

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Minutes of the December 8, 2025
School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on December 8, 2025 in the Central Office at the Falls City Middle School.

{{Name: Agenda Item Name}}

1. Business Items:

Cassandra Goff: Absent
Anthony Johansen: Absent
Teresa Olberding: Present
Gabe Ramsey: Present
Kevin Scheitel: Present
Roger Windle: Present

1.1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Offner announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

1.2. Approval of Absences

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the absences of Anthony Johansen and Cassandra Goff. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: Absent, Cassandra Goff: Absent, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

1.3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Gabe Ramsey to approve the agenda. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: Absent, Cassandra Goff: Absent, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes
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1.4. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Gabe Ramsey previous minutes. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: Absent, Cassandra Goff: Absent, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

1.5. Public Comment

1.6. Approval of Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Roger Windle to approve the treasurer's report. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: Absent, Cassandra Goff: Absent, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes
yes: 4, no: 0, Absent: 2

1.7. Approval of Claims

It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Roger Windle approve the claims as presented. Motion Passed

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2. Informational Items/Reports:

2.1. Staff/Student/Organization Report:

2.2. Principal's Reports:

2.2.a. Mrs. Leyden - North Elementary School Principal

2.2.b. Mr. Gibson - South Elementary School Principal

2.2.c. Mrs. Robeson - Middle School Principal

2.2.d. Mr. Sullivan - High School Principal

2.3. Board President's Report:

2.4. Superintendent's Report:

2.4.a. Dr. Offner - Superintendent

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2.5. Board Committee/Member Reports:

3. Old/New Action Items:

3.1. Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions - working with Justin Knight

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3.3. Discussion on December 17th, Strategic planning meeting, 5 pm to 8 pm.

4. Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute
It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Teresa Olberding to adjourn meeting at 7:31p.m. Motion Passed
Anthony Johansen: Absent, Cassondra Goff: Absent, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes
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5. Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 12th, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

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1. Business Items:

1.1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance

1.2. Approval of Absences

1.3. Approval of Agenda

2. Informational Items/Reports:

2.1. Superintendent's Report:

2.2. Dr. Offner - Superintendent

3. Old/New Action Items: Budget Planning Session

3.1. Discussion on the external visit summary, strategic planning goals for 2026 - 2031, and review of the mission and vision

4. Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute

5. Adjournment

President

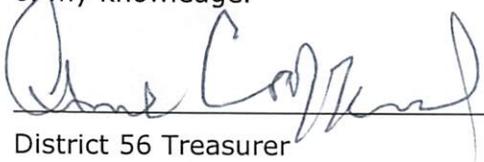
Secretary

Elementary Activity Account (December)				
Account	Beginning Balance	Deposit	Expense	End Balance
General - South	\$10,579.42	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$10,349.42
Staff - South	\$59.21	\$0.00	\$40.85	\$18.36
Science - South	\$467.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$467.86
Field Trip - South	\$2,595.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,595.86
General - North	\$16,923.43	\$11.62	\$155.56	\$16,779.49
Staff - North	\$197.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$197.58
Field Trip - North	\$1,722.76	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$2,122.76
Library - NS & SS	\$4,419.54	\$0.00	\$3,173.21	\$1,246.33
PCC - North	-\$812.22	\$0.00	\$666.69	-\$1,478.91
Total Account				\$32,298.75
<i>Shelly Leyden</i>				
Principal Signature				

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT - BEGINNING BAL	\$1,538,161.91
Richardson County Treasurer (92,318.65)	
District 56 Taxes	\$36,302.13
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$48,348.40
Local Fines	\$448.00
County Fines	\$7,180.13
State of NE(Sixpence)	\$16,358.78
State of NE(CCP/C4K)	\$2,718.73
State of NE(MIPS)	\$9,471.96
State of NE(PCC Meals)	\$443.69
	\$1,659,433.73
Less Checks Paid	<u>\$1,270,366.45</u>
	\$389,067.28
Interest Earned	<u>\$2,001.15</u>
Bank Statement Balance November 30, 2025	\$391,068.43
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>\$10,493.15</u>
General Fund Balance November 30, 2025	\$380,575.28
General Fund Balance November 30, 2024	\$1,752,920.71
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STUDENT FEE FUND-BEGINNING BALANCE	\$19,189.00
HS Activity Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$19,189.00
Driver's Education Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
Bank Statement Balance November 30, 2025	\$19,189.00
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>
Fund Balance November 30, 2025	\$19,189.00
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DEPRECIATION FUND-STATEMENT - BEGINNING BALANCE	\$99,455.99
Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$99,455.99
Less Checks Paid	<u>\$90,000.00</u>
	\$9,455.99
Interest Earned	<u>\$40.58</u>
Bank Statement Balance November 30, 2025	\$9,496.57
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>
Fund Balance November 30, 2025	\$9,496.57
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SPECIAL BUILDING FUND INV ACCT - A	\$889,260.02
Richardson County Treasurer (Local District Taxes)	<u>\$1,813.26</u>
	\$891,073.28
Transfer to SBF - Claims	<u>\$45,754.80</u>
	\$845,318.48
Interest	<u>\$2,169.58</u>
Bank Statement Balance November 30, 2025	\$847,488.06
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SPECIAL BUILDING FUND INV ACCT - C	\$1,007,875.68
Quarterly Interest	<u>\$10,015.21</u>
Balance November 30, 2025	\$1,017,890.89

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND - BEGINNING BALANCE	\$25,000.00
Transfer from Investment Account	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$25,000.00
Less Checks Paid	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$25,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>
Bank Statement Balance November 30, 2025	\$25,000.00
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>
Fund Balance November 30, 2025	\$25,000.00

I do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct abstract of the records in my office and that the collections, disbursements and balance on hand as shown herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



 District 56 Treasurer

BUDGET SUMMARY						
EXPENSES	FUNCTION #	BUDGET	MTD	YTD	%	
FOR MONTH ENDING 11/30/2025						
ALL INSTRUCTION	1100-1400	\$ 6,815,223.00	\$ 554,722.63	\$ 1,678,220.43	24.62%	
	1200	\$ 1,954,160.00	\$ 189,029.69	\$ 545,805.04	27.93%	
SUPPORT SERVICES - PUPILS	2100-2150	\$ 627,781.00	\$ 55,808.22	\$ 157,930.97	25.16%	
SUPPORT SERVICES - STAFF	2200	\$ 230,746.00	\$ 26,019.20	\$ 129,245.97	56.01%	
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2310	\$ 203,011.00	\$ 139.35	\$ 172,381.58	84.91%	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	2320/2330	\$ 439,817.00	\$ 38,048.86	\$ 115,712.32	26.31%	
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	2400	\$ 1,019,612.00	\$ 85,549.82	\$ 250,494.99	24.57%	
BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES	2510	\$ 315,002.00	\$ 13,933.25	\$ 77,482.32	24.60%	
MAINTENANCE/OPERATION	2600	\$ 1,208,946.00	\$ 104,315.82	\$ 295,120.74	24.41%	
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	2710	\$ 650,843.00	\$ 76,552.44	\$ 174,538.70	26.82%	
SPED TRANSPORTATION	2712	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 7,750.64	\$ 21,422.74	59.51%	
STATE CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS	3000	\$ 562,617.00	\$ 44,368.01	\$ 128,592.77	22.86%	
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	6000	\$ 538,000.00	\$ 48,474.45	\$ 154,558.80	28.73%	
TRANSFERS	8000	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 9,691.50	\$ 30,048.07	42.93%	
TOTALS		\$ 14,671,758.00	\$ 1,254,403.88	\$ 3,931,555.44	26.80%	
REVENUE						
FOR MONTH ENDING 11/30/2025						
	FUNCTION #	BUDGET	MTD	YTD	%	
			\$ -			
PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY TAX	1100	\$ 8,007,940.00	\$ 36,302.12	\$ 1,309,306.80	16.35%	
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	1000-1900	\$ 886,051.00	\$ 64,371.28	\$ 265,685.33	29.99%	
COUNTY REVENUES	2000-2210	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 7,180.13	\$ 23,199.96	15.78%	
STATE REVENUE	3110-3990	\$ 4,035,142.00	\$ 16,358.78	\$ 350,069.68	8.68%	
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	4100-4995	\$ 508,200.00	\$ 9,915.65	\$ 18,309.51	3.60%	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	5300-5690	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,798.72	167.99%	
NECESSARY CASH RESERVES		\$ 1,254,291.00	\$ -	\$ -		
Budget TOTALS		\$ 14,848,624.00	\$ 134,127.96	\$ 1,983,370.00	13.36%	

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - DECEMBER 2025 CLAIMS

1 AGiRepair	\$25.00	Technology Repair
2 Amazon Capital Services	\$1,984.37	HS, MS, NS & SS Supplies
Amazon Capital Services	\$1,120.89	CO, Nurse & Technology Supplies
Amazon Capital Services	\$566.23	Maintenance & Custodial Supplies
3 buckIT	\$2,012.50	NS, SS & HS Cameras
4 Central Office	\$3,832.03	Mileage and Workshop Expenses
Central Office	\$346.42	Bus Permit-Mileage-Supplies-Cell Phones
Central Office	\$1,109.26	Miscellaneous Expenses
5 Cintas	\$608.84	Uniform, Mop & Rag Services
7 Colorado West	\$400.10	Bus Parts
8 Cornhusker International	\$45,019.25	Bus Purchase & Bus Parts
9 CRSSA-C4K	\$803.60	Stipends
10 DAS State Accounting - Central	\$317.87	Network Nebraska
11 Demco	\$155.11	NS Library Supplies
12 ESU #4 Contracted	\$3,071.35	SPED Contracted Services
13 ESU #4 Co-op	\$20.00	Tech Support & Registration
14 ESU #6	\$230.95	Technology Hosted Services
15 Falls City Auto Supply	\$893.00	Bus Parts
16 Falls City High School	\$190.30	Reimbursements
17 Falls City Journal	\$11.88	Advertising
18 Family Medicine	\$100.00	DOT Physical
19 Falls City Sanitation	\$944.00	District & Sixpence Waste Removal
20 Falls City School Lunch	\$9,735.65	September Lunch Support
21 Falls City Utilities	\$26,951.81	District Wide Utilities
22 Farm & City Supply	\$787.81	Maintenance, Grounds & Bus Parts
23 Fiber Platform	\$418.10	Internet Service
24 Herrick Bruxellas Properties	\$560.00	Building Rental & Utilities
25 Holiday Inn	\$249.90	Admin Travel
26 Hometown Floral	\$235.75	Memorials
27 HyVee	\$113.07	Maintenance Supplies
28 Jim Hill's	\$205.13	Bus Barn Parts
29 JW Pepper	\$13.00	HS Vocal Music Supplies
30 Leak Specialists	\$980.00	Annual Tank Inspection
31 Malcolm, Mary	\$4,564.30	SPED Contracted Services
32 Meyer Home Center	\$1,393.00	Maintenance Parts
33 NASB	\$1,552.00	Supt. & BOE Registrations
34 NCECBVI	\$14,585.60	SPED Contracted Services
35 NCSA	\$205.00	Registration
36 Nebraska State Fire Marshal	\$270.00	Annual Fee
37 Nodaway Valley Bank	\$3,985.00	Copier Lease
38 O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$208.32	Bus Parts
39 Parent-Child Center	\$364.68	Meal Reimbursement
40 Pest Control Services	\$150.00	Pest Control Services
41 Purchase Power	\$507.00	Postage
42 RehabVisions	\$3,490.75	SPED Contracted Services
43 Sew Creative	\$227.58	Sewing Machine Repairs
44 Sixpence	\$2,452.50	Childcare Scholarships
45 SNC	\$1,613.74	Telephone Service
46 Sysco	\$207.96	FACS Supplies
47 Tifco	\$360.53	Bus Parts

48 Towle Realty	\$525.00	Sixpence Building Rental
49 Truck Center	\$748.78	Bus Parts
50 UCI Testing	\$510.00	Drug Testing
51 University of Nebraska at Kearney	\$100.00	Registration
52 UNL - Extension	\$2,431.16	Quarterly Wages - UNL Extension Educator
53 US Bank	\$3,247.51	Travel & Registrations
US Bank	\$1,970.70	Supplies & Equipment
US Bank	\$1,081.15	Sixpence
54 Water Engineering	\$249.18	Maintenance Agreement
55 Wolfes Printing	\$39.99	Bus Supplies

Total \$151,054.60

\$1,059,224.66 Payroll - December 2025

GRAND TOTAL **\$1,210,279.26**

Depreciation Fund

1 Computer Hardware	\$4,108.00	BOE, MS, HS Chromebooks
2 Cornhusker International	<u>\$90,000.00</u>	Bus Purchase
	\$94,108.00	

Special Building Fund

1 Schrocks Roofing	<u>\$124,900.00</u>	NS & HS Roof Projects
	\$124,900.00	

FALLS CITY SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$52,231.20
INCOME	
NORTH SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$3,247.75
SOUTH SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$3,760.50
MIDDLE SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$3,365.00
HIGH SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$2,911.85
FEDERAL/STATE REIMBURSEMENT -OCTOBER	\$45,920.28
DISTRICT 56 REIMBURSEMENT-HEALTH INSURANCE	\$9,691.50
HEAD START REIMBURSEMENT-OCTOBER	\$1,187.24
HIGH SCHOOL ALA CARTE DEPOSITS	\$1,220.00
MIDDLE SCHOOL ALA CARTE DEPOSITS	\$785.00
NORTH SCHOOL/SOUTH SCHOOL EXTRA MILK DEPOSITS	\$134.15
MISCELLANOUS INCOME	\$240.04
BANK INTEREST-NOVEMBER	<u>\$18.41</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$72,481.72
EXPENSES	
FOOD	\$30,290.25
ALA CARTE	\$1,034.24
MILK	\$5,357.47
BREAD	\$1,000.83
SUPPLIES	\$1,261.36
MISCELLANEOUS	\$34.95
MILEAGE	\$58.80
FUEL SURCHARGE/DELIVERY FEE	\$73.00
LUNCH MONEY REFUND	\$30.40
SNA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & HOTEL	\$0.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$0.00
ANNUITY	\$0.00
RETIREMENT	\$1,932.43
PAYROLL TAX	\$1,936.08
WAGES EXPENSE	\$25,805.26
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	<u>\$9,691.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$78,506.57
ENDING BALANCE	\$46,206.35
YEAR TO DATE PROFIT (LOSS) 08/1/2025-11/30/25	\$38,266.08

FCMS Activity Account November 2025

Date	Check #	Activity		Amount	Deposit	Balance	Description
11/5/25	2456	Crete Middle School	X	\$240.00		\$32,872.00	General TBR
11/5/25	2457	Amazon	X	\$16.99		\$32,855.01	NJHS
11/10/25	2458	Terri Hogue	X	\$97.42		\$32,757.59	MS MISC - Robotics
11/24/25		Deposit			\$634.00	\$33,391.59	General
11/24/25	2459	W7	X	\$394.00		\$32,997.59	General
11/28/25		Interest	X		14.07	\$33,011.66	Interest


 Meghan Robeson
 Middle School Principal



Board Report North Elementary School

December 2025

North School Student & Staff Updates

LETRS Training Kickoff

Our K–2 teachers recently completed their LETRS Kickoff Zoom Meeting. This informative session set the foundation for our Year 1 LETRS training. As this is an intensive professional learning experience, teachers will be provided dedicated time during PLCs. The scheduled second-semester LETRS dates are:

- Monday, January 5 – Full-day PLC
- Monday, January 19 – First in-person LETRS training
- Monday, February 2 – Engaging Educators Day (LETRS work time and ESU 4 roundtable discussions)
- Friday, March 6 – Second in-person LETRS training
- Friday, April 24 – Full-day PLC

Kindergarten Preparation for 2026–2027

The Kindergarten Surveys for the 2026–2027 school year will be sent out next week to all District 56 families with age-eligible children. This information helps us plan and prepare for a successful kindergarten year ahead.

Christmas Around the World

North School students will participate in Christmas Around the World this month. Each staff member will design engaging, hands-on activities for students as they rotate through classrooms throughout the day. The celebration will include a special visit from Santa, adding excitement to this festive learning experience.

December to Remember

Our elementary staff have been enjoying our December to Remember activities, building team spirit, strengthening collaboration, and celebrating the season together.

Winter Wonderland Event

A heartfelt thank you goes to our P.I.E. (Partners in Education) team for hosting the annual Winter Wonderland event. This free family evening included crafts, activities, and a visit with Santa. We appreciate all who contributed to making this memorable event possible for our district families.

Winter Assessments & MTSS Work

Elementary students are completing their winter ELA assessments, giving teachers a current snapshot of academic progress. Benchmark data has been reviewed during grade-level MTSS meetings, and teachers are using this information to determine placements for second-semester reading and math intervention groups.



Board Report North Elementary School December 2025

Professional Development Update

As the NAESP President, I had the privilege of planning and attending the NCSA State Principals Conference and participating in the NAESP Executive Meeting in Lincoln. These events provided valuable opportunities to collaborate with Nebraska principals, engage in meaningful discussions on current educational issues and trends, and share insights that will continue to inform and strengthen leadership practices across the state.

Upcoming Elementary Events:

- Dec. 1-12: K-2 assessment window
- Dec. 18: Christmas Around the World
- Dec. 19: Santa and Caroling
- Dec. 19: End of 2nd Quarter and 1st semester
- Jan. 5: Teacher In-service
- Jan. 6: First day of 3rd Quarter and 2nd semester



**South School Principal's Report
December 2025**

LETRS Kickoff Zoom: Our elementary staff (K-5) participated in the LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) kickoff zoom on December 1st. This meeting allowed teachers to set up their online accounts, gather more information, and ask questions about the program. The intensity of the program is high and will require additional PLC time to work through this.

LETRS Dates:

- January 19 - Unit 1 in-person LETRS training
- March 6 - Unit 2 in-person LETRS training
- June 4 - Unit 3 in-person LETRS training
- August 5 - Unit 4 in-person LETRS training

Brain Quest Field Trip: 3rd graders had the opportunity to attend Peru State College. Teacher candidates led hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities with the students.

Winter Wonderland: Huge thank you to P.I.E. for planning, organizing, and carrying out the Winter Wonderland event again this year. This free event provides a community engagement opportunity for parents of all ages.

Winter Assessments: South School students completed the STAR Test last week. This week, we will shift our focus to MAP Reading and Map Math assessments. This data will be reviewed so we can provide proper supports to students as we move into the second semester.

Christmas Around the World: South School students and staff will participate in this exciting event again this year. The theme is Christmas Movies. The students will be intermixed and move across each station engaging in fun activities.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandon Gibson

Important Dates/Reminders:

Dec. 17 - Tiger Branch Bank open
Dec. 18 - Christmas Around the World
Dec. 19 - Christmas Caroling in the gym
Dec. 20-Jan. 4 - Christmas Break
Jan. 5 - PLC Day
Jan. 6 - Students Resume
Jan. 7 - Tiger Branch Bank open



Falls City Middle School
School Board Report 12/8/25
Meghan Robeson FCMS Principal/Curriculum Director

The Nebraska Department of Education released the 2024–2025 Nebraska Education Profile and AQuESTT classifications on November 26, 2025. Falls City Public Schools received a Good district designation based on statewide measures of academic achievement, student growth, participation, graduation rates, chronic absenteeism, and progress of English Learners. Individual building classifications include Great for Falls City High School and Good for the Middle School, South School, and North School. FCPS also received no federal designations (TSI or ATSI), indicating positive performance across all student subgroups.

This year's report highlights several strengths across the district. FCPS outperformed the state average in chronic absenteeism with a rate of 17.36% compared to the state's 19.38%. The district achieved a 95% graduation rate, with 64% of graduates pursuing postsecondary education. Academic proficiency results show Grades 3–8 performing at 54% in ELA, 50% in Math, and 72% in Science, while Grade 11 ACT proficiency reached 52% in ELA, 42% in Math, and 54% in Science.

The district continues to invest in initiatives that strengthen instruction and support student learning. Staff are engaged in a variety of initiatives aimed and continuing to improve student outcomes from our work with DMG group through the CLSD grant to the Math Acceleration Project with ESU 4, WORDs tutoring and structured early literacy supports, and LETRS professional development to build capacity in reading instruction. These efforts, combined with regular PLC time and increased use of data to guide instructional decisions, are creating more cohesive and responsive learning environments across the district.

As FCPS looks toward the next five years, the district will use this year's AQuESTT data and the feedback from our recent NDE Frameworks external visit to inform a comprehensive strategic planning process. These data points and insights will help us refine priorities, strengthen our systems of support, and chart a clear path forward. With the continued partnership of the Board of Education, staff, families, and the community, FCPS remains committed to ensuring every student graduates prepared for success in college, career, and life.



FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

December School Board Meeting *High School Principal's Report* December 8th, 2025

Continuous Improvement

Career Academy:

- Continuing to explore opportunities to provide additional classes for our students to give them the best start towards being college and career ready.

Academic Improvement:

- MAP testing is underway. Looking forward to seeing how our students have grown this first semester
- Have had students expressing interest in having a School Newspaper. We will look into the best way to accomplish this.

Student Activity Engagement:

- Madrigal was hosted this past weekend. Thank you to everyone in our community for the support.
- 6th - 12th Sounds of the Seasons Concert at Prichard Auditorium on December 15th at 6:30pm
- One Act Team got 7th at ECNC
- One Act Districts were hosted by Fairbury this past weekend
- Winter Sports Participation Numbers:
 - Girls Basketball: 12
 - Girls Wrestling: 14
 - Boys Basketball: 20
 - Boys Wrestling: 22
- Freeman will be leaving the ECNC Conference at the end of this Activity Year
- All Conference Football:
 - Brock Niedfeldt - 1st Team
 - Gavin Bauer - 1st Team
 - Blakely Sells - Honorable Mention
 - Cade Caudle - Honorable Mention
 - Jaxten Jorgenson - Honorable Mention
 - Chase Simpson - Honorable Mention
 - Vaden Leyden - Honorable Mention
 - Ashton Martin - Honorable Mention
 - Caleb Offner - Honorable Mention
 - Jayton Wilkerson - Honorable Mention
 - Orion Catrell - Honorable Mention
 - Mason Collier - Honorable Mention
- All Conference Volleyball
 - Gabbi Young - 2nd Team
 - Liv Buckminster - Honorable Mention
 - Tessa Gossman - Honorable Mention



Dr. Offner – December 8th, 2025 Board Report

1. Board committees
 - a. Negotiations –
 - b. Building and grounds update
 1. Roofs of HS and North Gym– completed
 2. Track resurfacing is complete – looks good
 3. **Hope to move forward with BVH** – talk about this at the Dec. 17th meeting
 4. Projects for the summer – paused for now, will revisit in the spring
2. Budget update
 - a. New tax priority will be general fund -= this will need to be held for a mini. of 2 years
3. Staffing
 - a. New staff
 - i. None at this time
4. Other
 - a. Bus SOPs – Still working on
 - b. Review the code of conduct – We will be meeting on January 5th or 19th with school staff members, then getting community members
 - c. Staff celebration is on November 22nd, starting at 6 pm at the Elks – this was good