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Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2026
6:30 PM

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Posted Date: 11/5/2026

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. Early Completion Request (possible closed session)

5.2. Computer Science and Technology Education Report

5.3. Board Member Replacement

5.4. Staffing Discussion - Additional elementary staff

5.5. Project and Plan Discussion

5.6. Collective Bargaining (Closed Session)

6. ADJOURN

This agenda contains a list of subjects known at the time of its distribution on November 5, 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, October 19, 2026, at 7:00 pm, with the following attendance: **Absent:** Michael Janssen, **Present:** Jayne Arens, Jeremy Buschkamp, Amy Hoffman, Craig Marsh, Lisa Van Heek. Present: 5, Absent: 1.

The motion was made by Lisa Van Heek and seconded by Amy Hoffman to declare the meeting open and properly advertised by the certificate attached to these minutes. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Amy Hoffman to approve excusing absent board member Michael Janssen. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Public comment was given by two people.

In Administrative time, Mr. Wragge, Mr. Ostermeyer, and Ms. Higgins, referenced their reports to the Board members.

Mr. Wragge updated the board members on additional storm damage that had happened, which included all the football field light poles leaning, a leaning parking lot light pole at the high school, and the bell tower at the elementary had a tree fall on it. The insurance company has come and accessed all the areas of damage, and it looks like we will need to replace all the poles. We have halogen bulbs and fixtures, and ALICAP suggested going to LED, as halogen bulbs and fixtures are no longer in production, and inventory is being used up. Mr. Wragge will be getting quotes, and will be working with ALICAP on the insurance claim part of it.

The motion was made by Jeremy Buschkamp and seconded by Lisa Van Heek that the agreement on the north farmland for 2027 will be farmed with the north half being sown into grass for haying as a buffer strip, and the south half being able to be farmed with no restrictions, and a percentage split of the income being divided 80% to the FFA and 20% to other activities. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Nay, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Nay, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 3, Nay: 2, Absent: 1

Mr. Ostermeyer and Ms. Higgins shared information with board members regarding the recently held staff in-service. During the data retreat in-service, they reviewed the school's student data reports, along with doing activities and brainstorming, to focus on the area of writing. The area

of writing is the state's next area of focus over the next several years. They also did some curriculum planning across the grade spans.

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Jayne Arens to approve the option enrollment resolution, as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Jeremy Buschkamp and seconded by Craig Marsh to approve the quote from Miller Painting for the caulking of control joints on the high school building for $10,950.00, to be paid for using depreciation funds. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion was held on possible extra staffing decisions for the 2027-2028 school year, for high school special education, and an extra first grade teacher. After discussion, it was agreed to at least pursue advertising for an additional high school special education teacher.

During project and plan discussion, Mr. Wragge updated the board members that windows would soon be going in, and the drywall would be going up. The asbestos abatement is complete, and air quality has passed inspection. ESI will now be coming back for mold removal that has developed in some of the old school areas. After the abatement, we will now need to replace the stage flooring that was removed, and then paint the two small offices that are on the stage. The east girls' restroom at the elementary will also be switched to three stalls instead of four for better spacing, which will include new partitions and plumbing.

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Lisa Van Heek to go into closed session at 8:19 pm, to only discuss collective bargaining for certified staff. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Jayne Arens and seconded by Craig Marsh to come out of closed session at 8:44 pm, with only having discussed collective bargaining for certified staff. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Jeremy Buschkamp and seconded by Amy Hoffman to set the next meeting for November 9, 2026, at 6:30 pm, and to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy BuschkampP Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Absent, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dana Wortmann, Acting Secretary

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 9, 2026

Balance on hand October 1, 2026	1,478,984.60
October receipts:	
State of NE---State Aid	97,673.00
Cedar County Treasurer	63,291.62
Knox County Treasurer	127,048.83
State of NE---HAL Grant Funds	4,867.60
City of Crofton---Local License fees	300.00
BJ School Buses---building rent	150.00
Health Ins.	3,282.44
St. Rose---music tuition	1,473.32
UNL---Parking fees for A. Wragge	300.00
Crofton Booster Club---Reimbursement for AV Salary/Benefits/Video Brd Software	4,227.00
Miscellaneous	80.42
Interest	750.05
Total receipts	303,444.28
Cash available	1,782,428.88
October disbursements	513,413.47
Balance as of October 31, 2026	1,269,015.41

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance October 1, 2026	1,319,770.62
Outstanding checks/receipts	50,755.21
Balance on hand October 31, 2026	1,269,015.41

SPECIAL BUILDING ACCOUNT

Balance on hand October 1, 2026	71,336.70
October receipts:	
Cedar County Treasurer	3,221.20
Knox County Treasurer	6,704.54
NLAF Transfer In	700,000.00
Interest	117.48
Total receipts	710,043.22
October disbursements---Architect/Const. Mgmt/Testing fees	701,151.62
Balance on hand October 31, 2026	80,228.30

BOND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand October 1, 2026	4,704.95
Interest	2.60
Total receipts	2.60
Balance on hand October 31, 2026	4,707.55

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCOUNT

Balance on hand October 1, 2026	3,981.22
October receipts:	
NLAF Redemption	0.00
Interest	4.23
Total receipt	4.23
October disbursements	0.00
Balance on hand October 31, 2026	3,985.45

DEPRECIATION FUND

Balance on hand October 1, 2026	635,043.34
October receipts---interest	350.13
October disbursements	5,033.16
Balance on hand September 30, 2026	630,360.31

NEBRASKA LIQUID ASSET FUNDS (NLAF)

(Sp. Bldg) Balance on hand October 1, 2026	6,492,624.88
ACH Purchase	0.00

ACH Redemption	700,000.00
Interest	19,712.43
Balance on hand October 31, 2026	5,812,337.31
(Emp. Benefit) Balance on hand October 1, 2026	262,966.43
Interest	827.42
ACH Redemption	0.00
ACH Purchase	0.00
Balance on hand October 31, 2026	263,793.85
(General Fund) Balance on hand October 1, 2026	2,375,941.70
ACH Purchase	0.00
Interest	7,475.90
Balance on hand October 31, 2026	2,383,417.60

Activity Fund Balance Report - Summary - Include Encumbrances
10/2026 - 10/2026

Regular; Beginning Month 10/2026; Processing Month 10/2026; Accounts to Include Accounts with Activity; Fund Number 05

Fund: 05 ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Chart of Account Number	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Outstanding AP	Outstanding PO	Balance Change	Balance
05 704 0001	ATHLETIC ACCOUNT	85,539.30	4,383.81	4,003.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	85,159.11
05 704 0004	GENERAL ACCOUNT	3,501.62	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,601.62
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	1,728.27	561.72	270.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,436.55
05 704 0013	CLOSE-UP	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
05 704 0016	DRAMA	8,174.17	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,374.17
05 704 0019	FFA	38,183.30	4,551.30	195.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33,827.00
05 704 0022	BAND	10,430.55	0.00	2,376.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,807.26
05 704 0025	CHORUS	14,550.74	2,537.50	3,954.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,967.88
05 704 0026	Elementary Music	780.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	780.00
05 704 0028	FCCLA	3,315.02	610.00	476.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,181.82
05 704 0029	DISTRICT 8 FCCLA - FUND BALANCE	1,693.67	135.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,558.42
05 704 0031	ANNUAL	1,268.49	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,268.49
05 704 0034	PE	247.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	247.36
05 704 0037	C-CLUB	8,459.55	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,419.55
05 704 0040	INTEREST	9,215.06	0.00	208.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,423.99
05 704 0043	SPANISH	208.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	208.76
05 704 0044	ADMINISTRATOR ACCOUNT	1,659.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,659.17
05 704 0045	High School Recognition Account	2,082.40	280.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,802.08
05 704 0046	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	4,056.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,056.85
05 704 0048	FUND BALANCE - HS CITIZENSHIP FUND	1,093.85	0.00	565.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,658.85
05 704 0049	SPEECH	1,570.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,570.19
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	7,783.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,783.07
05 704 0073	VOLLEYBALL	6,498.69	197.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,301.64
05 704 0076	GIRLS' BASKETBALL	28,229.93	467.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,762.78
05 704 0079	BOYS' BASKETBALL	7,800.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,800.35
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	8,581.31	616.28	4,499.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,464.28
05 704 0092	TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE STUDENT COSTS ACCT	32,212.43	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32,242.43
05 704 0098	CROSS-COUNTRY	3,211.70	462.00	745.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,494.70
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	9,028.37	3,415.84	1,125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,737.53
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

Fund: 05 ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

Chart of Account Number	Chart of Account Description	Beginning Balance	Expenses	Revenues	Outstanding AP	Outstanding PO	Balance Change	Balance
05 704 0141	ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL	250.00	1,326.00	1,535.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	459.00
05 704 0144	CHEERLEADING	3,817.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,817.27
05 704 0145	CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	184.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	184.40
05 704 0146	CONCESSIONS	12,163.32	4,547.60	3,720.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,335.97
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 0163	CLASS OF 2027	2,290.32	28.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,261.49
05 704 0164	CLASS OF 2028	1,453.97	29.54	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.43
05 704 0165	CLASS OF 2029	1,511.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,511.42
05 704 0166	CLASS OF 2030	935.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	935.00
05 704 0167	CLASS of 2031 - FUND BALANCE	403.46	103.55	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	319.91
05 704 0168	CLASS OF 2032 - FUND BALANCE	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.00
	Fund Total: 05	362,294.64	25,193.74	27,065.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	364,166.10

Vendor Name	Description	Amount		
Checking 1				
Checking Account: 1 Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND				
A-OX WELDING SUPPLY	TANK RENTAL/GAS REFILLS	650.29		
			Vendor Total:	**650.29**
ACCESS	STORAGE FEES	20.35		
			Vendor Total:	**20.35**
B-J SCHOOL BUSES	CONTRACTED PUPIL TRANSP.	46,223.14		
			Vendor Total:	**46,223.14**
BLOOMQUIST PLUMBING & ELECTRIC	HS DRINKING FOUNTAIN DRAIN REPAIRS	2,718.30		
			Vendor Total:	**2,718.30**
BOKF, NA	NEW BOND INTEREST PYMT	118,159.38		
			Vendor Total:	**118,159.38**
CITY OF CROFTON	OCT. WATER & SEWER	1,252.60		
			Vendor Total:	**1,252.60**
CLIMATE SYSTEMS, INC.	AC REPAIRS	240.00		
			Vendor Total:	**240.00**
Doerr, Mickey	GAS FOR STATE XC	133.03		
			Vendor Total:	**133.03**
DOWNTOWN AUTO SERVICE	OIL CHANGES/REPAIRS	342.39		
			Vendor Total:	**342.39**
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	STAPLES/OVERAGE COPY CHARGES	237.51		
			Vendor Total:	**237.51**
ESU #1	POWER SCHOOL SUPPORT/TRAINING FEES	1,872.00		
ESU #1	SPED TRAINING FEES	60.00		
			Vendor Total:	**1,932.00**
FLIPPERS GYMNASTICS, LLC	WR BUILDING RENT	1,500.00		
			Vendor Total:	**1,500.00**
GREAT PLAINS COMM	INTERNET/PHONE	741.95		
			Vendor Total:	**741.95**
Hanika, Malaika	SPED PARENT MILEAGE	223.44		
			Vendor Total:	**223.44**
HAUSMANN CONSTRUCTION INC	SECURE VESTIBULE--SAFE & SECURE GRANT	167,291.45		
			Vendor Total:	**167,291.45**
HOMETOWN LEASING	PRINTER/COPIER LEASES	1,432.71		
			Vendor Total:	**1,432.71**
KNOX COUNTY AG SOCIETY	WR BULDING RENT	2,500.00		
			Vendor Total:	**2,500.00**
KSB SCHOOL LAW, PC LLO	LEGAL SERVICES	687.50		
			Vendor Total:	**687.50**
MENARDS-YANKTON	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	396.25		
			Vendor Total:	**396.25**
MICROTEL INN & SUITES	STATE XC ROOMS	456.00		
			Vendor Total:	**456.00**
One SourceThe Background Check Co.	E-VERIFY FEES	9.00		
			Vendor Total:	**9.00**
OVERDRIVE, INC.	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	750.00		
			Vendor Total:	**750.00**
PROCHEM DYNAMICS LLC	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	1,433.76		
			Vendor Total:	**1,433.76**
RASMUSSEN MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC.	PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT	3,634.00		
			Vendor Total:	**3,634.00**
RESERVE ACCOUNT - PITNEY BOWES BANK INC	POSTAGE METER REFILL	450.00		

Vendor Name	Description	Amount		
			Vendor Total:	**450.00**
STERLING COMPUTERS, INC.	ACCESS POINT	122.55		
			Vendor Total:	**122.55**
U S POST OFFICE	BULK MAILING PERMIT FEE	390.00		
			Vendor Total:	**390.00**
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA, INC.	GARBAGE SERVICE	1,148.25		
			Vendor Total:	**1,148.25**
Y & Y LAWN SERVICE	LAWN/FIELDS SERVICE	2,855.00		
			Vendor Total:	**2,855.00**
YANKTON P & D	LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	235.14		
			Vendor Total:	**235.14**
ZANER-BLOSER, INC	SUPPLIES--REPLACES PRIOR VOIDED CHECK	491.70		
			Vendor Total:	**491.70**
			Fund Total:	**358,657.69**
		Checking Account Total:		**358,657.69**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Participation at Board Meetings

The board may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, photographing, or recording its meetings.

- The Board President may acknowledge any visitors at this time and provide time for public comment–if necessary
- The Board's role during Public Comment is to only listen to the opinions or thoughts—not to engage in conversation
- Time Limit — 5 minute time limit per speaker
- 30 minute total for all speakers
- The speaker is required to identify himself or herself and include their address and name of any organization represented by such person. Unless the requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

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MARK WRAGGE
Superintendent

JOHNNIE OSTERMEYER
Secondary Principal

SARAH HIGGINS
Elementary Principal

Administrative Report: Elementary

November 9, 2026

News/Updates:

- PTC Attendance
  - KA (21/21)= 100%
  - KB (20/20)= 100%
  - 1st (18/18)= 100%
  - 2nd (20/20)= 100%
  - 3rd (27/28) = 96%
  - 4th (29/30)= 97%
  - 5th (26/26)= 100%
  - 6th: (27/27)= 100%
  - **TOTAL: 188/190 = 99%**

Health/Wellness

- Hearing Screenings took place on October 19
- Miles of Smiles took place on October 27

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day Program @ 10:00
- Wednesday, November 25: 12:50 Dismissal
- November 26-27 Holiday- No School
- Monday, December 14: Winter Concerts (elementary matinee 2:30, concert @ 6:00, HS @ 7:30)
- Tuesday, December 22: 12:50 Dismissal
- December 23-January 3: Holiday Break
- January 8: End Q2/S1

Secondary Principals Board Report: November 2026

1. Student of the Term:
   High School: Fred Dennis; Junior High: Aaron Dickes

Others nominated:

H S: Ty Nielsen, Kolton Vornhagen, Pamela Dennis, Carter Steffen, Hudsyn Stout, Ashlynn Schieffer, Ella LaCroix, Avery Arens, Jaisie Janssen, Macy Baker, Brady Thoene, Teegan Garza, Cecilia Wortmann, Athena Vau, Cali Bauch, Brayton Mueller, Ben Arens, Lukas Schantz, Brooklyn Guenther, Brady Guenther

JH: Karsyn Hart, Rae Dorney, Lauren Connot, Joe DeBlauw, Seeley Thunker, Gaia Vau, Gavin Mueller, Ruby Wilkins, Axel Folkers

2. Our Veterans Day program will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 11th at 10:00 in the gym.
   We will stream it for those who can not attend. Mr. Doerr and the seniors do a great job of putting this on every year.

3. Term 2 is underway and is going well..

4. Our ACT scores remain above the state average. I will provide more information at a later meeting.

5. The ES/JH/HS Winter Concert will be held on Monday, Dec. 14th at 6:00.

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

Johnnie Ostermeyer
Crofton Community Schools
Secondary Principal

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SARAH HIGGINS
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To: Crofton Board of Education
From: Mark Wragge, Superintendent
Re: Superintendent's Board Report

1. American Civics Committee
    a. November Committee Meeting
    b. December update part of the Board Meeting
    c. February Hearing – Maggie Moon presentation
        i. Hearing before Regular Board Meeting

2. Congratulations Amy and Jayne on being reelected to the Board!

Crofton Community School District's
2025–2026 Annual Computer Science Education Status Report

This report has been prepared to satisfy the annual reporting requirement under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3305.

Crofton Community School is pleased to report on student progress in computer science and technology education and the following district–determined measures of progress. The following data illustrate the district's progress in implementing computer science and technology education.

Computer Science & Technology Opportunities

High School Computer Science (Grades 9-12)

Note: Per NRS 79-3304, beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, all students must receive a minimum of five high school credit hours (one semester equivalent) of computer science and technology before graduation.

Enrollment Data (Graduation Requirement Only):

To meet the upcoming graduation requirement beginning with the graduating class of the 2027–2028 school year, Crofton requires all 9th–12th grade students to take Advanced Software Technology or Digital Media I & II for one semester during their 4 years of high school.

Enrollment data for the 2025–2026 school year:
High School Elective & Advanced Computer Science Courses

Course Name	NDE Course Code	Total Enrollment
Information Technology Applications	270502	36
Digital Media I	270602	24
Digital Design II	270611	24

Middle School Computer Science (Grades 7-8)

Junior High students at Crofton Community School are offered a variety of Computer Science and Technology Courses. These courses are each nine weeks in length and build on Computer Science education received at the elementary level.

Middle School Courses that include Computer Science Instruction:

Grade Level	Course/Unit Name	NDE Course Code	Total Enrollment
7th Grade	iTECH 7	279930	24
8th Grade	iTECH 8	279931	17

Elementary Computer Science (Grades 4th — 6th)

Crofton Community School employs a Instructional Technologist who provides 25 minutes of instructional time, Monday – Friday, with upper elementary students. All Kindergarten – 6th grade students receive Computer Science and Technology instruction.

Computer Science and Technology Instruction at the elementary level:

Grade Level	**Average Instructional Time Per Day**	**Primary Delivery Method**
6th Grade	25 Minutes per day	Specials: Monday – Friday
5th Grade	25 Minutes per day	Specials: Monday – Friday
4th Grade	25 Minutes per day	Specials: Monday – Friday
Kindergarten – 3rd grade	Developmentally appropriate technology and computer science content integrated into existing daily coursework and subject areas	

Teacher Certification & Capacity

Crofton Community School employs the following staff positions related to Computer Science and Technology Education:

- Elementary Computer Science teacher .25 FTE
- High School Computer Science teacher .25 FTE
- ES Media Specialist / Information Technology teacher .50 FTE
- HS Media Specialist / Information Technology teacher .50 FTE
- High School Information Technology / Computer Science teacher 1.0 FTE

Crofton Community School conducts Computer Science–specific professional development annually for all educators who provide Computer Science instruction.

Additional professional development, specific to computer science education, would be beneficial.

Student Progress

Crofton Community School Board of Education has made Computer Science and Technology preparedness a priority for all students. Crofton Community School uses course completion, enrollment in advanced computer science coursework, and locally identified skill indicators to monitor student progress. During the 2025–26 school year, 100% of students enrolled in the district's introductory computer science course successfully completed the course. Enrollment in elective and advanced computer science coursework has been steady each year courses have been offered. Specific targets include keyboarding, office productivity software skills, AI literacy, and foundational knowledge of Computer Science. As more elementary students have received direct Computer Science instruction, we have noticed an upward trend in middle and high school Computer Science course enrollment and completion.

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SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	SY2526 Enrollment	STAFFING
Bloomfield	307	1 section at each grade level. 2 sections of Kind for SY2728
Creighton	314	1 section at each grade level. 2 sections of…?
HNC	376	2 sections for three grade levels (Kind, 4th, 6th)
LCC	398	2 sections for four grade levels (Kind, 1st, 3rd, 4th)
Osmond	194	1 section at each grade level
Pierce	680	2 sections at each grade level. A couple of sections of 3
Plainview	360	Kind, 1st, 2nd—2 sections
Ponca	434	2 sections at each grade level
Wausa	209	1 section at each grade level
Wakefield	517	2 sections at each grade level
Winside	257	1 section at each grade level
Crofton	363	

PLAINVIEW

Our K, 1, 2 are all 2-track…regardless of size. They come together in 3rd grade and then split up a bit for departmentalized instruction 4th–6th.

We've had 2 kindergarten teachers since this current senior class of 30+ started 12 yrs ago. The board liked both teachers and they didn't have a place for the newly hired K teacher to go so they just kept her even though the K class the next year was only 18.

Eleven yrs ago, we were bouncing a teacher around with this large class until they got to 4th grade. We used ESSER funds to hire an additional 1st grade teacher to keep a class split for 2 years and then we took it a step further into 2nd grade for 2023-2024.

Basically we decided that class sizes of 10–15 for the first 3 grades would highly increase the probability that they will be reading on grade level by 3rd grade. Our NSCAS scores have gone up 20 pts and our Elementary AqUESTT classification has gone from Good to Great to Excellent from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026 so we can justify the expense with data. I do use REAP $ to help pay…classified as class size reduction.

Either I or Jen will be happy to talk with you or your Elem principal directly about this model. It's just what we do…it's not a big discussion each year but our investment in splitting grades K, 1, and 2 appears to be paying off with results!

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The ES bond project included two additional classrooms. We presented them as classrooms for the primary grades (1st and 2nd) to maintain smaller class sizes for teaching foundational skills in the early elementary grades.

Moving teachers from grade level to grade level to accommodate larger classes creates several challenges—

- Reduced Academic Achievement: Teachers who move between grade levels do not develop the same depth of knowledge and familiarity with a grade–level curriculum as teachers who consistently teach the same grade level

- Teacher Retention: Teachers who are moved from grade level to grade level often seek positions in other districts where they can remain in one classroom. This creates turnover (time and resources spent on hiring, training, learning our system, learning our culture)

- Parental Discontent and Frustration: Parents will prefer their children to have the teacher who consistently teaches that grade level rather than one who moves between grade levels

- Curriculum and Supply Costs: Grade-level curriculum and materials will be bought and likely used for one year before being shelved as the classroom teacher moves on to another grade level. And then we buy more curriculum and materials…

Percentage of Students At/Above Proficiency at the End of the School Year (Acadience benchmark assessment)			
	EOY K	EOY 1st	EOY 2nd
SY 2025-26	96.2% (26 students)	75% (20)	57.7% (26)
SY 2024-2025	100% (31)	69.2% (26)	81.5% (27)
SY 2023-2024	97.2% (36)	78.6% (28)	75% (24)
SY 2022-2023	87.1% (39)	75% (24)	75.8% (29)
SY 2021-2022	85.7% (35)	79.3% (29)	90.9% (22)
5 Yr Average Percentage Proficient	93%	75%	76%

COSTS

- Sped Teacher
  - Estimated $100,000 salary, insurance, benefits
  - Estimated 0.4 of one penny on the levy
  - 60% Sped reimbursement after the first year
- 1st grade
  - Estimated $100,000 salary, insurance, benefits
  - Estimated 1 penny on the levy
- 2nd grade
  - Estimated $100,000 salary, insurance, benefits
  - Estimated 1 penny on the levy
- Curriculum, materials, supplies Estimated $7,000
  - One time cost

SPENDING

School Year	General Fund	Offsets
2223	$6.4M	
2324	$6.5M	
2425	$6.4M	
2526	$7.3M	–$500,000 Depreciation –$120,000 Bond Interest –($6.6M) This is how we transition into spending that money differently

PER PUPIL COST(ADM)	23–24	24–25	25–26
Bloomfield	$24,821	$24,923	
Creighton	$22,368	$23,028	
HNC	$22,965	$24,940	
LLC	$29,983	$32,492	
Osmond	$27,275	$27,311	
Pierce	$17,090	$17,399	
Plainview	$21,736	$22,637	
Ponca	$19,863	$19,594	
Wakefield	$18,024	$19,924	
Wausa	$21,956	$24,529	
Winside	$23,727	$27,179	
Average	**$22,710**	**$23,996**	
Crofton	$20,176	$20,210	$20,655

***Our current spending levels are reasonable compared to our Array Schools

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NOVEMBER

1. Drywall in North Classrooms and old School Counselor office
    a. Chunks of drywall missing
    b. Several walls have a lot of glue stuck to them
    c. Replacing the damaged drywall with new / patching
        i. 3–4 sheets in each of the three classrooms

2. Gym Perimeter Walls—after abatement
    a. Costs: Framing, Rock, Insulation, and Paint

3. Flooring—Stage floor
    a. Composite Wood flooring
        i. Scratches and scuff are easier to fix
        ii. Vinyl rips
        iii. A matte finish and a light wood grain color to reflect light (black curtains absorb it)

4. 40 Radiator Panels (The panels covering the radiators hanging on the walls)
    a. Sandblast, Epoxy, Fix dents, paint
    b. Epoxy application requires 70 degrees or warmer
    c. We have to sandblast to remove the paint from the fins. The heat on the panels from the radiators requires extra prep (epoxy). And we have to apply a good paint because of the heat
    d. Bid—$4754



