

Mission Statement:

The mission of Elwood Public Schools is to provide a safe environment that fosters continuous learning and prepares students for an evolving global society.

Governing Values**We Believe:**

- 1. All students can learn and are given the opportunity to reach their full potential.**
- 2. Our school provides a positive, challenging and safe environment that promotes 21st century skills.**
- 3. Community, family and school support is vital to student success. Everyone should be treated with dignity and respect.**

Special Public Hearing for Elwood School 2026-2027 Budget Agenda 2026

- A. Call hearing to order
- B. Hearing to discuss the Elwood Public School 2026-2027 Budget.
- C. Public Comment
- D. Adjournment

Opening Statement

This meeting of the Board of Education of Elwood Public Schools is convened in open and public session on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Elwood Public School library. Notice of this meeting was given in advance by publication in the Valley Voice and posted in at least 3 public locations. The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. The Act is posted on top of the bookshelf on the south wall of the meeting room.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK: This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.
- **Time Limit:** The board will generally allow a total of 15 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 3 individuals who wish to address the board, the 15 minutes will be divided equally among the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.

- **Personnel or Student Topic:** If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to questions or comments about individual staff members or students.
- **General Rules:** This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening, hostile conduct or statements, and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.
- **No Action by the Board:** The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.

Please Complete this **Basic Data Input** -It will put information consistently throughout

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County-District #:	37-0030
Name of School:	Elwood Public School
Name of County:	Gosper
Class:	II
Current School District Taxable Value	952,755.070
Prior School District Taxable Value	862,868.054
Prior Year TOTAL Property Tax Request	3,977,461.00
Prior Year Property Tax Request - All Other Purposes ONLY	3,977,461.00
Prior Year Levy Rate	0.460958
School District Real Growth Value	19,575,849.00

Hearing Held On:	
Day of month:	14th
Month:	September
Year:	2026
Time:	7:00
A.M. or P.M.:	PM
Location of Hearing:	Elwood Public School Library
Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request Held On:	

Day of month:	14th
Month:	September
Year:	2026
Time:	To Follow Budget Hearing 7:00
A.M. or P.M.:	PM
Location of Hearing:	Elwood Public School Library

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026

Gosper

SUBDIVISION NAME

[illegible]

**2026-2027
STATE OF NEBRASKA
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FORM**

County-District #: 37-0030 Class #: 11
Elwood Public School
TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF
Gosper County

This budget is for the Period SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 through AUGUST 31, 2027

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX REQUIRED FOR:	Principal and Interest on Bonds	All Other Purposes	TOTAL
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 3,577,646.00	\$ 3,577,646.00
Bond Fund(s) <i>[If More Than 1 Bond Fund - Total All Together]</i>	\$ -		\$ -
Special Building Fund	\$ -	\$ 569,652.00	\$ 569,652.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total All Funds	\$ -	\$ 4,147,298.00	\$ 4,147,298.00

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of September 1, 2026 <i>(Include Bond Fund(s) and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund)</i>
\$ - Principal
\$ - Interest
Total Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness

Total Certified Valuation (All Counties) \$ 952,755,070
(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor MUST be attached)

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements
Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?
☒ YES ☐ NO

If YES, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names
Did the subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?
☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th.

Has your School District held a successful election to override the levy limits provided in Statute 77-3442, which is in effect for 2025-2026 school fiscal year?
☐ YES ☒ NO

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO Box 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509
Telephone: (402) 471-2111 FAX: (402) 471-3301
Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2026

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk
3. Nebraska Dept. of Education -Upload to NDE Portal only

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

BUDGET STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF TAX

County-District # 37-0030
Elwood Public School

2026-2027 BUDGET ADOPTED									
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Column 3)	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 5)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 6)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	NECESSARY CASH RESERVE (Column 8)	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS (Col 7 + Col 8) (Column 9)
General	2,346,433.00	3,166,433.00	3,541,870.00	6,708,303.00	677,680.00	4,530,623.00	5,208,303.00	1,500,000.00	6,708,303.00
Depreciation	623,101.00	723,101.00		723,101.00			723,101.00		723,101.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-		-
Activities	124,853.00	224,853.00		224,853.00			224,853.00	-	224,853.00
School Nutrition	59,241.00	330,000.00		330,000.00			330,000.00	-	330,000.00
Bond	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
Special Building	510,490.00	560,494.00	563,955.00	1,124,449.00			1,124,449.00		1,124,449.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-	-
Student Fee	6,192.00	13,192.00		13,192.00			13,192.00	-	13,192.00
				-					-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	3,670,310.00	5,018,073.00	4,105,825.00	9,123,898.00	677,680.00	4,530,623.00	7,623,898.00	1,500,000.00	9,123,898.00

PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX RECAP

PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM COLUMN 3 (Line A)	General Fund	Bond Fund(s) [Total Of All Bond Funds]	Special Building Fund	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund
COUNTY TREASURER'S COMMISSION 1% OF TAXES COLLECTED (Line B)	3,541,870.00	-	563,965.00	-
TOTAL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Line A + Line B) (Line C)	35,776.00	-	5,697.00	-
	3,577,646.00	-	569,662.00	-

CERTIFIED STATE AID	MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES
\$ 355,000.00	\$ 225,000.00

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2026		
400,000.00	-	100,000.00
		-

2025-2026 ACTUAL/ESTIMATED								
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Column 3)	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 5)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 6)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE (Col 4 - Col 7) (Column 8)
General	4,027,645.00	5,459,891.00	1,900,000.00	7,359,891.00	582,650.00	4,430,808.00	5,013,458.00	2,346,433.00
Depreciation	644,601.00	853,101.00		853,101.00			230,000.00	623,101.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	100,353.00	214,853.00		214,853.00			90,000.00	124,853.00
School Nutrition	59,131.00	275,741.00		275,741.00			216,500.00	59,241.00
Bond	-	-	-	-			-	-
Special Building	1,403,828.00	1,404,828.00	305,662.00	1,710,490.00			1,200,000.00	510,490.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	-	-	-			-	-
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-
Student Fee	6,392.00	6,392.00		6,392.00			200.00	6,192.00
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	6,241,950.00	8,214,806.00	2,205,662.00	10,420,468.00	582,650.00	4,430,808.00	6,750,158.00	3,670,310.00

NOTE: Total Disbursements and Transfers (Column 7) is the sum of Column 5 and Column 6 for the General Fund only. For all other funds, numbers will pull automatically from the Worksheets.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES

\$ 225,000.00

2024-2025 ACTUAL								
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Column 3)	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 5)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 6)	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE (Col 4 - Col 7) (Column 8)
General	3,904,343.00	6,555,350.00	2,011,810.00	8,567,160.00	487,522.00	4,051,993.00	4,539,515.00	4,027,645.00
Depreciation	518,537.00	779,642.00		779,642.00			135,041.00	644,601.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	93,178.00	212,940.00		212,940.00			112,587.00	100,353.00
School Lunch	49,547.00	237,993.00		237,993.00			178,862.00	59,131.00
Bond	-	-	-	-			-	-
Special Building	1,174,573.00	1,437,297.00	305,622.00	1,742,919.00			339,091.00	1,403,828.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	926.00	927.00	-	927.00			927.00	-
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-
Student Fee	6,812.00	6,812.00		6,812.00			420.00	6,392.00
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 5,747,916.00	9,230,961.00	2,317,432.00	11,548,393.00	487,522.00	4,051,993.00	5,306,443.00	6,241,950.00

NOTE: Total Disbursements and Transfers (Column 7) is the sum of Column 5 and Column 6 for the General Fund only. For all other funds, numbers will pull automatically from the Worksheets.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES

\$ 268,086.00

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME

Elwood Public School

ADDRESS

PO Box 107

CITY & ZIP CODE

Elwood 68937

TELEPHONE

308 785-2491

WEBSITE

elwoodpirates.org

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NAME

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TITLE /FIRM NAME

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For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please ✓ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

☐ Board Chairperson

☐ Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other

☒ Preparer

2026-2027 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Non-Bond Property Tax Request

(1) \$ 3,977,461.00

(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes from prior year budget - Cover Page)

Base Limitation Percentage Increase (2%)

2.00 % (2)

Real Growth Percentage Increase

$$\frac{19,575,849.00}{2026 \text{ Real Growth Value}} \div \frac{862,868,054.00}{\text{Prior Year Total Property Valuation per Assessor}} = 2.27 \% (3)$$

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3)

4.27 % (4)

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4)

\$ 169,837.58 (5)

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5)

\$ 4,147,298.58 (6)

(Without needing to attend Joint Public Hearing, or be included on postcard notification)

ACTUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

2026-2027 ACTUAL Non-Bond Property Tax Request

(7) \$ 4,147,298.00

(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes from Cover Page)

Property Tax Request is within allowable growth percentage. Political subdivision is NOT required to complete postcard notification requirements, or participate in the joint public hearing.

If line (7) is **greater than** line (6), your political subdivision **is required** to participate in the joint public hearing, and complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You must provide the required information to the County Assessor electronically by September 4th. You are not required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632. The joint public hearing is completed in lieu of this hearing.

If line (7) is **less than** line (6), your political subdivision **is not required** to participate in the joint public hearing, or complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You are required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632.

SCHEDULE A GENERAL FUND LID EXCLUSIONS

County-District #

37-0030

Elwood Public School

Line No.		2026-2027 Amount Budgeted To Spend
1	Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster. (List repair)	
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9	Total Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster (Lines 1 through 8)	\$ -
10	Judgments: (List the types of judgments obtained against your School District to the extent such judgment is not paid by liability insurance)	
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		
17	Total Judgments (Lines 11 through 16)	\$ -
18	Distance Education Courses	
19	Amounts eligible as exclusion for Voluntary Termination Agreements	
20	Retirement Contribution Increase	\$ 45,875.00
21	Native American Impact Aid	
22	Total General Fund Lid Exclusions - To LC-2 Form (Line 9 + Line 17 to 21)	\$ 45,875.00

**Elwood Public School
Schedule B - Levy Limit Compliance**

NOTE: *The Schedule portion below is to determine if the School District has met the levy limitations.*

Line No.		General Fund (Column A)	Bond Funds (Column B)	Special Building Funds (Column C)	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Funds (Column D)
1	Total Personal and Real Property Taxes -Cover Page	3,577,646.00	-	569,652.00	-
2	Exclusions:				
3	Bonded indebtedness secured by a levy on property (Includes Co. Treasurer Comm.)	-	-		-
4	Judgments not paid by liability insurance	-			
5					
6	Voluntary termination agreements with certificated Teachers 9/1/17 and after	-			
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12	Total Exclusions (Line 3 + Line 11)	-	-	-	-
13	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement Subject to the Levy Limitation (Line 1 minus Line 12)	3,577,646.00	-	569,652.00	-
14	Assessed Valuation	952,755,070	952,755,070	952,755,070	952,755,070
15	Levy Subject to Limitation ((Line 13 / Line 14) x 100)	0.375505	0.000000	0.059790	0.000000
16	Total Levy for Compliance	0.435295			

Schedule C

**** County must independently verify levy calculations before County Board approves final levies pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §77-1601. Calculations shown here are intended to assist only - it is not to be used for official levy setting purposes.**

Fund	Property Taxes	Valuation	Expected Levy
General Fund	\$ 3,577,646.00	\$ 952,755,070	0.375505
Special Building Fund	\$ 569,652.00	\$ 952,755,070	0.059790
Bond Fund	\$ -	\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
Bond Fund	\$ -	\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
Bond Fund	\$ -	\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
QCPUF Fund	\$ -	\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
QCPUF Fund	\$ -	\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
QCPUF Fund	\$ -	\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
		\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
		\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
		\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
		\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
		\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
		\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
		\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
		\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
		\$ 952,755,070	0.000000
Total	\$ 4,147,298.00	\$ 952,755,070	\$ 0.435295

Superintendent Pay Transparency Notice—Proposed Contract Daren Hatch

Notice is hereby given that Elwood Public Schools has approval of a proposed superintendent employment contract/contract amendment on its agenda for the board meeting to be held on March 9, 2026 at 7:30 pm at the School Library, 502 First Ave Room in Elwood , Nebraska.

After the 2026/27 school year, how many years remain on the contract:
(Column F must be completed if additional years remain on contract)

1

The estimated costs to the district for the 2026/27 year and future years are listed below:

	2026/27 Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits	Future Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits per Contract	TOTAL CONTRACT COST
Base Pay for the Total FTE	\$ 156,500.00	\$ 156,500.00	\$ 313,000.00
Compensation for activities outside of the regular salary:			
• Extended contracts / Activities outside of regular salary -			\$ -
• Bonus/Incentive/Performance Pay			\$ -
• Stipends			\$ -
• All other costs not mentioned above			\$ -
Benefits and Payroll Costs Paid by district:			
• Insurances (Health, Dental, Life, Long Term Disability)	\$ 25,012.40	\$ 25,012.00	\$ 50,024.40
• Cafeteria Plan Stipend			\$ -
• Cash in lieu of insurance			\$ -
• Employee's share of retirement, deferred compensation, FICA and Medicare if paid by the district			\$ -
• District's share of retirement, FICA and Medicare	\$ 23,431.96	\$ 23,431.96	\$ 46,863.92
• IRS value of housing allowance			\$ -
• IRS value of vehicle allowance			\$ -
• Additional leave days			\$ -
• Annuities			\$ -
• Service credit purchase			\$ -
• Association / Membership dues	\$ 558.00	\$ 558.00	\$ 1,116.00
• Cell Phone/Internet reimbursement			\$ -
• Relocation reimbursement			\$ -
• Travel allowance/reimbursement			\$ -
• Mileage Allowance			\$ -
• Educational tuition assistance			\$ -
• All other benefit costs not mentioned above			\$ -
Totals:	\$ 205,502.36	\$ 205,501.96	\$ 411,004.32

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Elwood Public School passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Elwood Public School resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	\$ 3,577,646.00
Bond Fund:	\$ -
Special Building Fund:	\$ 569,652.00
Qualified Capital Purpose	\$ -
Undertaking Fund:	

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10.42 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.41747 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. Elwood Public School proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.435295 per \$100 of assessed value.

5. ENTER PRIOR YEAR BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN COLUMN P

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt Resolution # _____.

Voting yes were:

Voting no were:

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Elwood Public School (37-0030) in Gosper County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock, PM, at Elwood Public School Library for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: <https://nep.education.ne.gov>

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement
	2024-2025 (1)	2025-2026 (2)	2026-2027 (3)			
General	\$ 4,539,515.00	\$ 5,013,458.00	\$ 5,208,303.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 3,166,433.00	\$ 3,577,646.00
Depreciation	\$ 135,041.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 723,101.00		\$ 723,101.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 112,587.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 224,853.00	\$ -	\$ 224,853.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 178,862.00	\$ 216,500.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ -	\$ 330,000.00	
Bond	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Building	\$ 339,091.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,124,449.00		\$ 560,494.00	\$ 569,652.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 927.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ 420.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 13,192.00	\$ -	\$ 13,192.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 5,306,443.00	\$ 6,750,158.00	\$ 7,623,898.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 5,018,073.00	\$ 4,147,298.00

Breakdown of Property Tax	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
\$	\$ -	\$ 4,147,298.00	\$ 4,147,298.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Elwood Public School (37-0030) in Gosper County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of, September 2026 at To Follow Budget Hearing 7:00 o'clock PM, at Elwood Public School Library for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Property Valuations	862,868,054	952,755,070	10%

2025-2026 Budget Information

Fund	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Property Tax Request	2025 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2025-2026 Request Divided By 2026 Valuation)	2026-2027 Operating Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2026 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	5,015,458.00	3,452,162.00	0.400080	0.362335	5,208,303.00	3,577,646.00	0.375505	-6%	4%
Special Building Fund	1,484,119.00	525,299.00	0.060878	0.055135	1,124,449.00	569,652.00	0.059790	-2%	-24%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	-	-	0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	6,499,577.00	3,977,461.00	0.460958	0.417470	6,332,752.00	4,147,298.00	0.435295	-6%	-3%

2026-2027 Budget Information

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Elwood Public School (37-0030) in Gosper County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 14th day of September, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock, PM, at Elwood Public School Library for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: <https://nep.education.ne.gov>

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement
	2024-2025 (1)	2025-2026 (2)	2026-2027 (3)			
General	\$ 4,539,515.00	\$ 5,013,458.00	\$ 5,208,303.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 3,166,433.00	\$ 3,577,646.00
Depreciation	\$ 135,041.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 723,101.00		\$ 723,101.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 112,587.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 224,853.00	\$ -	\$ 224,853.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 178,862.00	\$ 216,500.00	\$ 330,000.00	\$ -	\$ 330,000.00	
Bond	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Building	\$ 339,091.00	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,124,449.00		\$ 560,494.00	\$ 569,652.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 927.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ 420.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 13,192.00	\$ -	\$ 13,192.00	
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TOTALS	\$ 5,306,443.00	\$ 6,750,158.00	\$ 7,623,898.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 5,018,073.00	\$ 4,147,298.00

Breakdown of Property Tax	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
\$	\$ -	\$ 4,147,298.00	\$ 4,147,298.00