

Wauneta-Palisade Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026 5:00 PM

Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214
West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska
214 W Wichita Street
Wauneta, NE 69045

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - I.1. Pledge of Allegiance
 - I.2. Posting Verification
 - I.3. Open Meetings Act Notice
 - I.4. Mission Statement
- II. Roll Call
- III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda
- IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments
- V. Discussion Items
 - V.1. Summer Projects
- VI. Action Items
 - VI.1. Approval of NebraskaLand Lease Payment
 - VI.2. Approval of QCPUF Payment
 - VI.3. Approval and Signing of April Meeting Minutes
 - VI.4. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports
 - VI.5. Approval of Teaching Contracts
 - VI.6. Approval of Superintendent Contract
 - VI.7. Amend 2026-2027 School Calendar
- VII. Policy Review
- VIII. Administrative Reports
 - VIII.1. Superintendent Report
 - VIII.2. Principal Report
 - VIII.3. ESU 15 Report
 - VIII.4. NASB Report
- IX. Executive Session
 - IX.1. Enter into Executive Session
 - IX.2. Return to Open Session
- X. Next Regular Meeting
- XI. Adjourn

Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education for the District of Chase County School District #15-0536 a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools was convened in open, public session for a Regular Meeting at 5:04 PM MT on April 13, 2026, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, NE 69045, by President Sandman.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of the meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of the meeting, President Sandman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Act is permanently posted in the meeting room on a laminated poster, accessible to members of the public.

Mission Statement

Inspiring our Youth, Expecting Results Everyday

I. Call to Order. President Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm MT.

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.2. Posting Verification. Maris and Sandman verified the meeting posting.

I.3. Open Meetings Act Notice

I.4. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Hondo Fanning, John Jutten, Laurie Maris, Aaron McKinney, Allison Sandman, and Marty Wheeler.

III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda. None

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments. The WP FFA members shared their State FFA Convention experience with the board.

V. Action Items

V.1. Approval and Signing of March Minutes

To approve and sign the 3/16/2026 regular meeting minutes passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.2. Approve District Expenditures and Monthly Budget Reports

To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of payroll \$305185.07, GF Accounts Payable \$79726.72 for a total of \$384911.79 passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.3. Accept Teacher Resignation(s)

To accept the resignations of Alex Walker and Jenniffer DeWester effective the end of 2025-2026 school year and thank them for their years of service to the district passed with a motion by Aaron McKinney and a second by Allison Sandman.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.4. Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar

To adopt the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

V.5. Approve Teaching Contract

To approve a 2026-2027 teaching contract for Clint Hill passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI. Policy Review. None

VII. Administrative Reports

VII.1. Superintendent Report

Geier shared that next year will be our external visitation in October, Allison Smith (ESU 16) will lead the visit, Trevor Anderson will also serve. Mr. Frecks shared a mentorship update which ties into the external visitation goals of supporting current staff with "glows" and "grows", and next steps. Geier shared some adjustments in staffing, moving Mr. Frecks to transportation and AD and teach some classes, Ms. Williams is moving to Elementary Principal role. Geier shared updated of the sale of the buses.

VII.2. Principal Report

Frecks shared the PTO Daddy/Daughter dance was a success, commended Laura West on her leadership, upcoming mommy son dodgeball tourney. KCAV will begin AV update this weekend, shared upcoming events happening for field day, MAPs testing begins, kindergarten and preschool sign-up.

VII.3. ESU 15 Report. Sandman reported that ESU 15 met earlier today to approve hires, software and continue to look at building options for the ESU.

VIII. Next Regular Meeting. Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:57 pm MT passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Laurie Maris.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback,
Recording Secretary

Dated this April 13, 2026
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

2026-2027

WAUNETA-PALISADE SCHOOL CALENDAR

| August | | | | | | |
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9 Student days - 12 teacher days

August 3: First day of FB Practice
 August 10: First day of VB Practice
 August 12 & 13 New Teacher Orientation
 August 14, 17 & 18 PD Days
 August 19: First day of school- 2 Hr ER Day
 August 20: First day of Pre-School

| January | | | | | | |
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19 student days - 20 Teacher days

January 4: No School, PD Day
 January 5: First day of 2nd sem.
 Jan. 18: No School, PD Day
 Jan. 18: RPAC Vocal in Wauneta

| September | | | | | | |
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21 Student days - 21 teacher days

September 7: No School, Labor Day
 September 18: 2 hr late start, PD time

| February | | | | | | |
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18 Student days - 20 Teacher days

February 19: No School, PD Day

| October | | | | | | |
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20 student days - 22 teacher days

October 1: PT Conference - 2 Hr ER Day
 October 2: No School, PD Day
 October 16: End of 1st quarter
 October 23: No School, PD Day

| March | | | | | | |
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19 Student days - 19 teacher days

March 5: No School
 March 11: End 3rd Quarter
 March 12: No School
 March 20: PROM
 March 26-29: No School, Easter

| November | | | | | | |
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19 Student days - 19 teacher days

November 25: 2 hr Early Release
 November 26-27: No school, Thanksgiving
 November 30: 2 Hour late start, PD time

| April | | | | | | |
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22 student days - 22 teacher days

April 26: 2 Hour late start, PD time

| December | | | | | | |
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14 Student days - 14 teacher days

December 18: End of 1st semester, 2 hr ER
 December 23-27 NSAA Moratorium

| May | | | | | | |
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14 student days - 15 teacher days

May 15: Graduation
 May 20: Last day, 11mt/12ct ER
 May 21: Teacher Work Day
 May 24: Memorial Day

New Teacher Days- 186
 Teacher Days- 184
 Students Days- 175

1st qt-41 Student days
 2nd qt-42 Student days - 83 first semester
 3rd qt-45 Student days
 4th qt-47 Student days - 92 second semester