

Special Board of Education Meeting

Friday, September 25, 2026 7:00 AM

Gering Public Schools - Central Office
1519 10th St
Gering, NE 69341



Minutes

1. GPS Board of Education Information

2. Opening Procedures

2.1. Call to Order

Absent: Matt Kautz, John Maser, **Present:** Bryan Barrett, Josh Lacy, Greg Trautman, Tracy Wiese.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Greg Trautman, at 7:01 a.m.

2.2. Roll Call

2.3. Open Meetings Act

3. Reports and Discussions

3.1. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Knight presented an overview of Gering Public Schools' presentation at the Joint Public Hearing. She shared that the presentation was well received and expressed hope that the community recognizes the district's commitment to serving its students and community. Dr. Knight emphasized that the presentation was student-focused, as students remain the district's top priority. She also noted that the district is committed to being responsible and good stewards of public funds while making decisions that support students and the district's long-term needs.

Greg Trautman also provided feedback regarding the Joint Public Hearing. He stated that the decisions before the Board are important and are not taken lightly. He hopes that the community feels the Board is listening to their concerns and approaching decisions with compassion and consideration.

4. Action Items

4.1. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the final approval of the 2026-27 school year budget.

4.2. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the approval of the Tax Request Resolution for the 2026-2027 school year.

- 4.3. Discuss, consider, and take action to rescind the 2nd reading requirement and may adopt, amend, or rescind policies on a simple motion vote.
- 4.4. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the new policies over several board meetings but delay the implementation of the new policies, and then implement the newly adopted policies all at one time, which shall then supersede any prior conflicting policies, unless the Board indicates otherwise.
- 4.5. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action regarding the resignation of School Board member, Josh Lacy.

Josh Lacy attended this morning's meeting and shared that, after more thoughtful consideration, he has decided to rescind his resignation and complete his term.

- 4.6. Discuss, consider, and take action to use the NASB Superintendent Evaluation Tool.

5. **Public Comment: Policy 204.12**

6. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

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	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	\$ 26,462,571.00	\$ 25,992,332.00	\$ 29,109,707.00	\$ -	\$ 17,338,079.00	\$ 11,890,533.00
Depreciation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 412,438.00		\$ 412,438.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ 5,473.00	\$ 16,712.00	\$ 84,102.00	\$ -	\$ 84,102.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 662,640.00	\$ 634,438.00	\$ 700,000.00	\$ -	\$ 700,000.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 1,337,046.00	\$ 1,191,934.00	\$ 1,723,245.00	\$ -	\$ 1,723,245.00	
Bond	\$ 1,900,761.00	\$ 4,763,493.00	\$ 3,629,604.00	\$ -	\$ 1,013,655.00	\$ 2,642,373.00
Special Building	\$ 456,084.00	\$ 825,160.53	\$ 818,607.11		\$ 105,166.11	\$ 720,647.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ 84,652.00	\$ 478,359.00	\$ 2,562,803.97	\$ -	\$ 2,206,083.97	\$ 360,323.00
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ 2,784.00	\$ 54,209.00	\$ 45,908.00	\$ -	\$ 45,908.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 30,912,011.00	\$ 33,956,637.53	\$ 39,086,415.08	\$ -	\$ 23,628,677.08	\$ 15,613,876.00
				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
			Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ 3,002,696.35	\$ 12,611,180.54	\$ 15,613,876.89

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Gering Public Schools 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 Gering Public Schools resolves that:

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

General Fund:	\$	11,890,533.42
Bond Fund:	\$	2,642,372.79
Special Building Fund:	\$	720,647.12
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund:	\$	360,323.56

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 7.47 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 1.209665 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. Gering Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 1.299988 per \$100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Gering Public Schools will increase (decrease) last year's budget by 4.09 percent.

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

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt Resolution # _____.

Voting yes were:

Voting no were:

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2026

RESOLUTION REMOVING 2-READING REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Education currently uses a two-reading process for adopting, amending, and rescinding board policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board has found this process unwieldy and wishes to remove this restriction which could cause undue delay in complying with changes to state and federal law and/or could cause undue delay in the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, state law does not require a 2-reading system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby rescinds its 2-reading requirement and may adopt, amend, or rescind policies on a simple motion vote.

Approved by the Board on _____, 2026.

Board President

DELAYED POLICY IMPLEMENTATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the general organization, management, and control of the school district is vested in the Board of Education through adopted board policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the school district's best interest to adopt a new and updated set of policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to update its policies by considering proposed new policies from KSB School Law; and

WHEREAS, in order to avoid conflicting policies, the Board has determined that it is best to delay implementation of the new policies and continue with its current policies, as amended from time to time, and then to implement all of the new policies at one time;

WHEREAS, the Board will approve the new policies but delay implementation of the new policies until an effective date in the future, unless otherwise indicated by the Board, understanding that the Board may need to implement or update policies immediately, in which case the Board may add and amend policies by simple motion vote;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that unless the Board indicates otherwise, it will approve the new policies over several board meetings but delay the implementation of the new policies, and then implement the newly adopted policies all at one time, which shall then supersede any prior conflicting policies.

Approved by the Board on _____, 2026.

Board President

9/21/2026

Dear Gering Board of Education,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the Gering Public Schools Board of Education effective immediately. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with all of you and appreciate the experience and knowledge I have gained during my time here. I wish all of you the best this school year and will always be thankful to have served with you.

Sincerely,
Josh Lacy