

2026-2027 Budget Hearing

Mission: "Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The 2026-2027 Budget Hearing started at 5:30 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 Marv Zoucha 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 Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: 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 BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Columbus Public Schools (71-0001) in Platte 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 5:30 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 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>

	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement
FUNDS	2024-2025 (1)	2025-2026 (2)	2026-2027 (3)	(4)	(5)	(7)
General	\$ 56,812,329.00	\$ 57,862,598.00	\$ 67,388,607.00	\$ 12,066,340.00	\$ 52,829,212.00	\$ 26,894,682.00
Depreciation	\$ 483,050.00	\$ 1,110,782.00	\$ 4,214,627.00		\$ 4,214,627.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ 118,845.00	\$ 259,026.00	\$ -	\$ 259,026.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 1,229,109.00	\$ 1,002,896.00	\$ 2,676,972.00	\$ -	\$ 2,676,972.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 3,111,468.00	\$ 3,075,375.00	\$ 3,116,136.00	\$ -	\$ 3,116,136.00	
Bond	\$ 3,610,874.00	\$ 3,632,222.00	\$ 3,628,165.00	\$ 5,077,429.00	\$ 5,077,428.00	\$ 3,664,814.00
Special Building	\$ 1,091,500.00	\$ 1,431,803.00	\$ 3,336,633.00		\$ 1,409,054.00	\$ 1,947,049.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 3,628,273.00	\$ 3,878,227.00	\$ 2,145,079.00	\$ -	\$ 1,294,281.00	\$ 859,392.00
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 22,003.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 69,967,803.00	\$ 72,134,751.00	\$ 86,790,245.00	\$ 17,143,769.00	\$ 70,901,736.00	\$ 33,365,937.00
				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
			Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ 3,664,814.00	\$ 29,701,123.00	\$ 33,365,937.00