

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025 7:00 PM

Palmer Schools, Conference Room

202 Commercial Street

Palmer, NE 68864

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM.

Brian Friedrichsen: Present

Daniel Hake: Present

Heather Shotkoski: Present

Justin Valasek: Present

Todd Weller: Present

Kathy Wolfe: Present

1. Call to Order

Motion to call meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. passed with a motion by Todd Weller and a second by Brian Friedrichsen.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

1.1. Declaration of Legal Meeting

1.2. Open meetings law is posted in Board Room

1.3. Notice of Public Meeting, Posted

Meeting notice published in the Palmer Journal 9/4/25.

1.4. Act on Absent Members (if any)

2. Open 2025-26 budget hearing and budget summary

Motion to open hearing passed with a motion by Todd Weller and a second by Daniel Hake.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2.1. Public comment

2.2. Close Hearing

Motion to close hearing passed with a motion by Heather Shotkoski and a second by Justin Valasek.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Open 2025-26 special hearing to set final tax request

Motion to open hearing passed with a motion by Brian Friedrichsen and a second by Heather Shotkoski.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd

Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.1. Public Hearing

3.2. Close Hearing

Motion to close hearing passed with a motion by Daniel Hake and a second by Brian Friedrichsen.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4. Welcome Visitors and Guests

Students-Uriel G.: Sports update, FFA activities, House of Virtus leading. Kendrick G.: 4th grade environmental day at Bader Park. PEA-Mrs. Sake: State Fair marching, choir going well. Mrs. Hinrichs: 22 in 2nd grade, MAPs testing with several HAL qualified, 23 in HS VB.

5. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda items passed with a motion by Daniel Hake and a second by Heather Shotkoski.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.1. Approval of Agenda

5.2. Treasurer's Report

5.3. Minutes of previous board meeting(s) (corrections to minutes as presented)

6. Claims

6.1. General Fund

Motion to approve the claims passed with a motion by Daniel Hake and a second by Justin Valasek.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	778.35
AMPLIFY EDUCATION, INC.	223.44
APPLE INC.	329.00
APPLIED CONNECTIVE TECHNOLOGIES	335.00
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	462.04
BLAUHORN, KRISTI	58.49
CLEARFLY	373.40
COMPUTER HARDWARE INC.	2,203.00
CULLIGAN	214.40
DOBSON, KAYLA	132.93
EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	122.04

ESU 7	26.30
FIREHOUSE REPAIR LLC	7,004.09
GIBBS SMITH EDUCATION	296.73
HEARTLAND DISPOSAL R/O	676.76
HOMETOWN LEASING	226.02
HOWARD COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	3,450.00
IRON MOUNTAIN	248.82
ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO	19.84
JOHNNY'S LOCK & KEY SHOP	283.00
JW PEPPER & SON, INC.	50.00
McInay & Company	745.59
MISTER B'S TEES	3,388.00
NASB	623.00
NEBRASKA FIRE SPRINKLER	450.00
NWEA	1,676.00
ONE SOURCE	88.00
PALMER JOURNAL	135.34
PALMER SERVICE CENTER	3,394.89
PRESTOX	76.52
REED'S DO IT BEST	1,426.98
RON'S MUSIC	380.65
SOUTHERN PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT	6,749.68
TAESE/USU	900.00
TIME MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, INC.	116.25
UNITED STATES TREASURY	164.81
WAGeworks, INC.	125.00
YOUNGER ELECTRIC	2,201.50
Fund Number	40,155.86
Checking Account ID	40,155.86

6.2. Other Funds

6.3. Board Member Claim (if any)

7. Reports

7.1. Property Tax Report

7.2. Principals' Reports

Mrs. Loeffelbein: Assessments/IRIPs, Field Trips, NDE.

Mrs. Reimers: ESU 7 Cohort, NALCD Cohort & Fall Activities, Tiger Tuesdays, STUCO spirit awards.

7.3. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bohlken: NASB Area Meeting, teacher inservice, CIP Committee meeting, State Conference registration, upcoming events.

8. Special Recognition

Motion to recognize those mentioned passed with a motion by Heather Shotkoski and a second by Brian Friedrichsen.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea

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Students with 100% attendance at summer weights: Kinren E, Owen S, Peyton B, Kaylah F, Kellsie F, Leah G, Micah R. FFA National 2-Star Chapter. Brynlea F and Paige L National Anthem singing at Saltdogs game. Kynsley G National Anthem singing at State Fair, NMEA High School Participation Award in Music for the 4th year in a row - 58% of students enrolled in band and/or choir.

9. Public Input and Communication

10. Items of Business

10.1. Consider, discuss, take necessary action on 2025-26 budget (702.03)

Motion to approve 2025-26 budget passed with a motion by Brian Friedrichsen and a second by Heather Shotkoski.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.2. Consider, discuss, take necessary action on 2025-26 FY tax request (702.03)

Motion to approve 2025-26 tax request passed with a motion by Brian Friedrichsen and a second by Justin Valasek.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.3. Consider, discuss, take necessary action on sidewalk bids

Motion to approve bid from Diamond Engineering passed with a motion by Todd Weller and a second by Brian Friedrichsen.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.4. Consider, discuss, take necessary action to review/revise Policies 802.01, 802.04, 802.07, 804.01, 804.02, 804.03, 805.01 (BP205.03)

Motion to approve policies as reviewed passed with a motion by Brian Friedrichsen and a second by Daniel Hake.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

11. Pending or Future Agenda Items

11.1. Distribute superintendent evaluation form

11.2. Negotiations begin on or before November 1

11.3. NSCAS assessment report

11.4. Program/Grade Capacity Resolution for the ensuing year

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn 7:57 p.m. passed with a motion by Daniel Hake and a second by Brian Friedrichsen.

Brian Friedrichsen: Yea, Daniel Hake: Yea, Heather Shotkoski: Yea, Justin Valasek: Yea, Todd Weller: Yea, Kathy Wolfe: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Board President

Board Secretary