

Wauneta-Palisade Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

Monday, March 16, 2026 5:00 PM

Hondo Fanning: Present

John Jutten: Absent

Laurie Maris: Present

Aaron McKinney: Present

Allison Sandman: Present

Marty Wheeler: Present

John Jutten: Present

I. Call to Order

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.2. Posting Verification

Maris and Fanning 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. Discussion Items

V.1. Building Update

BD Construction and Tri-County Glass water tested the north vestibule for water and worked to schedule the hailed glass replacement. Trane was onsite March 2nd to replace parts on the air handler on the 1933 building roof. Rutts is having the power exhaust assembly shipped direct to the school on 3/6 and Eric will install when it arrives.

V.2. Bus Purchase Update

The bus that was to be purchased last month did not pass mechanical inspection and was not purchased.

VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of February Regular Meeting Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes from 2/16/2026 regular meeting 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

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

To accept the budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of Payroll \$314,910.59, General Fund Accounts Payable \$105,342.87 for a total of \$420,253.46 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. Accept Teacher Resignations

To accept the resignations of Angela Christner and Gale Bly effective the end of the 2025-26 school year and thank them for their years of service to the district 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.4. Approval of 2026-2027 Teacher Contract

To approve a teacher contract for Shiloh May for the 2026-2027 school year Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Allison Sandman.

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

VI.5. Open, Review, Accept or Reject Sealed Bids for Surplus Buses

To open, review, accept or reject bids for surplus buses from those interested parties upon opening and reviewing, we accept the bid for 2009 Bus #3 from Amanda Hastings of \$4000, accept the bid for 2000 Bus #9 from Axtell Community School of \$7000, and accept the bid for the 2005 GMC Thomas Bus #4 from Drew TenBensel of \$4000, each bidder shall pay by via cashiers check or guaranteed funds by 3/31/2026 and arrange pickup by 4/17/2026 and the principal will contact the winning bidders Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Marty Wheeler.

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

Received bids:

2009 Chevy Collins Bus #3

Tony WarBelton \$2510

Monte Cooper \$1150

Amanda Hastings \$4000

Todd Namath \$1750

Dana Cayer \$675

2000 GMC Thomas Bus #9

Todd Namath \$1500

Amanda Hastings \$3500

Charlotte Ebert \$1000

Axtell School \$7000

Brad Dinnel \$1503

Dana Cayer \$425

2005 Bluebird Bus #4

Dana Cayer \$400

Drew TenBensel \$4000

VII. Policy Review

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report

Geier shared NRCSA March 18-20th in Kearney, March 24 no school RPAC instrumental, RPAC Executive meeting, no school on 3/27 for PD.

VIII.2. Principal Report

Frecks shared FFA Barnyard, Spelling Bee Gavin attended in Omaha, Read Across America week was celebrated. Fourth quarter began today, Ms. Hayes is taking kids to DCH, Johanson is taking JH kids on 3/19 to a career fair, Prom is 3/21 State FFA March 25-27th.

VIII.3. ESU 15 Report

VIII.4. NASB Report

IX. Executive Session

IX.1. Enter into Executive Session

IX.2. Return to Open Session

X. Next Regular Meeting

The next meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT.

XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:32 pm MT 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

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 5:00 pm MT, on February 16, 2026, 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. The meeting was called to order by President Sandman at 5:00 pm MT.

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

I.2. Posting Verification. Jutten and Maris verified the posting of the meeting.

I.3. Open Meeting Act Notice

I.4. Mission Statment

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. None.

V. Discussion Items

V.1. Activity Bus Purchase. To approve the purchase of a 2013 International Shuttle Bus for \$23,500 upon mechanical review 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. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of January Minutes. To approve and sign the 1/12/2026 regular meeting minutes and work meeting minutes passed with a motion by Aaron McKinney 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.2. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports. To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the districts' expenditures of Payroll \$309,234.38, GF Accounts Payable \$107,517.41, for a total of \$416,751.79 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

VI.3. Acceptance and Adoption of 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement. To approve and adopt the 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement with a \$950 increase for a base of \$40,250, keeping the BCBS insurance the same, and adding a retention incentive addendum 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.4. Acceptance of Lawn Care Estimate. To accept Longhorn Lawn Care estimate of \$7,291.76 for 2026 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.5. Acceptance of KCAV Proposal. To accept the KCAV estimate of \$35,018.69 to update the competition gym sound system and approve the down payment of \$17,509.35 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

VI.6. Approve Dishwasher Hood Estimate. To approve the dishwasher hood estimate from Rutt's of \$10,422 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.7. Disposition of Used Buses. To approve disposal of three surplus buses via sealed bids by 3/12/2026 for interested parties to submit to the school office passed with a motion by John Jutten 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.8. Approve 2026 NASB and NRCSA Dues. To approve the NASB and NRCSA dues 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.9. Approve the 2026 Employer HSA Contribution. To approve the 2026 HSA Employer Contribution 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.10. Accept Teacher Resignation. To accept Trent Herbert's resignation effective the end of 2025-2026 school year and thank him for his years of service to the district passed with a motion by Allison Sandman 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.11. Approve 2026-2027 Teacher Contract. To approve a 2026-2027 teaching contract with Iris Alondra Torres Almanza 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

VI.12. Amend School Calendar. To amend the school calendar for hosting the RPAC Instrumental Clinic and Concert on March 24, 2026, will result in no school that day for students and PD day for staff 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. Policy Review. None

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier will attend the state wrestling tournament in Omaha, and the RPAC superintendent meeting is Wednesday.

VIII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared the spelling bee results and Gavin McKinney won and will attend the state spelling bee in Omaha. Students performed well at InterHigh Day, finishing well in Division 2 schools, hosted RPAC BB, vocal music went well. The new wrestling mat has arrived. Kreyton and David qualified for state wrestling. Beyond the Mat will host an exhibition match with Bobby Chism and Lucas Linner at state wrestling. Subdistrict girls basketball will be at Morrill, playing Bayard on Tuesday and subdistrict final will be on Thursday. Boys BB will travel to Arthur County on Friday. Subdistrict boys BB will begin next week. Community Hospital Career Day next week.

IX. Next Regular Meeting. Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT

X. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 6:20 passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by John Jutten.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback,
Recording Secretary

Dated this February 16, 2026
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President