

Board of Education Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2026 7:30 PM Central

Elementary School Conference Room
550 7th Street
Syracuse, NE 68446-0520

Barry Janssen: Absent
Tyler Kreifels: Present
Justin Stark: Present
Amy Wemhoff: Present
Brienne Wilhelm: Present
Ed Zastera: Absent

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Notice of Open Meeting Act- *A current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the room and accessible to the public.*

3. Publication of Meeting

4. Excuse Absent Board Members

Excuse Ed Zastera and Barry Janssen. This motion, made by Justin Stark and seconded by Tyler Kreifels, Carried. Barry Janssen: Absent, Tyler Kreifels: Yea, Justin Stark: Yea, Amy Wemhoff: Yea, Brienne Wilhelm: Yea, Ed Zastera: Absent Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Tyler Kreifels and seconded by Amy Wemhoff, Carried. Barry Janssen: Absent, Tyler Kreifels: Yea, Justin Stark: Yea, Amy Wemhoff: Yea, Brienne Wilhelm: Yea, Ed Zastera: Absent Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda. This motion, made by Tyler Kreifels and seconded by Amy Wemhoff, Carried. Barry Janssen: Absent, Tyler Kreifels: Yea, Justin Stark: Yea, Amy Wemhoff: Yea, Brienne Wilhelm: Yea, Ed Zastera: Absent Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6.1. Treasurer's report

6.2. Secretary report

6.3. Expenditures

6.4. Claims for payment

6.5. Minutes of prior meeting(s)

7. Communications from the Public

8. Reports

8.1. Superintendent

Mr. Kraus shared about valuation increases. As many property owners have recently received their valuation notices, we understand there are concerns about increasing property values and their effect on taxes. It is important to note that school districts do not set property valuations;

those are determined by county assessors. It is also a common misconception that increases in property valuations automatically result in equivalent increases in school district revenue. Another area that often causes confusion is the difference between budget authority and actual expenditures. Budget authority represents the maximum amount a district is legally allowed to spend, while actual expenditures reflect what is ultimately spent to operate the school district. Over the past six years, the district's actual General Fund expenditures have increased by an average of approximately 3.7% annually, which is significantly different from the budget authority figures that are sometimes referenced in public discussions. As we continue through the budget process, the district remains committed to providing clear and transparent financial information and being responsible stewards of taxpayer resources.

8.2. Budget/Finance Committee

9. Discussion Items

9.1. Policies for Review

10. Action Items

10.1. Discuss, consider, and take action on updating policies.

Motion to update policies from last month. This motion, made by Justin Stark and seconded by Tyler Kreifels, Carried. Barry Janssen: Absent, Tyler Kreifels: Yea, Justin Stark: Yea, Amy Wemhoff: Yea, Brianne Wilhelm: Yea, Ed Zastera: Absent Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

10.2. Discuss, consider and take action on student, activity, classified and teacher handbooks Approve handbooks as presented. This motion, made by Tyler Kreifels and seconded by Amy Wemhoff, Carried. Barry Janssen: Absent, Tyler Kreifels: Yea, Justin Stark: Yea, Amy Wemhoff: Yea, Brianne Wilhelm: Yea, Ed Zastera: Absent Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

10.3. Discuss, consider, and take action on approving breakfast and lunch prices. Lunch will be \$3.35 for students in grades PK-3 and \$3.60 for students 4-12. Breakfast will be \$2.40 for all students. Milk will be \$.55.

Approve .05 to all meal prices. This motion, made by Tyler Kreifels and seconded by Justin Stark, Carried. Barry Janssen: Absent, Tyler Kreifels: Yea, Justin Stark: Yea, Amy Wemhoff: Yea, Brianne Wilhelm: Yea, Ed Zastera: Absent Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

10.4. Discuss, consider, and take action on technology purchase.

Motion to approve the technology purchase for smartboards. This motion, made by Justin Stark and seconded by Amy Wemhoff, Carried. Barry Janssen: Absent, Tyler Kreifels: Yea, Justin Stark: Yea, Amy Wemhoff: Yea, Brianne Wilhelm: Yea, Ed Zastera: Absent Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Tyler Kreifels and seconded by Justin Stark, Carried. Barry Janssen: Absent, Tyler Kreifels: Yea, Justin Stark: Yea, Amy Wemhoff: Yea, Brianne Wilhelm: Yea, Ed Zastera: Absent Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2