

Wauneta-Palisade Board of Education Regular Meeting

Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska
214 W Wichita Street
Wauneta, NE 69045

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 5:15 PM

Hondo Fanning: Present

John Jutten: Present

Laurie Maris: Present

Aaron McKinney: Present

Allison Sandman: Present

Marty Wheeler: Present

I. Call to Order

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I.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.2. Posting Verification

Jutten and Wheeler verified.

I.3. Open Meetings Act

I.4. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Hondo Fanning, John Jutten, Laurie Maris, Aaron McKinney, Allison Sandman, and Marty Wheeler.

- III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda
- IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments
- V. Building Update

Dish hood update, bleachers update, north door

VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of August Minutes

To approve and sign the 8/11/2025 regular meeting minutes Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.2. Approval of Monthly Budget Reports and District Expenditures

To accept the budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of Payroll \$300,890.31; GF Payables \$72,549.64 for a total of \$373,439.95 Passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.3. Approval of 2025-2026 District Budget

To approve the 2025-2026 budget of expenditures for general fund of \$3,590,944.00, special building of 581,713.00, QCPUF of \$71,606.00 for a total budget of 4,244,263.00. Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.4. Approval of 2025-2026 Tax Levy Request Resolution

To adopt the 2025-2026 district tax levy resolution for general fund levy of \$0.685642, special building fund levy of \$0.111070, QCPUF levy of \$0.013672 for a total levy of \$0.810384 Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.5. Approval of 1% Allowable Growth Resolution

To approve the 1% allowable growth Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.6. Approval of LB 243 Resolution

To approve the LB 243 resolution Passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.7. Appoint 2025-2026 Fiscal Agent

To appoint Randy Geier as our 2025-2026 fiscal agent for state and federal funds Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.8. Discuss/Approve Wrestling Co-op with Hayes Center

To approve wrestling coop for 2025-2026 with Hayes Center Passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.9. Approve North Star Negotiations

To approve North Star Negotiations software for certificated staff negotiations Passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Laurie Maris.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VII. Policy Review

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report

Geier shared that Ashley was very helpful with the budget process, recognized Guy for his hard work on the visitors' FB bleachers, and we now meet safety standards. Geier suggests creating paved handicapped parking area near the new home bleachers. Geier share concerns with board about dogs during football games. Geier is looking at parking posts around the new gym.

VIII.2. Principal Report

Frecks shared the cell phone policy updates, noting that only 8-9 phones have been taken, and there have been no second offenses to date. Words training continues next week with elementary teachers, school improvement SSTS meeting yesterday at the ESU with Williams and Einspahr. Nebraska reading improvement act affects how often we are testing students on their reading with MAPS and NSCAS. SPED Rodeo in North Platte tomorrow, 11 students will attend. Playground equipment should be scheduling shipping tomorrow.. Shifting middle and high school grade updates to electronic via infinite campus,

improving parental communication. Many events happening on Thursday, home JH FB/VB, XC at Chase County, VB at St. Francis.

VIII.3. ESU 15 Report

ESU 15 meets on Thursday, 9/11/2025, at noon CT to set the budget and levy.

VIII.4. NASB Report

Upcoming NASB events registration for state convention 11/19-21 begins 9/10, governors' education finance committee meets 9/22, labor relations 10/1-2. The area membership meeting was well attended.

IX. Executive Session

IX.1. Enter into Executive Session

IX.2. Return to Open Session

X. Next Regular Meeting

Next regular meeting, Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5 pm MT.

XI. Adjourn

Adjourn at 6:48 pm MT.

Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education for the District of Chase County School District #15-0536 a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools was convened in open, public session for a Regular Meeting at 6:29 PM Central on August 11, 2025, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska, 214 W Wichita Street, Wauneta, NE 69045, by President Sandman.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of the meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of the meeting, President Sandman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Act is permanently posted in the meeting room on a laminated poster, accessible to members of the public.

Mission Statement

Inspiring our Youth, Expecting Results Everyday

I. Call to Order. Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm MT.

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.2. Open Meetings Act Notice

I.3. Mission Statement

I.4. Meeting Posting Verificaiton. Fanning and McKinney verified the meeting posting.

II. Roll Call. Present Board Members: Hondo Fanning, John Jutten, Laurie Maris, Aaron McKinney, Allison Sandman, Marty Wheeler.

III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda

III.1. Add Playground Equipment Purchase and WP Foundation Donation to Action Items. To approve the addition of the playground equipment purchase and the receipt of WP School Foundation donation to the action items passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments. Jack Mols, from the NRCSA Executive Director, shared goals and made connections throughout his eight years. He shared NRCSA membership growth, benefits of membership, and legislative updates. New to the benefits, teacher scholarships for para programs or transition to teach programs.

V. Action Items

V.1. Approval and Signing of July Meeting Minutes. To approve and sign the 7/17/2025 regular meeting minutes passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.2. Approval of BD Pay App #28. To approve the BD Pay App #28 of \$41,614.30 passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Laurie Maris.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.3. Approval of Baxter Concrete Payment. To approve \$31,768 payment to Baxter Concrete for the bleacher concrete slab passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Aaron McKinney.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.4. Approval of ALICAP Payment. To approve ALICAP payment of \$85,184 for 2025-2026 insurance passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Hondo Fanning.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.5. Approval of 2025-2026 FV Coop Propane Contract. To approve the 2025-2026 FV Coop propane contract of 10,000 gallons valued at \$15,900 passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.6. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports. To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of Payroll: \$257,824.49; GF Accounts Payable: \$189,120.83 BF Accounts Payable: \$41,614.30 for a total of \$488,559.62 passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by John Jutten.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.7. Adoption of 2025-2026 District Handbooks. To approve the 2025-2026 PK-5 and 6-12 Student Handbooks as presented passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.
Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.8. Approval of Non-Certificated Staff Wage Increase. To approve non-certificated staff wage increase to be determined by merit and based on personal job evaluation, and at the discretion of the administration passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.9. Approval of 2025-2026 Substitute Pay. To approve the 2025-2026 substitute pay of \$160/day passed with a motion by Aaron McKinney and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.10. Approve Playground Equipment Purchase. To approve the purchase of playground equipment for \$56,533 passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.11. Accept WP School Foundation Donation. To accept a \$9810 donation from the WP School Foundation to be used for the playground equipment passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Laurie Maris.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI. Policy Review

VI.1. Annual Review of Student Fee Policy 5416. To adopt annual review of policy 5416 (Student Fees) passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VII. Administrative Reports

VII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier shared the progress on the roofing project, carpet is half complete, the painters have to finish the walls, Rutts is working on the HVAC projects, compliments to Marj and Guy for rocking the north side entrance, football field is aerated and filled holes with sand, bleachers are near completion, will begin to work on budget in the next two weeks. Planning to meet with Ashley soon to start the budgeting process. The summer staff is working hard to mow, water, paint, refinishing floors, the building is looking great for school next week. Geier will work to get the east street parking fixed and pouring pillars on the east side of new gym.

VII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared that 18 participated in Bronco Academy for two weeks covering reading, math, science. Teachers will report on Thursday with elementary words training, Friday other staff will report, Monday morning all teacher in-service, drivers will report for meeting Monday, all routes are covered and sub drivers are in place. Tuesday evening will be 6th grade orientation, open house 6:30 pm MT for paperwork, device checkout, welcome back meal.

VII.3. ESU 15 Report. Sandman shared that ESU 15 meets tomorrow to approve EL Achieve payment, ESU 16 SNDEN consortium payment, NRCSA dues, ESU 6 SPED training, Audit expenses, occupational therapy and migrant services payments. The board will review the policy changes, STEP Handbook, budget,

VII.4. NASB Report. Reminder that AMM will be held 9/3/2025 in North Platte. The August meeting was held on 8/9/2025 in Lincoln and reviewed financial reports, ALICAP report, SparqData Report and potential partnerships in the future.

VIII. Next Regular Meeting. Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 5 pm MT for Budget Hearings and a regular meeting to follow.

VIII. Adjourn. Sandman adjourned the meeting at 6:46 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback,
Recording Secretary

Dated this August 11, 2025
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Wauneta-Palisade Public School (15-0563) in Chase 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 9 day of September, 2025 at 5:00 o'clock, PM MTN, at Wauneta Board Room, 214 W Wichita, Wauneta, NE 69045 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 (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	2023-2024 (1)	2024-2025 (2)	2025-2026 (3)			
General	\$ 5,779,149.00	\$ 4,654,000.00	\$ 6,761,339.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 4,006,304.00	\$ 3,590,944.00
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 316,056.00		\$ 316,056.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 265,000.00	\$ 375,000.00	\$ -	\$ 375,000.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 516,000.00	\$ 485,000.00	\$ 575,000.00	\$ -	\$ 575,000.00	
Bond	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Building	\$ 5,550,745.00	\$ 1,376,245.00	\$ 1,280,960.00		\$ 705,064.00	\$ 581,713.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 840,716.00	\$ 215,927.00	\$ 299,555.00	\$ -	\$ 228,665.00	\$ 71,606.00
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 12,846,610.00	\$ 6,996,172.00	\$ 9,607,910.00	\$ 800,000.00	\$ 6,206,089.00	\$ 4,244,263.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ -	\$ 4,244,263.00	\$ 4,244,263.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Wauneta-Palisade Public School (15-0563) in Chase 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 9 day of, September 2025 at 5:05 o'clock PM MTN, at Wauneta Board Room, 214 W Wichita, Wauneta, NE 69045 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuations	474,660,039	523,734,638	10%

2024-2025 Budget Information

2025-2026 Budget Information

Fund	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Property Tax Request	2024 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2024-2025 Request Divided By 2025 Valuation)	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	6,642,000.00	3,333,015.00	0.702190	0.636394	6,761,339.00	3,590,944.00	0.685642	-2%	2%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Bond Fund _____			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Special Building Fund	2,019,886.00	664,524.00	0.140000	0.126882	1,280,960.00	581,713.00	0.111070	-21%	-37%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	484,647.00	142,398.00	0.030000	0.027189	299,555.00	71,606.00	0.013672	-54%	-38%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	0%	0
Total	9,146,533.00	4,139,937.00	0.872190	0.790465	8,341,854.00	4,244,263.00	0.810384	-7%	-9%