

Wauneta-Palisade Board of Education Working Meeting

Home Town Agency Conference Room
130 N Tecumseh Ave
Wauneta, NE 69045

Monday, January 12, 2026 1:00 PM

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

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments

Mr. Geier thanked the board for their service with a gift card for School Board Appreciation Week.

V. Informational Items

2025 Committees

Transportation: Wheeler, Jutten, McKinney

Negotiations: Sandman, Jutten, Maris

Budget: Maris, Sandman

Building/Grounds: Wheeler, McKinney, Fanning

Personnel: Sandman, Maris, Wheeler

Policy: Sandman, Fanning

Instruction/Americanism: Maris, Sandman

V.1. Building & Grounds Update

Board discussed/addressed items that could be improved:

Ag Shop painting, exterior door replacement, overhead door replacement/repair

Playground equipment installation

Pre-School Playground Equipment

Handicapped/ADA accessibility at the football field
Wrestling Room Possibilities
Secure South Entrance with new entry doors
Old gym tile chipping up

V.2. Transportation Update

Board discussed/addressed the following transportation concerns:
Coach Bus replacement 56/58 passenger Freightliner
Additional Suburban

V.3. Curriculum Update

Mr. Frecks shared the 2025 Annual Report of the district and explained the student performance, as well as the current curriculum, and discussed whether any updates are needed. Currently, our staff has a curriculum that serves the students and the district well, with no curriculum updates needed at this time.

V.4. Technology Update

The board discussed the need for a new phone system and gym sound system updates.

V.5. Budget Update

Mr. Geier shared the budget savings of 4% annually now that we operate only one building. Board members asked if considering a full day preschool program would be beneficial. It was noted that the AD/Transportation positions weren't filled this year and the board suggested that those be added back to increase administrator efficiency.

V.6. Policy Update

No policy updates at this time as we continue to work with Perry Law firm when legislation changes and warrants policy changes.

V.7. Personnel Update

The board discussed the implementation of a Personnel Survey for Climate/Work Place satisfaction and the Safe Say application.

VI. Goal Setting

VI.1. Building & Grounds Goals

The Board set the following goals: Addressing the Ag Shop to improve the structure with painting, exterior entry doors, and garage door repairs; and address the ADA parking at the football/track field near the new bleachers for improved access.

VI.2. Transportation Goals

The Board would like to purchase a new/used coach bus to replace the old one and possibly a new/used suburban to the fleet.

VI.3. Curriculum Goals

None.

VI.4. Technology Goals

The board would like to have an updated phone system and sound system for the competition gym.

VI.5. Budget Goals

The board would like to consider a full-day preschool model to improve district efficiency.

VI.6. Policy Goals

None.

VI.7. Personnel Goals

The board would like to add the AD and transportation director position(s) to improve administrative efficiency, conduct a climate survey for all staff, and research the Safe Say application with benefits to the district.

VII. Adjourn

President Sandman adjourned the meeting at 3:57 pm MT.