

Tax Request Hearing

Mission: "Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Tax Request Hearing started at 5:45 PM on Monday, September 15, 2025. The meeting was held at
Kramer Education Center
2410 16th Street, Suite A
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher: Present

Michael Jeffries: Present

Doug Molczyk: Present

Theresa Seipel: Present

Douglas Willoughby: Present

Marv Zoucha: Absent

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS

Motion to excuse board members. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffries: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MEETING COMPLIANCE

V.A. DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

V.B. OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.B.1. President ensures all can hear proceedings

V.C. PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VII.A. Tax Request Hearing

Jason Schapmann presented the tax request for all 25-26 funds.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Theresa Seipel.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, September 15, 2025.

President

Secretary

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Columbus Public Schools (71-0001-000) in Platte 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 15th day of September, 2025 at 5:45 p.m. o'clock, at the Administration Building, 2410 16th St Ste A, Columbus, NE Room 171 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024-2025		2025-2026		Change									
Property Valuations		2,878,738,113		3,076,960,669		7%								
Bond Valuation		2,834,808,815		3,032,786,714		7%								
	2024-2025 Budget Information						2025-2026 Budget Information							
Fund	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Property Tax Request	2024 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2024 Valuation)	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget					
General Fund	56,820,227.00	26,894,682.00	0.934252	0.874066	62,862,687.00	26,894,682.00	0.874066	-6%					11%	
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	3,631,823.00	3,668,508.00	0.127435	0.119225	3,632,472.00	3,669,164.00	0.120983	-5%					0%	
Special Building Fund	1,683,279.00	1,085,859.00	0.037720	0.035290	2,630,787.00	1,947,049.00	0.063278	68%					56%	
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	848,860.00	857,434.00	0.029785	0.027866	4,857,876.00	859,778.00	0.027942	-6%					472%	
Total	62,984,189.00	32,506,483.00	1.129192	1.056447	73,983,822.00	33,370,673.00	1.086269	-4%					17%	

