

Board of Education Special Meeting

Thursday, September 19, 2024 Immediately Following the Budget Hearing (no specific time)

Room 810, Elm Creek High School
230 Calkins Avenue
Elm Creek, NE 68836

1. **OPEN THE MEETING**
 - 1.1. **Call to Order**
 - 1.1.1. **Publication of Meeting**
 - 1.1.2. **Nebraska Open Meetings Law**
 - 1.1.3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - 1.1.4. **District Mission Statement**
 - 1.2. **Board Member Roll Call**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda item specific)**
3. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 3.1. **Board Committee Reports**
 - 3.1.1. **Finance and Personnel**
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 4.1. **Prior Meeting Minutes**
5. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - 5.1. **Review, Discussion, & Approval of the ECPS's 2024-2025 School Budget**
6. **ADJOURN**
7. ****CLOSED SESSION: If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.**
8. ****SEQUENCE OF AGENDA: The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board.**

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Public Participation at Board Meetings

The board of education shall conduct its meetings in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

The board shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the public's right to hear the discussions and testimony presented at its meetings. The board shall make available at the meeting, for examination and copying by members of the public, at least one copy of all reproducible written material to be discussed in open session of the meeting.

Except for closed sessions, the board will allow members of the public an opportunity to speak at each meeting. The board may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending, speaking at, videotaping, photographing, or recording its meetings.

The board shall not require members of the public to identify themselves as a condition for admission to the meeting, nor shall such body require that the name of any member of the public be placed on the agenda prior to such meeting in order to speak about items on the agenda. However, the board shall require members of the public desiring to address the board to identify themselves, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK:
This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.
- **Time Limit:** The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.
- **Personnel or Student Topic:** If you are planning to speak about a personnel or a student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such complaints and concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments about individual staff members or students.
- **General Rules:** This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening and hostile conduct or statements and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.
- **No Action by the Board:** The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.

**Elm Creek Public Schools
Finance & Personnel Committee
September 9, 2024 Committee Meeting**

The committee meeting was called to order by Kim Beran, Superintendent at **5:20** p.m. in the administration office conference room.

Committee Members Present: JC Ourada, Morgan Fouts, Hannah Hild

Committee Members Absent: None

Also Present: Kim Beran, Superintendent; Brandon Marquez, HS Principal

The Committee Reviewed & Discussed:

- Review JPH Presentation
 - [JHP Presentation](#)
- Notice of Budget Hearing will go in the paper next week
- Review of Cash Flow Report
 - [Cash Flow Report](#)
- Graczyk Sprinklers Bill
 - Amend amount per Nick & Morgan's discussion
 - Reach out to BD to see if we will receive a credit for a portion of the bill

Meeting ended at **5:42** p.m.

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2024 6:00 PM

1. OPEN THE MEETING

1.1. Call to Order

Board President Alicia Beavers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She recited the district's mission statement, confirmed that the Nebraska meeting laws were posted in the room, and acknowledged that the meeting was publicized in The Beacon.

1.1.1. Publication of Meeting

- Notice was provided according to Meetings policy 2008.

1.1.2. Nebraska Open Meetings Law

- The "Open Meetings Act" has been duly posted at the front of the room.

1.1.3. District Mission Statement

- ECPS continues a deep tradition of strong core values, preparing students for successful futures through academics, citizenship, and opportunity in collaboration with our community.

1.1.4. Pledge of Allegiance

1.2. Board Member Roll Call

- Excuse Absent board member(s) per board policy 2002.

2. CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE (staff & student presentations, etc.)

- FFA

Students Chelsea Kottich and Nora Brodine, presented on behalf of the FFA class showcasing the flower creations their class made for the Nebraska State Fair.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (agenda item specific)

- According to Elm Creek School District Public Participation Policy 2009

There were 5 community members in attendance with no public comment.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Administrator Reports

4.1.1. Superintendent Report - Mrs. Beran

Mrs. Kim Beran updated the Board of Education about the upcoming joint hearing that she and Lynnette will be attending.

4.1.1.1. Updated Budget Presentation for Joint Public Hearing

4.1.2. Principal/AD Report - Mr. Marquez

Mr. Brandon Marquez updated the Board of Education on the progress with the wrestling mats being installed last week, the greenhouse concrete was poured, and the NSCAS testing that the secondary students are finishing up before Parent/Teacher conference next week.

4.1.3. Principal Report - Mrs. Williams

Mrs. Williams shared with the Board of Education updates happening in the elementary school. Fall testing to identify where students need father training, and of the approaching Parent/Teacher conferences next week

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion passed for the consent of agenda. Amendment was made to the Grazcyk bill. This motion, made by JC Ourada and seconded by Hannah Hild, Passed.

Alicia Beavers: Yea, Cole Brodine: Yea, Morgan Fouts: Yea, Hannah Hild: Yea, Lynette Mitchell: Yea, JC Ourada: Yea

Motioned to pass the consent agenda. This motion, made by JC Ourada and seconded by Hannah Hild, Passed.

Alicia Beavers: Yea, Cole Brodine: Yea, Morgan Fouts: Yea, Hannah Hild: Yea, Lynette Mitchell: Yea, JC Ourada: Yea

5.1. Prior Meeting Minutes

The Grazcyk bill was amended to \$3,914.65.

5.2. Policy Final Reading and Adoption Including all New Policy Updates

5.2.1. Insurance Program by Board Members Policy 2016 - no changes

5.3. Financial Reports and Claims according to Review of Bills policy 3007

5.3.1. Approve NRCSA (Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association) dues for the 24-25 School Year for \$850

6. ACTION ITEMS

7. SCHEDULE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - (possibly change Oct. meeting date)

Next meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

Joint Public Hearing 9/17/2024 at 6:30 PM

Budget Hearing 9/19/2024 at 6:00 PM

Regular Board Meeting following the Budget Hearing 9/19/2024

8. ADJOURN

Motion for adjournment at 6:13 PM. This motion, made by Alicia Beavers and seconded by JC Ourada, Passed.

Alicia Beavers: Yea, Cole Brodine: Yea, Morgan Fouts: Yea, Hannah Hild: Yea, Lynette Mitchell: Yea, JC Ourada: Yea

9. **CLOSED SESSION: If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

10. **SEQUENCE OF AGENDA: The sequence of agenda topics is subject to change at the discretion of the board.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Elm Creek Public Schools (_10_-_0009___) in Buffalo County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 19 day of September, 2024 at 6:00 o'clock, PM, at 230 E. Calkins Ave, Room 810, Elm Creek, NE 68836 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: <https://nep.education.ne.gov>

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	2022-2023 (1)	2023-2024 (2)	2024-2025 (3)			
General	\$ 5,297,124.00	\$ 5,674,407.00	\$ 6,886,291.00	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 3,591,760.00	\$ 4,236,900.00
Depreciation	\$ 36,585.00	\$ 140,089.00	\$ 1,280,243.00		\$ 1,280,243.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,032.00	\$ -	\$ 12,032.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 351,487.00	\$ 376,762.00	\$ 557,105.00	\$ -	\$ 557,105.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 219,257.00	\$ 255,316.00	\$ 458,000.00	\$ -	\$ 458,000.00	
Bond	\$ 795,307.00	\$ 806,232.00	\$ 704,592.00	\$ -	\$ (163,242.00)	\$ 876,600.00
Special Building	\$ 7,395,795.00	\$ 1,988,597.00	\$ 3,510,584.00		\$ 3,269,519.00	\$ 243,500.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTALS	\$ 14,095,555.00	\$ 9,241,403.00	\$ 13,408,847.00	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 9,005,417.00	\$ 5,357,000.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ 876,600.00	\$ 4,480,400.00	\$ 5,357,000.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Elm Creek Public Schools (_10_-_0009_) in Buffalo County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the day of, at o'clock , at for the purpose of hearing s

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change							
Property Valuation	449,503,387	482,130,703	7%							

2023-2024 Budget Information

2024-2025 Budget Information

Fund	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Property Tax Request	2023 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation)		2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2024 Tax Rate		Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	6,477,271.00	3,948,468.00	0.878407	0.818962		6,886,291.00	4,236,900.00	0.878787		0%	6%
Bond Fund(s) K	1,513,000.00	904,405.00	0.201201	0.187585		704,592.00	876,600.00	0.181818		-10%	-53%
Special Building	4,686,961.00	82,828.00	0.018427	0.01718		3,510,584.00	243,500.00	0.050505		174%	-25%
Total	12,677,232.00	4,935,701.00	1.098034	1.023727		11,101,467.00	5,357,000.00	1.11111		1%	-12%

**2024/2025 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION
FOR
ELM CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 10-0009
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of **Elm Creek Public Schools** passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter “the Board”) of **Elm Creek Public School District 10-0009** (hereinafter “the District”) at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of **Elm Creek Public Schools** resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:
 - a. General Fund: **\$4,236,900**
 - b. Bond Fund: **\$876,600**
 - c. Special Building Fund: **\$243,500**
 - d. Qualified Capital Purpose: **\$**
 - e. Undertaking Fund: **\$**
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by **7.26** percent.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be **1.023727** per \$100 of assessed value.
4. **Elm Creek Public Schools** proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be **1.1111** per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue the total operating budget of **Elm Creek Public Schools** will increase (or decrease) last year’s budget by **-12.43** percent.
6. A copy of this resolution will be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, **2024**.

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District’s Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the **2024/2025** school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at **\$4,236,900**; and the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at **\$876,600**; and the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at **\$243,500**.

It is so moved by () and seconded by () to adopt the Property Tax Request Resolution this **19th** day of **September, 2024**.

Roll Call vote as follows:

Alicia Beavers	YES	NO
JC Ourada	YES	NO
Cole Brodine	YES	NO
Morgan Fouts	YES	NO
Lynette Mitchell	YES	NO
Hannah Hild	YES	NO

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of **Elm Creek Public Schools 10-0009**, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

Cole Brodine, ECPS Secretary