

Scottsbluff Board of Education Special Meeting

Monday, August 31, 2026 5:00 PM

Scottsbluff High School Board Meeting Room

313 E 27th Street

Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361

Mark Lang: Present

Beth Merrigan: Present

Robert Polk: Present

Scott Reisig: Present

Tory Schwartz: Present

Paul Snyder: Present

1. Opening Procedures

1.a. Call to Order

The Special Board Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President Scott Reisig.

1.b. Roll Call

1.c. Excuse Absent Member(s)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Open Meetings Law

This meeting was held in accordance to the Open Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald on Thursday, August 27, 2026, and on the Scottsbluff Public Schools website on Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

4. Consent Agenda

4.a. Adopt Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda Passed with a motion by Beth Merrigan and a second by Tory Schwartz.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

5. End-of-Year Expenditures

5.a. Expenditures without Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C:
\$700,154.89

Motion to approve the expenditures without Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C. for the amount of \$700,154.89 Passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

5.b. Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C. Expenditures: \$262.50

Motion to approve the expenditures for Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C for the amount of \$262.50 Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Tory Schwartz.

Paul Snyder: Abstain (With Conflict), Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea

6. Public Comment - a total of 120 minutes will be allotted (no more than 5 minutes per speaker).

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board of Education.

7. New Business

7.a. Request for Approval of JAG Nebraska Program MOU

Motion to approve the MOU allowing the District to continue participating in the JAG Nebraska program for the 2026-2027 school year. Passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Robert Polk.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.b. Contract with Axtell Community Schools

Motion to authorize the District to sign an agreement with Axtell Community Schools for the educational programming for the student residing at Mosaic for the 2026-2027 school year. Passed with a motion by Beth Merrigan and a second by Robert Polk.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.c. Additional Base Growth Resolution

8. Adjournment

The Special Board of Education Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Tory Schwartz and a second by Paul Snyder.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Tory Schwartz: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

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Scottsbluff, NE 69363

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Aug. 27, 2026

Anjana Bhadoriya

(Signed) _____

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SHARONN E THOMAS-POPE
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires January 23, 2027

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Sharon E. Thomas-Pope

Notary Public

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Board of Education for the School District of Scottsbluff, in the county of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, will be held at 5:00 P.M. Monday, August 31, 2026, at Scottsbluff High School, 313 East 27th Street, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 and via virtual meeting. The meeting agenda, kept continuously current, will be available for inspection on the Scottsbluff Public Schools website, www.sbps.net. Agenda items may be subject to Closed Session. Agenda items are subject to change up until 24 hours prior to the meeting. Sequence of the agenda may be adjusted; please attend the entire meeting.

NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405, that the Board of Education for Scottsbluff Public Schools will meet on the 31st day of August, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Board Room at Scottsbluff High School to discuss, consider and possibly vote to approve an increase in the school district's base growth percentage up to an additional five percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage.

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Fund	Vendor	Description	Amount
01	A & O Grant Consulting	SERVICES	\$ 4,800.00
	Alarm Security Technicians	SERVICES	\$ 205.00
	Allo Communications	UTILITIES	\$ 12,976.48
	Anatomaage, Inc	SUPPLIES	\$ 12,150.00
	Avila, Jaylen	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 28.18
	BCDM Architects	SERVICES	\$ 2,678.00
	Ben's Construction Inc.	SERVICES	\$ 2,228.00
	Benzel, Lukas R	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 80.00
	Black Hills Energy	UTILITIES	\$ 3,040.74
	Blue, Rachael	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 42.56
	Bluffs Facility Solutions	SUPPLIES	\$ 275.40
	Brown Co.	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,857.06
	Budge-It Drain Service	SERVICES	\$ 1,135.00
	C W D Cash Wa Distributing Co Inc	SUPPLIES	\$ 105.72
	Caleb Piano Tuning	REPAIRS	\$ 280.00
	Carlson, Marianne	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 30.00
	Carrera, Robert (Hank)	SERVICES	\$ 260.00
	Century Business Products, Inc.	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 875.45
	CenturyLink	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 242.00
	Chimney Rock Public Power Dist	UTILITIES	\$ 358.41
	City of Gering	UTILITIES	\$ 33.24
	City of Scottsbluff	UTILITIES	\$ 21,018.99
	Column Software, PBC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 32.73
	Culligan of Scottsbluff	SUPPLIES	\$ 105.00
	Curriculum Associates	SUPPLIES	\$ 14,447.47
	Damarco Solutions	DUES & FEES	\$ 459.00
	Dennis Supply Company	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,364.53
	Docu-Shred LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 35.00
	Douglas, Kelly and Ostdiek, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 262.50
	Duncan, Darren	SERVICES	\$ 85.00
	Durbin, Mary	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 86.64
	Eakes Office Solutions	SUPPLIES	\$ 11,952.64
	Educational Service Unit #13 _9800	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 4,337.04
	Engineered Controls	SERVICES	\$ 560.00
	Enome, Inc.	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 6,069.00
	ESU Coordinating Council	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 311.61
	Everway, LLC	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 7,562.50
	EXpress Toll	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 67.80
	Fat Boys Tire and Auto	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 41.00
	Ferguson, Keith E	SERVICES	\$ 160.00
	Fogle, Michael M	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 121.45
	Foland, Jessica Rae	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 12.78
	Frank Parts Co	SUPPLIES	\$ 202.53
	G & G Properties LLC	SERVICES	\$ 400.00
	GE Money Bank/Amazon	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 3,781.67
	Gillette Officials Association	SERVICES	\$ 1,245.00
	Greater Nebraska Superintendents Assoc.	SUPPLIES	\$ 250.00
	Harris, Adam	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 156.86
	Holiday Inn Kearney	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$ 2,609.10
	Howard, Adriella	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 61.56
	Hugen, Hillari	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 62.32
	Hullinger, Jennie E	SERVICES	\$ 119.12
	Jobman, Shaylee	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 3,309.39
	Kansas City Audio-Visual Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$ 74,691.68
	Kaseya US LLC dba Backupify LLC	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 1,825.61
	Kemling-Horner, Wendy Jo	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 480.00
	Kendall Hunt Publishing Company	TEXTBOOKS	\$ 2,460.12
	LanguageUSA, Inc.	SERVICES	\$ 4,904.00

Lawayne Klein	LEASE	\$ 1,300.00
Lee, Courtney	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 500.00
Lightspeed Technologies, Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,610.00
Matty B's HVAC	SERVICES	\$ 200.00
Mechanical Sales, Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$ 395.85
Menards	SUPPLIES	\$ 63.47
Michael K Marshall dba Marshall Memo	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 270.00
Moreno, Pete	SERVICES	\$ 85.00
Nebraska ALCD	DUES & FEES	\$ 975.00
Nebraska Council Of School Admin	DUES & FEES	\$ 4,332.00
Nebraska PrintWorks, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$ 453.84
Nebraska Public Health & Environmental L	SERVICES	\$ 21.50
Nebraska Public Power District	UTILITIES	\$ 58,291.00
Neu, Heather Rae	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 105.64
Nippon Sanso Matheson, Inc	SUPPLIES	\$ 149.50
Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc Of Scottsbl	SUPPLIES	\$ 48.02
Omaha Marriott	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$ 1,298.00
Options in Pyschology, LLC	SERVICES	\$ 150.00
Petitt, James A	SERVICES	\$ 75.00
PFM Financial Services LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 61,065.17
PowerSchool Group LLC	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 6,403.80
Price, Melissa L	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 954.73
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 535.42
Quick Care Medical Services	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 125.00
RAKA	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 1,102.83
RCI Group II LLC	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 450.00
Reganis Auto Center	VEHICLE ACQUISITION	\$ 80,626.22
Riley, Cooper	SERVICES	\$ 85.00
Rutt's Heating & Air Conditioning	SERVICES	\$ 8,107.73
Santos, Dylan	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 71.44
Savvas Learning Company LLC	TEXTBOOKS	\$ 4,714.20
Schaneman, Ashlen	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 125.00
Scholastic Magazines	TEXTBOOKS	\$ 4,580.39
Schrage, Caroline	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 53.20
Scottsbluff Screenprinting	SUPPLIES	\$ 575.00
Shaddick, Justin Randolph	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 480.00
Shaggy Buffalo Carwash LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 55.00
Sherwin Williams Co	SUPPLIES	\$ 254.72
Simplify Learning, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$ 2,470.00
Skelcher, Betsy Elizabeth	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 120.00
Snell Services Inc _30175	SUPPLIES	\$ 278.50
Sodexo Operations, LLC	SERVICES	\$ 3,885.79
State Of Nebraska Das Communications	UTILITIES	\$ 321.20
Teaching Strategies Inc	TEXTBOOKS	\$ 4,185.00
Time Clock Plus/Data Management, Inc.	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 8,827.50
T-Mobile USA Inc	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 12.10
Todd, James	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 480.00
Trane U.S. Inc	SERVICES	\$ 4,551.39
Transwest Inc.	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 979.84
True, Reagan	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 480.00
Tyler Technologies, Inc	SERVICES	\$ 1,360.00
Urwiller, Kenna	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 400.00
Veritas Athletic Performance & Wellness	SERVICES	\$ 1,012.50
Verizon Wireless	UTILITIES	\$ 1,641.96
Vistabeam	UTILITIES	\$ 300.00
Waste Connection Of Ne, Inc.	UTILITIES	\$ 555.46
Wenger, Tod Allen	SERVICES	\$ 140.00
Western Mechanical Solutions, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$ 917.15

Western Nebraska Administrator	DUES & FEES	\$ 150.00	
Western Nebraska Community College - Sco	TEXTBOOKS	\$ 10,620.00	
Western Nebraska Football Club	SUPPLIES	\$ 5,500.00	
William H. Sadlier, Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,097.49	
Winkler, Taylor Charles	SERVICES	\$ 225.00	
WPCI	SERVICES	\$ 65.00	
Zwetzig Skate and Bounce House	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 200.00	
	Fund Total	\$ 502,797.43	

02	JEO Consulting Group, Inc	SERVICES	\$ 1,148.75	
		Fund Total	\$ 1,148.75	

03	Barrett, Tracie J	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 3.12	
	Fults, Brooke	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 0.40	
	GE Money Bank/Amazon	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 248.74	
	Honey Wagon Express	SERVICES	\$ 500.00	
	Joyner, Cory	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 173.50	
	Levick, Heather	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 50.00	
	Maldonado, Jazmine	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 7.65	
	McCoy, Londa	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 40.00	
	Petty Cash-Cafeteria	PETTY CASH	\$ 650.00	
	PFM Financial Services LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 312.32	
	Saldivar, Corina	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 24.60	
	Sodexo Operations, LLC	SERVICES	\$ 65,456.17	
	Wynne, Rickie	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 39.80	
		Fund Total	\$ 67,506.30	

05	Ahlers Baking, Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$ 339.00	
	All Team Sportswear	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,530.00	
	Awards Unlimited Inc	SUPPLIES	\$ 960.49	
	Baer, Allison	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	
	Bayard High School	DUES & FEES	\$ 75.00	
	C W D Cash Wa Distributing Co Inc	SUPPLIES	\$ 4,698.45	
	Concordia University	DUES & FEES	\$ 1,000.00	
	Converse County School District #1	DUES & FEES	\$ 380.00	
	Cornerstone Coffee	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 400.00	
	Garden City High School	DUES & FEES	\$ 400.00	
	GE Money Bank/Amazon	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 39.99	
	Gentry, Jeanne	SERVICES	\$ 100.00	
	Heritage High School	DUES & FEES	\$ 375.00	
	Lexington High School	DUES & FEES	\$ 110.00	
	Nebraska Safety Center	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 375.00	
	Nebraska Schools eSports Association	DUES & FEES	\$ 150.00	
	Pepsi-Cola Of Alliance	SUPPLIES	\$ 3,871.84	
	Petty Cash - Activities	PETTY CASH	\$ 800.00	
	PFM Financial Services LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 5,422.67	
	Play Versus Inc.	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 495.00	
	Schmall, George	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	
	Scottsbluff Screenprinting	SUPPLIES	\$ 3,441.00	
	Sidney High School	DUES & FEES	\$ 75.00	
	Soccer.com	SUPPLIES	\$ 5,888.75	
	Sodexo Operations, LLC	SERVICES	\$ 547.54	
	Sydney Gwerder dba SG Choreography LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 2,000.00	
	Travel With Barb	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 1,600.00	
	University Of Nebr At Kearney	DUES & FEES	\$ 1,000.00	
	Varsity	SUPPLIES	\$ 607.70	
	Western Nebraska Community College - Sco	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 500.00	
	Wild Roots Greenhouse and Market, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$ 428.00	
		Fund Total	\$ 39,610.43	

06	Ben's Construction Inc.	SERVICES	\$	30,738.50	
	Century Business Products, Inc.	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	29,049.65	
	Dennis Supply Company	SUPPLIES	\$	116.98	
	Eakes Office Solutions	SUPPLIES	\$	2,258.24	
	JEO Consulting Group, Inc	SERVICES	\$	1,068.75	
	Menards	SUPPLIES	\$	40.26	
	Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc Of Scottsbl	SUPPLIES	\$	19.60	
	PFM Financial Services LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	10,511.20	
	Scottsbluff Screenprinting	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	40.00	
	Thompson Glass Inc	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	100.00	
			Fund Total	\$	73,943.18
07	Croft, Brian	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	35.00	
			Fund Total	\$	35.00
08	RCI Group II LLC	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	15,376.30	
			Fund Total	\$	15,376.30
			August 2026 Total	\$	700,417.39



MEMO

To:	Dr. Andrew Dick, Scottsbluff Board of Education
From:	Mike Mason, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Date:	August 31, 2026
Subject:	Request for Approval of JAG Nebraska Program MOU

Introduction

This memo seeks the Board of Education's approval of the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Nebraska program memorandum of understanding (MOU) for year two.

The JAG Nebraska program is designed to support students facing barriers to graduation and to ensure their successful transition into the workforce or higher education. The program is led by a career specialist who utilizes a comprehensive curriculum that includes classroom instruction, counseling, and workplace experience.

Funding and Resources

- The United Way of the Midlands and various government agencies fund the Nebraska program.
- JAG Nebraska covers 100% of the Career Specialist's salary and benefits for the first two years. The District's contribution in year three of implementation is \$10,000 and shall increase annually by \$2,500 until the contribution reaches \$22,500.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Board approve the MOU allowing the District to continue participating in the JAG Nebraska program for the 2026-2027 school year.



JAGINE

JOBS for AMERICA'S GRADUATES NEBRASKA

Powered by  **UNITED WAY**
of the Midlands

JAG NEBRASKA

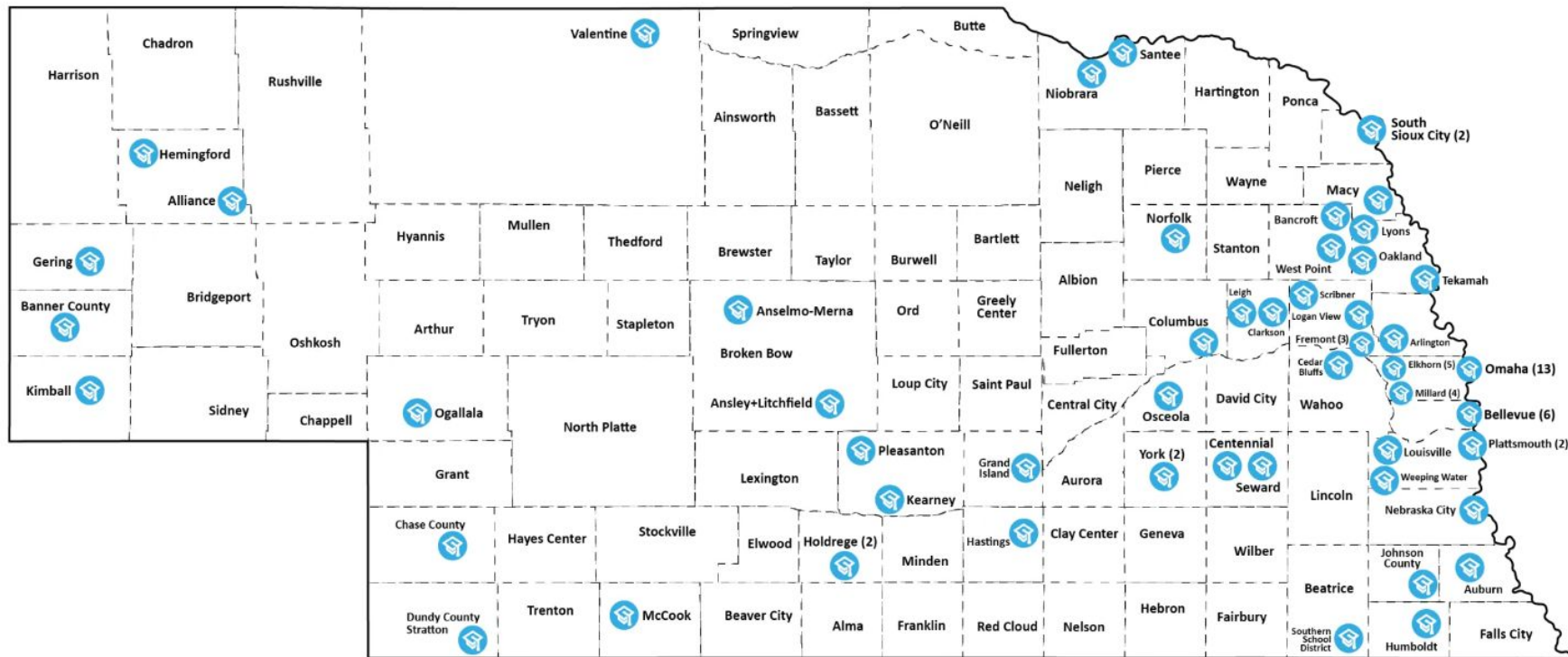
WHAT IS JAG NEBRASKA?

- JAG Nebraska is a state affiliate of the national organization Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), which focuses on helping young people achieve academic and professional success.
- The program is designed to support middle school and high school students who may face various barriers to graduation and future employment.
- JAG Nebraska provides a comprehensive curriculum that includes classroom instruction, counseling, and workplace experience.

WHICH SCHOOLS ARE CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING?

85 Schools With 4,000 Students Served in 24-25

JAG NEBRASKA 2024-2025 PROGRAM MAP



WHO DOES JAG SERVE?

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The fastest-growing JAG program helps 7th- and 8th-grade students transition more successfully to high school by providing a range of services aimed at improving academic performance, school behavior, attendance, participation, confidence and self-esteem.

HIGH SCHOOL

Serving 9th- to 12th-grade students who possess significant barriers to graduation and/or a successful transition to postsecondary schooling or the labor market. The program features 12 months of post graduation follow-up services.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Career Exploration—Students have the opportunity to explore various career paths through workshops, guest speakers, and field trips.

Academic Support—The program provides tutoring and mentoring services to help students improve their academic performance.

Leadership Development—Through leadership activities and training, students develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Community Service—JAG Nebraska encourages students to engage in community service projects.

Job Readiness Training—Students receive practical training in job search strategies, resume writing, and interview techniques.

Postsecondary Education Guidance—The program provides guidance on postsecondary education options, including college application assistance and financial aid advice.

Supportive Adult Relationships—Students are paired with mentors and advisors who provide guidance and support throughout their time in the program.

WHAT ARE JAG CAREER SPECIALISTS?

- **Teachers** who facilitate hands-on learning experiences' and individual tutoring to improve graduation rates and student success.
- **Mentors** who guide and support students during this critical decision-making period of life.
- **Advocates** who extend 12 months of post-graduation follow-up and support services to help young adults access living-wage employment and/or continuing education.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CAREER SPECIALIST

- A bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university in education, sociology, psychology, or business or an equivalent combination of training, education, and experience
- A teaching certificate in the state of Nebraska
- Experience working with high school students and knowledge of childhood development
- Experience in secondary and/or postsecondary education settings

BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY

When compared to non-graduates, JAG Nebraska graduates:

- are 2.3 times more likely to be employed full time
- have a 20% higher rate of earning
- produce over \$5 million in annual earnings/spending
- are 15% more likely to own homes
- create an economic benefit of over \$50 million
- are 50% less likely to be at risk for poverty

FUNDING FOR JAG NEBRASKA

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- JAG Nebraska covers 100% of the Career Specialist's salary and benefits for the first two years.
- The District's contribution in year three of implementation is \$10,000 and shall increase annually by \$2,500 until the contribution reaches \$22,500.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Board approve the MOU allowing the District to continue participating in the JAG Nebraska program for the 2026-2027 school year.

2026-2027 Property Tax Request Authority

Strategic Priority #3

In alignment with District Priorities, Scottsbluff Public Schools will Invest in Upgraded Facilities and Infrastructure.

Defining Objectives

- 3.1 - Strategically address aging elementary facilities
- 3.2 - Create short-and-long term infrastructure plans
- 3.4 - Maximize finances to meet all facility needs

Modernization Now Complete

Since 2021 we have invested

\$9.77M

on the Elementary
Modernization Project without
the need for a bond issue.

If we had spread that out over the 6 years, that would be \$1.63M/year, which would translate into a levy of 7.7¢ each year based on the 2025 valuation. This would be \$77 per \$100K of valuation.

- 95 Classrooms Updated
- 1,665 Student Desks Purchased
- 103 New Clear Touch Interactive Displays

Impacting:

- 1,281 Students
- 239 Staff

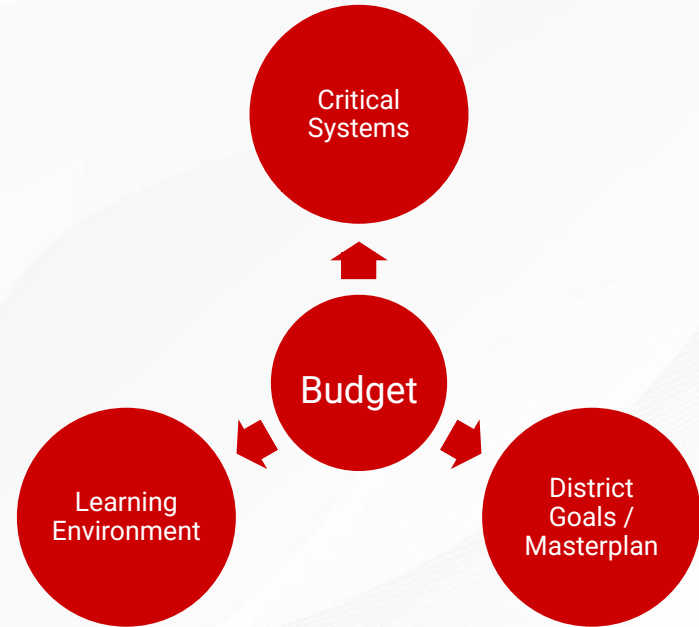
Facility Condition Assessment

Conducted by BCDM Architects
June 2026

CRITICAL LIST - PRIORITIES

HOW DO WE RECOMMEND PRIORITIZING SCOPE?

- **Prioritize Student Learning Environments**
- **Prioritize Critical Systems Most Likely To Cause Additional Damage if not Resolved that Impact Your School Day**
 - Mainly MEP Systems
 - Extremely Critical Paving/Drainage Issues
 - Extremely Critical Roof Issues
- **Master planning / Additional Improvements/Goals**
 - Any long-term plans to consider?
 - Any other improvements – bundle work?



BCDM Facilities Condition Assessment

1 – Critical Replacement / Repairs Needed:

- May result in intermittent operation, rapid deterioration, associated damage, increased future cost, or critical life-safety concerns.
- These items should generally be considered within the next 0–3 years.

2 – Moderate Replacement / Repairs Needed:

- Showing predictable deterioration or approaching the end of their practical service life.
- May create future operational concerns or require attention within the next 4–10 years.

3 – No or Minimal Replacement / Repairs Needed:

- New, recently replaced, or appear to require little to no repair or replacement within the next 10 years.



CRITICAL PRIORITIES & LONG-TERM PLANNING

- **HVAC:**

- Prioritize getting ventilation systems active.
- May be able to repair/maintain some systems in the short term and budget out for full replacement later.

- **Roofs:**

- Critical roofs can be phased over an extended timeframe.
- Balance of condition and warranty.

- **Other Costs / Considerations:**

- Track Resurfacing: \$350-400K
 - Not in original assessment.
- Long-term goals/plans for:
 - Splash Building, Hunts Acres, Bearcat Stadium, etc.

\$TBD - \$2.6M

HVAC Repairs, or
Replacements at
Main Facilities

\$1.3 M

Priority 1 Roofing

\$3.2M

Priority 2 Roofing
(Future)

\$1.1M

Ancillary
Buildings

Facilities Condition Assessment

- Critical Replacement - \$8.2M (does not include resurfacing the track - \$450K)
 - Roofs - \$4.3M
 - HVAC - \$2.3M
- *“Based on our assessment, it is clear that the Scottsbluff Public Schools District has made thoughtful investments in its facilities. When we conduct facility assessments, we often find critical needs across all the primary building systems. It stood out to us that the district has already addressed several important infrastructure needs in facilities that are well positioned for long-term use. Upgrades to electrical and technology infrastructure along with continued attention to building finishes, address infrastructure needs while having a direct impact on the student learning environment. While there are still important infrastructure needs to plan for, the district has done a good job of directing resources toward facilities and improvements that are best positioned to provide long-term value.” - BCDM Architects*

Considerations

- What was prioritized in the elementary modernization?
 - Mission: In a fiscally prudent, systemic and future focused manner, to improve the quality of teaching and learning for students and staff at our elementary schools
 - Safe, secure learning environment
 - Welcoming environment for students, parents, and community
 - Classrooms designed for flexibility and future instructional needs
 - Integration of technology
 - Efficient, pleasing working environment for staff
- Changes in the scope of the Elementary Modernization project addressed items such as electrical updates, safety and security updates, and fire suppression at Westmoor, that would have been identified as critical needs in this assessment.

Current Budget and Tax Authority

The District's combined Levy has dropped from \$1.2933 in 2022-23 to \$0.8514 in 2025-26. That is a savings of \$441.90 per \$100K in valuation for Scottsbluff taxpayers!



PROPERTY TAX SAVINGS CALCULATOR

See how much a Scotts Bluff County property has saved over the last few years as the district's levy has come down, using assessed valuations pulled live from Nebraska Taxes Online.

Address

e.g. 2610 Broadway, Scottsbluff

— OR —

Owner name

e.g. Smith, Jane

LOOK UP SAVINGS



SCOTTSBLUFF
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY

2024-2025 Budget Reductions

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General Fund Reserves	\$ 1,040,000
Elementary Science Positions (4)	\$ 360,000
ESSER Paras	\$ 125,000
Lake Minatare Teacher (1)	\$ 90,000
Assistant Database Analyst	\$ 65,000
Consistent Planning - Eliminate K-2 Planning	\$ 54,000
Learning Loss Groups	\$ 25,000
Everyday Sub	\$ 17,000
SHS - Extra Day Contracts (20 days)	\$ 12,000
SHS - 2 Semesters of Overloads	\$ 12,000
Total	\$ 1,800,000

2025-2026 Budget Reductions

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General Fund Reserves	\$979,000
Elementary Teacher - Lincoln Heights	\$95,500
Elementary Teacher - Westmoor	\$95,500
Comp in Lieu Reduction - SHS	\$42,000
PK Extended Care (YMCA will be taking over in 2025-2026)	\$28,000
Lake Minatare Para	\$26,000
Roosevelt Para	\$26,000
Reduction of Student Teacher Stipend	\$8,000
Total	\$ 1,300,000

2026-2027 Budget Reductions

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Lake Minatare Closure**	\$750,000
Paraprofessionals (2 SHS, LH, & WE)	\$103,200
Westmoor Teacher	\$98,000
Reduction of Seats at Scottsbluff Plus	\$79,410
Administrator Reduction**	\$59,000
SHS Teacher FTE Reduction	\$49,000
Total	\$1,138,610

How do we compare to the 242 other school districts in Nebraska?

- Scottsbluff Public Schools ranks number one in General Fund Levy reduction from 2022-23 to 2025-26.
- Scottsbluff Public Schools ranks fifth in overall levy reduction from 2022-23 to 2025-26.
- Even with an additional 10 cents we will have reduced our levy more than 229 other school districts in Nebraska.

Source: [Statistical Information for Public School Districts \(levy and valuation information\) – Nebraska Department of Education](#). Calculation does not include districts unable to be calculated due to consolidation and districts who do not have authority to levy general/building fund property taxes.

How would the resolution impact taxpayers?

- Total Additional Property Tax Authority (5%) = \$2,186,810
 - School Property Tax Credit would help offset the additional property tax authority.
For 2025, the property tax credit was 28% which would be \$612,307.
- Impact per \$100K of valuation = \$98.81
- Even with adding an additional 9.88 cents to our tax authority we will have reduced our levy more than 230 other school districts in Nebraska.

Property Tax Valuations and Tax Asking

Year	Valuation	% Increase	Levy	Tax Asking
2026/27*	2,213,240,462	4.45	0.9372	20,742,183
2025/26	2,118,849,452	9.49	0.8514	18,041,351
2024/25	1,935,139,105	5.04	0.9177	17,758,548
2023/24	1,842,347,405	9.52	1.1722	21,596,503
2022/23	1,681,393,654	3.69	1.2933	21,755,666
2021/22	1,622,230,435	2.45	1.3153	21,336,686
2020/21	1,583,350,523	0.86	1.3153	20,825,449
2019/20	1,569,858,513	2.10	1.3153	20,647,859
2018/19	1,537,556,341	1.33	1.3153	20,223,112
2017/18	1,517,312,376	8.41	1.3153	19,956,817

*Should the 5% be approved. Bond Levy would maintain at 14¢ and QCPUF at 3¢.

If we were still at the \$1.3153 levy, the tax asking would be \$29,110,752.

Rationale for Recommendation

- In alignment with our strategic plan, we are seeking Board approval to request an additional 5% in Property Tax Authority in order to secure the necessary funds to execute a short-term and long-term facility plan.
- This plan has been developed to fund critical repairs without the need for a bond issue.
- Not passing the resolution will leave us vulnerable to catastrophic HVAC failure or roofing related building damage.
- Budget cuts to provide these updates will adversely affect classrooms, instruction, and staffing and not align with our budget priority of maintaining financial cash reserves in accordance with Nebraska State Statute.
- This levy authority may not be available in future years.
- 2026 LB 1219 would have put a 2% cap on allowed property tax asking.

Nebraska Budget Headlines

**Pillen promises no big government as
Nebraska faces ballooning budget shortfall**

**Nebraska lawmakers on track to fill 2 separate
deficits in 2027 session**

Nebraska budget hole grows to over \$1 billion, with 5
months before next legislative session

**Property tax relief swamps all other state
spending in Nebraska**

Recommendation

Approve the resolution to increase the school district's base growth percentage by 5%.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Nebraska Law generally limits a public school district's base growth percentage, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405 includes an exception to generally allow a school district to otherwise exceed the base growth percentage if at least seventy percent of the Board of Education votes in favor of the increased request; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education of a school district with an average daily membership of more than three thousand forty-four students but no more than ten thousand students may increase its base growth percentage by up to an additional five percent above the base growth percentage; and

WHEREAS, the average daily membership of Scotts Bluff County School District Number 79-32, a/k/a Scottsbluff Public Schools (the "School District") is more than three thousand forty-four students but no more than ten thousand students; and

WHEREAS, due to student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of the School District hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by up to an additional five percent or other maximum amount as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, public notice of this possible increase was published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least one week prior to this Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District's overall base growth percentage by up to an additional five percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action consistent with this Resolution to ensure that the School District's overall property tax request complies with this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member _____ moved for their passage and adoption. Member _____ seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:

_____.

The following members voted against the same:

_____.

The following members were absent or not voting:

_____.

The above Resolution having been consented to by at least seventy percent of the Members of the Board of Education, it was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings law.

DATED this ____ day of August, 2026.

SCOTTSBLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary