272.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	272.33
05 704 0116	WRESTLING ACCOUNT	2,500.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.71
05 704 0131	ART	491.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	491.53
05 704 0132	C-W MANUFACTURING	5,463.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,463.37
05 704 0134	CLASS OF 2020	475.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	475.03
05 704 0136	FUND BALANCE Skills USA	150.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.10

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05 704 0140	Class of 2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 704 0141	ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
05 704 0143	KEVIN SCHIEFFER SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 704 0144	CHEERLEADING	4,031.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,031.29
05 704 0145	CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	184.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	184.40
05 704 0146	CONCESSIONS	9,603.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,603.63
05 704 0148	LYLE & SHIRLEY SAGE SAWATZKE SCHOLARSHIP - FUND BALANCE	2,128.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,128.82
05 704 0149	MISCHKE SCHOLARSHIP	3,161.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,161.29
05 704 0150	Quiz Bowl	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
05 704 0155	STAFF WELLNESS	1,281.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,281.51
05 704 0161	CLASS OF 2025	1,062.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,062.28
05 704 0162	CLASS OF 2026	231.25	231.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 704 0163	CLASS OF 2027	1,981.33	0.00	731.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,712.58
05 704 0164	CLASS OF 2028	1,073.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,073.97
05 704 0165	CLASS OF 2029	1,201.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,201.42
05 704 0166	CLASS OF 2030	375.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	375.00
05 704 0167	CLASS of 2031 - FUND BALANCE	193.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	193.46
Fund Total: 05		304,339.95	3,936.83	6,928.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	307,331.94

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Checking	1		
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A-OX WELDING SUPPLY	TANK RENTALS	109.35	
		Vendor Total:	109.35
ACCESS	STORAGE FEES	35.80	
		Vendor Total:	35.80
CARLSON HOME & AUTO	KITCHEN GAS VALVE REPAIRS	200.00	
		Vendor Total:	200.00
CITY OF CROFTON	WATER & SEWER	1,152.50	
		Vendor Total:	1,152.50
CLARK'S RENTAL INC	SCISSORS LIFT RENT	188.00	
		Vendor Total:	188.00
CLIMATE SYSTEMS, INC.	PREV MAINT. AGREEMENT	5,132.50	
		Vendor Total:	5,132.50
CMART, LLC	DRIVERS ED GAS/REG GAS/OTHER GAS	241.93	
		Vendor Total:	241.93
COURT FLOORS LLC	HS GYM FLOOR REFINISH	3,800.00	
		Vendor Total:	3,800.00
CROFTON JOURNAL	ADVERTISING/PRINTING	375.46	
		Vendor Total:	375.46
CROFTON LUMBER COMPANY	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	19.89	
		Vendor Total:	19.89
DOWNTOWN AUTO SERVICE	REPAIRS	305.57	
		Vendor Total:	305.57
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	219.09	
		Vendor Total:	219.09
ESU #1	SENTINELONE WORKSTATION LICENSES	270.00	
		Vendor Total:	270.00
ESU COORDINATING COUNCIL	FORTIMAIL SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	311.61	
		Vendor Total:	311.61
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	TRAVEL/REPAIRS	133.34	
		Vendor Total:	133.34
GRADING ASSISTANT LLC	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	195.00	
		Vendor Total:	195.00
GREAT PLAINS COMM	INTERNET/PHONE	708.20	
		Vendor Total:	708.20
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIER/PRINTER LEASES	1,432.71	
		Vendor Total:	1,432.71
INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS LLC	SUPPLIES	674.55	
		Vendor Total:	674.55
J. E. MEURET GRAIN CO., INC.	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	114.38	
		Vendor Total:	114.38
Johnson, Cassandra	CONF. REGISTRATION/LODGING	415.78	
		Vendor Total:	415.78
JOURNEYED.COM, INC.	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	500.00	
		Vendor Total:	500.00
KSB SCHOOL LAW, PC LLO	LEGAL SERVICES/POLICY SUITE FEES	1,495.00	
		Vendor Total:	1,495.00
MENARDS-YANKTON	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	62.97	
		Vendor Total:	62.97
NATIONAL ART & SCHOOL SUPPLIES, INC.	SUPPLIES	20.80	
		Vendor Total:	20.80
NEBRASKA COUNCIL	NCE CONF--CARL PERKINS	341.00	

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<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
		Vendor Total:	341.00
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	EXTERMINATION FEES	124.00	
		Vendor Total:	124.00
RESERVE ACCOUNT - PITNEY BOWES BANK INC	POSTAGE METER REFILL	450.00	
		Vendor Total:	450.00
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA, INC.	GARBAGE SERVICE	1,109.50	
		Vendor Total:	1,109.50
Y & Y LAWN SERVICE	LAWN SERVICE	2,170.00	
		Vendor Total:	2,170.00
		Fund Total:	22,308.93
		Checking Account Total:	22,308.93

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Checking	1			
Checking	1	Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND		
C K P P D		ELECTRICITY	5,141.04	
			Vendor Total:	5,141.04
CROFTON JOURNAL		ADVERTISING/PRINTING	294.19	
			Vendor Total:	294.19
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA		SUPPLIES/TRAVEL	73.87	
			Vendor Total:	73.87
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS		EXTERMINATION SERVICES	124.00	
			Vendor Total:	124.00
PIXEL PRESS TECHNOLOGY		SOFTWARE RENEWAL---HAL GRANT	300.00	
			Vendor Total:	300.00
WILSON LANGUAGE TRAINING		ACADIENCE SOFTWARE RENEWAL	600.00	
			Vendor Total:	600.00
			Fund Total:	6,533.10
		Checking Account Total:		6,533.10

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<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
<u>Checking</u>	1		
Checking	1 Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND		
ACTIVITY ACCOUNT	TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	50,000.00	
	Vendor Total:		50,000.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	408.05	
	Vendor Total:		408.05
CITY OF CROFTON	WATER & SEWER	1,489.20	
	Vendor Total:		1,489.20
CMART, LLC	REG/OTHER GAS	110.23	
	Vendor Total:		110.23
DEPRECIATION FUND	TRANSFER FOR BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	500,000.00	
	Vendor Total:		500,000.00
HAUSMANN CONSTRUCTION INC	SAFE/SECURE FUNDS PARTIAL PYMT FOR VEST	305,140.86	
	Vendor Total:		305,140.86
LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS, INC.	BACK TO SCHOOL MOVE IN MEALS DAYS 1 & 2	709.19	
	Vendor Total:		709.19
PEOPLES GROCERY	SUPPLIES	180.89	
	Vendor Total:		180.89
PETTY CASH ACCOUNT	PETTY CASH REIMB.	2,249.35	
	Vendor Total:		2,249.35
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	BLEACHER/LOCKER ROOM PAINT	610.49	
	Vendor Total:		610.49
WIEBELHAUS RECREATION	TEACHER MOVING BACK IN MEALS	505.88	
	Vendor Total:		505.88
	Fund Total:		861,404.14
	Checking Account Total:		861,404.14

The president may acknowledge any visitors at this time and provide time for public comment if Necessary.

- (Optional) Public Comment
 - The Board's Role
 - Listen - This time is meant to only listen to their opinions or thoughts.
 - Important: Do not engage in conversation with the speaker or answer questions posed by them to you.
 - Time limit - The Board should have a timer.
 - 5-minute time limit per speaker (30-minute total for all speakers)
 - Speaker Identification (Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1412):
 - Any member of the public desiring to address the body shall be required to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.



CROFTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PO Box 429, North Highway 121
Crofton, Nebraska 68730
Jr./Sr. High (402) 388-2440 Elementary (402) 388-4357
FAX # (402) 388-4265

MARK WRAGGE
Superintendent
JOHNNIE OSTERMEYER
Secondary Principal
SARAH HIGGINS
Elementary Principal

Administrative Report: Elementary (August 2026)

Sarah Higgins

News/Updates:

- Staff Inservice Days (August 17-24)
 - August 10 - started moving in/out
- Open House - August 24th (5:30-7:00)
 - Q&A Sessions @ 5:00, 6:00, 7:00
- Enrollment (**In:** 5 students, **Out:** 5 students)
 - Total Enrollment: 188
- New Staff
 - Paraeducators: Brooklyn Epler, Jennifer Claussen, Johnnie Mason
 - Student Teacher: Kennedy Reynolds (K - Connot)
 - Student Teacher: Jackson Walholts (PE - Slate)

Upcoming Events:

- Elementary Open House - August 24th
- First Day of School - August 25th (12:50 dismissal)
- High Five Friday will continue at the high school
- Picture Day - August 28th
- Acadience Benchmarking - TBD

I am looking forward to another great year serving Crofton Community Schools!! Thank you for your continued support.

August Secondary Board Report 2026

1. New Staff at Crofton High School
Mr. Strom CTE
Mrs. Hanika Math
Mr. Bengston PARA
2. New Student orientation is on Tue, August 20th.
3. Early iPad pickup for returning students is on August 17th, 24th, and 25th.
4. First Day for Staff is Monday, August 17th, moving things around and getting settled for 3 days
Then trainings starting on Thursday, August 20th:
Bloodborne pathogens, defibrillator, and CPR with Mrs. Johnson
Suicide Prevention, Seizure, 1st Aid, & Transportation Training Video are due Aug 29th
5. The first day for students is tomorrow, Tuesday, August 25, 1:00 dismissal
6. School Pictures – Friday, August 28th (It is all online again this year)
7. Open House at the High School this year is September 1st, 6:30-8:30

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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To: Crofton Board of Education
From: Mark Wragge, Superintendent
Re: August 2026 Board Report

1. I have been working on the 2026–2027 budget. Carl Dietz is providing support
2. We need to schedule one or two Finance Committee meetings. If we have one before August 20th, I think we need another one after August 20th
3. The August Newsletter included updates on the construction and financing, including QCPUF
4. Staffing Update: All positions, certified and classified, are filled!

ACTIVITY FUND	AUGUST BALANCE	AUGUST TRANSFER
2026	\$48,611	\$
2025	\$59,879	\$35,000
2024	\$53,575	\$40,000



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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE BASE GROWTH PERCENTAGE TO DETERMINE ITS PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") for **Knox County School District 54-0096**, commonly known as **Crofton Community School** (the "School District"), is planning the School District's annual budget for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, the funding needed for the School District to meet its obligations to its students will require an increase in the base growth percentage used to determine the School District's property tax request authority under NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-3403; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska law authorizes the Board, upon an affirmative vote of at least seventy percent (70%) of the Board, to increase such base growth percentage by up to 7%.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-3405(2), the Board hereby increases the base growth percentage used to determine its property tax request authority for the 2026-2027 budget in an amount of ____%.

Said Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education by a vote of ____ to ____ on the ____ day of ____, 2026.

President of the Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board of Education



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7% PROPERTY TAX AUTHORITY INCREASE

2023–2024 1st year of LB243—Property Tax Authority Lid

SY	Extra Property Tax Authority Approved	Amount (7%)	Amount of Property Tax Authority Used
23–24	No	— — —	— — —
24–25	Yes	\$481,716	\$223,809
25–26	Yes	\$519,974	\$0
26–27		\$530,086	\$0

1. The Board is voting to increase the Base Growth Percentage which is used to determine the “Property Tax Request Authority”. This will have the effect of increasing the Property Tax Authority for the current year. The extra authority provides additional flexibility while working under the budget and authority lids enacted by the Nebraska Legislature
2. 70% of the Board must approve for it to pass. 6 member board requires 5 yes votes
3. Our SY 2627 “Property Tax Request Authority”
 - a. \$6,342,605
 - b. With the 7% +\$530,086
 - c. \$6,872,691
4. \$5,362,322 is our estimated SY 2627 property tax request counting against our property tax authority of \$6,342,605 / \$6,872,691
 - a. —Our estimated property tax request puts us well under our Property Tax Authority
5. We have \$822,165 of unused Property Tax Authority for SY2627 which is added to our “Total Certified Property Tax Authority” from NDE. When the extra tax authority is approved, the unused tax authority carries forward to future years, continuing to protect the financial health of the district
6. Looking at the chart at the top....we have proven that we can stay below the extra authority, and at the same time we are protecting the long term financial health of the district
7. We get one chance each year to do our budget
 - o There is always the risk another bill like LB243 comes around and the Legislature does some calculation based on the prior year’s tax request. We may not need it this year, or next year, but 3 years down the road...
8. The notes and comments above emphasize that “Budgeting” and “Spending” are two completely different topics



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North School Land

FSA and NRCS Office—July and August 2026

1. SHELTERBELTS

Shelterbelts are in good overall health. No diseases, insects, or stress in general

2. NORTH CROP GROUND

a. CRP

- i. Government entities—schools—may or may not be eligible
 1. Several documents to complete to determine eligibility
- ii. Several years our crop was not certified—missing crop history is a hurdle
- iii. Our offer has to “compete” —another hurdle
- iv. New Farm Bill coming...new rules?
- v. CRP field is a fire risk

b. Continue with Conventional Farming—With a Higher Level of Management Practices

- i. Utilize cover crops
 1. Cover crops improve soil health...less fertilizer, less insecticide, less herbicide
 2. Plant the cover crops after harvest
 3. Terminate them in spring with a crimper (not using herbicide)
 4. Plant the cash crop directly into the rolled/crimped cover crop
 5. Requires specialized equipment (Crimper, no till equipment on the planter and the drill)
- ii. Precision Herbicide Applications
 1. Low drift nozzles
 2. Hoods over the nozzles to block wind and keep droplets on target
 3. Spot-spraying (precision tools that only turn on when weeds are present to reduce volume)
 4. Granular vs spray?
 5. Meet specific weather conditions and time of the day (a.m. / p.m)
 6. Requires specialized equipment
 - a. Utilize smaller equipment for more precision
- iii. Buffer strip of 20’ or more of grass between the field and the lawns

c. Alfalfa or Grass for hay

NRCS SHELTERBELT RECOMMENDATION—

- d. Recommendation: Clean out all volunteer trees in all shelterbelts around the school and football facilities
 - i. This will help with the longevity and overall health of the shelterbelts
 - ii. Unwanted volunteer trees will eventually start to choke out the desirable trees
 - iii. This is already evident in the shelterbelt around the football facility
 - iv. Most of the volunteer trees are still at a manageable size to remove from the belt. As time goes on they will be more difficult to remove without causing damage to the desirable trees

ORGANIC FARMING—

Intense management

If managed incorrectly...high weed and insect pressure

Not a good option for the tenant, the school district, or the neighborhood



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AUGUST 2026 PROJECT and PLAN DISCUSSION

1. QCPUF

We were estimating interest at 3.75%. We landed at 3.55%
\$395,000 in Bonds
\$46,000 in total interest over 5 years
Approximately \$87,000 — \$90,000 annual principal and interest payments
Nov 15th, 2027–28–29–30–31

2. HS Safe and Secure Entrance and Library remodel

3. ES Abatement

4. ES Construction

5. HS Kitchen Fire Suppression

- a. HS Fire Panel upgrade—discussion this fall
- b. HS Unified Communication system upgrade—discussion this fall

6. HS gym floor finished

7. 9 HS windows replaced that lost their seal

8. Athletics 2026–2027

Need to suspend the following 2 rules for Athletics—affecting volleyball and girls and boys basketball

- 1. Wednesday practice will be finished by 6:30 p.m. [showering and leaving can occur after 6:30]
- 2. Morning practices are only allowed if the bus is back at the HS by 10:30 p.m.