

**Wayne Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Wayne Board of Education was held at 611 West 7th Street, Wayne, NE, 68787, on Monday, September 14, 2026 at The later of 5:20 p.m. or the Conclusion of the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request. Notice of the meeting and place of agenda was posted at Wayne Community Schools, posted in The Wayne Herald, and online: wayneschools.org. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was displayed for the public to read.

Mr. Justin Davis: Present

Mr. Lynn Junck: Present

Mrs. Jaime Manz: Present

Mr. Brent Pick: Absent

Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Present

Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Present

I. Call the Meeting to Order

A. The Budget Hearing meeting of the Wayne Community School District Board of Education is called to order on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

B. Wayne Community Schools mission is committed to the success of all students and the development of lifelong learners, and our vision is "Learning for Life, Every Student, Every Day."

C. The meeting was posted at Wayne Community Schools, published in the Wayne Herald (9/10/26), and online: www.wayneschools.org

D. Anyone desiring to view the Open Meetings Act may do so. The document is available for public inspection and is located on the north wall of the library. Wayne Community Schools may go into closed session to discuss certain agenda items to protect the public interest or to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual, if such individual has not requested a public hearing.

E. Board Member Roll Call

F. Motion to approve the absence of any Board Member.

G. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve absent Board Member, Mr. Brent Pick, passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Dr. Jodi Pulfer.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

I.a. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, as presented, passed with a motion by Dr. Jodi Pulfer and a second by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

I.b. Consent Agenda Items - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings and Financial Claims

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items, as presented, passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Mr. Justin Davis.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

I.b.I. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

I.b.II. Approval of Financial Reports and Claims

II. Personnel

II.a. Discussion item: Student Teaching Program at WSC

Dr. Lenihan discussed the proposed changes for the Student Teaching Program at Wayne State College.

III. Communications from the Public (Policy 8346) and Requested Presentations

There was no public comment during the meeting.

IV. Action Items

IV.a. Old Business

IV.b. New Business

IV.b.I. 2026-27 Wayne Community Schools District Budget - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on 2026-27 WCS District Budget

Motion to approve the 2026-27 Wayne Community Schools District Budget passed with a motion by Dr. Jodi Pulfer and a second by Mr. Lynn Junck.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes, Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board approved the 2026-27 District Budget.

IV.b.II. 2026-27 Wayne Community Schools Property Tax Request Resolution
09142026 - Discuss, Consider, and Take Necessary Action on 2026-27 WCS Property
Tax Request Resolution 09142026

Motion to approve the 2026-27 Wayne Community Schools Property Tax Request
Resolution 09142026 passed with a motion by Mr. Lynn Junck and a second by Mr.
Justin Davis.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes,
Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board approved the 2026-27 Property Tax Resolution 09142026.

IV.b.III. Updated Policy 6288: Artificial Intelligence - Discuss, Consider, and Take
Necessary Action on First Reading of Updated Policy 6288: Artificial Intelligence

Motion to approve the First Reading and Final of Updated Policy 6288: Artificial
Intelligence passed with a motion by Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl and a second by Dr. Jodi Pulfer.

Mr. Justin Davis: Yes, Mr. Lynn Junck: Yes, Mrs. Jaime Manz: Yes, Dr. Jodi Pulfer: Yes,
Mrs. Sylvia Ruhl: Yes

The Board approved the First and Final Reading of updated Policy 6288: Artificial
Intelligence.

V. Administration and Board Committee Reports:

V.a. Superintendent

V.a.I. Superintendent Evaluation Process

Dr. Lenihan discussed the process of the Superintendent Evaluation Process. The
Board will be receiving an email link to do their evaluation soon.

V.a.II. Principal Evaluation Process

Dr. Lenihan discussed the Principal Evaluation Process. Each principal is evaluated
once a year.

V.a.III. Fall District Enrollment Report

V.a.IV. Option Enrollment Policy Considerations

Dr. Lenihan discussed potential changes to the Option Enrollment resolution numbers.

V.b. Special Education Director

Mrs. Bear stated district assessments have started.

V.c. High School Principal

Dr. Lenihan said Homecoming went well. He also showed the High School class enrollment numbers.

V.c.I. 2026-27 Class Enrollments

V.d. Junior High Principal/Activities Director

Dr. Lenihan said fall sports are off to a great start. He also showed the Jr. High School class enrollment numbers.

V.e. Elementary Principal

Dr. Lenihan mentioned the elementary students finished the fall MAPS testing.

V.f. Early Learning Center Principal

Dr. Lenihan stated MAPS testing is complete.

VI. Board Committees

VI.a. Foundation and Community Relations - Justin Davis, Jaime Manz, Sylvia Ruhl, Mark Lenihan, Misty Beair, Greg Ptacek

Mr. Greg Ptacek stated the staff giving campaign improved from last year.

VI.b. Curriculum and Committee on American Civics - Jaime Manz, Jodi Pulfer, Sylvia Ruhl, Mark Lenihan, Andi Diediker, Russ Plager

No report.

VI.c. Facility/Safety/Finance - Justin Davis, Lynn Junck, Brent Pick, Mark Lenihan, Russ Plager, Dave Wragge, Darian Stoltenberg, Jordan Widner

Dr. Lenihan gave an update on the potential gym renovation project.

VI.d. Policy/Title IX - Jamie Manz, Brent Pick, Jodi Pulfer, Mark Lenihan, Misty Beair, Courtney Maas

No report.

VI.e. Negotiations - Justin Davis, Lynn Junck, Jodi Pulfer, Mark Lenihan

No report.

VI.f. Legislature - Lynn Junck, Brent Pick, Sylvia Ruhl, Mark Lenihan

The Board will try to meet with legislators to discuss current issues.

VII. Boardsmanship

VII.a. Review of Board Policies 4023-4032

VIII. Future Agenda Items:

- *TeamMates Presentation

- *Teacher Negotiations: begin by November 1

- *Policy 2103: Superintendent Completes Appraisal

- *Resolution to Policy 5006 - Option Enrollment

- *Homeschool Student Numbers

- *Review of Policies 4033-4132

- *State Education Conference: November 18-20, 2026, Omaha, NE

Additional Future Agenda Items include: Admin Reg 6288: Artificial Intelligence.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be Monday, October 12, 2026, in the Jr/Sr High School Library.

Deb Daum, Secretary