

Committee Board Meeting
Bloomfield Community Schools - Board of Education
Monday, February 2, 2026/7:30 AM

Office of the Superintendent, 311 E. Benton Street, Bloomfield, NE 68718

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the business of the district. This is a Working Meeting of the BOE, open to the public. There will be no action and no closed session.

1. **Opening the Meeting**
 - 1.a. Call to Order: (Policy 9320)
 - 1.b. Board Member Roll Call: (Policy 9141)
 - 1.c. Nebraska Open Meetings Law: (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-1407 through 84-1414 (2014, Cum. Supp. 2022))
 - 1.d. Publication of Meeting: (Policy 8342)
 - 1.e. District Mission Statement:
 - 1.f. Pledge of Allegiance:
2. **Action Items** (Policy 9320)
 - 2.a. Resignations/New Hires - Certified
3. **Informational/Discussion Items** (Policy 9320)
 - 3.a. Superintendent Search Update Based upon an update from NASB Search Services, there may be a need for a Closed Session in order to protect the reputation of an individual(s).
 - 3.a.i. Closed Session
 - 3.b. 2026-27 Negotiations Update
 - 3.b.i. Closed Session The Negotiations Committee requests a Closed Session to discuss 2026–27 negotiation progress and other matters.
 - 3.c. Standing District Topics
 - 3.c.i. Curriculum & Instruction
 - 3.c.ii. Continuous School Improvement
 - 3.d. NASB Announcements & Legislative Action
 - 3.e. Resignations/New Hires - Non-Certified
 - 3.e.i. Chris Cortez (Kitchen Staff Member)
 - 3.e.ii. Hannah Schmeckpeper Pena (Asst Cheer Coach)
 - 3.f. Administrative & Leadership Team Reports
 - 3.f.i. Superintendent
 - 3.f.ii. Additional Administrative & Leadership Reports: HS & Elem Principals, SPED Director, Guidance Counselor, Technology Director, Athletic & Activities Director, Buildings & Grounds Director, Transportation Director
4. Policy/Board Learning
 - 4.a. Board of Education Filing, Recruitment Update
 - 4.b. Student Activities Handbook/Policy Discussion Board Member Dee Bratectic wishes to discuss a topic for the Student Activities Handbook and to possibly participate in the revision of Policies 5201 and 5203, which she believes should be brought to the BOE's attention.

5. **Public Comment** (Policy 8346) The purpose of the public comment period is for members of the public to inform the governing body of their views.
6. **Closed Session** (Policy 9370b) Supt. Strom has requested this Closed Session to discuss administrative contracts.
7. **Adjournment**

Bloomfield Community Schools

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Secondary BOE Report
February 2nd 2026

- 1) Attended the ESU#1 Principal's Day on 01/20/26
 - a) Main topics included:
 - i) Secondary MTSS possibilities and structures
 - ii) State Testing Requirements for the NSCAS and ACT
 - iii) New AQUESTT tenets and ratings

- 2) Rough Draft Calendar
 - a) + Potential 26-27 Calendar
 - b) Got some feedback from our staff on this calendar. There were both strengths and drawbacks that will be considered before finalizing it.

- 3) 26-27 Course Description Document
 - a) Currently our teachers are going through the document for next year to ensure that their course descriptions are correct for the classes that they intend to teach next year.
 - b) Mrs. Guenther and myself are going through some of the eligibility and graduation requirements portions of the document to ensure that they are accurate and clearly written.

- 4) Evaluations
 - a) Evaluations are starting this week and Mr. Conroy's goal is to have all evaluation conversations done by February 19th

- CIP
 - Jan. 23 went well- Folders submitted to AJ
 - Feb. 13 Last Meeting before visit
- Principal's Meeting
 - Universal Screener- Feb. 27
 - Staff has to be trained in the Science of Reading
- Evaluations

- Upcoming Events
 - Feb. 4 Bloomfield's Spelling Bee
 - Feb. 5 Title I Advisory Board Meeting
 - Feb. 11 Knox County Spelling Bee
 - Feb. 13 CIP External Team Last Meeting before External Visit
 - Feb. 20 No School
 - Feb. 24 & 25 External Visit



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January Transportation Report

2 messages

Kevin Millikan <kmillikan@blfdbees.org>

Sun, Feb 1, 2026 at 6:01 PM

To: Todd Strom <tstrom@blfdbees.org>, Deb Wragge <dwrage@blfdbees.org>

January Transportation update.

Routes have continued to go well despite some cold and extremely cold weather. We did have two late starts because of the extremely cold days. Buses worked great, as did my drivers. Cleaned up all the buses on some unseasonably warm days earlier this month. The Coach bus even had a bath at John Deere.

We had a "No Start" on one of our new Jeeps in the extreme weather. It was in Norfolk @ a wrestling meet. We did end up having this towed to Cornhusker and having an 80 amp fuse replaced that controls a good portion of this vehicles components. Mainly the starter. It was repaired under limited warranty. i am still working on 100% reimbursement for this. I'll keep you updated.

Our extra-curricular transports have also been going well. The small transports have been good too.

I also had a few minor in-house repairs over break. {mud flaps, mirror bracket and interior camera.} Third quarter bus inspections will start next week.

Respectfully submitted.

Kevin K. Millikan

Transportation Director

Deb Wragge <dwrage@blfdbees.org>

Sun, Feb 1, 2026 at 6:02 PM

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Thanks, Kevin I will post your report.

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Bloomfield Athletic/Activities Board Update
Prepared by Neal Dodge



02-02-2026

- Officials class– tabling for now due to lack of interest (3 students)
- NSAA District 3 meeting
- Girls L&C Conference
 - #1 Seed
 - Hosting
 - Monday 2/2 vs TCNE
 - Thursday 2/5 (if we win)
 - Workers set
- Boys results from Saturday
 - Won vs Homer
 - Tuesday 2/3 vs Winnebago
- Wrestling success this weekend
- Football schedule on 2/11

Voter registration lists and/or mailing labels are available to candidates upon request from the Knox County Clerk's Office. You can request a list and/or mailing labels by a specific party or all parties, and by individuals and/or by household (*i.e. Fischer Household*). We will provide the requested information in printed form or on a flash drive that can be picked up at the Knox County Clerk's Office or mailed to you. We cannot email the information as per direction of the Nebraska Secretary of State's Office. The cost is 3 cents per name, and all candidates making a request must complete a Nebraska Voter Registration Register Public Service Request Form at the Knox County Clerk's Office.

If you are filing as a candidate for a school board where the school district extends into another county, you will need to contact the County Clerk in that county for their voter registration lists, etc.

Please contact Knox County Clerk Joann Fischer at 402-288-5604 or email clerk@knoxcountyne.gov if you have any questions.

***Knox County is a By-Mail Election County. Primary Election ballots will be mailed on April 20, 2026 and General Election ballots will be mailed October 13, 2026.**

NONPARTISAN (PRIMARY ELECTION) CANDIDATE FILING FORM

For Official Use Only

Time: _____ **Initials:** _____

Instructions: Please complete the form in its entirety, by **printing** the information requested in the spaces provided. Incomplete forms could delay the effective date of your filing. Be sure the form is legible. Do not sign the form until you are in front of a notary public or elections official. **If you have any questions, contact your local Election Commissioner or County Clerk.**

*Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §32-111, an incumbent is defined as a "person whom the canvassers or the courts declare elected to an elective office or who has been appointed to an elective office." A candidate who currently holds any elected office is considered an incumbent; therefore, the incumbent deadline applies.

Filing Periods: INCUMBENT*: JANUARY 5, 2026 to FEBRUARY 17, 2026
NONINCUMBENT: JANUARY 5, 2026 to MARCH 2, 2026

Check here if an incumbent*

Required Information

Registered Voter's Name: _____
(First, Middle Initial, Last) (County of Residence)

Registered Voter's Address: _____
(Street address where you reside & are registered to vote) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone Number: _____
 Cell Home/Other

I declare that I am a candidate for the office of _____ District _____
 for a term of _____ years and request that my name _____
(Print name as it is to appear on the ballot. See reverse side for information.)

be placed on the official ballot for the primary election to be held the 12th day of May, 2026.

*To assist with proper pronunciation of your name on the ballot reading device, please provide the "rhymes-with" word or phonetic spelling or both.
 Ex.: Sue Jahn = Sue Hahn (rhymes with fawn) or William Mishaud = mee-SHO ('d' is silent) or Tanya Monte =TAWN -yuh (not TAN) mahn-TEA*

(Spoken Spelling Required)

By checking this box, I state that I do not owe civil penalties pursuant to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; or, if civil penalties are owed, a surety bond has been filed pursuant to subdivision (4)(b) of section 32-602.

Optional Information for PUBLIC Candidate Filing List

Mailing Address: _____
(Street address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

(Alternate phone)

(Email address)

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
 _____) ss.
 COUNTY OF _____)

I hereby swear that I will abide by the laws of the State of Nebraska regarding the results of the primary and general elections, that I am a registered voter and qualified to be elected, and that I will serve if elected.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this _____ day of _____, _____.
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Signature of Candidate

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this

_____ day of _____, _____
(Day) (Month) (Year)

(SEAL)

Signature of Officer Administering Oath

Title (e.g., County Clerk, Notary Public)

Qualifications - §32-602

- (1) Any person seeking an elective office shall be a registered voter at the time of filing for the office pursuant to section 32-606 or 32-611.
- (2) Any person filing for office shall meet the constitutional and statutory requirements of the office for which he or she is filing. If a person is filing for a partisan office, he or she shall be a registered voter affiliated with the appropriate political party if required pursuant to section 32-702. If the person is required to sign a contract or comply with a bonding or equivalent commercial insurance policy requirement prior to holding such office, he or she shall be at least nineteen years of age at the time of filing for the office.
- (3) A person shall not be eligible to file for an office if he or she holds the office and his or her term of office expires after the beginning of the term of office for which he or she would be filing. This subsection does not apply to filing for an office to represent a different district, ward, subdistrict, or subdivision of the same governmental entity as the office held at the time of filing.
- (4)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, a person shall not be eligible to file for an office until he or she has paid any outstanding civil penalties and interest imposed pursuant to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The filing officer shall determine such eligibility before accepting a filing. The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission shall provide the filing officers with current information or the most current list of such outstanding civil penalties and interest owed pursuant to subdivision (13) of section 49-14,123.
- (b) A person owing a civil penalty to the commission shall be eligible to file for an office if:
 - (i) The matter in which the civil penalty was assessed is pending on appeal before a state court; and
 - (ii) The person files with the commission a surety bond running in favor of the State of Nebraska with surety by a corporate bonding company authorized to do business in this state and conditioned upon the payment of the civil penalty imposed under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.
- (5) The governing body of the political subdivision swearing in the officer shall determine whether the person meets all requirements prior to swearing in the officer.

Names - Answers taken from AGO 10001 (2010-01-05)

1. May a candidate have her name printed on the ballot as "Mrs. John _____" ?

It is our opinion that "Mrs. _____" is "in apparent conformity" as a name and will be valid unless objection is properly made as provided by statute.
2. May a candidate have his or her name printed on the ballot as "Dr. J. W. _____" ?

"Dr." is an example of what we feel is too clearly a title to become a question of fact as to whether it is part of a name. A title may be part of the full description by which a person is known in the community, and yet never become part of the name. Our conclusion in this regard may be said to apply to such titles as Colonel, Professor, or similar others. It is our conclusion that the above designations are not "in apparent conformity" as names, and the Secretary of State, County Clerk or Election Commissioner shall refuse to certify them, even though objection is not made.
3. May a candidate have his or her name printed on the ballot as "John G. 'Jack' _____" ?

This type of filing is an obvious attempt to add to the person's name an additional identification, not a part of the name. Once again, there may be a question of fact arise where the candidate expresses the desire to be listed upon the ballot as "Jack _____." The determinative factor, again, is whether that is the name by which he calls himself, and is generally known in the community. "John G. 'Jack' _____" is not in "apparent conformity" as a name, and the Secretary of State, County Clerk or Election Commissioner shall refuse to certify it, even though no objection is made. "Jack _____" raises a question of fact, and the Secretary of State, County Clerk or Election Commissioner may not refuse to certify it, in the absence of properly made objections."
4. May a candidate with a hyphenated last name use only a portion of the last name on the ballot?

It is our opinion that the name which should be placed on the candidate filing form and on the ballot for a particular candidate is the name ordinarily used for the person, by which he or she is known in the community, and by which he or she is distinguished from others. A hyphenated name or portions thereof may be used on the candidate filing form and on the ballot. If a person with a hyphenated last name is known in the community by only a portion of his or her last name, then it is permissible to place that name on the ballot.
5. May a candidate who usually uses her husband's last name, use her maiden name on the filing form and on the ballot?

Again, the correct name for a candidate is the name by which he or she is known in the community, and by which he or she is distinguished from others. As a result, a married woman may use her maiden name, her own Christian name and her husband's surname, a hyphenated name or portions thereof.



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Student Activities Handbook

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Thu, Jan 29, 2026 at 9:38 AM

This is where I would consider adding policy-

Student Activity Handbook Sec 5: Attendance

“Attendance at all conference, district and state competitions is mandatory for every team member/participant. Returning for another activity's practice on the same day is only acceptable if it occurs after the official awards ceremony and the team can safely return in time. Furthermore, any disciplinary action taken by a coach/advisor against a student for missing a practice due to any and all conference, district or state meet will not be tolerated or accepted.”

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Everyone who remembers his own education remembers teachers. Not methods and techniques. The teacher is the heart of the educational system. -

Sidney Hook