

Freeman Public Schools Special Meeting

Monday, August 24, 2026 7:00 PM

Music/Band Room, 415 Eighth Street, Adams, NE 68301

Tiffany Buhr: Present
Kyle Dorn: Present
Eldon Ideus: Present
Shawn Mencl: Present
Myron Schoen: Present
AJ Wiese: Present

1. Opening Procedures

1.1. Call meeting to order

1.2. Roll Call

1.3. Acknowledge meeting notice and announcement

1.4. Communication from the Public

2. Discussion Items

2.1. Discussion relating to 2026-27 budget scenarios

2.2. Discussion relating to future facility planning

3. Matters Requiring Board Action

3.1. Consideration and possible action to approve General Fund claims.

3.2. Consideration and possible action to expense funds from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund

3.3. Consideration and possible action to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Activity Fund

3.4. Consider resolution to call a special bond election for the voters of the District to be held in conjunction with the Statewide General Election, to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay the costs of additions and improvements to District facilities and related matters.

4. Announcements

4.1. Next regular meeting: September 14th 7:00 PM

5. Adjournment

Board Secretary

**CERTIFICATE
AS TO FILING RESOLUTION FOR BOND ELECTION**

The undersigned hereby certifies to the Election Commissioner of Gage County, Nebraska, that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Resolution of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Gage County School District 0034 (Freeman Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “District”) calling for an election to be held in conjunction with the Statewide General Election on a proposition for the issuance of bonds by the District. Such Resolution was adopted by the Board at its meeting duly held on August 24, 2026, was filed with the Election Commissioner of Gage County, Nebraska no later than September 1, 2026 (or such other date as permitted under Nebraska State law), and has not been subsequently rescinded or modified by the Board.

EXECUTED AND DATED August 24, 2026.

**GAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0034
(FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE
OF NEBRASKA**

By _____
Title _____

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADVANCE RECEIPT OF
NOTICE OF MEETING**

The undersigned Members of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Gage County School District 0034 (Freeman Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “District”) hereby acknowledge receipt of advance notice of a meeting of the Board, and the agenda for such meeting, held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026, in the District’s Media Center located at 415 8th Street, Adams, Nebraska.

DATED August 24, 2026.

August 24, 2026
Adams, Nebraska

A meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Gage County School District 0034 (more commonly referred to as Freeman Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “District”) was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026, in the District’s Media Center located at 415 8th Street, Adams, Nebraska. Advance publicized notice of such meeting was given in strict accordance with the provisions of Article 14, Chapter 84, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the “Open Meetings Act”), and set forth (a) the time, date and place of this meeting, (b) that this meeting would be open to the attendance of the public and (c) that an agenda of then known subjects to be taken up at the meeting kept continuously current could be obtained from the office of the Superintendent of Schools (the “Superintendent”). A copy of said advance publicized notice (in the form of an affidavit of publication) was ordered annexed to the minutes of this meeting as Attachment 1. Each Board Member was previously furnished with a copy of said advance publicized notice, the same having been transmitted to each Board Member simultaneously with its publicizing, and a copy of their acknowledgment of advance receipt of such notice is attached to these minutes as Attachment 2. Additionally, reasonable efforts were made to provide advance notification of the meeting to all news media requesting the same of the time, date and place of the meeting.

The President of the Board, Shawn Mencl, presided, and the Secretary of the Board, Tiffany Buhr, recorded the proceedings. On roll call the following Board Members were present: Tiffany Buhr, Kyle Dorn, Eldon Ideus, Shawn Mencl, Myron Schoen, A.J. Wiese. The following Board Members were absent: None. A quorum being present and the meeting duly commenced, the following proceedings were had and done.

The President stated that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act was available at the meeting for public inspection and indicated the location of such copy. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

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(Other Proceedings)

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The President then stated that it was necessary for the Board to give consideration to submitting to the voters of the District a proposition regarding the issuance by the District of its general obligation bonds. After discussion, Board Member [REDACTED] introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution titled as follows, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 3:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0034 (FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION REGARDING A PROPOSITION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT AND APPROVING MATTERS RELATED THERETO

The foregoing resolution having been read in its entirety, Board Member [REDACTED] seconded the motion for its passage and adoption. After consideration, the roll was called and the following Board Members voted in favor of the passage and adoption of said Resolution:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

The following Board Members voted against the same: [REDACTED]. The following Board Members were absent or did not vote: [REDACTED]. Said Resolution having been voted upon favorably by a majority of the Board, the President declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted.

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(Other Proceedings)

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Motion to adjourn.


Secretary, Board of Education


President, Board of Education

ATTACHMENT 1

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF MEETING

ATTACHMENT 2

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADVANCE RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF MEETING

ATTACHMENT 3
ELECTION RESOLUTION

See Tab #3

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0034 (FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION REGARDING A PROPOSITION TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE DISTRICT AND APPROVING MATTERS RELATED THERETO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0034 (FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education (the “**Board**”) of Gage County School District 0034 (Freeman Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “**District**”) hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) the District is fully organized and has been so organized for more than one year prior to the passage of this Resolution as a Class II school district under Sections 79-102 and 79-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended; the District maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education; and the District embraces territory having a population of 1,500 or more but fewer than 5,000 inhabitants; and

(b) it is necessary that the District finance the costs of (a) constructing a new building on the District’s existing campus that will include career and trades education and additional classroom areas, (b) renovating portions of the existing school building, including the expansion of the current kitchen and repurposing certain classrooms and areas in connection with the construction of the new building, and (c) purchasing certain necessary equipment, furniture and apparatus for such new building and renovations, and making related site improvements (collectively, the “**Project**”); and

(c) to finance the costs of the Project, it is necessary for the District (i) to issue its general obligation bonds in one or more series and in the total principal amount not to exceed \$14,495,000, such bonds bearing interest at such rates, maturing on such dates, being sold at such prices and having such other terms and provisions, all as shall be determined by the Board, and (ii) to levy and collect annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of, the premium, if any, and the interest on said bonds as the same become due; and

(d) the District has not submitted a proposition for the issuance of bonds for such purposes to the electors of the District within six months preceding the date of the election called by this Resolution.

Section 2. The Board hereby directs and calls for an election to be held in conjunction with the statewide general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 (the “**Election**”), at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

“Shall Gage County School District 0034 (Freeman Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska issue its bonds in a total principal amount not to exceed \$14,495,000 for the purposes of financing the costs of (a) constructing a new building on the District’s existing campus that will include career and trades education and additional classroom areas, (b) renovating portions of the existing school building, including the expansion of the current kitchen and repurposing certain classrooms and areas in connection with the construction of the new building, and (c) purchasing certain necessary equipment, furniture and apparatus for such new building and renovations, and making related site improvements; said bonds to be issued from time to time, to be sold at such

prices, to bear interest at such rates, to become due at such times, and to have such other terms and provisions, all as may be fixed and determined by the Board of Education of the District; and

“Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of, the premium, if any, and the interest on said bonds as the same become due?”



FOR

said bonds and tax



AGAINST

said bonds and tax

The ballots to be voted upon and cast at the Election shall have printed thereon the foregoing proposition, followed by the words: “FOR said bonds and tax” and “AGAINST said bonds and tax” following said proposition. Qualified electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR said bonds and tax” following said proposition, and qualified electors voting against said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST said bonds and tax” following said proposition.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools (the “**Superintendent**”) shall certify a copy of this Resolution to the Election Commissioner of Gage County, Nebraska (the “**Election Commissioner**”), being the county containing the greatest number of electors in the District entitled to vote on the proposition described herein, no later than September 1, 2026 (or such other date as permitted under Nebraska State law).

Section 4. The Election shall be conducted by the Election Commissioner in accordance with Sections 10-701 et seq., Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the “**Bond Act**”), and Sections 32-101 et seq., Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended (the “**Election Act**”). Each of the Secretary of the Board and the Superintendent is authorized and directed, in conjunction with the Election Commissioner, to do all other things and take all other action appropriate or necessary in order to cause said proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as above provided. The District shall reimburse the Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the Election, if any.

Section 5. As required by Section 32-802 of the Election Act, not later than 42 days prior to the Election the Election Commissioner shall publish notice of the Election and shall post such notice in the office of the Election Commissioner (which notice may be included in the notice of the Statewide General Election). As required by Section 10-702 of the Bond Act, the Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent shall publish, or shall cause to be published, a separate notice of the Election in *The Voice News*, or such other legal newspaper of general circulation in the District, one time each week for four consecutive weeks, the first such publication occurring at least 20 days prior to the Election. Such notice of the Election shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such changes as may be required by the Election Commissioner.

Section 6. The Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent shall furnish the final form of the ballot for the Election to the Election Commissioner no later than 42 days prior to the date of such Election (or such earlier date as may be requested by the Election Commissioner). The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with such changes as may be required by the Election Commissioner.

Section 7. If required by the Election Commissioner, the Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent shall timely certify to the Election Commissioner a list of all registered electors of the District in counties other than Gage County qualified to vote on said proposition, if any.

Section 8. This Resolution shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

ADOPTED August 24, 2026.

**GAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0034
(FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE
OF NEBRASKA**

By: _____
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

**SCHOOL BOND ELECTION
GAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0034
(FREEMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Public notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Gage County School District 0034 (Freeman Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “District”) that at an election to be held in said District in conjunction with the Statewide General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

“Shall Gage County School District 0034 (Freeman Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska issue its bonds in a total principal amount not to exceed \$14,495,000 for the purposes of financing the costs of (a) constructing a new building on the District’s existing campus that will include career and trades education and additional classroom areas, (b) renovating portions of the existing school building, including the expansion of the current kitchen and repurposing certain classrooms and areas in connection with the construction of the new building, and (c) purchasing certain necessary equipment, furniture and apparatus for such new building and renovations, and making related site improvements; said bonds to be issued from time to time, to be sold at such prices, to bear interest at such rates, to become due at such times, and to have such other terms and provisions, all as may be fixed and determined by the Board of Education of the District; and

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Qualified electors voting in favor of said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR said bonds and tax” following said proposition, and qualified electors voting against said proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST said bonds and tax” following said proposition.

The voting places will be open continuously from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the date of the election. The polling places for qualified electors of the District shall be at the designated polling places of the statewide general election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Said voting places are accessible to individuals with physical mobility limitations.

Qualified electors wishing to vote early, or by absentee ballot, as permitted by law, may do so in person or by requesting a ballot for early voting from the Election Commissioner of Gage County, Nebraska, at the Election Commissioner’s office. For questions, procedures and/or deadlines regarding voter registration, early voting, absentee voting and in-person voting, please contact the Election Commissioner.

PUBLISH - 4 Times (October 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2026)

EXHIBIT B
SAMPLE BALLOT

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

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