Minutes of the Board of Education Work Session

The Board of Education regular meeting of the Crofton Community School was held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at Immediately following the Tax Request Hearing with the following attendance: **Present:** Jayne Arens, Jeremy Buschkamp, Amy Hoffman, Michael Janssen, Craig Marsh, Lisa Van Heek. Present: 6..

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Michael Janssen to declare the meeting open and properly advertised by the certificate attached to these minutes. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. passed
Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Amy Hoffman to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. passed
Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The motion was made by Jayne Arens and seconded by Craig Marsh to adopt the 2026-2027 budget, as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. passed
Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The motion was made by Amy Hoffman and seconded by Michael Janssen to approve the 2026-2027 tax request resolution, as presented. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. passed
Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The motion was made by Jayne Arens and seconded by Jeremy Buschkamp to recognize the CEA (Crofton Education Association) as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2028-2029 contract year. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. passed
Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Amy Hoffman to Approve bid for tree removal and sidewalk repair. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. passed
Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea,

Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The motion was made by Amy Hoffman and seconded by Jayne Arens to set the next meeting for October 19, at 7:00 pm and to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. passed
Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education special meeting of the Crofton Community School was held on Monday, August 31, 2026 at 7:00 am, with the following attendance: **Absent:** Lisa Van Heek, **Present:** Jayne Arens, Jeremy Buschkamp, Amy Hoffman, Michael Janssen, Craig Marsh. Present: 5, Absent: 1.

The motion was made by Jayne Arens and seconded by Amy Hoffman to declare the meeting open and properly advertised by the certificate attached to these minutes. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Absent; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Jeremy Buschkamp to approve excusing absent board member Lisa Van Heek. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Absent; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Discussion was held by Mr. Wragge and the board members present, to look at increasing the school's base growth percentage by up to 7%, which is used to determine the school's property tax request authority. The budget would not be increased by 7%, nor would property taxes be increased by 7%. The extra authority provides additional budget flexibility, while working under the budget and spending lids enacted by the Nebraska Legislature. By doing so, it also meets the school's goal of protecting the district's financial health.

The motion was made by Amy Hoffman and seconded by Craig Marsh to adopt the resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage, used to determine the school district's property tax request authority, by 7%. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Absent; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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The motion was made by Jayne Arens and seconded by Michael Janssen to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 am. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Yea, Amy Hoffman: Yea, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Absent; Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting

The Board of Education regular meeting of the Crofton Community School was held on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:30 pm, with the following attendance: **Absent:** Amy Hoffman, **Present:** Jayne Arens, Michael Janssen, Craig Marsh, Lisa Van Heek. Present: 4, **Absent:** Jeremy Buschkamp. Present: 4, Absent: 2.

The motion was made by Michael Janssen and seconded by Jayne Arens to declare the meeting open and properly advertised by the certificate attached to these minutes. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Absent, Amy Hoffman: Absent, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made by Jayne Arens and seconded by Lisa Van Heek to approve excusing absent board members Amy Hoffman and Jeremy Buschkamp. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Absent, Amy Hoffman: Absent, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made by Michael Janssen and seconded by Craig Marsh to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Absent, Amy Hoffman: Absent, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Public comment was given by three members of the public.

In Administrative time, Mr. Wragge, Mr. Ostermeyer, Miss Kramer, and Ms. Higgins, referenced thier reports to the Board members.

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Michael Janssen to close the Cooperative Fund and the Flex Fund Accounts. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Absent, Amy Hoffman: Absent, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Lisa Van Heek to open a QCPUF (Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund) account for the District. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Absent, Amy Hoffman: Absent, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Michael Janssen to transfer up to $50,000 from the General Fund to the Activity Fund. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Absent, Amy Hoffman: Absent, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made by Lisa Van Heek and seconded by Jayne Arens to transfer up to $500,000 from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund for building improvements. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp:

Absent, Amy Hoffman: Absent, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The motion was made to table item 5.5 on the agenda. The motion was tabled by the following roll call vote. Tabled - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Absent, Amy Hoffman: Absent, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea ; Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discussion was held on the school's ground on the north side of the high school. Mr. Wragge reported that he was informed by a representative from NRCS that the north shelterbelt is in overall good health. Mark visited with both the Knox County FSA and NRCS offices about other options available for ways of farming the land to the north. Discussion was held by the board members on alternate solutions, as well.

Mr. Wragge reviewed the QCPUF bonds, the HS safe and secure entrance and library remodel, the elementary school abatement project, and the elementary school project and construction progress. Mr. Wragge reported that the high school kitchen fire suppression system is completed. The high school gym has been refinished for the year, and some of the high school windows have been replaced due to lost seals. Discussion was also held on athletic practice schedules, due to only having one gym available this year.

The motion was made by Craig Marsh and seconded by Michael Janssen to set the next meeting for September 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm, and to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. The motion passed by the following roll call vote. Passed - Jayne Arens: Yea, Jeremy Buschkamp: Absent, Amy Hoffman: Absent, Michael Janssen: Yea, Craig Marsh: Yea, Lisa Van Heek: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Dana Wortmann, Acting Secretary

SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Balance on hand August 1, 2026	2,472,560.68
August receipts:	
Cedar County Treasurer	24,906.95
Knox County Treasurer	35,689.06
BJ School Buses---building rent	0.00
Health Ins.	1,001.29
St. Rose---music tuition	1,339.58
ESU 1---Carl Perkins Reimb.	1,179.80
State of NE---NEBMAC funds	1,454.28
Bloomfield Comm Schools---25-26 Shared WR Contract Pymnt	33,726.18
Miscellaneous	6,257.61
Interest	1,221.21
Total receipts	106,775.96
Cash available	2,579,336.64
August disbursements	1,258,904.10
Balance as of August 31, 2026	1,320,432.54

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank balance August 1, 2026	1,670,198.30
Outstanding checks/receipts	349,765.76
Balance on hand August 31, 2026	1,320,432.54

SPECIAL BUILDING ACCOUNT

Balance on hand August 1, 2026	57,906.54
August receipts:	
Cedar County Treasurer	952.53
Knox County Treasurer	1,009.09
NLAF Transfer In	275,000.00
Interest	55.43
Total receipts	277,017.05
August disbursements---Architect/Const. Mgmt/Testing fees	10,488.55
Balance on hand August 31, 2026	324,435.04

BOND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand August 1, 2026	4,699.85
Interest	2.59
Total receipts	2.59
Balance on hand August 31, 2026	4,702.44

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ACCOUNT

Balance on hand August 1, 2026	3,972.92
August receipts:	
NLAF Redemption	0.00
Interest	4.22
Total receipt	4.22
August disbursements	0.00
Balance on hand August 31, 2026	3,977.14

DEPRECIATION FUND

Balance on hand August 1, 2026	159,929.26
August receipts---interest	500,139.30
August disbursements	0.00
Balance on hand August 31, 2026	648,706.47

NEBRASKA LIQUID ASSET FUNDS (NLAF)

(Sp. Bldg) Balance on hand August 1, 2026	7,326,549.82
ACH Purchase	0.00
ACH Redemption	275,000.00
Interest	21,015.48

Balance on hand August 31, 2026	7,072,565.30
(Emp. Benefit) Balance on hand August 1, 2026	261,445.90
Interest	754.51
ACH Redemption	0.00
ACH Purchase	0.00
Balance on hand August 31, 2026	262,200.41
(General Fund) Balance on hand August 1, 2026	2,362,203.42
ACH Purchase	0.00
Interest	6,817.13
Balance on hand August 31, 2026	2,369,020.55

Vendor Name	Description	Amount		
Checking 1				
Checking 1 Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND				
A-OX WELDING SUPPLY	TANK RENTAL	112.73		
			Vendor Total:	**112.73**
ACCESS	STORAGE FEES	17.33		
			Vendor Total:	**17.33**
APPEARA	RENDERED SERVICES	35.00		
			Vendor Total:	**35.00**
B-J SCHOOL BUSES	CONTRACTED PUPIL TRANSP.	12,823.72		
			Vendor Total:	**12,823.72**
BD PERFORMING ARTS	MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION	200.00		
			Vendor Total:	**200.00**
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	GAS SERVICE	448.32		
			Vendor Total:	**448.32**
BLICK ART MATERIALS	SUPPLIES	280.07		
			Vendor Total:	**280.07**
BOUND TO STAY BOUND	LIBRARY BOOKS	137.72		
			Vendor Total:	**137.72**
BRAINPOP LLC	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	275.00		
			Vendor Total:	**275.00**
BUHL'S CLEANERS	BAND UNIFORMS CLEANED	390.00		
			Vendor Total:	**390.00**
BURKE ENGINEERING	SUPPLIES	115.95		
			Vendor Total:	**115.95**
C K P P D	ELECTRICITY	5,420.44		
			Vendor Total:	**5,420.44**
CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL	SUPPLIES	209.82		
			Vendor Total:	**209.82**
CROFTON LUMBER COMPANY	CUSTODIAL/SHOP SUPPLIES	353.67		
			Vendor Total:	**353.67**
DEMCO, INC.	LIBRARY SUPPLIES	174.01		
			Vendor Total:	**174.01**
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES	43.75		
			Vendor Total:	**43.75**
EDCLUB INC.	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	1,031.14		
			Vendor Total:	**1,031.14**
ESU #1	USED MACBOOK PROS	1,500.00		
			Vendor Total:	**1,500.00**
FARMERS-MERCHANTS STATE BANK	ANNUAL ACH FEES	240.00		
			Vendor Total:	**240.00**
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES/SOFTWARE RENEWAL	1,280.54		
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	SUPPLIES/TRAVEL/FEES	958.18		
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	59.88		
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	MISC EXPENSE	122.41		
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	216.00		
			Vendor Total:	**2,637.01**
FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC	SUPPLIES	478.77		
FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC	SUPPLIES	447.72		
			Vendor Total:	**926.49**
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, INC.	LIBRARY BOOKS	3,581.31		
			Vendor Total:	**3,581.31**
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC	LIBRARY SOFTWARE RENEWAL	5,267.84		
			Vendor Total:	**5,267.84**
Gade, Frank	TEXTBOOK REIMBURSEMENT	163.66		
			Vendor Total:	**163.66**

Vendor Name	Description	Amount		
GREAT PLAINS COMM	PHONE/INTERNET	716.31		
			Vendor Total:	716.31
HAPPY NUMBERS INC.	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	370.00		
			Vendor Total:	370.00
HAUSMANN CONSTRUCTION INC	ELEM SAFE/SECURE VESTIBULE	52,464.00		
			Vendor Total:	52,464.00
HOMETOWN LEASING	COPIERS/PRINTERS LEASES	1,432.71		
			Vendor Total:	1,432.71
IXL	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	9,187.50		
			Vendor Total:	9,187.50
KAISER APPLIANCE & REFIGERATION	CHAINSAW REPAIRS	159.81		
			Vendor Total:	159.81
KAYTON INTERNATIONAL, INC.	REPAIRS	18.24		
			Vendor Total:	18.24
LEARNING A-Z	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	1,375.00		
			Vendor Total:	1,375.00
LEARNING ALLY, INC.	SOFTWARE RENEWAL--SPED	1,993.95		
			Vendor Total:	1,993.95
LEXIA LEARNING SYSTEMS LLC	SOFTWARE RENEWAL--SPED	3,535.00		
			Vendor Total:	3,535.00
LIFEGUARD MD, INC.	NURSE SUPPLIES	2,493.42		
			Vendor Total:	2,493.42
MARCH TO THE MERIDIAN	MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION	250.00		
			Vendor Total:	250.00
NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF	MEMBERSHIP DUES	65.00		
			Vendor Total:	65.00
NEBRASKA COUNCIL	MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS	1,921.00		
			Vendor Total:	1,921.00
NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER	TRAINING FEES	250.00		
			Vendor Total:	250.00
NORFOLK DAILY NEWS	LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	225.00		
			Vendor Total:	225.00
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE	CPR CARDS	216.00		
			Vendor Total:	216.00
NRCSA	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	850.00		
			Vendor Total:	850.00
NSBA ALICAP	PROPERTY/LIABILITY/WORKERS COMP	90,764.00		
			Vendor Total:	90,764.00
NSBA	MARCHING BAND REGISTRATION	200.00		
			Vendor Total:	200.00
NWEA	TESTING SOFTWARE RENEWAL	1,500.00		
			Vendor Total:	1,500.00
OLSON'S PEST TECHNICIANS	EXTERMINATION FEES	124.00		
			Vendor Total:	124.00
One SourceThe Background Check Co.	BACKGROUND CHECK FEES	292.00		
			Vendor Total:	292.00
PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SERVICES	POSTAGE METER LEASE	148.29		
			Vendor Total:	148.29
POPPLERS MUSIC, INC.	SUPPLIES	113.20		
			Vendor Total:	113.20
POWER SCHOOL GROUP LLC	ANNUAL SOFTWARE RENEWAL	6,527.76		
			Vendor Total:	6,527.76
PROCHEM DYNAMICS LLC	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	969.57		
			Vendor Total:	969.57

Vendor Name	Description	Amount		
READ NATURALLY	SOFTWARE RENEWAL--SPED	1,300.00		
			Vendor Total:	**1,300.00**
REALLY GOOD STUFF, INC.	SUPPLIES	33.29		
			Vendor Total:	**33.29**
RENAISSANCE LEARNING, INC.	ANNUAL SOFTWARE RENEWAL	5,982.00		
			Vendor Total:	**5,982.00**
RESERVE ACCOUNT - PITNEY BOWES BANK INC	POSTAGE METER REFILL	450.00		
			Vendor Total:	**450.00**
SCHOLASTIC INC	SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL	318.35		
			Vendor Total:	**318.35**
SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC	SUPPLIES	94.46		
			Vendor Total:	**94.46**
SCHOOLMATE	SUPPLIES	248.20		
			Vendor Total:	**248.20**
STARFALL EDUCATION	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	195.00		
			Vendor Total:	**195.00**
STUBBS, MONIQUE	SOFTWARE RENEWAL	156.00		
			Vendor Total:	**156.00**
SWEAT TEA MARKETING	SUPPLIES	1,245.03		
			Vendor Total:	**1,245.03**
TEACHING STRATEGIES, LLC	SPED SOFTWARE RENEWAL	113.20		
			Vendor Total:	**113.20**
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	MONTHLY FEES	69.40		
			Vendor Total:	**69.40**
Tomsu, Jason	SPED PARENT MILEAGE	81.20		
			Vendor Total:	**81.20**
TYPING.COM	SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION	375.00		
			Vendor Total:	**375.00**
UNIVERSITY OF NE - LINCOLN	CAREER DAY REGISTRATIONS	582.00		
			Vendor Total:	**582.00**
VERNIER SOFTWARE & TECHNOLOGY	SUPPLIES	1,437.56		
			Vendor Total:	**1,437.56**
WASTE CONNECTIONS OF NEBRASKA, INC.	GARBAGE SERVICE	1,109.50		
			Vendor Total:	**1,109.50**
WAYSIDE PUBLISHING	DIGITAL TEXTBOOK	4,279.10		
			Vendor Total:	**4,279.10**
WEST MUSIC	SUPPLIES	1,168.93		
			Vendor Total:	**1,168.93**
WHOLESALE SUPPLY CO., INC.	SUPPLIES	422.80		
			Vendor Total:	**422.80**
WILLIAM V. MACGILL & CO.	NURSE SUPPLIES	87.28		
			Vendor Total:	**87.28**
ZANER-BLOSER EDUCATIONAL	SUPPLIES	491.70		
			Vendor Total:	**491.70**
			Fund Total:	**234,786.74**
		Checking Account Total:		**234,786.74**

Vendor Name	Description	Amount		
Checking	1			
Checking	**1 Fund: 01 GENERAL FUND**			
CITY OF CROFTON	WATER & SEWER	1,161.60		
			Vendor Total:	**1,161.60**
CMART, LLC	REG/OTHER GAS	174.89		
			Vendor Total:	**174.89**
CROFTON JOURNAL	ADVERTISING/PRINTING	893.09		
			Vendor Total:	**893.09**
PIERCE MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL	MARCHING BAND FEES	150.00		
			Vendor Total:	**150.00**
Y & Y LAWN SERVICE	LAWN SERVICES/FUNGICIDE	1,245.00		
			Vendor Total:	**1,245.00**
			Fund Total:	**3,624.58**
		Checking Account Total:		**3,624.58**

The president may acknowledge any visitors at this time and provide time for public comment if Necessary.

- (Optional) Public Comment
    - The Board's Role
        - Listen - This time is meant to only listen to their opinions or thoughts.
            - Important: Do not engage in conversation with the speaker or answer questions posed by them to you.
        - Time limit - The Board should have a timer.
            - 5-minute time limit per speaker (30-minute total for all speakers)
    - Speaker Identification (Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-1412):
        - Any member of the public desiring to address the body shall be required to identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

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Superintendent

JOHNNIE OSTERMEYER
Secondary Principal

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Elementary Principal

Administrative Report: Elementary

September 14, 2026

News/Updates:

- Open House Attendance
  - KA (20/21)= 95%
  - KB (20/20)= 100%
  - 1st (17/18)= 94%
  - 2nd (19/20)= 95%
  - 3rd (28/28) = 100%
  - 4th (30/30)= 100%
  - 5th (25/26)= 96%
  - 6th: (27/27)= 100%
  - **TOTAL: 186/190 = 98%**
- Safety/Security- First week of school
  - Firedrill
  - Severe Weather Drill
  - Bus Evacuation (this week)
  - Crisis and Threat Assessment Team (met in August)
- Acadience Benchmarking (completed 3rd-6th, will do K-2nd in the coming weeks)
- Enrollment
  - K - 20
  - K - 21
  - 1st - 19
  - 2nd - 19
  - 3rd - 28
  - 4th - 30
  - 5th - 25
  - 6th - 27

    TOTAL: 190

Upcoming Events:

- Fall Student Assistance Team Meetings - starting tomorrow
- Penny Drive (September 21-25)
- MAP Testing (one day/week for the upcoming 3 weeks)
- Constitution Day (September 17)
- Fire Safety - trucks will visit on October 2
- Homecoming Week (October 5-9)

Secondary Principals September 2026 Board Report:

1. Picture Day was Friday, August 28th.

2. We conducted our first Combined Severe Weather Drill and Fire Drill on September 1st.

3. Enrollment:
7th Grade: 22 / 8th Grade: 24/ Freshmen: 29/ Sophomores: 31/ Juniors: 35/ Seniors: 31
Total: 172 Males: 89 / Females: 83

4. Homecoming is on October 9th vs West Holt.

5. Open House Data:
62% of parents attended,
This is still better than the less than 30% average we had attending PT Conferences.
It is down from the last 3 years. 2023: 86%, 2024: 72%, 2025: 70%

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Johnnie Ostermeyer
Crofton Community Schools
Secondary Principal

School Board Meeting
September 14, 2026

FFA

Officer Retreat



Chapter officers participated in an officer retreat held at Cedar Tree Cabins on July 29th and 30th. During their time, officers planned the Program of Activities for the upcoming year, set chapter and personal goals, and developed their leadership skills. Overall, it was an extremely productive time. Chapter officers for the current year include: Tyson Jackson, Jazzmyn Wieseler, Madelyn Buschkamp, Cash Culliton, Brynn Hansen, Bethany Arens, Addison Hames, Brady Guenther, & Trace Tramp.

Knox County Fair

Seven members represented Crofton FFA at the Knox County Fair. This is up from the previous year. During the fair, members competed extremely well, including eight Grand or Reserve awards across all entries. Additionally, Crofton FFA is in charge of assisting with the Knox County Horse Show on the Wednesday before the fair starts. Four members and Ms. Lutjelusche assisted in handing out ribbons and recording results.











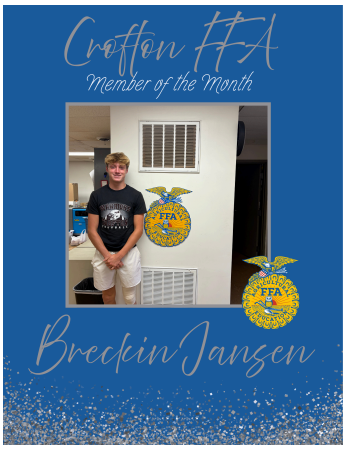
August Meeting

On August 30th, the FFA year officially kicked off with a Back to School BBQ held at the south park. Following the meeting agenda, approximately 130 members and guests enjoyed a potluck-style meal and

recreational activities, including bounce houses. We are looking forward to a great year! Please reach out anytime with questions or ideas.

Member of the Month

At our August meeting, we recognized Breckin Jansen as the August 2026 Member of the Month (MOM). Breckin competed at an extremely high level at the Knox County Fair. Individually, he exhibited ten exhibits. Additionally, Breckin has been a great leader for our chapter and is extremely competitive in other areas.



FCCLA

Crofton FCCLA is kicking off the school year with our annual Pink Out event. This year, we are rebranding the event as Hope Heroes Night to broaden our cancer awareness efforts and better align with the Hope Fund at Faith Regional Foundation in Norfolk, which receives our event proceeds each year.

This year's shirts highlight three types of cancer through their awareness colors: ovarian cancer (teal), breast cancer (pink), and lung cancer (white). We are expanding our awareness efforts across multiple home athletic events, including the football game on September 18, volleyball game on September 22, and cross country meet on September 25. FCCLA will host a bake sale booth at the football and volleyball games and encourage students and community members to show their support by wearing Hope Heroes shirts at the cross country meet.

In addition to Hope Heroes Night, FCCLA will welcome a State Officer on September 14 to speak with members about STAR Events and project opportunities. Members will also participate in a community service project on September 27, cleaning the Crofton fire trucks as a way to give back to our local first responders.

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To: Crofton Board of Education
From: Mark Wragge, Superintendent
Re: Superintendent's Board Report

2026 State Education Conference, Omaha

November 18, Wednesday afternoon, leave for Omaha
November 19, Thursday, conference all day
November 20, Friday, conference till Noon, then head home

Conference Cost Per Person
- $360 until November 6th
- $110 cancellation fee

Hotel Room
- $162 a night
- $169 a night

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Crofton Community School (54-0096) in Knox 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 14 day of September, 2026 at 6:30 o'clock, P.M., at Crofton Community High School 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

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2025-2026 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2026-2027 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	$ 6,463,525.00	$ 7,610,566.00	$ 9,557,500.00	$ 2,290,613.00	$ 6,654,414.00	$ 5,246,161.00
Depreciation	$ 81,778.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 742,463.00		$ 742,463.00	
Employee Benefit	$ 110,128.00	$ 220,000.00	$ 260,288.00		$ 260,288.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 346,010.00	$ 425,000.00	$ 543,776.00		$ 553,776.00	
School Nutrition	$ 345,361.00	$ 306,060.00	$ 609,039.00		$ 609,039.00	
Bond	$ -	$ -	$ 454,872.00		$ 4,872.00	$ 454,545.00
Special Building	$ 106,808.00	$ 907,453.00	$ 8,371,335.00		$ 7,971,335.00	$ 404,040.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ -	$ -	$ 90,000.00			$ 90,909.00
Cooperative	$ -	$ 3.00	$ -		$ -	
Student Fee	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
TOTALS	$ 7,453,610.00	$ 9,499,082.00	$ 20,629,273.00	$ 2,290,613.00	$ 16,796,187.00	$ 6,195,655.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 545,454.00	$ 5,650,201.00	$ 6,195,655.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Crofton Community School (54-0096) in Knox 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 14 day of, September 2026 at Immediately following the budget hearing o'clock P.M., at Crofton Community High School 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	901,019,866	947,782,458	5%

	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	8,844,088.00	5,177,015.00	0.574573	0.546224	9,557,500.00	5,246,161.00	0.553520	-4%	8%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	5,234.00	-	0.000000	0.000000	454,872.00	454,545.00	0.058949		8591%
Special Building Fund	8,522,831.00	303,030.00	0.033632	0.031973	8,371,335.00	404,040.00	0.042630	27%	-2%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	90,000.00	90,909.00	0.009592		0
Total	17,372,153.00	5,480,045.00	0.608205	0.578197	18,473,707.00	6,195,655.00	0.664691	9%	6%

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Crofton Community School passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Crofton Community School resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	$	5,246,161.00
Bond Fund:	$	454,545.00
Special Building Fund:	$	404,040.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund:	$	90,909.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 5.19 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.578197 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Crofton Community School proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.664691 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Crofton Community School will increase (decrease) last year's budget by 7.69 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

Motion by Amy Hoffman, seconded by Michael Janssen to adopt Resolution #_____.

Voting yes were:

Voting no were:

NA

Dated this 14th day of September, 2026

Board Recognition Letter

August 20th, 2026

Crofton Community Schools

Board of Education

Crofton NE 68730

Dear Negotiations Committee:

The Crofton Education Association requests that the school board of the Crofton Community Schools take action to recognize Crofton Education Association as exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff to begin bargaining next fall for the 2028-2029 contract year.

Please direct your direct response to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Frank Gade

President

Crofton Education Association

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NEGOTIATIONS

INTRODUCTION

It is time to begin our work on negotiations. There are mandated deadlines that accompany the required process. I'll keep us on track. If you'd like to know the mandated deadlines, please ask, and I will share them with you.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Craig, Lisa, and Jayne are members of the Finance (Negotiations and Budget) Committee

NEGOTIATIONS

We're required to begin negotiations no later than November 1st. I don't anticipate insurance information being available until just before that (at the earliest). I believe Mr. Gade will act as the chief negotiator for the CEA again. Our goal is to have things settled and approved by our December board meeting.

NEGOTIATING

I would like to follow the same process for negotiating this year….closed sessions during the regular board meetings in October and November to keep the full board informed of our progress. I think it's important and helpful to keep the full board informed and eliminates me having to write emails explaining what is going on, hoping I get all of the information in the email, and hoping the information is accurate.

Last year, I met with the CEA on my own for the first meeting. If the Board Finance Committee wants to follow the same approach I'm fine with that. If you want to change it up, I completely understand and I'm comfortable with whatever approach the Finance Committee would like to use in this regard. There are some benefits with myself hearing the first proposals as they relate to everyone's convenience and the scheduling of that first meeting. I will simply take notes and share them with the committee.

Please let me know what you think or if you need any additional information. Thank you
MW

ESTIMATE

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Bill to
Crofton Community Schools
Crofton, NE 68730

Ship to
Crofton Community Schools
Crofton, NE 68730

Estimate details
Estimate no.: 1009
Estimate date: 09/10/2026

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Amount
1.		**Tree Services(Removal/trimming)**	5 trees & stumps removed and cleaned up + 1 tree topped and cleaned up	$5,000.00

Total **$5,000.00**

Accepted date **Accepted by**

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Tree and Stump Removal

At the ES

Cedar – on the ground

Cedar – on the ground

Ash – on the corner by the play structure. Super large tree. Taking it down
Both companies that gave quotes said take that tree down
A lot of damage to it from the storm
Requires an electrical line to come down first
Right next to two city sidewalks

Ash – along the fence. Top it off, try to save it
One tree guy said take it down. The other said try to save it

Linden – in the corner of the old elementary school, taking it down. Split and broken and hanging over the school building

At the HS

Cedar – on the ground

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To: Crofton Board of Education
From: Mark Wragge, Superintendent
Date: September 2026 Board Meeting
Re: Project and Plan Update

1. **ESI is making progress–**
   - The classrooms and hallways are completed, and air quality inspections have passed
   - ESI is now working on the gym and stage areas
   - When ESI is finished, only two areas will remain where asbestos **may** still be present–
     - The mastic under the carpeting in the unattached elementary building
     - The floor tile in the shop classroom at the HS

2. **Construction Update**
   - Framing is almost done
   - Electrical, HVAC, and plumbing rough–ins are ongoing
   - Underground piping installation is finishing
   - Weatherproofing is ongoing
   - Geotechnical boring scheduled for 9/16 (footings for tank)
   - No construction delays because of the 9/1 storm
   - Next goal is to be completely “dried in”

3. **Building and Grounds Committee**
   - B&G Committee: Existing holes in the exterior perimeter walls of the Behlen building in the classrooms, $4,850 to seal up
   - B&G Committee: Gym ceiling painted $15,000. We had $7,500 budgeted for the grid to be painted (credit). Additional cost of $7,500
   - B&G Committee: Behlen Gym Roof slope over the gym and classrooms $82,697 (Contingency Funds)

4. **Storm Damage** Minimal storm damage to our buildings. Trees, 10’ of flashing at the HS, HS vent caps

5. **HS Roof**
   - Tremco Roof—installed by Guarantee Roofing
   - Guarantee Roofing is no longer a licensed contractor for Tremco
   - Tremco sent contractors to Crofton Friday, September 11
     i. Membrane pulling away from the side of the brick

ii. Membrane pulling away from edging
iii. 10’ of flashing gone from 9–1–2026 storm
iv. Made temporary repairs and are coming back

- Warranty till 7–24–2028
- Several joints in the brick also need grinding and caulking. We’re getting a quote

6. **ES Gym Floor**
   - **Pulastic Classic 90 floor**
     i. **LCC**
        1. Robbins Plastic Classic 90 floor (9mm)
        2. Cleaning—Auto scrubber, dry mop
        3. Indoor recess
        4. Rocks, gravel, chairs, tables no bother to the floor
        5. You can see indentations from heavy loads like a rolling cart with chairs on it, but they pop back

     ii. **Winnebago**
        1. 10+ years old
        2. Similar floor to LCC
           a. (“CWP told me it was a similar floor”)
        3. Cleaning—no chemicals, dry mop, or auto scrubber
        4. Used mainly for PE
        5. “Pretty grippy”
        6. If it is wet or damp it is slick
        7. Bleachers on Winnebago’s floor….wheels leave a dirt trail but holding up fine
        8. Rocks, gravel no problem
        9. Repairs (golf swings) repairs held up, can see floor discoloration
        10. A shot–put dented their floor. It is made for indoor track (rubber shot put though)

   - **Tarkett Floor**
     i. Vermillion has this floor. Tarkett Omnisports multi use floor
     ii. Used for PE and lunch
     iii. It is in sections 5’ x 5’ approximately. Allowing you to cut out a damaged section and replace it. There are “seams” or “welds” between the sections
     iv. The “welds” are weaker and CWP believes they will cause problems when the welds are under the bleacher wheels, unless the floor is reinforced under the bleacher wheels
     v. The bleacher areas would be quoted as as HPL (high point load)
     vi. Rocks, gravel no issues
     vii. Clean up — dry mop or autoscrubber
     viii. Floor is grippy
     ix. The Tarkett product has a 7mm base mat and 2mm wear layer
     x. You can see indentations in the floor from heavy loads like their lunch tables, but after a couple of hours they pop back

- **Crofton ES gym floor?**
    i. Pulastic Classic 90
    ii. Tarkett floor
    iii. Color, Neutral—grey, beige
    iv. Pickleball lines

7. **Bleacher Color**
    - Neutral—grey, beige






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