

Hayes Center High School
Board of Education Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request

September 14, 2026 at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing

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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 Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request to order at 7:54 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

Nick Cox: Present

Toby Cox: Present

Dexter Lacey: Present

Keifer Messersmith: Present

Megan Messersmith: Present

Andrea Richards: Present

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

1.2. Recognition of Visitors

No visitors present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Dexter Lacey and a second by Megan Messersmith.

Nick Cox: Yea

Toby Cox: Yea

Dexter Lacey: Yea

Keifer Messersmith: Yea

Megan Messersmith: Yea

Andrea Richards: Yea

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3. Audience Communications

No audience communications.

3.1. This Special Hearing is for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request.

4. Discussion

5. Adjournment

President Cox adjourned the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request meeting at 7:56 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Hayes Center Public Schools (43-0079) in Hayes 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 14th day of September 2026 at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing, at the Board room in the High School for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change
Property Valuations	513,740,861	535,801,963	4%

2025-2026 Budget Information

2026-2027 Budget Information

Fund	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Property Tax Request	2025 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2025-2026 Request Divided By 2026 Valuation)	2026-2027 Operating Budget	2026-2027 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2026 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	4,596,439.00	2,929,384.00	0.570207	0.546729	4,932,600.00	2,997,687.00	0.559477	-2%	7%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	246,816.00		0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	-100%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund _____			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	263,237.00	15,556.00	0.003028	0.002903	276,476.00	15,152.00	0.002828	-7%	5%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	39,932.00	15,556.00	0.003028	0.002903	53,071.00	15,152.00	0.002828	-7%	33%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	5,146,424.00	2,960,496.00	0.576263	0.552535	5,262,147.00	3,027,991.00	0.565133	-2%	2%