

Hayes Center High School
Hayes Center Public Schools Board of Education Budget Hearing

September 14, 2026 7:45 PM

Posted Locations

McCook Gazette

Hayes Center Public School's Website

Hayes Center Public School's District Office

Hayes Center Post Office

Pinnacle Bank, Hayes Center

Posted Date 9/10/2026

1. Call to Order

President Cox called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:46 PM in the Boardroom at the High School. Notice of this hearing was given in advance to all board members. Notice of the hearing was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board-approved method for giving notice. 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 hearing occurred in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

1.1. Roll Call

Andrea Richards: Absent

Nick Cox: Present

Toby Cox: Present

Dexter Lacey: Present

Keifer Messersmith: Present

Megan Messersmith: Present

Also present were Superintendent Kris Freeland, Principal Megan Soundy, and Business Manager April Carroll.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Recognition of Open Meetings Act poster

President Cox advised all in attendance of the Open Meetings Act poster which was displayed in the boardroom.

1.4. Recognition of Visitors

No visitors present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Keifer Messersmith and a second by Nick Cox.

Andrea Richards: Absent

Nick Cox: Yea

Toby Cox: Yea

Dexter Lacey: Yea

Keifer Messersmith: Yea

Megan Messersmith: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. Audience Communications

3.1. This Budget Hearing is for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto.

No audience communications.

4. Discussion

5. **Adjournment**

President Cox adjourned the Budget Hearing at 7:54 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Hayes Center Public Schools (43-0079) in Hayes 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 14 day of September, 2026 at 7:45 o'clock, P.M., at the Board room in the High School 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)
	2024-2025 (1)	2025-2026 (2)	2026-2027 (3)		(5)	(7)
General	\$ 3,587,902.00	\$ 3,673,501.00	\$ 4,932,600.00	\$ 153,134.00	\$ 2,118,024.00	\$ 2,997,687.00
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ 251,297.00	\$ 475,683.00		\$ 475,683.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ 8,643.00	\$ 8,643.00	\$ 17,147.00	\$ -	\$ 17,147.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 108,321.00	\$ 112,979.00	\$ 247,285.00	\$ -	\$ 247,285.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 110,861.00	\$ 101,864.00	\$ 138,889.00	\$ -	\$ 138,889.00	
Bond	\$ 207,134.00	\$ 260,653.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Building	\$ 22,527.00	\$ 27,886.00	\$ 276,476.00		\$ 261,476.00	\$ 15,152.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,071.00	\$ -	\$ 38,071.00	\$ 15,152.00
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ 42,978.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	
Student Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 4,045,388.00	\$ 4,479,801.00	\$ 6,146,151.00	\$ 153,134.00	\$ 3,301,575.00	\$ 3,027,991.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ -	\$ 3,027,991.00	\$ 3,027,991.00