

September 8, 2025

The Crete Board of Education met on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Cardinal Welcome Center for their Regular Meeting. Board members present were Justin Kuntz, President; Greg Hollman, Vice President; Vince Krejci, Secretary; Greg Mach, Scott Piening, and Michaela Conway. Also in attendance were Josh McDowell, Superintendent; Ryan Hinz, Chief Financial Officer; Brittany Hajek, Chief Academic Officer; Jenny Beck, Chief of Staff; Katie Bevins, Director of Student Services; Joel Bramhall, Director of Federal Programs; Melissa Frans, Director of Instructional Programs; Josh Littrell, Director of Transportation; Sarah Sell, Elementary Assistant Principal; Shannon Cole, Intermediate Principal; Perla Jaimes, Middle School Principal; Cory Bohling, High School Principal; Dustin Nelson, Technology Support; Jennifer Banos, Executive Assistant; World Language Club members; FFA members; and interested members of the community.

The meeting, having been duly preceded by advance notice and conducted in accordance with the posted open meetings law, was called to order by President Kuntz at 6:00 p.m.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Dr. McDowell highlighted claims of interest.

There was clarifying discussion about the consent agenda.

Motion #63-25 Michaela Conway moved to approve the consent agenda as published. Seconded Mr Greg Hollman. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Motion #64-25 Mr Vince Krejci moved to approve Resolution 25-01. Seconded Michaela Conway. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

RESOLUTION 25-01 WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3403 generally limits a public school district's property tax request authority, subject to limited exceptions; and WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405 includes an exception to generally allow a school district to otherwise exceed the default property tax request authority if at least seventy percent of the Board of Education votes in favor of the increased request; and WHEREAS, a Board of Education of a school district with an average daily membership of more than four hundred seventy-one students but no more than three thousand forty-four students may increase its tax request by up to an additional six percent above the base growth percentage; and WHEREAS, the average daily membership of Saline County School District Number 76-02, a/k/a Crete Public Schools (the "School District") is more than four hundred seventy-one students but no more than three thousand forty-four students; and WHEREAS, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of the School District hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by up to an additional six percent or other maximum amount as permitted by law; and WHEREAS, public notice of this possible increase was published

in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least one week prior to this Board meeting. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3405, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District's overall property tax request authority by up to an additional six percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action consistent with this Resolution to ensure that the School District's overall property tax request complies with this Resolution. The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member Scott Piening, Vince Krejci moved for their passage and adoption. Member Michaela Conway seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: Michaela Conway, Greg Hollman, Vince Krejci, Justin Kuntz, Greg Mach, Scott Piening. The following members voted against the same: None. The following members were absent or not voting: None. The above Resolution having been consented to by at least seventy percent of the Members of the Board of Education, it 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 8th day of September, 2025.

Motion #65-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Adopt the 2025-2026 budget as presented in the Special Budget Hearing. Seconded Mr Scott Piening. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

FFA Members presented their out-of-state request to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Motion #66-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the out-of-state request for FFA members to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 29th to November 1st. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

World Language Club officers presented their request to travel to Costa Rica in the summer of 2026.

Motion #67-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the out-of-state request for World Language Club members to travel to Costa Rica in the summer of 2026. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Dr. Hajek provided the Board with an update from the Curriculum department. The board received details on professional development schedules at each building for September 15, 2026.

- Mrs. Beck, Chief of Staff, provided the board with the following updates:
Staffing: open positions, student teachers
- IT: continuously monitoring devices and needs
- Facilities: update on HVAC projects that have been completed in the last school year

Superintendent Report:

- Athletic Complex update: waiting on switch gear for lighting; events scheduled Wednesday & Thursday next week
- Scoreboard was donated by CPS Foundation
- Budget: Superintendent & CFO have been working on since March/April, it has been actively
- 170 fall sport students: ISIS will stream Homecoming, Wed 17th Homecoming Pep Rally; Friday Parade
- Transportation bill notification
- Clarification about the auction

The next BOE meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Cardinal Welcome Center.

Motion #68-25 Michaela Conway moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 6:57 PM. Seconded Mr Greg Hollman. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Attest: _____
(Secretary)

Signed: _____
(President)