

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2026 Immediately After Budget and Tax Request Hearings
Minden High School Media Center, 543 West 5th, Minden, NE 68959-0301

Andy Craig: Present
Justin Glanzer: Present
Cody Krull: Present
Kevin Raun: Present
Darcie Reed: Present
Rusty Rhynalds: Present

1. Call to Order

1.a. Open Meetings Act is Posted

1.b. Mission Statement

1.c. Roll Call

1.d. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

3. Consent Agenda

Action(s):

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Andy Craig and seconded by Justin Glanzer, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Andy Craig: Yea
Justin Glanzer: Yea
Cody Krull: Yea
Kevin Raun: Yea
Darcie Reed: Yea
Rusty Rhynalds: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.a. Consider Minutes from Prior Meetings

3.b. Consider Financial Reports

3.c. Consider Expenditures and Claims for Payment

4. Reports

4.a. Board Committees

4.b. Principals

4.c. Superintendent

5. Policy Review and Updates

6. Action Items

6.a. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on 2026-27 Budget

Action(s):

Motion to approve the 2026-27 budget as presented at the budget hearing. This motion, made by Andy Craig and seconded by Kevin Raun, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Andy Craig: Yea
Justin Glanzer: Yea
Cody Krull: Yea
Kevin Raun: Yea
Darcie Reed: Yea
Rusty Rhynalds: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.b. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Final Tax Request and Read Resolution

Action(s):

Motion to approve the 2025-26 Property Tax Resolution. This motion, made by Cody Krull and seconded by Andy Craig, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Andy Craig: Yea
Justin Glanzer: Yea
Cody Krull: Yea
Kevin Raun: Yea
Darcie Reed: Yea
Rusty Rhynalds: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.c. Consider, Discuss, and Take Action on Bus Purchase

Action(s):

Motion to approve the purchase of one coach bus; to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate the price of same vehicle; and to authorize the payment for same vehicle up to a maximum of \$375,000. This motion, made by Andy Craig and seconded by Darcie Reed, Passed.

Voting Detail:

Andy Craig: Yea
Justin Glanzer: Yea
Cody Krull: Yea
Kevin Raun: Yea
Darcie Reed: Yea
Rusty Rhynalds: Yea

Voting Summary: Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7. Next Meeting & Educational Opportunities

8. Adjournment per Board President Action at 7:54 pm

Board Secretary

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 10, 2026**

The agenda for the August 10, 2026 meeting was posted at the United States Post Office in Minden, Minden Exchange Bank, First Bank and Trust Company, Kearney County Courthouse, and the Minden city office. Agendas were mailed to the United States Post Office in Upland and Heartwell. The agenda was posted in the superintendent's office and notice was published in the local paper.

The board meeting began at 7:00 pm with all board members present.

The board heard public comment from KM Burkhardt.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to approve the consent agenda consisting of financial reports, claims for payment, and minutes from the July 13 meeting with corrections noted. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to table approval of payment for 2025-26 year end bills. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Raun to approve 2025-26 audit agreement with Dana F Cole. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Glanzer and second by Krull to approve the transfer of all funds within the Beef in Schools Fund to the Minden Schools Foundation in accordance with and required by IRS regulations and guidance, and authorize the Superintendent to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the transfer. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

At 7:21 pm, the meeting was adjourned per Board President action.

Secretary, Board of Education

**MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 25, 2026**

The agenda for the August 25, 2026 special meeting was posted at the United States Post Office in Minden, Minden Exchange Bank, First Bank and Trust Company, Kearney County Courthouse, and the Minden city office. Agendas were mailed to the United States Post Office in Upland and Heartwell. The agenda was posted in the superintendent's office and notice was published in the Hastings Tribune.

The board meeting began at 6:00 pm with all board members present.

Motion by Craig and second by Glanzer to approve the 2025-26 year end bills. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Craig and second by Krull to approve the motion regarding the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment for a new PK-3 elementary school facility and a high school and middle school additions and renovations project. Roll call: Craig, aye; Glanzer, aye; Krull, aye; Raun, aye; Reed, aye; Rhynalds, aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the 2026-27 budget.

The board discussed the elementary building project.

At 8:00 pm, meeting adjourned per Board President action.

Secretary, Board of Education

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT
August 31, 2026

SCHOOL BALANCE - July 31, 2026			\$90,005.46
Current Months Receipts			\$155,078.69
Transfers from Investments			\$1,200,000.00
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts			<u>\$1,445,084.15</u>
Less: Disbursements			\$1,414,133.15
Transfer to Investments			<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Disbursements			<u>\$1,414,133.15</u>
SCHOOL BALANCE - August 31, 2026			<u><u>\$30,951.00</u></u>
BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT - August 31, 2026			\$69,768.82
Deposits In Transit			\$0.00
LESS : Outstanding Checks			<u>\$38,817.82</u>
RECONCILED BANK BALANCE - August 31, 2026			<u><u>\$30,951.00</u></u>
(Balance - August 31, 2025 = \$58,374.72)			
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS			\$4,087,966.31
Money Market Minden Exchange	\$2,700,423.81	2.02% demand	
Money Market First Bank	\$1,387,542.50	1.51% demand	
(Balance August 31, 2025 = \$4,155,890.99)			
DEPRECIATION FUND INVESTED			\$728,722.00
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$678,860.32	2.02% demand	
Money Market First Bank	\$49,856.49	1.11% demand	
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$5.19		
(Balance August 31, 2025 = \$322,290.47)			
BUILDING FUND			\$2,588,407.18
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$1,763,155.05	2.02% demand	
Money Market First Bank	\$135,610.37	1.51% demand	
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Building Fund	\$689,637.26	3.40% demand	
Checking Minden Exchange Bank	\$4.50		
(Balance August 31, 2025 = \$2,035,395.69)			
BOND FUND			\$1,953,665.82
Money Market Minden Exchange Bank	\$1,239,204.36	2.02% demand	
NE Liquid Asset Fund - Bond Fund	\$714,461.46	3.40% demand	
(Balance August 31, 2025 = \$1,891,162.48)			
LUNCH FUND			\$98,604.04
Money Market First Bank	\$1,921.07	1.00% demand	
Checking First Bank	\$96,682.97		
(Balance August 31, 2025 = \$87,492.03)			
FUNDS PLEDGED FOR DEPOSITS			
Minden Exchange Bank	\$9,000,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC	
First Bank	\$2,065,000.00	Plus 250M FDIC	

Scott W. Johnson, Treasurer

MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT SUPPLEMENT
ACCOUNT RECONCILIATIONS
August 31, 2026

Bank	Account #	Beginning Balance	Plus: Receipts	Plus/(Minus) Transfers/Loans	Minus: Expenditures	Ending/ Reconciled Balance	Previous Year Ending Balance
General Fund							
MEB	401505	\$90,005.46	\$155,078.69	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,414,133.15	\$30,951.00	\$58,374.72
MEB	601096	\$3,895,024.04	\$5,399.77	(\$1,200,000.00)	\$0.00	\$2,700,423.81	\$2,789,389.88
FB&T	801472	\$1,385,777.06	\$1,765.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,387,542.50	\$1,366,501.11
	Subtotal	\$5,370,806.56	\$162,243.90	\$0.00	\$1,414,133.15	\$4,118,917.31	\$4,214,265.71
Depreciation Fund							
MEB	401919	\$5.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.19	\$5.19
MEB	613109	\$278,256.16	\$400,604.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$678,860.32	\$272,988.26
FB&T	807982	\$49,809.96	\$46.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49,856.49	\$49,297.02
	Subtotal	\$328,071.31	\$400,650.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$728,722.00	\$322,290.47
Building Fund							
MEB	106690	\$4.50	\$0.00	\$389,143.63	\$389,143.63	\$4.50	\$4.50
MEB	603209	\$2,132,607.73	\$19,690.95	(\$389,143.63)	\$0.00	\$1,763,155.05	\$1,236,080.12
FB&T	801407	\$135,437.83	\$172.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135,610.37	\$133,553.93
NLAF	9300655	\$687,652.75	\$1,984.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$689,637.26	\$665,757.14
	Subtotal	\$2,955,702.81	\$21,848.00	\$0.00	\$389,143.63	\$2,588,407.18	\$2,035,395.69
Bond Fund							
MEB	620112	\$1,219,293.44	\$19,910.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,239,204.36	\$1,205,944.74
NLAF	9300692	\$713,786.77	\$674.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$714,461.46	\$685,217.74
	Subtotal	\$1,933,080.21	\$20,585.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,953,665.82	\$1,891,162.48
Lunch Fund							
FB&T	801399	\$1,919.44	\$1.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,921.07	\$1,901.41
FB&T	990119	\$54,974.82	\$57,147.74	\$0.00	\$15,439.59	\$96,682.97	\$85,590.62
	Subtotal	\$56,894.26	\$57,149.37	\$0.00	\$15,439.59	\$98,604.04	\$87,492.03
Grand Total		\$10,644,555.15	\$662,477.57	\$0.00	\$1,818,716.37	\$9,488,316.35	\$8,550,606.38

2025/26 Projections vs. Actuals for General Fund

As of August 31, 2026

Income

2024/25 Budgeted Income = \$13,339,362.54

Month	Projected Income	Actual Income	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,595,749.51	\$1,496,569.58	(\$99,179.93)	(\$99,179.93)
October	\$566,922.91	\$641,420.61	\$74,497.70	(\$24,682.23)
November	\$220,099.48	\$108,633.28	(\$111,466.20)	(\$136,148.43)
December	\$312,141.08	\$518,932.61	\$206,791.53	\$70,643.10
January	\$2,012,909.81	\$1,546,409.73	(\$466,500.08)	(\$395,856.98)
February	\$1,768,437.72	\$2,596,382.27	\$827,944.55	\$432,087.57
March	\$1,187,203.27	\$553,784.85	(\$633,418.42)	(\$201,330.85)
April	\$642,957.27	\$853,677.91	\$210,720.64	\$9,389.79
May	\$3,436,219.79	\$4,207,779.02	\$771,559.23	\$780,949.02
June	\$1,236,558.91	\$782,342.62	(\$454,216.29)	\$326,732.73
July	\$176,079.59	\$177,967.10	\$1,887.51	\$328,620.24
August	\$184,083.20	\$160,610.58	(\$23,472.62)	\$305,147.62

Cash Flow

Month	Projected Cash Flow	Actual Cash Flow	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$196,569.33	\$230,163.19	\$33,593.86	\$33,593.86
October	(\$632,988.78)	(\$554,424.67)	\$78,564.11	\$112,157.97
November	(\$948,273.32)	(\$1,023,386.76)	(\$75,113.44)	\$37,044.53
December	(\$874,868.34)	(\$540,464.77)	\$334,403.57	\$371,448.10
January	\$910,481.98	\$489,775.71	(\$420,706.27)	(\$49,258.17)
February	\$587,162.65	\$1,537,272.03	\$950,109.38	\$900,851.21
March	\$40,334.27	(\$570,879.61)	(\$611,213.88)	\$289,637.33
April	(\$561,255.19)	(\$257,735.77)	\$303,519.42	\$593,156.75
May	\$2,273,581.34	\$3,028,815.26	\$755,233.92	\$1,348,390.67
June	\$18,010.59	(\$312,499.93)	(\$330,510.52)	\$1,017,880.15
July	(\$937,816.93)	(\$870,093.83)	\$67,723.10	\$1,085,603.25
August	(\$1,067,437.60)	(\$1,251,889.25)	(\$184,451.65)	\$901,151.60

Expenses

2024/25 Budgeted Expenses = \$14,335,862.54

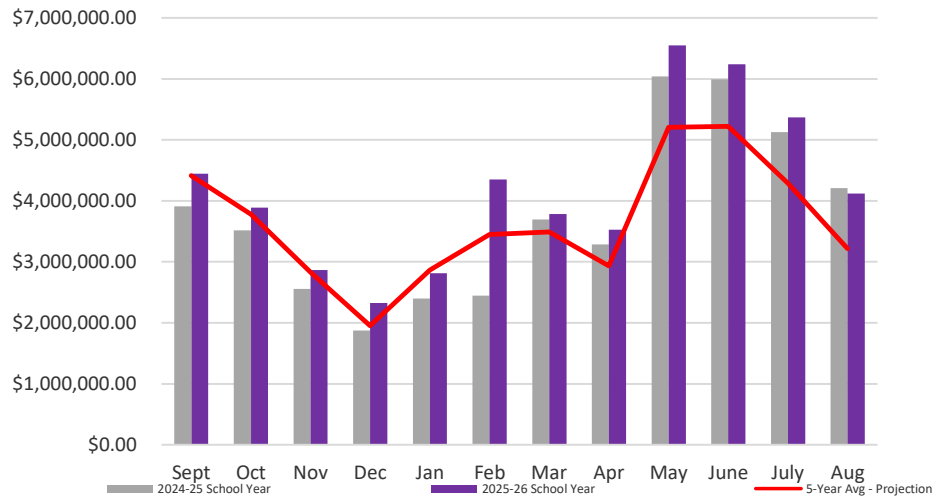
Month	Projected Expenses	Actual Expenses	Over/(Under) Projection	Running Balance Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$1,399,180.18	\$1,266,406.39	(\$132,773.79)	(\$132,773.79)
October	\$1,199,911.69	\$1,195,845.28	(\$4,066.41)	(\$136,840.20)
November	\$1,168,372.80	\$1,132,020.04	(\$36,352.76)	(\$173,192.96)
December	\$1,187,009.42	\$1,059,397.38	(\$127,612.04)	(\$300,805.00)
January	\$1,102,427.83	\$1,056,634.02	(\$45,793.81)	(\$346,598.81)
February	\$1,181,275.07	\$1,059,110.24	(\$122,164.83)	(\$468,763.64)
March	\$1,146,869.00	\$1,124,664.46	(\$22,204.54)	(\$490,968.18)
April	\$1,204,212.46	\$1,111,413.68	(\$92,798.78)	(\$583,766.96)
May	\$1,162,638.45	\$1,178,963.76	\$16,325.31	(\$567,441.65)
June	\$1,218,548.32	\$1,094,842.55	(\$123,705.77)	(\$691,147.42)
July	\$1,113,896.52	\$1,048,060.93	(\$65,835.59)	(\$756,983.01)
August	\$1,251,520.80	\$1,412,499.83	\$160,979.03	(\$596,003.98)

General Fund Balance

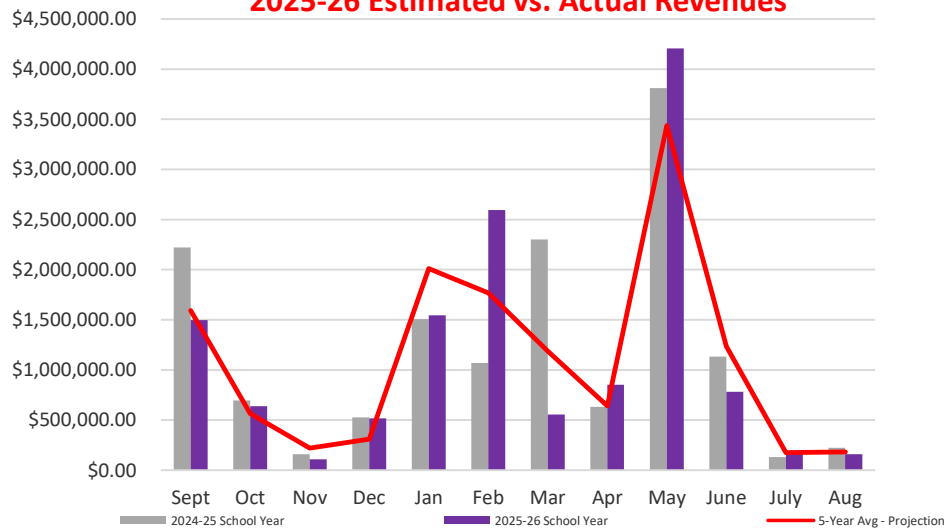
Beginning Reconciled GF Balance = \$4,214,265.71

Month	Projected GF Balance	Actual Reconciled GF Balance	Over/(Under) Projection
September	\$4,410,835.04	\$4,444,428.90	\$33,593.86
October	\$3,777,846.26	\$3,890,004.23	\$112,157.97
November	\$2,829,572.94	\$2,866,617.47	\$37,044.53
December	\$1,954,704.60	\$2,326,152.70	\$371,448.10
January	\$2,865,186.58	\$2,815,928.41	(\$49,258.17)
February	\$3,452,349.23	\$4,353,200.44	\$900,851.21
March	\$3,492,683.50	\$3,782,320.83	\$289,637.33
April	\$2,931,428.31	\$3,524,585.06	\$593,156.75
May	\$5,205,009.65	\$6,553,400.32	\$1,348,390.67
June	\$5,223,020.24	\$6,240,900.39	\$1,017,880.15
July	\$4,285,203.31	\$5,370,806.56	\$1,085,603.25
August	\$3,217,765.71	\$4,118,917.31	\$901,151.60

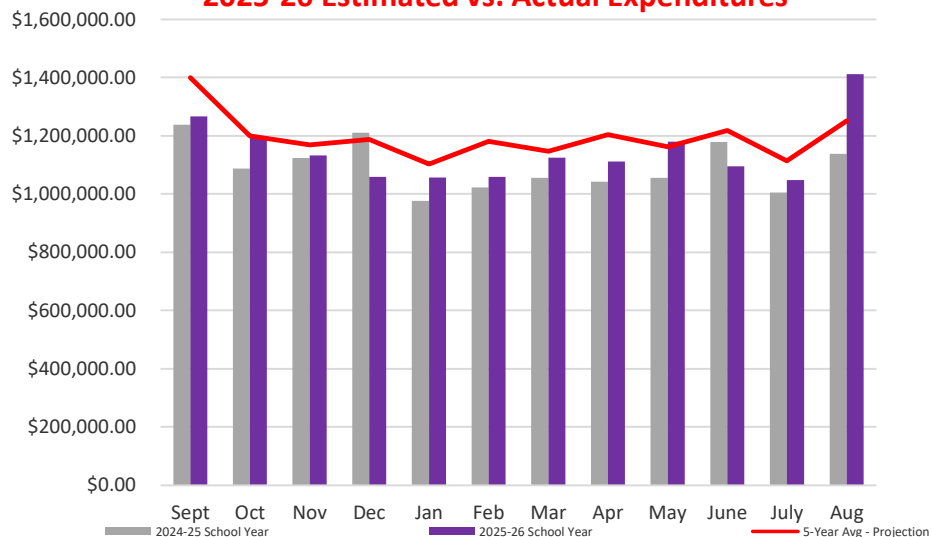
2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual General Fund Balance



2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual Revenues



2025-26 Estimated vs. Actual Expenditures



General Fund Expenditures

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Disbursed	Remaining Balance	Percent Spent
01100 - Regular Instruction	\$6,612,921.85	\$6,647,592.05	(\$34,670.20)	100.52%
01125 - Academic Intervention (Flex Funding)	\$102,981.59	\$101,392.40	\$1,589.19	98.46%
01200 - School Age SPED	\$1,761,833.00	\$1,575,111.94	\$186,721.06	89.40%
01291 - Preschool Age 3-5	\$11,630.53	\$3,458.27	\$8,172.26	29.73%
01292 - Preschool Age 0-2	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	0.00%
01300 - Summer School	\$20,942.64	\$16,327.27	\$4,615.37	77.96%
02120 - Guidance Counselor	\$331,913.32	\$317,739.29	\$14,174.03	95.73%
02130 - Health Services	\$95,608.07	\$85,431.76	\$10,176.31	89.36%
02141 - School Psychologist - School Age	\$130,264.42	\$127,126.74	\$3,137.68	97.59%
02151 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$204,381.65	\$192,432.04	\$11,949.61	94.15%
02152 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	0.00%
02153 - Speech Path & Deaf Ed	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
02161 - Occupational Therapy	\$42,500.00	\$36,996.75	\$5,503.25	87.05%
02171 - Physical Therapy	\$13,500.00	\$12,210.75	\$1,289.25	90.45%
02172 - Physical Therapy	\$1,500.00	\$1,680.75	(\$180.75)	112.05%
02173 - Physical Therapy	\$1,250.00	\$3,349.81	(\$2,099.81)	267.98%
02190 - Student Activities	\$206,366.92	\$210,039.68	(\$3,672.76)	101.78%
02213 - Instructional Staff Training	\$20,000.00	\$17,525.96	\$2,474.04	87.63%
02220 - Media Center	\$282,687.51	\$266,758.86	\$15,928.65	94.37%
02230 - Technology Support	\$168,661.49	\$162,796.67	\$5,864.82	96.52%
02240 - Assessment Coordinator	\$18,972.75	\$11,189.71	\$7,783.04	58.98%
02310 - Board of Education	\$48,100.00	\$29,888.44	\$18,211.56	62.14%
02320 - Superintendent	\$327,998.17	\$324,836.42	\$3,161.75	99.04%
02330 - District Legal Services	\$30,000.00	\$17,973.70	\$12,026.30	59.91%
02410 - Principal	\$783,796.24	\$702,186.45	\$81,609.79	89.59%
02510 - Business Office	\$223,787.40	\$219,224.34	\$4,563.06	97.96%
02610 - Custodial	\$511,904.80	\$527,875.93	(\$15,971.13)	103.12%
02620 - Building Maintenance	\$975,951.29	\$781,912.15	\$194,039.14	80.12%
02630 - Grounds Maintenance	\$211,011.25	\$147,162.57	\$63,848.68	69.74%
02640 - Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$29,481.79	\$23,535.90	\$5,945.89	79.83%
02650 - Non-Pupil Vehicle	\$6,500.00	\$4,189.83	\$2,310.17	64.46%
02660 - Security	\$90,500.00	\$120,793.91	(\$30,293.91)	133.47%
02670 - Safety	\$49,150.00	\$24,410.45	\$24,739.55	49.67%
02710 - School Bus Driving	\$255,772.60	\$274,066.31	(\$18,293.71)	107.15%
02712 - School Age SPED Driving	\$80,266.89	\$49,582.00	\$30,684.89	61.77%
02713 - Below Age 5 SPED Driving	\$12,964.89	\$8,244.25	\$4,720.64	63.59%
02730 - School Bus Driving Vehicle Maintenance	\$136,250.20	\$97,605.12	\$38,645.08	71.64%
02732 - School Age SPED Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$1,300.82	\$1,699.18	43.36%
03400 - Expenditures from Private/Corporate Grants	\$0.00	\$8,260.74	(\$8,260.74)	
03535 - High Ability Learners	\$46,200.69	\$44,056.28	\$2,144.41	95.36%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
06200 - Title IA	\$141,559.00	\$129,691.20	\$11,867.80	91.62%
06301 - CLSD Grant	\$0.00	\$16,281.87	(\$16,281.87)	
06406 - IDEA Preschool (619) Base Allocation	\$2,442.00	\$2,442.00	\$0.00	100.00%
06408 - IDEA Part B (611)	\$178,673.00	\$178,499.13	\$173.87	99.90%
06412 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,111.59	\$1,111.00	\$0.59	99.95%
06417 - IDEA Part B Transition	\$0.00	\$399.13	(\$399.13)	
06418 - IDEA Part B PEaK Projects	\$0.00	\$997.56	(\$997.56)	
06700 - Carl Perkins	\$2,000.00	\$635.00	\$1,365.00	31.75%
06990 - Other Federal Grants	\$0.00	\$6,019.00	(\$6,019.00)	
08000 - Transfers (Outgoing)	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	133.33%
09000 - Reimbursed by Other Funds/Entities	\$0.00	\$16.36	(\$16.36)	
Total	\$14,335,862.54	\$13,739,858.56	\$596,003.98	95.84%

General Fund Revenues - Thru 08/31/26

Account Description	Adopted Budget	Received	Remaining Balance	Percent Received
01100 - Taxes Levied/Assessed	\$9,508,972.54	\$6,037,388.27	\$3,471,584.27	63.49%
01115 - Carline Taxes	\$3,500.00	\$1,858.04	\$1,641.96	53.09%
01120 - Public Power District Sales Tax	\$35,000.00	\$48,954.15	(\$13,954.15)	139.87%
01125 - Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$425,000.00	\$539,283.48	(\$114,283.48)	126.89%
01140 - Penalty & Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$14,250.00	\$11,931.71	\$2,318.29	83.73%
01370 - Preschool Tuition and Fees	\$20,000.00	\$27,667.64	(\$7,667.64)	138.34%
01510 - Interest	\$40,000.00	\$72,075.32	(\$32,075.32)	180.19%
01910 - Rental of School Facilities & Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$175.00	\$825.00	17.50%
01911 - Local License Fees	\$3,750.00	\$2,683.17	\$1,066.83	71.55%
01920 - Contributions and Donations	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
01921 - Police Court Fines	\$500.00	\$225.00	\$275.00	45.00%
01925 - Categorical Grants from Corporations/Private Sources	\$0.00	\$8,779.68	(\$8,779.68)	
01980 - Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures	\$0.00	\$480.15	(\$480.15)	
01990 - Miscellaneous Local Revenue	\$300.00	\$48.38	\$251.62	16.13%
02110 - County Fines & License Fees	\$20,000.00	\$31,607.16	(\$11,607.16)	158.04%
03110 - State Aid	\$1,320,697.00	\$1,320,697.00	\$0.00	100.00%
03120 - Special Education - School Age	\$1,400,000.00	\$1,326,389.00	\$73,611.00	94.74%
03125 - SPED Transportation - School Age	\$2,500.00	\$2,202.00	\$298.00	88.08%
03130 - Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$120,832.04	(\$120,832.04)	
03131 - Property Tax Credit	\$0.00	\$3,590,696.19	(\$3,590,696.19)	
03166 - Flex Funding: School Age Support Services	\$0.00	\$98,532.00	(\$98,532.00)	
03180 - Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	\$20,000.00	\$19,580.36	\$419.64	97.90%
03400 - State Apportionment	\$148,750.00	\$190,258.11	(\$41,508.11)	127.90%
03535 - High Ability Learners Payments	\$7,358.00	\$7,848.00	(\$490.00)	106.66%
03551 - Career (CTE) Education	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	100.00%
04301 - CLSD Grant	\$0.00	\$19,381.21	(\$19,381.21)	
04417 - IDEA Part B Transition	\$0.00	\$400.00	(\$400.00)	
04418 - IDEA Part B PEaK Projects	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	
04505 - "ESSA Title I, Part A"	\$109,196.00	\$75,974.00	\$33,222.00	69.58%
04509 - "ESSA Title II, Part A"	\$22,363.00	\$22,363.00	\$0.00	100.00%
04516 - IDEA Preschool Base (619)	\$2,442.00	\$2,442.00	\$0.00	100.00%
04518 - IDEA Part B (611) Base & E-P Allocation	\$178,673.00	\$173,513.00	\$5,160.00	97.11%
04521 - IDEA Non-Public	\$1,111.00	\$1,111.00	\$0.00	100.00%
04525 - Carl Perkins Grant	\$2,000.00	\$635.00	\$1,365.00	31.75%
04530 - Other Federal Receipts - Categorical	\$0.00	\$3,199.00	(\$3,199.00)	
04708 - Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	\$20,000.00	\$45,579.08	(\$25,579.08)	227.90%
04709 - Medicaid Administrative Activities (MAAPS)	\$17,500.00	\$9,081.21	\$8,418.79	51.89%
04969 - Title IV, Part A SSAE Grant	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	(\$10,000.00)	
05300 - Sale of Property	\$5,000.00	\$5,556.45	(\$556.45)	111.13%
05690 - Other Non-revenue Receipts	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
06400 - Extraordinary Items	\$0.00	\$64,503.27	(\$64,503.27)	
Total	\$13,339,362.54	\$13,902,430.07	(\$563,067.53)	104.22%

Bank Statement Reconciliation

Description

Adjustment Date

Adjustment Amount

Minden High School Activities 08/01/2026 through 08/31/2026

Bank Statement Reconciliation Summary

Statement Balance	\$ 283,135.12
- Outstanding checks	\$ 17,767.13
+ Outstanding Deposits	\$ 0.00
+ Outstanding Adjustments	\$ 0.00
- Outstanding Investment Transfers	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 265,367.99
+ Investments	\$ 37,000.00
Book Balance	\$ 302,367.99

Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
09/15/2026	EFT	CenturyLink	Telephone Services	\$ 462.59
09/15/2026	EFT	Minden Exchange Bank - EFT	Direct Deposit Fees	\$ 33.85
09/15/2026	EFT	Wright Express Fleet Services	Fuel	\$ 670.51
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Dental Insurance	\$ 238.64
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 2PT	\$ 7,968.50
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 2,445.54
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins FAM	\$ 25,544.04
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District HDHP Health Ins SNG	\$ 4,656.36
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 2PT	\$ 27,770.25
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins 9 Mo	\$ 13,367.70
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins FAM	\$ 101,460.65
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SNG	\$ 8,988.00
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins SPD	\$ 3,269.74
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	District Health Ins Split	\$ 1,851.35
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental 2PT	\$ 720.40
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental FAM	\$ 2,505.72
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Feba Bcbs Dental SPD	\$ 139.15
09/15/2026	7071	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$ 665.07
09/15/2026	7072	Credit Management Services, Inc.	Kearney County Court CMSI	\$ 442.81
09/15/2026	7073	Fiduciary Trust Company	Flatwater Wealth TSA	\$ 2,000.00
09/15/2026	7074	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	Horace Mann Life Insurance	\$ 1,450.00
09/15/2026	7075	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Feba Life Insurance	\$ 198.00
09/15/2026	7075	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long-Term Disability	\$ 1,907.27
09/15/2026	7075	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Term Life Policy	\$ 528.50
09/15/2026	7076	Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co.	HSA Contribution	\$ 8,491.78
09/15/2026	7077	Minden Public Schools	District Court	\$ 507.00
09/15/2026	7077	Minden Public Schools	F/b Dependent Care	\$ 8,328.40
09/15/2026	7077	Minden Public Schools	F/b Medical Dental	\$ 4,124.25
09/15/2026	7077	Minden Public Schools	NE Retirement	\$ 93,550.14
09/15/2026	7078	Minden Public Schools.	Computer Lease Purchase	\$ 506.55
09/15/2026	7079	Mps Payroll	Federal Withholding	\$ 45,041.13
09/15/2026	7079	Mps Payroll	FICA	\$ 79,014.44
09/15/2026	7079	Mps Payroll	Medicare	\$ 18,479.18
09/15/2026	7080	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	State Withholding - NE	\$ 18,706.98
09/15/2026	7081	Principal Life Insurance Company	Vision Insurance - EE	\$ 161.12
09/15/2026	7081	Principal Life Insurance Company	Vision Insurance - EE+C	\$ 101.94
09/15/2026	7081	Principal Life Insurance Company	Vision Insurance - EE+S	\$ 407.76
09/15/2026	7081	Principal Life Insurance Company	Vision Insurance - FAM	\$ 549.24
09/15/2026	7082	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	Cordless Vacuums	\$ 835.16
09/15/2026	7082	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	East Technology Supplies	\$ 17.99
09/15/2026	7082	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Art Supplies	\$ 111.08
09/15/2026	7082	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Digital Media Supplies	\$ 2,265.15
09/15/2026	7082	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	HS Metals Shop Portable Spot Welder	\$ 149.75
09/15/2026	7082	Amazon Capital Services, Inc.	MS Recess Games	\$ 129.30
09/15/2026	7083	American Recycling	Smart Board Recycling Fee	\$ 100.00
09/15/2026	7084	Apptegy, Inc.	Thrillshare Rooms Subscription	\$ 6,090.00
09/15/2026	7085	Aurora Cooperative	Fuels and Chemicals	\$ 3,552.25
09/15/2026	7086	Black Hills Energy	Activities Building/Kitchen Natural Gas	\$ 401.10
09/15/2026	7086	Black Hills Energy	Bus Barn Natural Gas	\$ 53.32
09/15/2026	7086	Black Hills Energy	East Natural Gas	\$ 685.70
09/15/2026	7086	Black Hills Energy	MS/HS Natural Gas	\$ 2,051.19
09/15/2026	7087	CCS Presentation Systems	Smart Notebook License	\$ 59.00
09/15/2026	7088	Cengage Learning	HS Accounting Curriculum	\$ 472.78
09/15/2026	7089	City Of Minden	Utilities	\$ 31,089.13
09/15/2026	7090	Clearly	Telephone Service	\$ 919.72
09/15/2026	7091	Companion	Library Management Software	\$ 3,431.00
09/15/2026	7092	Computer Hardware, Inc.	HS CAD Lab Computers	\$ 6,196.00
09/15/2026	7093	Eakes Office Solutions	Custodial Supplies	\$ 1,155.23
09/15/2026	7093	Eakes Office Solutions	Custodial Supplies Return	\$ (156.38)
09/15/2026	7094	Educational Service Unit #10	Powerschool Server Hosting Fee	\$ 1,840.00

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Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
09/15/2026	7095	Educational Service Unit #11	Educational Service	\$ 4,477.75
09/15/2026	7096	Elan Financial Services	Employment Advertising	\$ 449.56
09/15/2026	7096	Elan Financial Services	First Grade Writing Curriculum	\$ 53.74
09/15/2026	7096	Elan Financial Services	Newspaper Subscription	\$ 32.99
09/15/2026	7097	Engineered Controls, Inc.	MS HVAC Repair	\$ 988.00
09/15/2026	7098	ESU Coordinating Council	Securely Software Subscriptions	\$ 7,509.65
09/15/2026	7099	Fifth Street Printing	HS Principal Business Cards	\$ 47.00
09/15/2026	7100	Gopher	MS PE Supplies	\$ 291.58
09/15/2026	7101	Henry Schein, Inc.	COOP Order	\$ 19.44
09/15/2026	7102	Hometown Leasing	Printer & Copier Lease	\$ 3,855.49
09/15/2026	7103	Jim's OK Tire Minden, LLC	JD Lawnmower Tire	\$ 114.50
09/15/2026	7104	John Deere Financial	JD Mower Repair	\$ 242.89
09/15/2026	7105	Johnson Hardware Company, LLC	MS/HS Door Keys	\$ 86.00
09/15/2026	7106	JW Pepper & Son, Inc.	Vocal Sheet Music	\$ 410.74
09/15/2026	7107	Landmark Implement Carquest	Maintenance Tools	\$ 26.95
09/15/2026	7108	Mason's Market	HS Life Skills Supplies	\$ 126.64
09/15/2026	7108	Mason's Market	Preschool Supplies	\$ 22.86
09/15/2026	7108	Mason's Market	Water Softener Salt	\$ 1,246.27
09/15/2026	7109	Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc.	FB Field Parking Lot Rock	\$ 489.43
09/15/2026	7110	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	East Controls Maintenance	\$ 1,325.00
09/15/2026	7110	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	East HVAC Maintenance Contract	\$ 1,968.75
09/15/2026	7110	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	East HVAC Repair	\$ 4,738.00
09/15/2026	7110	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS HVAC Quarterly Maintenance Contract	\$ 4,281.25
09/15/2026	7110	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	HS HVAC Repair	\$ 2,356.00
09/15/2026	7110	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	MS HVAC Maintenance Contract	\$ 4,625.00
09/15/2026	7110	Mid-States Automation & Control, Inc.	MS HVAC Repair	\$ 433.00
09/15/2026	7111	Minden Courier	Board Posting	\$ 11.78
09/15/2026	7111	Minden Courier	Board Postings	\$ 234.75
09/15/2026	7112	Minden Hardware	Repairs & Supplies	\$ 398.32
09/15/2026	7113	Mission Plumbing and Heating, LLC	HS Hot Water Repair	\$ 824.73
09/15/2026	7114	Mosyle Corporation	Apple Device Management Software	\$ 277.20
09/15/2026	7115	Napa Auto Parts	Bus 20P Repair	\$ 39.98
09/15/2026	7115	Napa Auto Parts	Bus 21P Repair	\$ 18.99
09/15/2026	7115	Napa Auto Parts	Coach Bus Repair	\$ 17.93
09/15/2026	7115	Napa Auto Parts	Oil Stabilizer	\$ 16.60
09/15/2026	7115	Napa Auto Parts	Transit Bus Repair	\$ 20.98
09/15/2026	7116	NASB ALICAP	Insurance Premiums	\$ 204,803.00
09/15/2026	7117	National Association for Music Education	NAfME & NMEA Membership Dues	\$ 286.00
09/15/2026	7118	Ne Association School Boards	Area Membership Meeting Registration	\$ 376.00
09/15/2026	7118	Ne Association School Boards	NAEP Membership Dues	\$ 65.00
09/15/2026	7119	Nebraska Department of Education	2026 NEMTSS Registrations	\$ 560.00
09/15/2026	7120	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corp	East Fire Sprinkler Inspection	\$ 300.00
09/15/2026	7120	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corp	HS Fire Sprinkler Inspection	\$ 410.00
09/15/2026	7120	Nebraska Fire Sprinkler Corp	MS Fire Sprinkler Inspection	\$ 445.00
09/15/2026	7121	Nippon Sanso Matheson	Metals Shop Supplies	\$ 159.28
09/15/2026	7122	Omnify Benefits	COBRA and FSA Fees	\$ 140.80
09/15/2026	7123	One Source	Background Checks	\$ 458.00
09/15/2026	7124	Perry, Guthery, Haase & Gessford, P.C., L.L.O	Legal Services	\$ 670.00
09/15/2026	7125	Presto-X Company	Pest Control Services	\$ 221.70
09/15/2026	7126	Renaissance Learning	East Accelerated Reader Subscription	\$ 1,616.32
09/15/2026	7126	Renaissance Learning	MS Accelerated Reader & Star Reading Subscription	\$ 3,720.50
09/15/2026	7127	S & S Worldwide, Inc.	COOP Order	\$ 34.23
09/15/2026	7128	Scholastic Magazines	Scholastic Magazine Subscriptions	\$ 1,516.25
09/15/2026	7128	Scholastic Magazines	Scholastic Magazines Subscription	\$ 1,867.37
09/15/2026	7129	School Specialty, LLC	HS Science Supplies	\$ 24.37
09/15/2026	7130	Spracklin Chiropractic	Bus Driver Physical	\$ 100.00
09/15/2026	7131	University of Nebraska - Lincoln (IANR)	Ag Class Software Subscription	\$ 100.00
09/15/2026	7132	Verizon	Transportation Tracking Software	\$ 173.85
09/15/2026	7133	Verizon Wireless	Wireless Hotspot Data Plan	\$ 160.04
09/15/2026	7134	Village Uniform	East Mop & Mat Service	\$ 320.23

Checks For Payment Listing

Date	Check Number	Payee	Reason	Amount
09/15/2026	7134	Village Uniform	HS Mop & Mat Service	\$ 500.47
09/15/2026	7134	Village Uniform	MS Mop & Mat Service	\$ 264.75
09/15/2026	7135	Widdifield, James T	August Reimbursement	\$ 118.40
09/15/2026	7136	Woodward's Disposal Service, Inc.	Shredding Services	\$ 62.50
Subtotal				\$ 810,256.82
Net Payroll - September 2026				\$ 470,114.41
Total General Fund Disbursements - September 2026				\$ 1,280,371.23

Secretary Kevin Raun

Lunch Fund Checks and Liabilities

Check Number	Date	Payee	Reason	Amount
6179	8/18/2026	Jacobsen, Barbara J	Lunch Account Refund	\$ 212.25
6180	8/18/2026	Cash-wa Distributing Co.	Fruit for Summer Lunches	\$ 670.90
6181	8/18/2026	Lurinda Clark	Lunch Account Refund	\$ 70.20
6183	8/18/2026	Cash-wa Distributing Co.	Commodities	\$ 3,898.13
645	9/15/2026	Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health & Dental Insurance Premiums	\$ 4,463.52
646	9/15/2026	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	EE Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 37.05
646	9/15/2026	Madison National Life Insurance Co., Inc.	Long Term Disability	\$ 12.01
647	9/15/2026	Minden Public Schools	EE & ER Retirement Contributions	\$ 2,016.23
648	9/15/2026	Mps Payroll	EE & ER FICA, Medicare, & Federal Income Tax	\$ 2,850.78
649	9/15/2026	Mps Payroll NE Income Tax	EE Nebraska Income Tax Withholding	\$ 334.90
650	9/15/2026	Principal Life Insurance Company	EE Vision Insurance Premiums	\$ 49.32
Subtotal				\$ 14,615.29
Net Payroll - September 2026				\$ 13,244.26
Total Lunch Fund Disbursements				\$ 27,859.55

Internal Board Policies - OrganizationStanding Committees

It shall be the policy of Minden Public Schools that the following will be the standing committees of the Board of Education:

1. Negotiations Committee
2. Committee on American Civics
3. Transportation/Facilities
4. Finance Committee
5. Policy Committee
6. Legislation Committee

It shall further be the policy of Minden Public Schools that the Superintendent shall appoint the members of the above committees.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-724
Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-520

Date of Adoption: July 8, 2019
Date Reaffirmed: March 8, 2021

Minden Public Schools

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September 2026 Report to the Board of Education Mr. Nathan Strasburg, Administrator

The following information is a list of highlights at C.L. Jones Middle School:

The first month of school has gone very smoothly. One of my top priorities to start every school year is to visit each classroom. I have enjoyed seeing our teachers and students back in action! I also feel like our new staff members have settled in nicely and have been great additions to our CLJMS team!

MS Breakfast-

We are excited to offer free breakfast for our students, along with the other two buildings. Each morning students are able to grab breakfast in the gym when they arrive. They can either eat while waiting for the bell or take their breakfast to class. This year our kitchen staff have set up their breakfast cart in the gym rather than the front lobby. Overall, we have seen an increase in our breakfast numbers! I am appreciative of our kitchen staff and the great job they do keeping our students fed.

Number Comparison-

August 2025 we served 699 breakfasts in the middle school.
August 2026 we served 1117 breakfasts in the middle school.

August 2025 we served 2136 lunches.
August 2026 we served 2309 lunches.

MS Drop off/Pick up-

The procedure for drop off and pick up was different this year around the middle school. I am happy to say that both seem to be running smoothly as people are getting used to the new setup. I am usually outside the school every morning and afternoon during these times. The shuttle bus drops off and picks up students in front of the building. After school, the route buses pick up students outside the central office to reduce congestion on 3rd Street. I would like to thank MPD for their help with traffic control during the first few days of school.

Whippet of the Month- Each month, staff will select students to nominate for the title of “Whippet of the Month”. The names of these students will be placed into a drawing. At the end of the month, I will draw several names from each grade level to recognize their outstanding character, behavior, and academic performance. The first Whippets of the Month will be awarded in September.

The students who are nominated must meet the following criteria:

Academic Performance: Active class participation, demonstrates academic progress, and gives his/ her best effort.

Character: Displays one or more of the following: Compassion, respect, responsibility, kindness towards others, willingness to help others and trustworthiness.

Behavior: Follows school rules/policies to be safe, shows respect toward peers and staff, well mannered, and maintains a positive attitude toward others.

Students that are selected will have their picture proudly displayed in the school and will receive a certificate of appreciation for their hard work!

MAP Testing-

The NWEA MAP Test (Measures of Academic Progress) is an adaptive achievement/growth test. It creates a personalized assessment by adapting to each student’s learning level. If the student correctly answers a MAP question, the computer assessment provides a harder question next. If they miss that same question, then an easier MAP question is asked. This provides essential information about what your student knows and is ready to learn.

We are finishing our fall MAP assessments for students in grades 4th-8th. Students tested in the areas of Science, Language Usage, Reading, and Mathematics. This assessment information helps us guide instruction and tailor meaningful interventions to ensure the academic growth of all students. Individual MAP results and information will be shared with parents during parent-teacher conferences in September.

Fire Drills/ Lockdown Drills- During the month of August, we’ve practiced two fire drills. We also recorded a hold drill on September 3rd and a lockdown drill on September 9th. These drills help students and staff understand our procedures in the event of an emergency. Due to the construction around the middle school some of the classrooms have different exits to use during an evacuation. It was great to practice so students and staff could use the proper exits.

After School Study Hall-

After School study hall is available for all CLJMS students Monday through Thursday from 3:30-4:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for students to get extra academic support in any subject area. The program’s first day was Monday, August 24th and is being supported by two paras daily.

State Fair-

On September 2nd, our 5th graders visited Nebraska's largest classroom, The State Fair, in Grand Island. This trip focused on highlighting the importance of agriculture, food production, and resources available in Nebraska. The students and staff had a wonderful time learning about the state of Nebraska.

Whippet Pack Families-

The goal is to help students build relationships with peers, staff, and to make connections with others outside of their grade level cohorts. Each teacher is assigned a randomly selected group of students that become their Whippet Pack Family. The teacher is the pack leader and will lead the group of students in engaging, interactive activities that focus on teaching the importance of effective communication skills, teamwork, and collaboration. This is also a great way to teach mentoring skills to our 7th and 8th grade students. We meet monthly with our Pack Families.

One time a month we also get together in the gym for our Whippet Pack assembly. During these times all the Whippet Pack families get together and listen to different groups from the high school and middle school. They also compete in a fun challenge to end the assembly. I am lucky to have Mr. Wilson's help planning and coordinating these activities.

Important Upcoming Dates-

- September 9- School Picture Day. All CLJMS students will travel to the theater at the high school for their pictures.
- September 16-17- Parent Teacher Conferences. A letter explaining the schedule is linked below. The letter has been posted on social media and the Whippet app.
[Parent-Teacher Conference Letter](#)
- September 18- No School
- September 21-25- Homecoming Week
- September 22- Kearney County Farm Safety Day (4th-6th grade)
- September 24- Riverwater Basin Day (7th Grade)

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September 2026 Report to the Board of Education

What's been happening in the world of Special Education:

- NDE Focused Monitoring Review: Completed the required training related to the findings from the NDE focused monitoring review (from 25-26 school year). I am continuing to work with staff to ensure we understand the findings and are putting practices in place to address identified areas.
- Indicator 11: Completed and submitted the required Indicator 11 (Child Find) data submission to NDE.
- Indicator 13: Currently working through the NDE Indicator 13 (Transition age students) self-assessment process. This includes reviewing the files selected by NDE and working collaboratively with staff to ensure our transition planning and documentation meet transition requirements.
- Priority Needs: Continuing to work with staff to identify priority needs within the department. This information will help guide our work moving forward and ensure that professional development, resources, and supports are focused on areas that will have the greatest impact.
- Policies and Procedures: Continuing to review current practices and work toward establishing and strengthening consistent policies and procedures related to special education. The goal is to provide staff with clear expectations, consistency, and resources to support students and ensure compliance.
- Staff Resources: I have developed several resources and tools that have been shared with special education staff for their use. These resources are intended to make processes more efficient, provide additional guidance, and support staff in their day-to-day work with students and families.
- IEP Meetings: I have had the opportunity to participate in IEP meetings and begin working more directly with families. These interactions have been valuable in helping me better understand our students and their individual needs. I appreciate the willingness of staff and families to communicate openly and work together to find solutions when challenges arise. We truly have amazing teachers in our district and I'm so proud to say I have the opportunity to work alongside such great people!!

CL Jones Middle School:

I continue to really enjoy my time working in the middle school alongside Mr. Strasburg and the middle school staff. This role has provided me with the opportunity to get to know more of our students, understand the day-to-day operations of the middle school, and build relationships. My goal this next month is to really get into more classrooms and complete some walk-throughs. Fall activities are underway and it's been fun to be part of the excitement that follows those events.

Looking Ahead

As I move into the coming month, my focus will continue to be on building strong relationships, supporting staff, strengthening special education systems and procedures, and ensuring we are meeting the needs of our students. I am excited about the progress being made and appreciate the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated staff throughout the district.

Minden Public School Board of Education Report

September 2026



Sandy Pohl, East Elementary and Minden Public Preschool Principal

State fair: First, second, and third graders experienced Nebraska's largest classroom at the state fair. Students saw animals, exhibits, and took part in presentations around the fairgrounds. The lessons were endless—as were the number of steps students and staff were able to take. Pictured to the right are second graders learning in an exhibit hall.

Assessments: The Measurement of Academic Progress was completed by students in grades kindergarten through third in the areas of math, language usage, and reading. These results are used to guide instruction, measure academic effectiveness, and to monitor the progress of each student. In addition, the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Learning Skills was completed with each student in order to explore which areas students need most help in as they develop their reading skills. This screener meets the qualifications for the required Nebraska Reading Improvement Act.



Preschool: Mr. Houghtelling teaches P.E. to Minden Public Preschool students twice a week. Students have the opportunity to build their gross motor skills in a fun and structured learning environment.



Literacy Links: Did you know that members of our community volunteer time to listen to and read with students each week? Volunteers like Pastor Barnes and Roger Hansen make for great role models, fluent readers, and kind listening ears.

Minden High School

September 2026

Board of Education Report



Start of the New School Year:

The start of the 2026-2027 school year has been going very smoothly. The faculty was excited to get students back into the building. Each new year brings excitement and anticipation for students as well as staff. Now that we have been in school for a few weeks, the students are starting to settle into their routines. The three new teaching staff members are fitting in nicely and they will be great additions to our great staff at Minden High School. I have started visiting classrooms and I am pleased and excited by what I have observed. Our teachers are building trusting relationships with their students. I also love the professionalism our teachers have shown by being well prepared each day and for working to ensure our students learn at a high level.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Minden High School is gearing up to host parent teacher conferences on September 16th and 17th. We will host conferences in our commons again as we have done for the past few years. Having all of our teachers together in the same space offers our parents a convenient way to visit all of their child's teachers. Our plan is to continue to host conferences in our commons as long as we do not host home activities in our gym on the same dates.

Athletics and Activities:

September marks the beginning of our extremely busy athletic and extracurricular schedule. From football, volleyball, golf, cross country, and softball practices to marching band rehearsals and club meetings, our students are actively engaged in a wide range of activities. These opportunities allow our students to develop skills, build friendships, and foster school spirit, and we are proud of the commitment they have shown.

Looking Ahead:

As we look forward to the rest of the school year, we are filled with anticipation and optimism. The start of this year has already shown great promise, and we are excited to see what lies ahead. Our students, staff, and community are working together to create an environment where everyone can thrive, and I am confident that this will be a year filled with success and memorable experiences.



MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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AUGUST 2026 BOARD MEETING

HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

It's hard to believe we have been in school for four weeks and have already hosted our Minden Volleyball Invite and our first Cross Country Invite! Both of these events take a lot of help on a Saturday early in the school year when many want their summer back. I'm very thankful for so many people who are willing and many excited to help run these two events. We have also hosted our football home opener and will host our second home football game this Friday. Friday football events are quite different than the last time I was in this position. I can barely remember our old scoreboard that frequently wouldn't work or some lights wouldn't light up on game nights. Our new video board on the football field and high school gym are pretty amazing. Our partners/sponsors that chose to invest in these boards made this possible. Before these varsity events start there are many students and teachers that are doing fantastic work behind the scenes to make these events even better.

During the month of August a decent amount of time was spent communicating with our opponents and checking dates/times to make sure our schedules were accurate. It has gotten very busy now with all sports for middle school and high school competing. I am trying to carve out time to roll our schedules forward for the 2027-2028 school year and get officials contracted.

I recently ordered updates to our record boards for football, girls wrestling, Speech, One Act, and FFA. It's always exciting to add new names to our record boards.

With the heat and humidity being so extreme it's recommended that each day around practice time of day that I put out our heat bulb onto the practice field or a field where we will be having athletes practice. The bulb takes into consideration the heat, humidity, and wind and gives a reading. Our coaches then use a guideline approved by the NSAA board of directors that tells the activity guidelines that fit into the reading for the day. I try to get the reading to our coaches around 3-3:15. This is a safety precaution but also adds another layer into planning practice each day. So far this fall our outdoor teams have chosen to practice in the mornings more than the previous few years since the wet bulb heat modifications came into effect.

With the start of our competition season for fall sports it has been very busy. I am very thankful for the help so far this school year from our staff and community members! We hang our hat on hosting top notch events and that takes a lot of great and dedicated people to make that happen. We have already hosted our Minden Volleyball Invite and Minden Cross Country Invite as well as one Friday night football game.

Susan Tunnell was hired this year to help manage concessions. Some of her responsibilities are to order and keep inventory of the protein, buns, pretzels, and all other concession inventory. This is a big responsibility especially starting from scratch. Susan has been great to work with and in time she will have this down to a science. I'm thankful for Susan and the work she does to have our concession stands ready on game days/nights.

Ed

Superintendent Report
Meeting: September Board Meeting
Date: 9/14/26
Dr. Widdifield

Topics:

Greenhouse/Elementary Project: We are still working on the greenhouse, and BD is making great gains on dirt work. We hope to have the greenhouse completed by the end of September. We have been missing several parts, which has stalled Integrity's progress on the walls, roof, and benches. Those delays have also affected Cornerstone and Mission Plumbing's ability to complete their work. The elementary project is in full swing. We should have Ziemba Roofing here and power relocated by month's end. We have a great team of people working on all of our projects.

NDE/Federal Reporting: Jeremy and I have been working on NDE/Federal reporting for the 26-27 school year. We will have approximately 40 reports to complete in the next month. Reports range from staff information to budget.

Audit: The school audit will start at the end of the month. This year's audit will be less involved because our federal funds are less than in previous years. We do not expect anything to be different from last year. Jeremy and Laurie do a great job preparing for the auditors.

Breakfast/Lunch Numbers:

Breakfast	August 25/26	August 26-27
East Elem.	710	1075
Middle School	669	1117
High School	409	801
Lunch		
East Elem.	1689	2072
Middle School	2136	2309
High School	330	476

Thank You: We continue to enhance our district through our facilities, staff, and academics, all for the benefit of our students. I am deeply grateful to the MPS Board of Education for your diligent work in ensuring our district's financial stability and for your efforts in enhancing our facilities and educational opportunities. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated.

Bylaws of the Board - Bylaws, Policies and RegulationsFormulation, Adoption, Amendment of Policies

Policy proposals and suggested amendments to or revisions of existing policies shall normally be submitted to all members of the Board of Education by the Superintendent in writing prior to a regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting in which such proposed policies, amendments, or revisions thereof shall be read and discussed.

Policies will be adopted or amended after consideration at two (2) meetings of the Board of Education. The agenda and minutes shall be marked to indicate policy matters.

The formal adoption of policies shall be by majority vote of all members of the Board of Education and the actions shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Education. Only those written statements so adopted and so recorded shall be regarded as official policy.

Policies shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years or at such other periodic time periods as may be required by law.

Reference: Robert's Rules of Order

Date of Adoption: December 15, 2009

Date Reaffirmed: March 8, 2021

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Minden Public Schools (50-0503) in Kearney 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 14th day of September, 2026 at 7:00 o'clock, P.M., at Minden High School Media Center 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)			
General	\$ 13,033,994.00	\$ 13,785,092.00	\$ 16,255,195.71	\$ 2,803,500.00	\$ 9,193,641.00	\$ 9,964,701.71
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 743,100.00		\$ 743,100.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 634,699.00	\$ 583,617.00	\$ 708,000.00	\$ -	\$ 708,000.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 608,550.00	\$ 575,547.00	\$ 697,504.00	\$ -	\$ 697,504.00	
Bond	\$ 1,704,432.00	\$ 1,703,013.00	\$ 3,931,237.50	\$ -	\$ 2,228,600.00	\$ 1,719,835.50
Special Building	\$ 1,978,543.00	\$ 1,542,711.00	\$ 29,588,780.00		\$ 27,451,780.00	\$ 2,158,586.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ 9,997.00	\$ 10,720.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 17,970,215.00	\$ 18,200,700.00	\$ 51,938,817.21	\$ 2,803,500.00	\$ 41,037,625.00	\$ 13,843,123.21

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ 1,719,835.50	\$ 12,123,287.71	\$ 13,843,123.21

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Minden Public Schools (50-0503) in Kearney 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 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Minden High School Media Center 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	1,747,043,734	1,854,551,288	6%

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	15,930,822.54	9,594,820.54	0.549203	0.517366	16,255,195.71	9,964,701.71	0.537311	-2%	2%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	3,850,732.50	1,718,275.50	0.098353	0.092652	3,931,237.50	1,719,835.50	0.092736	-6%	2%
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	4,510,648.00	2,021,212.00	0.115693	0.108987	29,588,780.00	2,158,586.00	0.116394	1%	556%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
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	24,292,203.04	13,334,308.04	0.763250	0.719005	49,775,213.21	13,843,123.21	0.746441	-2%	105%

**2026-27 PROPERTY TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION FOR
MINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 0503**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Minden Public Schools passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Minden Public Schools resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$ 9,964,701.71
Bond Fund: \$ 1,719,835.50
Special Building Fund: \$ 2,158,586.00
Qualified Capital Purpose \$ -
Undertaking Fund:

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 6.15 percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.719005 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Minden Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.746441 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Minden Public Schools will increase last year's budget by 98.29 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt the 2026-27
Property Tax Request Resolution. Role call vote as follows:

	Yes	No	Absent
Rusty Rhynalds _____			
Justin Glanzer _____			
Kevin Raun _____			
Cody Krull _____			
John "Andy" Craig _____			
Darcie Reed _____			

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Minden Public School District

_____, Secretary