

Tax Request Hearing

Mission: "Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Tax Request Hearing started at 5:45 PM on Monday, September 14, 2026. 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: Absent

Marv Zoucha: Present

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 Theresa Seipel.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffries: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: 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. Hearing

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Doug Molczyk.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffries: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea,
Marv Zoucha: 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 14, 2026.

President

Secretary

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Columbus Public Schools (71-0001) 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 14th day of, September 2026 at 5:45 o'clock P.M., at Administration Building 2410 16th St Ste A Columbus, NE 68601 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	3,076,960,669	3,258,281,899	6%						
Bond Valuation	3,032,786,714	3,214,163,542	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	62,862,687.00	26,894,682.00	0.874066	0.825425	67,388,607.00	26,894,682.00	0.825425	-6%	7%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	3,632,472.00	3,669,164.00	0.119246	0.112610	3,628,165.00	3,664,814.00	0.114021	-4%	0%
Special Building Fund	2,630,787.00	1,947,049.00	0.063278	0.059757	3,436,783.00	1,947,049.00	0.059757	-6%	31%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	4,857,876.00	859,778.00	0.027942	0.026387	2,192,041.00	859,392.00	0.026376	-6%	-55%
Total	73,983,822.00	33,370,673.00	1.086269	1.024179	76,645,596.00	33,365,937.00	1.025579	-6%	4%