

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Red Willow School District #73-0017
McCook Public Schools
6:00 PM Monday, August 10, 2026
Junior High Conference Room
700 W 7th St
McCook, NE 69001

1. Call to Order

1.1. Roll Call

Previous Attendance Records	Present	Absent
	Regular Board	
	Scott Barger	
Attendance Taken at at 6:00 PM	Amanda Buhr	Regular Board
Agenda Item: Roll Call	Brad Hays	Mike Langan
	Jesse Juenemann	
	Charlie McPherson	

1.2. Recognition of Open Meeting Law

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Participation, Presentations, and Reports

2.1. Board accepts public comments

There were no public comments.

3. Approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes and financials

I move to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes and financials Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Amanda Buhr.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

3.1. Approval of Expenditures/Payroll for July

4. Reports from Staff Members and Committees

5. Board and Administrative Comments

5.1. Written Administrative Comments — Please review prior to the regular Board of Education Meeting.

5.2. Executive Summary: Superintendent's Monthly Report

Reporting Period: July 2026 (For the August 2026 Board Meeting)

Financial Performance & Project Management

The district remains in a strong, highly stable financial position as we approach the conclusion of the fiscal year.

- General Fund: With 92% of the fiscal year elapsed, General Fund revenue has outpaced projections at 103% YTD, while expenses remain tightly controlled and on-track at 92% YTD.
- All Funds: Combined district funds show total revenue at 102% YTD and total expenditures well under budget at 90% YTD.
- Current Focus: The business office is actively engaged in budget preparation for the upcoming 2026–2027 fiscal year. We have begun working with CLA, Inc on the 2025-2026 audit.
- NASB: I attended the New superintendent workshop. I have entered the district into the NASB on-line policy publishing and policy review. This is a service in conjunction with NASB and Perry-law firm. They will publish all our policies to the SPARQ Website and it will be shared with our website, making it accessible per Nebraska statute. In addition they will give us all notice of when a policy is up for review, and or update. In essence they will keep us aligned with all governance of policy. In addition, I will be looking into and discussing with the Board of Education the superintendent evaluation process. NASB offers services that help ease that process for the Board.
- **Congratulations! Your district is ALICAP's 2025-2026 Experience Modifier Award Winner!!!**
- Your district, McCook Public Schools, has proven to be a safety-minded district, with a very impressive Workers' Compensation Experience Modifier Score. According to our records, McCook has a .70 for the 2026-2027 year, and a 3 year average also of .70. And reminder, ANY experience modifier below 1.00 is great news, but your average is OUTSTANDING! Your time, effort and dedication to safety does not go unnoticed. We applaud you, and your staff! Keep up the good work!
- In recognition of your efforts, your district has received a 5% Workers' Compensation premium discount on the 2026-2027 ALICAP billing, which was mailed out yesterday. And furthermore, during the upcoming November State Education Conference, ALICAP would like to recognize your district at the Annual ALICAP Membership Meeting, which is Wednesday, November 18th at 4pm, in downtown Omaha at the CHI Center. If possible, we would like to have at least one representative from your district in attendance at this meeting to receive public appreciation.
- Congratulations on your award, and thank you on behalf of the entire ALICAP team. Your district's dedication to loss control and safety is exceptional! Keep up the great work!
- **Megan Boldt, Director of ALICAP / Associate Executive Director**

5.3. Facilities & Infrastructure Updates

5.4. Progress continues across multiple scheduled campus improvements:

- Senior High School: Main hallway renovations are currently wrapping up.
 - Junior High School:
 - The roofing project is underway.
 - Gym renovations complete
 - HVAC front-end upgrades are advancing, with control installations currently underway for classroom reheat coils, boilers, and chillers.
- Picture Gallery of JH GYM/HS Hallway: <https://canva.link/yg2wi4y66aeacnk>

5.5. Compliance & Operations

- Food Services: The district wrapped up its Summer Food Services rural non-congregate program, serving 16,846 meals to community youth in July and 36,489 meals were served during the 2026 summer program.
- State & Federal Reporting: Full compliance has been maintained with two major July filings successfully completed:
 - The 2026–2027 Title Grants have been submitted.

5.6.

5.7. Key Dates

- All-staff Inservice: August 11th-12th.
- Finance committee meeting: August 12th, 4:00 pm
- Facility committee meeting: August 13th, 4:00 pm
- Open house Dates: McCook Elementary: Wednesday, August 12: 5-6 PM, Central Elementary: Wednesday, August 12: 5:30-6:30 PM, Junior High: Monday, August 17 5:30 - 6:35 PM, High School: Tuesday, August 18 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- 1st Day of School: August 13th
 - Freshman only @ HS, 6th Grade Only @ JH, 1-5th Grade (no K)
- 1st Day of School for everyone: August 14th
- NASB Area Membership meeting @ North Platte for Board of Education: Wednesday, September 2nd, 4:30pm-8:30pm
- September Board of Education Meeting: September 14th, 2026 6:00 pm. This will include the Budget hearing and Tax Resolution hearing.

5.8.

5.9. Executive Summary: Chief of K-12 Education and Instruction

ITIP+ Instructional Framework

ITIP remains the backbone of how we teach at McCook Public Schools and continues to be our district's instructional model. ITIP+ is designed to strengthen and support that model by organizing effective practices into three areas:

- ITIP+A: Academic practices
- ITIP+B: Behavior practices
- ITIP+C: Culture and climate practices

We are not moving away from ITIP. Instead, ITIP+ will help provide greater clarity and consistency around the academic, behavioral, and cultural practices that support effective instruction. We plan to begin introducing ITIP+ to staff once the school year is underway.

New Teacher Orientation

New Teacher Orientation was held Tuesday through Thursday last week. Our 10 new teachers participated in training and conversations focused on safety and security, de-escalation, ITIP+, Professional Learning Communities, and professional boundaries. This is

an impressive group of educators, and we are excited about what they will bring to our students, schools, and district.

Staffing

Paraeducator interviews also took place last week. I appreciate the time and effort John Hanson and our building administrators continue to invest in finding the best possible candidates for these important positions.

Administrator Days

Our administrative team attended Administrator Days a couple of weeks ago. The conference provided quality professional development, legal updates, and timely information to help our administrators prepare for the upcoming school year. We also held our annual Admin Retreat on Monday, July 27.

6. New Business

- 6.1. Approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, or their designee, to sign all necessary state and federal documents, applications and related forms on behalf of the district.

I move to Approve a resolution authorizing the Superintendent, or their designee, to sign all necessary state and federal documents, applications and related forms on behalf of the district. Passed with a motion by Charlie McPherson and a second by Jesse Juenemann.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- 6.2. Approve option enrollment resolution

I move to Approve the 2026-2027 option enrollment resolution Passed with a motion by Amanda Buhr and a second by Scott Barger.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

- 6.3. Approve Policy # 5209 School Library Materials and Parent Access

I move to approve Policy # 5209 School Library Materials and Parent Access Passed with a motion by Scott Barger and a second by Jesse Juenemann.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Jesse Juenemann: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

7. Positive Comments

Board Positive Comments

- **Mike Langan:** Absent.
- **Amanda Buhr:** Thanked our secretaries and IT staff for their hard work preparing for students.

- **Charlie McPherson:** Recognized the astonishing number of meals served through the summer lunch program and wished our teaching staff a great school year.
- **Jesse Juenneman:** Shared that the high school hallway and junior high gym look great. Thanked everyone for the time and effort put into preparing for the beginning of the school year.
- **Brad Hays:** Recognized the construction projects at the high school and junior high, noting that they provide a major upgrade to the entrances and the district's overall appearance.
- **Scott Barger:** Commented on how great the high school and junior high gym look. He also thanked the special education team for welcoming and supporting students.
- **Jeff Gross:** Thanked everyone who dedicated a tremendous amount of time throughout the busy summer. He noted that nearly 200 dedicated employees would return the following day to begin the new school year.
- **Joel Bednar:** Expressed appreciation for the administrators and support staff who helped welcome and prepare our new teachers. He specifically recognized John Hanson for de-escalation training, Jake Curl for safety and security training, Tina Williams for technology support, and Molly Sharp for beginning to take the lead with New Teacher Orientation. He emphasized the importance of giving new teachers the tools they need to be successful without overwhelming them at the beginning of the year.

8. Adjournment

August 10, BOE meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

9. Items for Review

Mccook Public Schools

Revenues for July 2026 for August 2026 Board Meeting

[Fund] 01 - General Fund

Account Code	Description	Actual (Date	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
01-1-01100-00-000-000	Local Property Taxes	(\$112,362.40)	(\$9,613,475.00)	(\$6,669,672.19)	(\$2,943,802.81)	69.37
01-1-01115-00-000-000	Carline Taxes	\$0.00	(\$4,000.00)	(\$2,537.92)	(\$1,462.08)	63.44
01-1-01120-00-000-000	Public Power Dist. Sales Tax	\$0.00	(\$295,000.00)	(\$299,471.73)	\$4,471.73	101.51
01-1-01125-00-000-000	Motor Vehicle Taxes	(\$79,410.26)	(\$780,000.00)	(\$876,880.55)	\$96,880.55	112.42
01-1-01323-00-000-000	Tuition - District - Sped	\$0.00	(\$13,000.00)	(\$6,500.00)	(\$6,500.00)	50.00
01-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$13,577.27)	(\$71,393.00)	(\$104,796.80)	\$33,403.80	146.78
01-1-01911-00-000-000	Local License Fees	\$0.00	(\$7,000.00)	(\$6,455.00)	(\$545.00)	92.21
01-1-01921-00-000-000	Police Court Fines	(\$700.00)	(\$7,000.00)	(\$2,060.00)	(\$4,940.00)	29.42
01-1-02110-00-000-000	County Fines & License Fees	(\$6,194.91)	(\$50,000.00)	(\$59,682.98)	\$9,682.98	119.36
01-1-03110-00-000-000	State Aid	\$0.00	(\$5,414,380.00)	(\$5,476,661.87)	\$62,281.87	101.15
01-1-03120-00-000-000	Sped School Age	\$0.00	(\$2,500,000.00)	(\$2,519,958.00)	\$19,958.00	100.79
01-1-03125-00-000-000	Sped Trans. Sch Age	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	(\$64,458.87)	\$14,458.87	128.91
01-1-03130-00-000-000	Homestead Exemption	(\$56,241.30)	(\$270,000.00)	(\$281,206.50)	\$11,206.50	104.15
01-1-03131-00-000-000	Property Tax Credit	(\$0.16)	\$0.00	(\$3,196,438.23)	\$3,196,438.23	0.00
01-1-03180-00-000-000	Pro Rate Motor Vehicle	(\$6,341.78)	(\$30,000.00)	(\$33,234.81)	\$3,234.81	110.78
01-1-03400-00-000-000	State Apportionment	\$0.00	(\$380,000.00)	(\$421,876.68)	\$41,876.68	111.02
01-1-03512-00-000-000	Distance Educ. Incentive Payments	\$0.00	(\$1,700.00)	(\$2,000.00)	\$300.00	117.64
01-1-03535-00-000-000	High Ability Learner Payments	\$0.00	(\$12,000.00)	(\$9,080.00)	(\$2,920.00)	75.66
01-1-03990-00-000-000	Other State Receipts	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)	0.00
01-1-04505-00-000-000	Title I Current Fiscal Year	\$0.00	(\$255,000.00)	(\$245,473.00)	(\$9,527.00)	96.26
01-1-04509-00-000-000	Title II, Part A Teacher Quality	\$0.00	(\$47,000.00)	(\$51,698.00)	\$4,698.00	109.99
01-1-04510-00-000-000	Title IV	\$0.00	(\$15,700.00)	\$0.00	(\$15,700.00)	0.00
01-1-04516-00-000-000	IDEA Base 3-5	\$0.00	(\$16,000.00)	(\$21,678.00)	\$5,678.00	135.48
01-1-04518-00-000-000	IDEA - BASE - EP	\$0.00	(\$366,000.00)	(\$375,251.00)	\$9,251.00	102.52
01-1-04521-00-000-000	IDEA Non-Public	\$0.00	(\$32,000.00)	(\$30,226.00)	(\$1,774.00)	94.45
01-1-04524-00-000-000	Other Federal Non-categorical	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$7,500.00)	0.00
01-1-04525-00-000-000	Federal Carl Perkins	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$15,903.55)	\$15,903.55	0.00
01-1-04530-00-000-000	Categorical Grants	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	0.00
01-1-04708-00-000-000	Medicaid In Public Schools	(\$8,399.87)	(\$105,000.00)	(\$110,909.98)	\$5,909.98	105.62
01-1-04709-00-000-000	Medicaid Administrative Activity	\$0.00	(\$25,000.00)	(\$7,209.00)	(\$17,791.00)	28.83
01-1-04969-00-000-000	Title IV (new)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$18,625.00)	\$18,625.00	0.00
01-1-05301-00-000-000	Insurance Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10,839.70)	\$10,839.70	0.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$283,227.95)	(\$20,378,648.00)	(\$20,920,785.36)	\$542,137.36	102.66%

[Fund] 02 - Depreciation Fund

02-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$1,601.67)	(\$1,500.00)	(\$20,072.29)	\$18,572.29	1,338.15
02-1-05200-00-000-000	Transfers From General Fund	\$0.00	(\$400,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$400,000.00)	0.00
02-1-05690-00-000-000	Non-revenue Receipts	(\$4,218.97)	\$0.00	(\$23,473.02)	\$23,473.02	0.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$5,820.64)	(\$401,500.00)	(\$43,545.31)	(\$357,954.69)	10.85%

[Fund] 03 - Employee Benefit Fund

Account Code	Description	Actual (Date	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
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03-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest - Unemployment	(\$209.88)	(\$250.00)	(\$2,255.97)	\$2,005.97	902.38
03-1-05200-00-000-000	Transfers From General Fund	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$5,000.00)	0.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$209.88)	(\$5,250.00)	(\$2,255.97)	(\$2,994.03)	42.97%
[Fund] 06 - School Nutrition Fund						
Account Code	Description	Actual (Date Range)	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
06-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$472.84)	(\$100.00)	(\$5,577.55)	\$5,477.55	5,577.55
06-1-01611-00-000-000	School Lunch Program	(\$169.20)	(\$310,000.00)	(\$268,670.96)	(\$41,329.04)	86.66
06-1-03150-00-000-000	State Reimbursement	\$0.00	(\$320,000.00)	(\$3,207.38)	(\$316,792.62)	1.00
06-1-04210-00-000-000	Federal Reimbursement	(\$91,361.98)	\$0.00	(\$407,480.60)	\$407,480.60	0.00
06-1-05690-00-000-000	Other Non-revenue Receipts	(\$2.98)	\$0.00	(\$280.63)	\$280.63	0.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$92,007.00)	(\$630,100.00)	(\$685,217.12)	\$55,117.12	108.75%
[Fund] 07 - Bond Fund						
Account Code	Description	Actual (Date Range)	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
07-1-01100-00-000-000	Local Property Taxes	(\$84.05)	\$0.00	(\$886.98)	\$886.98	0.00
07-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$630.15)	\$0.00	(\$7,789.63)	\$7,789.63	0.00
07-1-03131-00-000-000	Property Tax Credit	(\$0.03)	\$0.00	(\$0.03)	\$0.03	0.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$714.23)	\$0.00	(\$8,676.64)	\$8,676.64	
[Fund] 08 - Special Building Fund						
Account Code	Description	Actual (Date Range)	Budget (YTD)	Actual (YTD)	Available (YTD)	% of Budget
08-1-01100-00-000-000	Local Property Taxes	(\$53.61)	\$0.00	(\$2,145.74)	\$2,145.74	0.00
08-1-01510-00-000-000	Interest	(\$409.53)	\$0.00	(\$9,574.94)	\$9,574.94	0.00
08-1-03131-00-000-000	Property Tax Credit	(\$0.03)	\$0.00	(\$0.03)	\$0.03	0.00
Subtotal of Element: Revenue		(\$463.17)	\$0.00	(\$11,720.71)	\$11,720.71	
Grand Total		(\$382,442.87)	(\$21,415,498.00)	(\$21,672,201.11)	\$256,703.11	101.20%

McCook Public Schools

Expenditures for July 2026 for August 2026 Board Meeting

Function - General Fund	Actuals (Selected	Adopted Budget	Actuals (YTD)	Available	% of Budget
01100 - Regular Instruction	\$604,347.52	\$7,504,117.37	\$6,681,518.47	\$809,542.43	89.04
01150 - Limited English Proficiency Programs	\$8,068.60	\$83,441.86	\$137,202.85	(\$53,760.99)	164.43
01160 - Poverty Programs	\$133,522.76	\$1,628,562.12	\$1,469,692.41	\$158,869.71	90.24
01190 - Early Childhood Educational Programs	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,206.50	\$293.50	88.26
01200 - Special Education Instructional Programs -	\$196,139.56	\$2,833,139.99	\$2,786,419.28	\$46,096.47	98.35
01291 - Special Education Instructional Programs -	\$0.00	\$154,708.80	\$583.99	\$154,124.81	0.38
01295 - Special Education Instructional Programs -	\$98.56	\$2,188.66	\$1,136.47	\$1,052.19	51.93
01300 - Summer School	\$94,446.90	\$10,000.00	\$101,818.01	(\$91,818.01)	1,018.18
02110 - Attendance/Social Work	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$21,992.97	\$13,007.03	62.84
02120 - Guidance Services	\$23,461.44	\$238,664.24	\$197,246.86	\$36,422.38	82.65
02130 - Health Services	\$0.00	\$5,100.00	\$18,236.03	(\$13,136.03)	357.57
02131 - SPED Health Services	\$958.16	\$63,170.42	\$57,886.30	\$5,284.12	91.64
02141 - Psychological Services - SPED - School	\$20,607.55	\$158,567.07	\$170,225.33	(\$11,658.26)	107.35
02151 - Speech Pathology and Audiology Services -	\$27,514.46	\$217,463.09	\$240,548.50	(\$23,085.41)	110.62
02152 - Speech Pathology and Audiology Services -	\$0.00	\$2,950.00	\$815.05	\$2,134.95	27.63
02153 - Speech Pathology and Audiology Services -	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$94.50	\$905.50	9.45
02161 - Occupational Therapy-Related Services -	\$8,668.58	\$113,567.79	\$121,234.25	(\$7,666.46)	106.75
02171 - Physical Therapy-Related Services - SPED -	\$0.00		\$17,104.50	(\$17,104.50)	
02172 - Physical Therapy-Related Services - SPED -	\$0.00		\$432.00	(\$432.00)	
02173 - Physical Therapy-Related Services - SPED -	\$0.00		\$148.50	(\$148.50)	
02181 - Visually Impaired-Vision Services - SPED -	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	0.00
02190 - Support Services - Student - Other	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$151,908.24	(\$51,908.24)	151.91
02213 - Instructional Staff Training	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$3,076.00	\$3,424.00	47.32
02220 - Library-Media Services	\$31,965.72	\$436,523.40	\$392,475.53	\$41,872.25	89.91
02230 - Instruction Related Technology	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	0.00
02310 - Board of Education	\$158.75	\$211,500.00	\$46,646.36	\$164,603.64	22.06
02320 - Executive Administration	\$40,293.43	\$296,405.65	\$282,240.95	\$14,164.70	95.22
02330 - District Legal Services	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$6,012.80	\$13,987.20	30.06
02410 - Office of the Principal	\$69,113.52	\$1,216,581.54	\$1,128,472.31	\$87,514.70	92.76
02490 - Activity Director	\$11,775.18	\$145,195.09	\$130,946.78	\$14,248.31	90.19
02510 - Fiscal Services	\$43,465.02	\$757,506.36	\$485,156.37	\$130,660.78	64.05
02530 - PRINTING, PUBLISHING, &	\$0.00		\$482.58	(\$482.58)	
02580 - Administrative Technology Service	\$30,894.43	\$460,735.53	\$379,925.01	\$40,004.68	82.46
02610 - Operation of Buildings	\$77,795.63	\$850,604.33	\$1,114,124.01	(\$263,519.68)	130.98
02620 - Maintenance of Buildings	\$143,505.74	\$912,211.84	\$933,970.12	(\$115,003.03)	102.39
02650 - Vehicle Operation and Maintenance (Other	\$1,422.69	\$21,500.00	\$9,683.97	\$11,816.03	45.04
02660 - Security	\$0.00	\$46,000.00	\$68,551.30	(\$22,551.30)	149.02
02670 - Safety	\$145.00		\$1,595.00	(\$1,740.00)	
02710 - Vehicle Operation - Regular Education	\$17,571.80	\$294,050.40	\$375,633.61	(\$81,861.32)	127.74
02712 - Vehicle Operation - School Age SPED	\$2,860.26	\$84,910.42	\$199,682.88	(\$114,772.46)	235.17
02713 - Vehicle Operation - Below Age 5 SPED	\$0.00	\$15,900.00	\$0.00	\$15,900.00	0.00
02730 - Vehicle Servicing and Maintenance -	\$0.00	\$95,578.77	\$64,374.01	\$31,204.76	67.35
03512 - Distance Education	\$7,446.19		\$223,256.62	(\$229,171.34)	
03535 - High Ability Learners	\$312.09	\$23,018.00	\$21,228.19	\$1,789.81	92.22

03551 - CTE GMS Grant	\$0.00		\$7,000.00	(\$7,000.00)	
03599 - State Categorical Programs - Others	\$0.00	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$6,300.00	0.00
06200 - Federal Services - Title I Part A ESSA	\$19,372.65	\$240,122.24	\$214,906.23	\$25,216.01	89.50
06310 - Federal Services - Title II Part A ESSA	\$30.00	\$117,600.00	\$34,370.83	\$83,229.17	29.23
06406 - Federal Services - IDEA Preschool (619)	\$0.00	\$18,314.24	\$15,752.00	\$2,562.24	86.01
06408 - Part B 611 Base EP	\$21,942.71	\$354,907.85	\$330,752.68	\$24,155.17	93.19
06412 - Federal Services - IDEA Part B	\$1,786.08	\$33,246.93	\$29,288.51	\$3,958.42	88.09
06690 - Federal Services - Other Federal Non-	\$0.00	\$6,294.00	\$0.00	\$6,294.00	0.00
06700 - Federal Services - Federal Vocational and	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$15,903.55	(\$13,903.55)	795.18
06967 - FEDERAL SERVICES - TITLE IV, PART A	\$0.00	\$18,500.00	\$0.00	\$18,500.00	0.00
08000 - Transfers (Outgoing)	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$450,000.00	10.00
01 - General Fund	\$1,639,690.98	\$20,378,648.00	\$18,743,959.21	\$1,330,915.30	91.98%

Function - Depreciation Fund	Actuals (Selected)	Adopted Budget	Actuals (YTD)	Available	% of Budget
02900 - OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	\$17,248.00	\$1,020,000.00	\$407,012.82	\$608,337.18	39.90
02 - Depreciation Fund	\$17,248.00	\$1,020,000.00	\$407,012.82	\$608,337.18	39.90%

Function - Employee Benefit Fund	Actuals (Selected)	Adopted Budget	Actuals (YTD)	Available	% of Budget
02520 - Purchasing Warehousing and Distributing	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	0.00
03 - Employee Benefit Fund	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00	0.00%

Function - School Nutrition Fund	Actuals (Selected)	Adopted Budget	Actuals (YTD)	Available	% of Budget
02190 - Support Services - Student - Other	\$93,643.91	\$630,100.00	\$739,935.91	(\$111,117.45)	117.43
06 - School Nutrition Fund	\$93,643.91	\$630,100.00	\$739,935.91	(\$111,117.45)	117.43%

Function - Bond Fund	Actuals (Selected)	Adopted Budget	Actuals (YTD)	Available	% of Budget
05000 - Debt Service	\$0.00	\$70,210.00	\$70,410.00	(\$200.00)	100.28
07 - Bond Fund	\$0.00	\$70,210.00	\$70,410.00	(\$200.00)	100.28%

Function Special Building	Actuals (Selected)	Adopted Budget	Actuals (YTD)	Available	% of Budget
02515 - Building and Sites	\$0.00	\$1,180,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,180,000.00	0.00
04300 - ARCHITECTURE & ENGINEERING	\$0.00		\$9,481.04	(\$9,481.04)	
04700 - Building Improvements	\$0.00		\$961,025.18	(\$961,025.18)	
05000 - Debt Service	\$3,007.54	\$55,000.00	\$33,082.94	\$18,909.52	60.15
08 - Special Building Fund	\$3,007.54	\$1,235,000.00	\$1,003,589.16	\$228,403.30	81.26%

Grand Total	\$1,736,342.43	\$23,339,208.00	\$20,964,907.10	\$2,061,588.33	90%
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McCook Public Schools

Cash Summary Report July 2026 for August 2026 Board Meeting

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Ending Balance
01	General Fund	\$8,303,527.64	\$283,227.95	(\$1,639,690.98)	\$6,948,938.10
02	Depreciation Fund	\$940,740.33	\$5,820.64	\$0.00	\$946,560.97
03	Employee Benefit Fund	\$123,557.68	\$209.88	\$0.00	\$123,767.56
05	Activity Fund	\$453,321.62	\$9,711.08	(\$25,948.93)	\$437,083.77
06	School Nutrition Fund	\$344,604.58	\$92,007.00	(\$93,643.91)	\$411,162.07
07	Bond Fund	\$410,447.84	\$714.23	\$0.00	\$235,848.11
08	Special Building Fund	\$238,392.48	\$463.17	(\$3,007.54)	\$235,848.11
Sub Total		\$10,814,592.17	\$392,153.95	(\$1,762,291.36)	\$9,339,208.69

Cash Summary Report July 2025 for August 2025 Board Meeting (Last year)

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditure	Ending Balance
01	General Fund	\$8,502,686.83	\$222,766.74	(\$1,703,706.46)	\$7,021,747.11
02	Depreciation Fund	\$806,332.41	\$1,371.21	(\$27,540.50)	\$780,163.12
03	Employee Benefit Fund	\$143,632.50	\$240.98	\$0.00	\$143,873.48
05	Activity Fund	\$355,904.70	\$93,590.12	(\$25,353.99)	\$424,140.83
06	School Nutrition Fund	\$337,736.82	\$72,181.31	(\$58,831.59)	\$351,086.54
07	Bond Fund	\$471,282.00	\$753.42	\$0.00	\$472,035.42
08	Special Building Fund	\$1,229,677.47	\$2,094.38	(\$3,007.54)	\$1,228,764.31
Sub Total		\$11,847,252.73	\$392,998.16	(\$1,818,440.08)	\$10,421,810.81

Annual Hearings required for McCook Public Schools
Red Willow School District #73-0017
McCook Public Schools
6:00 PM Monday, July 13, 2026
Junior High Conference Room
700 W 7th St
McCook, NE 69001

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Previous Attendance Records	Present	Absent
	Regular Board	
	Scott Barger	
Attendance Taken on 7/13/2026 at 5:59 PM	Amanda Buhr	Regular Board
Agenda Item: Roll Call	Brad Hays	Jesse Juenemann
	Mike Langan	
	Charlie McPherson	

3. Student Fees Policy

3.1. Student Fees Policy Public Comments

No public comments.

3.2. Student Fees Policy Board Member Comments

4. Parent Involvement Policy

4.1. Parent Involvement Policy Public Comments

No public comments.

4.2. Parental Involvement Policy Board Member Comments

5. Parental and Family Involvement Policy

5.1. Parental and Family Involvement Policy Public Comments

No public comments.

5.2. Parental and Family Involvement Policy Board Member Comments

6. Bullying Policy

6.1. Bullying Policy Public Comments

No public comments.

6.2. Bullying Policy Board Member Comments

7. Attendance Policy

7.1. Attendance Policy Public Comments

No public comments.

7.2. Attendance Policy Board member comments

8. Multicultural Policy

8.1. Multicultural Policy Public Comments

No public comments.

8.2. Multicultural Policy Board Member Comments

9. Student Discipline Policy

9.1. Student Discipline Policy Public Comments

9.2. Student Discipline Policy Board Member Comments

10. Adjournment of Public Hearing

Annual policy hearing was adjourned at 6:06PM.

Will begin immediately following the hearings-Board of Education Regular Meeting
Red Willow School District #73-0017
McCook Public Schools
6:00 PM Monday, July 13, 2026
Junior High Conference Room
700 W 7th St
McCook, NE 69001

1. Call to Order

1.1. Roll Call

Motion to excuse Jesse Juenemann was created by Charlie McPherson and seconded by Mike Langan. Passed with a motion by Charlie McPherson and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Previous Attendance Records	Present	Absent
	Regular Board	
	Scott Barger	
Attendance Taken on 7/13/2026 at 6:06 PM	Amanda Buhr	Regular Board
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	Mike Langan	
	Charlie McPherson	

1.2. Recognition of Open Meeting Law

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Participation, Presentations, and Reports

2.1. Board accepts public comments

No Public Comments.

2.2. Recognize Abigail Schneider as a member of the 2026 World-Herald All State All Academic Team

Jeff Gross presented a plaque congratulating Abigail on all of her accomplishments but specifically being named 1st Team All Academic Team from the Omaha World Herald. BOE congratulated Abigail and asked her a few questions on her future. We believe this is the first student to receive this award from MHS.

3. Approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes and financials

Charlie motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mike Langan seconded motion. Passed with a motion by Charlie McPherson and a second by Mike Langan.

Scott Barger: Yea, Amanda Buhr: Yea, Brad Hays: Yea, Mike Langan: Yea, Charlie McPherson: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to approve consent agenda by Charlie. Passed with a motion by Charlie McPherson and a second by Amanda Buhr.

3.1. Approval of Expenditures/Payroll for June

4. Reports from Staff Members and Committees

5. Board and Administrative Comments

5.1. Written Principal Comments — Please review prior to the regular Board of Education Meeting.

5.2. College and Career readiness presentations

Career and College Readiness (CCR) continues to focus on opening doors for students through both college and career opportunities. Mr. Dickes shared that McCook High School is working to remain flexible as workforce and student needs evolve. Recent examples include the development of a nursing pathway and the addition of a construction pathway through Mr. Tanner Unger's program.

Students complete career interest inventories to help guide their future planning, and seniors participate in an industrial tour to learn about local career opportunities available immediately after graduation. Mr. Dickes also recognized Mr. Jordan Lewis for her outstanding work helping students identify and apply for scholarships, ensuring they have access to available funding for their postsecondary goals. Mr. Gross brought up the JAG program as career readiness is at its core purpose.

5.3.

Executive Summary: Superintendent's Monthly Report

Reporting Period: June 2026 (For the July 2026 Board Meeting)

Financial Performance & Project Management

The district remains in a strong, highly stable financial position as we approach the conclusion of the fiscal year.

- General Fund: With 83% of the fiscal year elapsed, General Fund revenue has outpaced projections at 101.27% YTD, while expenses remain tightly controlled and on-track at 83.93% YTD.
- All Funds: Combined district funds show total revenue at 99.41% YTD and total expenditures well under budget at 76% YTD.
- Current Focus: The business office is actively engaged in budget preparation for the upcoming 2026–2027 fiscal year, alongside processing the 2026–2027 Food Services applications.
- MPS Foundation: Perry Law firm has filed the revised articles of incorporation with the secretary of state on our behalf.

Facilities & Infrastructure Updates

(Picture Presentation) <https://canva.link/yg2wi4y66aeacnk>

Progress continues across multiple scheduled campus improvements:

- Senior High School: Main hallway renovations are currently ongoing.
- Junior High School:
 - The roofing project is underway.
 - Gym renovations are progressing smoothly, with new bleacher installation scheduled for July.
 - HVAC front-end upgrades are advancing, with control installations currently underway for classroom reheat coils, boilers, and chillers.

Compliance & Operations

- Food Services: The district successfully launched its Summer Food Services rural non-congregate June program, serving 20,643 meals to community youth.
- State & Federal Reporting: Full compliance has been maintained with two major June filings successfully completed:
 - The 2026–2027 IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Grants have been submitted.
 - The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) State Reporting for the 2025–2026 school year has been officially signed off and finalized.

Key Dates

- MPS Administration Retreat: Monday, July 27th 9:00am- 1:30 pm
- NDE/NCSA: 2026 Administrators Days are July 29-31st in Kearney
- New Teacher Orientation: August 4th-6th
- August Board of Education Meeting: August 10th, 2026 6:00 pm
- All-staff Inservice: August 11th-12
- 1st Day of School: August 13th

- Freshman only @ HS, 6th Grade Only @ JH, 1-5th Grade (no K)
- 1st Day of School for everyone: August 14th
- NASB Area Membership meeting @ North Platte for Board of Education: Wednesday, September 2nd, 4:30pm-8:30pm

5.4. Monthly Chief of K-12 Education Report

MPS Hub

- Created the MPS Hub as a one stop shop for internal communication and instructional resources and develop coherence in what we're doing as a sytem.
- One location for:
 - Weekly announcements
 - Administrative highlights
 - PLC supports
 - Instructional Playbook
 - Textbook Adoption Cycle
 - Forms and templates
 - District documents
 - Safety & Security
 - Much more
- Designed to be practical, useable for admin and the rest of the staff.

New Teacher Orientation

- August 4-6: 10 new teachers will be here for 3 full days
 - Technology
 - ITIP Lesson Design
 - De-Escalation Training
 - I Love You Guys Training (Raptor)
 - More.
- August 10: Mike Schmoker is not able to make it to McCook due to some health issues/overbooking. I'm working to potentially have him remotely in January.
- I'm currently working on our Mentorship program to rejuvenate it and make it a meaningful process for new staff.

5.5. Board Comments

There were no board comments.

6. New Business

No New Business.

7. Positive Comments

Board Member and Administrative Comments

Amanda Buhr

- Thanked the district for partnering with the YMCA by providing the LIFT building.

Mike Langan

- Highlighted the impressive facility improvements completed over the summer.
- Commented that the district's financial position remains strong and noted that McCook Public Schools has a great system in place.

Scott Barger

- Expressed appreciation for all of the coaches who invested their time with students throughout the summer, including weights, MFL, tennis camps, and other activities.
- Complimented the facility upgrades.

Charlie McPherson

- Shared that the photos of the facility improvements were very impressive.
- Thanked the maintenance crew for completing so much work within a short summer window.
- Recognized OPAA staff for serving more than 20,000 meals during June.

Brad Hays

- Commented on the success of the Bison Alumni Football Tournament, calling it a very impressive event.
- Welcomed Superintendent Jeff Gross and expressed appreciation for the thoughtful, positive changes already taking place across the district.

Jeff Gross, Superintendent

- Highlighted the many summer construction and improvement projects across the district.
- Thanked local contractors for their outstanding partnership and timely work, including Weathercraft, Heads Up Sprinkler, W Design, Primetime Painting, Parde Heating, Volz, and Kent Gerih Concrete.
- Noted how fortunate McCook Public Schools is to have dependable local businesses that consistently support the district.

Joel Bednar, Chief of K-12 Education

- Thanked Mrs. Molly Sharp and the summer school staff for providing an engaging and successful summer learning experience for students.

- Expressed appreciation to Jeff Gross, Erin, Bobbi, and Trisha for their support and assistance during the transition. Everyone has been very helpful.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

9. Items for Review

Check Summary

Sorted by Check Number.
From 07/01/2026 to 07/31/2026.

Check Number	Site ID	Status	Check / Void Date	Vendor Name	PO Number	Invoice No.#	Description	Amount
35928	MPS	Void	07/31/2026	Lower Niobrara NRD	26-086567	092225	State Range Judging	-25.00
36757	MPS	Cleared	07/06/2026	TreviPay	26-087047	4b5c048a	NORE concession supplies	79.61
36758	MPS	Cleared	07/06/2026	US Bank	26-087144	24011346153100007577957	NCA membership	280.59
36759	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	AllTeam Sportswear	26-087253	INV-010590	Football equipment	1,650.00
36760	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	McCook Lettering	26-087107	48261	Softball camp shirts	972.00
36761	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	Acme Printing	26-087254	724	2026 Football Coupon Cards	1,140.00
36762	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	AllTeam Sportswear	26-087255	INV-010362	Football equipment	1,575.00
36763	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	ITC	26-087249	363378	Jackets/backpacks	1,734.00
36764	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	Eakes Office Solutions	26-087172	9356436-0	Activity checks	851.45
36765	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	McCook Greenhouse & Country Floral Design	26-087171	613430	Graduation Flowers	350.00
36766	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	McCook Greenhouse & Country Floral Design	26-087173	610170	FFA Flowers	50.00
36767	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	Regal Awards Group	26-087052	331698	Plaque/Medal	382.47
36768	MPS	Cleared	07/08/2026	MFAC, LLC	26-087053	INV404850	Gill Placement Pole vault	65.60
36769	MPS	Cleared	07/09/2026	Riddell/All American Sports Corp.	26-086898	952547863	Helmets	1,176.95
36770	MPS	Cleared	07/09/2026	Riddell/All American Sports Corp.	26-087055	952590400	Helmet	729.95
36771	MPS	Cleared	07/09/2026	ASPI Solutions, Inc	26-087054	20260416-070603346_0	Stripe Credit Card Reader	698.00
36772	MPS	Printed	07/09/2026	Staples	26-086849	6066896443	Manila Envelopes	67.12
36773	MPS	Printed	07/09/2026	Pyramid School Products	26-086907	S1501911.002	Sanitize wipe	731.86
36775	MPS	Cleared	07/09/2026	Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association	26-087175	07282026	4 Person Scramble	360.00
36776	MPS	Cleared	07/10/2026	Depreciation Fund	26-087177	DF07102026	June Mileage	4,218.97
36777	MPS	Cleared	07/14/2026	Eakes Office Solutions	26-087178	9356463-0	Bid Red Lifetime activities cards	372.71
36778	MPS	Cleared	07/21/2026	Hastings High School	26-92	07212026	Boys Golf entry fee	125.00
36779	MPS	Cleared	07/21/2026	ASPI Solutions, Inc	26-087050	20260327-100624861_1	Bound pro	2,625.00
36780	MPS	Printed	07/21/2026	Chelsey Hartwell	26-085108	072126	Jr. High Behavior Party	135.00
36781	MPS	Cleared	07/21/2026	Rebel Athletic, LLC	26-087057	A-00019879	Dance uniforms/poms	1,972.92
36782	MPS	Cleared	07/21/2026	Eakes Office Solutions	26-087183	9356477-0	Activity Pass	325.74
36783	MPS	Printed	07/24/2026	General Fund	26-087187	7242026	Bison Booster Postage	529.62
36784	MPS	Printed	07/31/2026	General Fund	26-087187	073026	Bison Booster Postage	238.68
36785	MPS	Printed	07/31/2026	Cash-Wa Distributing	26-087185	C15180127	career fair-candy	407.90
36786	MPS	Printed	07/31/2026	Sports Shoppe	26-087106	112	McCook replacement jerseys	1,325.00
36787	MPS	Printed	07/31/2026	BMI	26-087105	1100686398	music	192.29
36788	MPS	Printed	07/31/2026	McCook Lettering	26-085890	48373	Tennis Camp	610.50
Report Total:								25,948.93

Receipt History

Detail report. Sorted by Site, Receipt Number.

From 07/01/2026 to 07/31/2026.

Receipt Number	Receipt Date	Void Date	Deposit Number	Check Number	Received From	Receipt Description	Amount	Sales Tax	Amount
Activity ID	Activity Name		Fee Name & Student ID						
Tax Name	Tax Activity			Tax Rate %		Tax Amount			
MPS McCook Public Schools									
07312026	07/31/2026		0000004701		Bank Interest	Bank Interest			
947-9047	Bank Interest						766.33	0.00	766.33
							Total For 07312026:		766.33
7582	07/08/2026		0000004693		Summer School	Summer School			
932-9032	Summer School						50.00	0.00	50.00
							Total For 7582:		50.00
7583	07/13/2026		0000004696		Summer School	Summer School			
932-9032	Summer School						100.00	0.00	100.00
							Total For 7583:		100.00
7584	07/08/2026		0000004692		Summer School	Summer School			
932-9032	Summer School						100.00	0.00	100.00
							Total For 7584:		100.00
7585	07/13/2026		0000004698		cheer	cheer			
235-2035	Cheerleaders						950.00	0.00	950.00
							Total For 7585:		950.00
7586	07/08/2026		0000004694		cheer	cheer			
235-2035	Cheerleaders						370.00	0.00	370.00
							Total For 7586:		370.00
7587	07/13/2026		0000004699		golf tournament fundraiser	golf tournament fundraiser			
195-8002	Football Fundraising						3,430.00	0.00	3,430.00
							Total For 7587:		3,430.00
7588	07/08/2026		0000004695		golf tournament fundraiser	golf tournament fundraiser			
195-8002	Football Fundraising						940.00	0.00	940.00
							Total For 7588:		940.00
7589	07/13/2026		0000004697		YMCA-Football Donation	YMCA-Football Donation			
195-8002	Football Fundraising						250.00	0.00	250.00
							Total For 7589:		250.00
8125	07/13/2026		0000004700		AD	AD			
151-1030	Boys Track Entry Fee Receipts						125.00	0.00	125.00
131-1010	Boys BB Gate Receipts						300.00	0.00	300.00
142-1010	Girls Wrestling Gate Receipts						400.55	0.00	400.55
141-1010	Boys Wrestling Gate Receipts						720.55	0.00	720.55
151-1010	Boys Track Gate Receipts						604.32	0.00	604.32
152-1010	Girls Track Gate Receipts						604.33	0.00	604.33
							Total For 8125:		2,754.75
							Site Total		9,711.08
							Report Total		9,711.08

CHECKS BY DATE BOARD REPORT**JULY 2026****General Fund**

DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
7/7/2026	Black Hills Energy	\$1,405.15	7/27/2026	Gross, Jeff	\$349.60
7/7/2026	City Of McCook	\$6,856.11	7/27/2026	Hands of Heartland	\$2,346.50
7/7/2026	Colorado Retail Ventures	\$2,247.22	7/27/2026	Hudl	\$16,000.00
7/7/2026	Diode Communications	\$145.00	7/27/2026	JourneyEd.com, Inc	\$1,250.00
7/7/2026	Frenchman Valley Coop	\$588.68	7/27/2026	Made For Math	\$885.00
7/7/2026	Nebraska Public Power District	\$10,402.41	7/27/2026	MARKS	\$1,101.66
7/7/2026	US Bank	\$2,306.16	7/27/2026	Mascot Junction, Inc	\$49.00
7/7/2026	Viaero Wireless	\$85.92	7/27/2026	Maverick Label	\$493.75
7/10/2026	Gerih Concrete Construction	\$12,500.00	7/27/2026	McCook Gazette	\$158.75
7/13/2026	Hometown Leasing	\$5,914.72	7/27/2026	Mead Lumber	\$9,139.22
7/13/2026	Verizon Wireless	\$255.96	7/27/2026	Michael Allen Pochop	\$984.00
7/15/2026	Hitchcock County Schools	\$911.76	7/27/2026	Mid-American Research Chemical	\$3,913.73
7/15/2026	Amazon Capital Services	\$5,203.59	7/27/2026	Midwest Bus Parts Inc.	\$589.98
7/15/2026	Great Plains Communication	\$1,189.59	7/27/2026	National Art & School Supplies	\$851.15
7/20/2026	Ameritas Life Ins. Co	\$1,995.16	7/27/2026	NRCSA	\$850.00
7/20/2026	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Ne	\$250,119.48	7/27/2026	NWEA	\$7,800.00
7/20/2026	Employee Benefits	\$4,120.66	7/27/2026	O'reilly Auto Parts	\$394.86
7/20/2026	MASA	\$420.00	7/27/2026	OverDrive	\$539.93
7/20/2026	National Insurance Services-LIFE	\$913.48	7/27/2026	Paper Tiger Shredding	\$178.00
7/20/2026	National Insurance Services-LTD	\$2,096.99	7/27/2026	Paz, Paul	\$19.23
7/20/2026	YMCA of McCook	\$634.00	7/27/2026	Platte River Paint	\$843.52
7/27/2026	Omnify	\$124.00	7/27/2026	Pristine Clean Commercial Cleaning	\$12,000.00
7/27/2026	3BG Supply Co	\$201.59	7/27/2026	Pyramid School Products, Inc	\$2,622.54
7/27/2026	Access Elevator & Lifts	\$2,960.80	7/27/2026	Quality Bus & Truck Parts LLC	\$250.00
7/27/2026	Ace Hardware	\$325.55	7/27/2026	Ruggles Truck & Trailer	\$238.00
7/27/2026	Acme Printing Company	\$3,585.03	7/27/2026	Samway Floor Covering	\$968.50
7/27/2026	AKRS Equipment	\$2,879.40	7/27/2026	School Specialty Inc	\$451.54
7/27/2026	Ambience Counseling Center, LLC	\$20,950.44	7/27/2026	Southwest Drug Testing LLC	\$75.00
7/27/2026	American Electric Company	\$128.61	7/27/2026	Southwest Farm & Auto Supply	\$1,404.55
7/27/2026	Arnold Motor Supply	\$375.73	7/27/2026	Staples	\$2,793.70
7/27/2026	B Street Auto Spa	\$121.80	7/27/2026	The Pit Crew	\$905.56
7/27/2026	ByteSpeed, LLC	\$1,559.00	7/27/2026	Titan Machinery	\$482.03
7/27/2026	C & K Distributors	\$118.49	7/27/2026	TKO Pest Control, LLC	\$350.00
7/27/2026	Cengage Learning	\$13,748.78	7/27/2026	Truck Center Companies	\$3,402.13
7/27/2026	Coach Masters	\$1,524.22	7/27/2026	United Way of the Midlands	\$10,000.00
7/27/2026	D & S Hardware	\$673.42	7/27/2026	Van Diest Supply Company	\$812.60
7/27/2026	Decker Equipment	\$55.80	7/27/2026	Vestis	\$765.85
7/27/2026	Demco Inc	\$832.38	7/27/2026	VK Electronics	\$700.00
7/27/2026	Eakes Office Solutions	\$20,581.96	7/27/2026	Volz Plumbing	\$26,607.80
7/27/2026	Engineered Controls Inc.	\$20,000.00	7/27/2026	Webb Body Shop	\$1,048.13
7/27/2026	ESU #15	\$27,925.60	7/27/2026	WEX Bank	\$524.46
7/27/2026	ESU Coordinating Council	\$1,470.00	7/27/2026	Wiley's Top Notch Tree Service	\$2,200.00

JULY 2026 EFT CHECKS**General Fund**

AFLAC	\$5,376.99	LegalShield	\$133.60
Colonial Life	\$996.95	NE Dept of Revenue - State Taxes	\$29,098.30
Direct Deposit	\$687,150.01	Nebr. School Retirement System	\$131,107.16
Federal Taxes/FICA/Medicare	\$218,426.50	Retirement Plan Consultants (403b)	\$4,279.59
Horace Mann Insurance Co	\$131.08	HSA Deposits	\$16,604.08

CHECKS BY DATE BOARD REPORT

JULY 2026					
Special Building Fund					
DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
7/7/2026	MNB Bank	\$3,007.54			
CHECKS BY DATE BOARD REPORT					
JULY 2026					
Nutrition Fund					
DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT	DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT
7/7/2026	McCook Public Schools	\$1,143.30	7/15/2026	Judeen Mullhoff	\$9.75
7/7/2026	US Bank	\$4,269.00	7/15/2026	Kristyn Grafel	\$31.20
7/13/2026	Opaa! Food Management, Inc.	\$73,578.12	7/15/2026	Robin Campbell	\$8.85
7/15/2026	Cliff Huff	\$31.95	7/15/2026	Sarah Minnick	\$251.80
7/15/2026	Jennifer Leiss	\$48.35	7/27/2026	Buller Fixture Company	\$14,271.59

McCook Public Schools

Receipts Report

JULY 2026

Customer Name 10 - MPS					
Batch No.	Receipt No.	Method	Date	Description	Amount
4963	00001	Check	7/15/2026	Postage	\$1,143.30
4964	00001	Check	7/15/2026	Transportation Reimbursable	\$4,218.97
Sub Total					\$5,362.27
Customer Name 11 - ESU15					
Batch No.	Receipt No.	Method	Date	Description	Amount
4967	00001	Check	7/21/2026	Hanson Insurance	\$937.54
Sub Total					\$937.54
Customer Name 12 - State of NE					
Batch No.	Receipt No.	Method	Date	Description	Amount
4969	00001	Direct Deposit	7/27/2026	Medicaid in Public Schools	\$8,399.87
4965	00001	Direct Deposit	7/17/2026	Lunch Reimbursement	\$91,361.98
Sub Total					\$99,761.85
Customer Name 13 - Other					
Batch No.	Receipt No.	Method	Date	Description	Amount
4970	00001	Credit Card	7/31/2026	sale of meals	\$169.20
4970	00002	Credit Card	7/31/2026	sale of meals	\$2.98
4968	00001	Check	7/21/2026	Employee Insurance Reimbursement - other districts	\$1,200.84
Sub Total					\$1,373.02
Customer Name 14 - Frontier					
Batch No.	Receipt No.	Method	Date	Description	Amount
4959	00001	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Property Tax	\$4,869.65
4959	00002	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$170.63
4959	00003	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Homestead Exemption	\$205.99
4959	00004	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Property Tax Credit-Relief	\$0.16
4960	00001	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Property Tax Credit-Relief	\$0.03
4961	00001	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Property Tax Credit-Relief	\$0.03
Sub Total					\$5,246.49
Customer Name 2 - Hayes Co					
Batch No.	Receipt No.	Method	Date	Description	Amount
4966	00001	Check	7/21/2026	Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$104.42
4966	00002	Check	7/21/2026	pro-rate motor vehicle	\$3.92
Sub Total					\$108.34
Customer Name 3 - Hitchcock Co					
Batch No.	Receipt No.	Method	Date	Description	Amount
4962	00001	Check	7/15/2026	pro-rate motor vehicle	\$101.40
Sub Total					\$101.40
Customer Name 5 - Red Willow Co					
Batch No.	Receipt No.	Method	Date	Description	Amount
4956	00001	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Property Tax	\$107,492.75
4956	00002	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Motor Vehicle Taxes	\$79,135.21
4956	00003	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Police court fines	\$700.00
4956	00004	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	County Fines License fees	\$6,194.91
4956	00005	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Homestead Exemption	\$56,035.31
4956	00006	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	pro-rate motor vehicle	\$6,236.46
4957	00001	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Property Tax	\$84.05
4958	00001	Direct Deposit	7/15/2026	Property Tax	\$53.61
Sub Total					\$255,932.30

Central Elementary

Board Report

August 2026

1. Curriculum – Attended LETRS training on July 22nd with 4 other Central teachers. The training is presented by the ESU and is a in-depth training based on the science of reading. The first unit covered the parts of the brain, why reading can be such a struggle, and identifying how students read. We will be moving onto the second unit and will complete another training day in November.
2. 2026-2027 Enrollment – We have about 100 fourth graders and 94 fifth graders enrolled to start the year.
3. Mission/Goal for this year – Relationships first. Excellence always. Every Student. Every Day. Whatever it takes.
 - a. "Building BISON"
 - b. Going to focus on what excellence looks like as an individual, in the classroom, and as a school building.
4. General Announcements:
 - a. Thanks to all who have helped get the building ready for the upcoming school year! Thank you, Sheila, for your hard work and getting the rooms ready for students! Thanks, Kim, for coming in and getting new students enrolled, mailing letters, and tending to other needs.
 - b. Attending Admin Days in Kearney – July 29th – 31st
 - c. Teacher Work Days – August 11th & 12th
 - i. Building Meeting on August 11th
 - d. Open House – August 12th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
 - e. First Day – August 13th with 2:00 dismissal



McCook Elementary Board Report August, 2026

1. Enrollment:

PreK 3-Year-Olds	17
Prek 4-Year-Olds	16
Kindergarten	81
1st Grade	86
2nd Grade	75
3rd Grade	102
Total	377

2. Curriculum/Instruction

- a. 20 teachers have been working through LETRS training in July and August.
- b. We welcomed aboard Miss Eckert this past week with new teacher training. We are excited to have her on our team.
- c. Mrs. Barger, Mrs. Dewy and myself will be involved with a Dibbels reading assessment training on Friday. We will be transitioning away from AimsWeb and MAPS.

3. General Announcements

- a. McCook Elementary School will not have students in session on Friday, November 6, 2026. This day has been set up to receive training on the new reading assessment mandated by the Nebraska Department of Education.
- b. Open House is Wednesday @ 5:00pm
- c. We are working on hiring 4 paraprofessionals this school year. Mr. Borland hosted a "Para Open House" on Monday the 3rd where 4 people attended.
- d. I would like to publicly recognize Cheryl Collins. She has been dedicated to MPS for 36 years and recently had to resign due to medical issues. She will be greatly missed. A retirement social gathering will be held on Tuesday, August 11th @ 3:00 at McCook Elementary School.

4. PTO News

- a.

McCook School Board Report
August 10th, 2026
Special Education Dept., John Hanson, Director

- 1) The district is looking for seven new paraeducators as we start the school year due to resignations. Four at McCook Elementary, two at McCook Junior High, and one at the High School. This is about average. As of the writing of this report on Tuesday, 8/4, the majority of interviews are set up for Friday, 8/7.
- 2) The federal IDEA grants (6408 covering school age, 6406 covering preschool, and 6412 covering the nonpublic sites) have been submitted to the NDE for approval before the deadline.
- 3) Breanna Nauert (formerly Redl), ESU 15 Speech/Language Pathologist, will be covering McCook High School and St. Patrick's School this year. Thank you to Cortney Crocker, ESU 15 SLP for her years of service...she is still employed with ESU 15, but just covering other area school districts.
- 4) Thank you to Jon Hardin, MPS Maintenance Worker, for installing a new outlet in the DLC Bathroom so we could utilize the free physical therapy/up-down changing table provided by Southwest Nebraska Physical Therapy/Community Hospital.
- 5) The NDE Office of Special Education is requiring IEPs to be more and more detailed and comprehensive; even making special education teachers include what the students can do well to rule out a deficit area; this takes more time for sped teachers to prepare drafts for the annual (or more) IEP meetings.
- 6) There are at least four required team members at a student's annual IEP meeting...parents/guardians, district representatives (either a principal or myself), special education teacher, and regular classroom teacher. If a student also receives physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech therapy, those related service providers are also required to be there.
- 7) The SPED Option Enrollment Report is ready and prepared for board approval.

August 10th, 2026

SH Board Report

Senior High, Craig Dickes, Principal

2026-2027 Enrollment numbers as of 8-3: (These will change)

9th -98, 10th -123, 11th -117, 12th - 102. Total = 440

High School Registration days were held from August 3-6, from 7:00-2:00 and 4:00-7:00

Seniors August 3rd

Juniors August 4th

Sophomores August 5th

Freshmen August 6th

Those not able to attend previously August 7th

Important Dates:

Open House August 18th, 6:00-7:00

Homecoming Dance Sept 12th

Color Day January 16th

Bison Days February 8th and 9th

ACT April 6th

Pre-ACT April 7th

Prom April 17th

Graduation May 7th

Freshmen will be in attendance Thursday, August 13th, everyone else will start on August 14th.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications by October 15th for the following school year; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs for the following school year; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 5006, and Appendix "1" to such Policy 5006 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member _____ moved for its passage and adoption, member _____ seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: _____.

The following members voted against the same: _____.

The following members were absent or not voting: _____.

The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

DATED this 10th day of August, 2026.

MCCOOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

By: _____
President

Attest: _____
Secretary

Appendix “1” to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix “1” to Policy 5006 for the current school year. The McCook Public Schools Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2026-2027 school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has “0” as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten	120	85	35
First	120	95	25
Second	120	83	37
Third	120	105	15
Building Capacity, Elementary	480	368	112
Fourth	120	103	17
Fifth	120	102	18
Building Capacity, Central Elementary	240	205	35
Sixth	140	100	40
Seventh	140	90	50
Eighth	140	115	25
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center	420	305	115
Ninth	150	100	50
Tenth	150	126	24
Eleventh	150	120	30
Twelfth	150	110	40
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center	600	456	144

* Special education capacity will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with state law and the available resources as determined by the District’s Director of Special Education or designee.

Appendix “2” to Option Enrollment Policy

The following is Appendix “2” to Policy 5006 for the current school year. The McCook Public Schools Board of Education hereby sets forth the maximum number of option students for the 2027-2028 school year in any program, class, grade level or school building or in any special education programs operated by this school district, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this school district will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and availability of appropriate special education programs. Any program, class, grade level, or school building which has “0” as the No. of Option Students is hereby declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

PROGRAM	PROGRAM CAPACITY	PROJECTED ENROLLMENT	NO. OF OPTION STUDENTS
Kindergarten	120	95	25
First	120	85	35
Second	120	95	25
Third	120	83	37
Building Capacity, Elementary	480	358	122
Fourth	120	105	15
Fifth	120	103	17
Building Capacity, Central Elementary	240	208	32
Sixth	140	102	38
Seventh	140	100	40
Eighth	140	100	40
Building Capacity, Middle School Attendance Center	420	302	118
Ninth	150	115	35
Tenth	150	100	50
Eleventh	150	126	24
Twelfth	150	120	30
Building Capacity, Sr. High School Attendance Center	600	461	139

* Special education capacity will be determined on a case-by-case basis in accordance with state law and the available resources as determined by the District’s Director of Special Education or designee.

StudentsOption EnrollmentA. Process and Timelines to Option In

For a student to attend McCook Public Schools as an option enrollment student, the student's parent or legal guardian must submit an application to the Board of Education of the McCook Public School District between September 1 and March 15 for enrollment in the following school year (the "application period"), unless otherwise permitted by law.

Upon receipt of an application, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall provide the resident school district or, if the student attends a different district as an option student, the option district with the name of the applicant on or before April 1 or, in the case of an application submitted after March 15, within sixty days after submission.

Wavier

The application deadline will not be waived by the School District for applications to option into the McCook Public School District, except in the following circumstances:

1. Kindergarten: The application deadline will be waived where the application is for a student who is seeking to enroll and attend the Kindergarten grade level provided the application was filed on or before June 1 prior to the first semester of the next school year.
2. Release Approval: For the foregoing exceptions, the application must contain a release approval from the resident district or, if the student attends a different district as an option student, the student's current option district.
3. Other Conditions: The waiver of the deadline in the above circumstances does not require acceptance of the application, as such applications may be rejected for reasons other than late filing.
4. Capacity: For the foregoing exceptions, the application deadline shall not be waived if the application is for enrollment in any program, class, grade level or school building operated by this School District which have been determined by the School District to be at capacity in accordance with the capacity standards (Appendix "1"), and no waiver of the deadline shall be made for such an application regardless of whether such capacity determinations are declared invalid for any reason. For any option application for a student that would receive or could be eligible to receive special education or related services, the Director of Special Education or designee shall conduct a case-by-case analysis to determine if the District has the capacity to provide the student with the appropriate services and accommodations.

B. Rejection of Applications; Reasons

1. Capacity: An option enrollment application shall be rejected if the capacity of a

program, class, grade level, or school building operated by the School District would be exceeded by accepting the application, and an option enrollment application shall be rejected in the event the application is for enrollment in a program, class, grade level, or school building which has been declared unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity.

The Director of Special Education shall review on a case-by-case basis all option applications for students that would receive or could be eligible to receive special education or related services. If the Director or designee determines that the District does not have the capacity to provide the student with the appropriate services and accommodations, then the Director or designee shall send a denial notice to the parent(s) or guardian(s) and include a description of services and accommodations that the District does not have the capacity to provide.

2. Timeliness: An option enrollment application shall be rejected if the application is not filed on or before March 15, and the filing deadline has not been waived.
3. Previous Option Enrollment: An option enrollment application shall be rejected if the student has exhausted the number of allowable option enrollments under state law.
4. Other Reasons: An option enrollment application may be rejected in the event the Superintendent, the Superintendent's designee, or the School District determines: The application is not completely and accurately submitted, is not received within the time required by law, or any additional information requested to be supplied is not supplied to the School District within the time lines indicated; or in the event acceptance of the application is not required by law. Matters which are legally prohibited from being considered as standards for acceptance or rejection of applications (including "previous academic achievement, athletic or extracurricular ability, disabilities, proficiency in the English language, or previous disciplinary proceedings" and further including, without limitation, race, national origin, and gender) shall not be considered as reasons for acceptance or rejection.

C. Siblings

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this policy, the application of a sibling of a student who currently attends the District will be automatically accepted. For purposes of this policy, a "sibling" means a child residing in the same household on a permanent basis who has the same mother or father or who are stepbrother or stepsister to each other. The Superintendent or designee has the discretion to waive the deadline for a sibling's application received after the deadline.

D. Priority of Acceptance

Priority shall be afforded to those applications required to be given priority by law.

Filing date determinations are made by the Superintendent, or the Superintendent's designee. In the event applications within a group are received at the same or substantially at the same time, priority as between such same-date applications shall be determined on the basis of random drawing

E. Determination of Capacity

The School District will determine and set, on an annual basis, the maximum number of option enrollment applications the School District will accept in any program, class, grade level or school building operated by this School District, based upon available staff, facilities, projected enrollment of resident students, projected number of students with which this School District will contract based on existing contractual arrangements, and may declare a program, class or school unavailable to option students due to lack of capacity. Such determinations may be made in the form of an Appendix "1" to this Policy. The determination and declaration made for any school year shall continue in effect for the next and subsequent school years unless otherwise determined and/or declared. The capacity for special education services shall be determined on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Director of Special Education or designee.

F. Releases for Options Out: (Release unless Expulsion is Pending):

A request for release of a resident student or option student currently attending McCook Public School District who submits an option application after March 15 will be granted, unless the administration is considering or has recommended expulsion of the student at the time the application is filed, and the administration determines it is appropriate to complete the expulsion process.

G. Notification of Acceptance or Rejection

In the case of an application to option enroll into the School District, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall notify, in writing, the parent or legal guardian of the student, and the resident school district or, if the student is an option student attending a different district, that option district whether the application is accepted or rejected on or before April 1 or, in the case of an application submitted after March 15, within sixty days after submission.

If an option enrollment application or a request for release is rejected by the McCook Public School District, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall provide written notification to the parent or guardian stating the reasons for the rejection and the process for appealing such rejection to the State Board of Education. Such notification shall be sent by certified mail.

H. Status of Option Student

A student who is admitted under the enrollment option program shall be treated as a resident student, and in such regard shall be required to provide such enrollment information and documentation as is required for enrollment of other students (e.g., certified birth certificate and evidence of physical examination, visual evaluation and immunization), shall be required to be

enrolled on a full-time basis, and shall be required to adhere to student conduct rules. The building assignment for an option student, as well as classroom and grade level assignments, shall be determined solely by the administration.

An option student shall not be entitled to transportation except as required by law. Transportation or transportation reimbursement will be provided only in the following circumstances:

1. The McCook Public School District may, upon mutual agreement with the parent or legal guardian of an option student, provide transportation to the option student on the same basis as provided for resident students. The school district may charge the parents of each option student transported a fee sufficient to recover the additional costs of such transportation.
2. Option students who qualify for free lunches are eligible for either free transportation or transportation reimbursement from the option school district. The District's policy is that the District selects which service (transportation or reimbursement) is to be provided to students.
3. For option students receiving special education services, the transportation services required in the student's Individualized Education Plan shall be provided by the resident school district.

I. Information Regarding Schools, Programs, Policies and Procedures.

As part of the option enrollment program, the administration shall make information about the McCook Public Schools and the school, programs, policies and procedures available to all interested persons and shall have a copy of the option enrollment policy and regulations available at each school building.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-232 to 79-246

Date of Adoption: May 11, 2026

Option Enrollment Resolution - 2026-27					
SCHOOL	LEVEL	PROGRAM	CURRENT ENROLLMENT	CAPACITY	# OF OPTION AVAILABLE
Sr. High	I & II	Patel	18	14	0
Sr. High	I & II	Nichols	14	14	0
Sr. High	I & II	Vetrovsky	15	14	0
Sr. High	I & II	Taylor	13	14	1
Sr. High	II & III	Rydgren	9	6	0
Jr. High	I & II	Peterman	18	14	0
Jr. High	I & II	Jones	18	14	0
Jr. High	I, II & III	Jennings	6	5	0
Jr. High	I & II	Wordekemper	5	5	0
Central	I & II	Hoins	17	10	0
Central	I & II	Juenemann	19	10	0
McCook Elementary	I, II & III	Sides	3	4	1
McCook Elementary	I & II	Flaska	26	14	0
McCook Elementary	I & II	Tiller	8	14	6
DLC	II & III	Kotschwar	8	6	0
Speech-gr. 4-12	I & II	Paul/Nauert	73	24	0
Speech-McElem	I & II	Fordham	40	28	0
Speech-ECSE/Nonpublic	I & II	Uerling	32	24	0
ECSE**	I	Holthus	8	8	0
*Full does not mean closed. Enrollments fluctuate up and down frequently.					
Programs designated as "full" can be reviewed at any time.					
See Below-Speech therapy services are combined with resource language					
services frequently resulting in duplicated counts, monitoring of progress only, etc.					
Accordingly, speech therapy/language services can be reviewed at any time.					
**This is preschool. The maximum capacity is 17 students in the AM class and 17 students					
in the PM class. According to Nebraska Rule 11 criteria, there cannot be more students with disabilities					
than students without disabilities.					

2024-25 SpEd Option Enrollment Resolution

Option Enrollment Resolution - 2027-28					
SCHOOL	LEVEL	PROGRAM	CURRENT ENROLLMENT	CAPACITY	# OF OPTION AVAILABLE
Sr. High	I & II	Patel	18	14	0
Sr. High	I & II	Nichols	14	14	0
Sr. High	I & II	Vetrovsky	26	14	0
Sr. High	I & II	Taylor	13	14	1
Sr. High	II & III	Rydgren	9	6	0
Jr. High	I & II	Peterman	15	14	0
Jr. High	I & II	Jones	15	14	0
Jr. High	I, II & III	Jennings	5	5	0
Jr. High	I & II	Wordekemper	5	5	0
Central	I & II	Hoins	19	10	0
Central	I & II	Juenemann	22	10	0
McCook Elementary	I, II & III	Sides	4	4	0
McCook Elementary	I & II	Flaska	16	14	0
McCook Elementary	I & II	Tiller	12	14	2
DLC	II & III	Kotschwar	7	6	0
Speech-gr. 4-12	I & II	Paul/Nauert	70	24	0
Speech-McElem	I & II	Fordham	36	28	0
Speech-ECSE/Nonpublic	I & II	Uerling	28	24	0
ECSE**	I	Holthus	8	8	0
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than students without disabilities.					

StudentsSchool Library Materials and Parent Access

The District will provide parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers access to information regarding books available in the District's school library, and an opportunity to receive notification when their student checks out a library book.

For purposes of this Policy, the "school library" means the collection of books maintained by the District in a library or media center, as designated by the Superintendent or designee, located on school property and managed by District staff for student circulation. The term "school library" does not include: (1) classroom libraries or book collections maintained by individual teachers; (2) instructional textbooks or curriculum materials issued to students; (3) digital instructional materials, online databases, or subscription research services; and (4) materials accessed through a library not managed or supervised by the District. For purposes of this policy, a "book" means a bound or printed work cataloged within the District's school library circulation system.

The District will maintain a catalog of books available in each designated library. Such catalog will be made available for viewing by parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers through a method designated by the Superintendent or designee.

The District will provide parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers the opportunity to opt-in to receive notification when their student checks out a book from a designated library. If a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker elects to receive such notifications, the District shall provide such notice, which will include the: (1) title of the book; (2) author(s); and (3) date the book must be returned.

Requests to receive library checkout notifications must be submitted through a written request or through a process identified by the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee may develop procedures to implement this Policy, and staff, parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers must follow these procedures.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-533.04

Date of Adoption: [Insert Date]