

Homer Community School District
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Board of Education
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
7:00 PM

Agenda

{{Name: Agenda Item Name}}

I. Opening the Meeting

A. Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law

i. Posted in the room

ii. Publication of Meeting was provided according to 84-1411

B. District Mission Statement:

II. Board Member Roll Call

III. Excuse Absent Board Members

IV. Approval of the Agenda and changes to the Agenda

V. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from the April regular meeting

B. Approve claims and accounts

C. Approve Resignations

D. Approve New Hires

VI. Public Comment

A. Amanda Madison

VII. Information Items: Reports

A. Administrator reports

B. Superintendent report

- i. Handbooks
- ii. Building and Grounds
- iii. Summer School Plan
- iv. Painting football stands
- v. Summer School Update
- vi. Rule 10 Update
- vii. Full-time substitute update
- viii. Extra Duty and Coaching Update
- ix. Legislative Update
- x. Legion Update

VIII. Discussion Items

- A. Roger Heck Insurance Update
- B. Dave Heck American Legion
- C. Lunch program
- D. Transportation Program

IX. Action Items

- A. Consider, discuss, and take action to set substitute pay for 2025-26 school year.
- B. Consider, discuss, and take action approve the student fee procedures for the 2025-26 school year.
- C. Consider, discuss, and take action to purchase the extended firewall purchase.
- D. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the lease-purchase agreement with Community Leasing Partners.

X. Next Meeting

XI. Adjournment

NOTICES:

COPY OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT: The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public.

CHANGES TO ORDER OF AGENDA: The Board will generally follow the sequence of the published agenda but may change the order of items when appropriate and may elect to take action on any of the items listed.

PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Getting Started: When you have been recognized, please stand and state your name.

Time Limit: You may speak only one time and must limit your comments to 5 minutes or less. The total time allotted for Public Comment is 30 minutes. **At the Board's discretion, individual and total comment time may be extended.**

Personnel or Student Topic: If you are planning to speak about a personnel or student matter involving an individual, please understand that our policies require that such concerns initially be directed to the administration for consideration. Board members will generally not respond to any questions you ask or comments you may make about individual staff members or students. You are cautioned that slanderous comments are not protected just because they are made at a Board meeting.

General Rules: Please remember that this is a public meeting for the conduct of the business of the Board of Education. Offensive language, personal attacks and hostile conduct will not be tolerated. **RECORDING OF MEETINGS:** The recording of open sessions of Board of Education meetings by the public is permissible according to section 84-1412 (Meetings of public body; rights of public; public body; powers and duties) of Nebraska law. Any public body may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the recording of meetings. In accordance with section 84-1410, the recording of closed sessions is not permissible. Board Policy 204.12 and Administrative Regulation 204.12R describe how members of the public may participate in Board of Education meetings and use recording devices. The recording of any part of Board of Education meetings is permissible, except for closed sessions. No recording, other than note taking, shall be done without informing the president in advance. The president has the right to control the placement of the recording device so the device does not obstruct the view of board members or other members of the public attending the meeting and does not otherwise interfere with the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: The Board may go into closed session for the protection of public interest or prevention of needless harm to an individual.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Monday, April 14, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Education of Homer Community School was convened in open and public session on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Homer Community School, Homer, Nebraska. The following board members were present or absent:

Byron Hall: Present, Ryan Harris: Present, Samantha Johnson: Present, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Present, Paul Tighe: Present.

Administration present: Superintendent Dr. Joseph Lefdal, Principal Abbie Uhl, Principal Tom Coviello, and Board Secretary Amy Brand

Visitors present: Several

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 to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of 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 hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

I. Opening the Meeting

I.A. Call Meeting to Order and Notification of Open Meeting Law

I.A.i. Posted in the room

I.A.ii. Publication of Meeting was provided according to 84-1411

I.B. District Mission Statement:

II. Board Member Roll Call

Motion was made by Byron Hall and seconded by Ryan Harris to excuse absent board member Kirkholm. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried
Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

III. Excuse Absent Board Members

IV. Approval of the Agenda and changes to the Agenda

Motion was made by Samantha Johnson and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried
Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Byron Hall to approve all items

presented on the Consent Agenda. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

V.A. Approval of Minutes from the March regular meeting

V.B. Approve claims and accounts

The district recently incurred roofing costs due to a leak that required repair. As of the end of April, the General Fund balance stands at \$863,217.92. The Activity Account currently has a balance of \$72,271.86 but is overspent and will be recoded accordingly. The Building Fund totals \$117,000; however, a portion of this must be used to repay an interfund loan from the depreciation account made during the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Additionally, the QCPUF (Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund) has a balance of \$114,857.

V.C. Approve resignations

The board respectfully accepted the resignations of the staff members and extended their sincere gratitude for their service to the district.

V.D. Approve new hires

VI. Public Comment

There was none.

VII. Information Items: Reports

VII.A. Administrator reports

Mrs. Uhl and Mr. Coviello shared several updates regarding upcoming District wide events and recent activities. The 5th Grade Orientation Day for students transitioning to 6th grade will be held on April 30th, and the Preschool/Senior hallway walk is scheduled for May 6th. The Junior Class Mother's Day flower sale and the Grades 3-12 Art Show were discussed as well. Mrs. Uhl also announced that the Nebraska Soybean Board Presentation will take place on April 28th and commended students for their excellent performances at the Elementary Spring Concert. Special thanks to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Moos for all their work. The Elementary raised an impressive \$9,818.82 for the American Heart Association, and Kindergarten Round-Up was held on March 28th with 25 families in attendance. Testing will take place in the upcoming weeks, and the Elementary Track Meet is scheduled for May 16th from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Additionally, Preschool Graduation will be held on May 19th at 10:00 a.m. Elementary Enrichment projects were discussed as well as the Title I Read in on April 11th.

Mr. Coviello reported that spring sports and activities are currently underway, and ACT testing has been completed for all Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior students. NSCAS testing will be conducted at the end of April, and the Senior Trip is scheduled for April 25-28. He also confirmed that Graduation will take place on May 10th at 2:00 p.m. Our Middle School was recognized on KTIV and received the Make a Difference Award and will receive a free trip to Arnold's Park.

VII.B. Superintendent report

Jeff R provided an internet update, followed by discussion on planning for student summer help. Board volunteers are being sought to assist with handing out diplomas at graduation. Updates were shared on the school's partnership with the Legion, including ongoing collaboration. The band program has recently purchased guitars and keyboards, with plans to

acquire a trailer next year. Staffing updates included hiring for janitorial and maintenance positions as well as a full-time substitute. Recognition was given to KTIV contest winners. Coaching and teaching position updates were provided, along with information on building and grounds projects. A legislative update was shared, covering developments relevant to the district. Discussion also included 6th grade student placement and adjustments to scheduling, including study hall planning and the creation of a back area designated for middle school use.

VIII.Discussion Items

VIII.A.ELL Program

The district has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ESU 7 for the 2025-2026 school year. Districts with EL expenditures under \$10,000 are required to join a consortium. The district is in the process of revamping its EL interventions in alignment with ongoing improvements to the MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) framework.

VIII.B.Academic Content Standards for reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies

The board reviewed academic content standards in reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies for Rule 10 requirements. These standards outline what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Districts must review these standards annually to ensure they remain current, aligned with state expectations, and effectively support student learning.

IX.Action Items

IX.A.Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the Homer Emergency Operations Plan

The board reviewed the Emergency Operations Plan last month approved the plan this month.

Motion was made by Byron Hall and seconded by Samantha Johnson to approve the Homer Emergency Operations Plan. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.B.Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the Superintendent's contract for Dr. Joseph Lefdal.

Motion was made by Ryan Harris and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to approve the Superintendent's contract for Dr. Joseph Lefdal. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.C.Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the Class of 2025 Graduation List

Motion was made by Samantha Johnson and seconded by Dr. Kristina Nelsen to approve the Class of 2025 Graduation List. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IX.D.Consider, discuss, and take action to accept contract renewals for certificated staff

Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Ryan Harris to accept contract

renewals for certificated staff. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00p.m.

XI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Dr. Kristina Nelsen and seconded by Samantha Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. On roll call vote the Board voted as follows: The motion carried

Byron Hall: Yea, Ryan Harris: Yea, Samantha Johnson: Yea, Tyler Kirkholm: Absent, Dr. Kristina Nelsen: Yea, Paul Tighe: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Dated this Monday, April 14, 2025.

ATTEST:
Dr. Kristina Nelsen
Secretary

Dakota County School District #31R
a/k/a Homer Community School
BY: Paul Tighe, President

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PO Number	Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Invoice Date	Amount	#
Account Number		Detail Description			
Checking Account ID		Fund Number	GENERAL FUND		
01 1100 610 001	5489,4823	Act Teaching Supplies	###	<u>1,242.00</u>	#####
Total Act				1,242.00	
01 2610 610 001	1069361-0001	Appear Mop Suplies	###	208.88	394.12
01 2610 610 002		Mop Suplies		<u>185.24</u>	
Total Appear				394.12	
01 2710 519 001	04302025	Arianna Rave Mileage To Parents	###	<u>96.71</u>	96.71
Total Arianna Rave				96.71	
01 2510 382 001	05112025-0001	AT&T Long Distance	###	65.53	123.65
01 2510 382 002		Long Distance		<u>58.12</u>	
Total AT&T				123.65	
01 2710 519 001	04302025	Bird, Darrian Mileage To Parents	###	<u>406.98</u>	406.98
Total Bird, Darrian				406.98	
FY25-0016	20250509	Blick Art Materials	###		377.00
01 1100 610 001		Amaco Liquid Gloss Glaze - 16 oz, Lilac		65.00	
01 1100 610 001		Amaco Liquide Gloss Glaze - 16oz, Petal		48.00	
01 1100 610 001		Amaco Liquid Gloss Glaze - 16oz, Leaf Gr		48.00	
01 1100 610 001		Amaco Liquid Gloss Glaze - 16oz, Emerald		48.00	
01 1100 610 001		Amaco Liquid Gloss Glaze - 16oz, Turquoi		48.00	
01 1100 610 001		Amaco Liquid Gloss Glaze - 16oz, Chocola		48.00	
01 1100 610 001		Amaco Liquid Gloss Glaze - 16oz, Opaque		72.00	
Total Blick Art Materials				<u>377.00</u>	
01 1100 432 001	04242025-0001	Capital One Bank Technology	###	498.00	597.02
01 1100 610 001		Teaching Supplies		<u>99.02</u>	
Total Capital One Bank				597.02	
01 2710 519 002	11302024	Cassie Kubik Mileage To Parents	###	<u>483.00</u>	483.00
Total Cassie Kubik				483.00	
01 2510 382 001	05052025-0001	Century Link Monthly Fee	###	172.57	325.60
01 2510 382 002		Monthly Fee		<u>153.03</u>	
Total Century Link				325.60	
01 1100 580 001	04092025	Comfort Inn Kearney Travel Expense & Mileage	###	3,909.00	#####
01 2320 580 001		Travel Expense & Mileage		539.80	

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PO Number	Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Invoice Date	Amount	#
Account Number		Detail Description			
Total	Comfort Inn Kearney			4,448.80	
	754	Dakota County Star	###		250.29
01 2510 540 001		Advertising & Printing		81.77	
01 2510 540 002		Advertising & Printing		72.52	
01 2220 610 001		Supplies		48.00	
01 2510 610 001		Office Supplies		48.00	
Total	Dakota County Star			250.29	
	9120299	Eakes Office Solutions	###		81.99
01 2510 610 001		Office Supplies		43.45	
01 2510 610 002		Office Supplies		38.54	
Total	Eakes Office Solutions			81.99	
	883004152	Electronic Engineering	###		5.20
01 2610 610 001		Custodial/Maint.Supplies		5.20	
Total	Electronic Engineering			5.20	
	37585	Embassy Suites - Lincoln	###		298.00
01 2510 580 001		BM Travel/Membersip		157.94	
01 2510 580 002		BM Travel/Membership		140.06	
Total	Embassy Suites - Lincoln			298.00	
	12819	Esu #1	###		50.00
01 2213 330 001		EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT		50.00	
Total	Esu #1			50.00	
	04202025-0001	Fastwyre Broadband	###		10.45
01 2510 530 001		Communications		10.45	
	1398760-0001	Fastwyre Broadband	###		10.45
01 2510 530 001		Communications		10.45	
Total	Fastwyre Broadband			20.90	
	03072025-0003	First National Bank Omaha	###		767.26
01 1100 610 002		Teaching Supplies		92.62	
01 2213 330 002		EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT		89.50	
01 2213 330 001		EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT		89.50	
01 1100 432 001		Technology		36.23	
01 1100 432 002		Technology		32.13	
01 2320 580 001		Travel Expense & Mileage		42.56	
01 2320 580 002		Travel Expense & Mileage		37.74	
01 2610 610 001		Custodial/Maint.Supplies		64.65	
01 2610 610 002		Custodial/Maint. Supplies		57.33	
01 2710 626 001 0004		Grey Van Gas		25.00	
01 2510 610 001		Office Supplies		106.00	
01 2510 610 002		Office Supplies		94.00	
Total	First National Bank Omaha			767.26	
	12043137	First Student, Inc.	###		#####
01 2710 340 001		Contracted Service		17,951.40	
01 2710 340 002		Contracted Service		12,681.92	

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PO Number	Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Invoice Date	Amount	#
Account Number		Detail Description			
Total		First Student, Inc.		30,633.32	
	411524	Foulk Brothers Plumbing & Heating	###		270.14
01 2610 610 001		Custodial/Maint.Supplies		143.17	
01 2610 610 002		Custodial/Maint. Supplies		126.97	
Total		Foulk Brothers Plumbing & Heating		270.14	
	04302025	Fran Sharpback	###		100.62
01 2710 519 001		Mileage To Parents		100.62	
Total		Fran Sharpback		100.62	
	05012025-0001	Gill Hauling	###		#####
01 2610 340 001		Contract Services Repairmen		650.09	
01 2610 340 002		Contract Services Repairmen		576.50	
Total		Gill Hauling		1,226.59	
	06152025-0001	Hometown Leasing	###		#####
01 2530 443 001		Copier Lease		853.67	
01 2530 443 002		Copier Lease		757.03	
Total		Hometown Leasing		1,610.70	
	05012025-0001	Hy Vee Accounts Receivable	###		520.00
01 1100 610 001		Teaching Supplies		520.00	
Total		Hy Vee Accounts Receivable		520.00	
	04302025-0001	J & J Pronto	###		878.96
01 2710 626 001 0005		Fuel		279.27	
01 2710 626 001 0007		Fuel		99.52	
01 2710 626 001 0008		Fuel		46.51	
01 2710 626 001 0002		Fuel		92.96	
01 2710 626 002 0006		Fuel		34.62	
01 2710 626 001 0004		Fuel		170.42	
01 2710 626 001 0003		Fuel		155.66	
Total		J & J Pronto		878.96	
	65171	Jaymar Business Forms, Inc.	###		525.65
01 2510 610 001		Office Supplies		278.59	
01 2510 610 002		Office Supplies		247.06	
Total		Jaymar Business Forms, Inc.		525.65	
FY25-0019	20250509	Jones School Supply Co., Inc.	###		196.25
01 1100 610 001		2" Art Gold - Value Medal		111.75	
01 1100 610 001		2" Art Silver - Value Medal		37.25	
01 1100 610 001		2" Art Bronze - Value Medal		37.25	
01 1100 610 001		Shipping		10.00	
Total		Jones School Supply Co., Inc.		196.25	
7862	20250509	JW Pepper & Son Inc	###		141.49
01 1100 610 001		Teaching Supplies		141.49	
Total		JW Pepper & Son Inc		141.49	
	05302025-0001	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	###		58.78
01 1100 610 001 0001		Shop Supplies		58.78	

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PO Number	Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Invoice Date	Amount	#
Account Number		Detail Description			
Total		Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.		58.78	
	10907839	Mid-bell Music, Inc	###		255.82
01 1100 610 001		Teaching Supplies		255.82	
Total		Mid-bell Music, Inc		255.82	
	04302025	Mindy Blackfish	###		32.72
01 2710 519 002		Mileage To Parents		32.72	
Total		Mindy Blackfish		32.72	
	680	MTC Mechanical	###		365.00
01 2610 610 001		Custodial/Maint.Supplies		193.45	
01 2610 610 002		Custodial/Maint. Supplies		171.55	
Total		MTC Mechanical		365.00	
FY25-0013	20250509	Nasco	###		148.05
01 1100 610 001		Economy Graph Paper		112.05	
01 1100 610 001		6 in. Clearview Rulers		36.00	
Total		Nasco		148.05	
	05012025	Ncsa	###		435.00
01 2320 810 001		NCSA Membership		230.55	
01 2320 810 002		NCSA Membership		204.45	
	2025	Ncsa	###		665.00
01 2213 330 001		EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT		327.50	
01 2213 330 002		EMPLOYEE TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT		337.50	
Total		Ncsa		1,100.00	
	03312025	Nebraska Dept of Labor	###		514.00
01 1100 261 001		Unemployment		514.00	
Total		Nebraska Dept of Labor		514.00	
	05072025-0001	Nebraska Public Power Distric	###		#####
01 2610 621 001		Electric		1,794.93	
01 2610 621 002		Electric		1,591.73	
Total		Nebraska Public Power Distric		3,386.66	
	187	Perry Guthery Haase & Gessfor	###		576.00
01 2320 340 001		Legal Fees		305.28	
01 2320 340 002		Legal Fees		270.72	
Total		Perry Guthery Haase & Gessfor		576.00	
7832	20250509	Robert Brooke & Associates In	###		27.46
01 2610 610 001		Custodial/Maint.Supplies		27.46	
Total		Robert Brooke & Associates In		27.46	
FY25-0002	20250509	Rochester 100 Inc.	###		466.40
01 1100 610 002		Standard RED Nicky's Communicator		440.00	
01 1100 610 002		Shipping		26.40	
Total		Rochester 100 Inc.		466.40	

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PO Number	Invoice Number	Vendor Name	Invoice Date	Amount
Account Number		Detail Description		
01 1100 610 001	05172025-0001	Sam's Club	###	163.52
Total Sam's Club		Teaching Supplies		<u>163.52</u>
7804	20250509	Schiebout Window and Door	###	716.02
01 2610 610 001		Custodial/Maint.Supplies		379.49
01 2610 610 002		Custodial/Maint. Supplies		<u>336.53</u>
Total Schiebout Window and Door				716.02
7474	20250509	Sterling Computers	###	165.55
01 1100 432 001		Technology		87.74
01 1100 432 002		Technology		<u>77.81</u>
Total Sterling Computers				165.55
	458975708	Terminix	###	432.48
01 2610 340 001		Contract Services Repairmen		229.21
01 2610 340 002		Contract Services Repairmen		<u>203.27</u>
Total Terminix				432.48
	334443-0001	Time Management Systems	###	85.00
01 2510 735 001		Monthly Fee		45.05
01 2510 735 002		Monthly Fee		<u>39.95</u>
Total Time Management Systems				85.00
	1831,1829	Troy's Auto World	###	838.60
01 2710 490 002 0008		Windshield		479.50
01 2710 490 002 0005		Bumper		<u>359.10</u>
Total Troy's Auto World				838.60
	05152025-0001	Village Of Homer	###	583.13
01 2610 410 001		Water & Sewer		309.06
01 2610 410 002		Water & Sewer		<u>274.07</u>
Total Village Of Homer				583.13
	1727583	Wilmes Hardware Hank	###	37.75
01 2610 610 001		Custodial/Maint.Supplies		20.01
01 2610 610 002		Custodial/Maint. Supplies		<u>17.74</u>
Total Wilmes Hardware Hank				37.75
	04302024	Winona LaPointe	###	381.58
01 2710 519 002		Mileage To Parents		<u>381.58</u>
Total Winona LaPointe				381.58
	447398-0001	WoodRiver Energy, LLC	###	#####
01 2610 621 001		Utility Energy Service		600.40
01 2610 621 002		Utility Energy Service		<u>532.43</u>
Total WoodRiver Energy, LLC				1,132.83
FY25-0005	20250509	Zaner Bloser, Inc.	###	327.80
01 1100 610 002		Zaner-Bloser Handwriting © 2020 Grade 3		298.00
01 1100 610 002		Shipping		<u>29.80</u>
Total Zaner Bloser, Inc.				327.80

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PO Number Invoice Number
Account Number
Fund Number 01

Vendor Name
Detail Description

Invoice Date
Amount
57,867.39

Checking Account ID 1

57,867.39

General Fund Account Balances –April 2025

Receipts:

(Received since last board meeting)

First Community Bank – Interest	87.95
Dakota & Thurston County Treasurer – Taxes from last month	191,916.18
State of NE-SPED	95,990.00
State of NE – State Aid	200,874.00
MIPS Reimbursement	2,652.20
Reimbursements, Activity (meals), Tech Fee, refund	834.92

Balance in General Fund Checking (5/1/2025)	954,470.61
Balance in CD(5/1/2025)	190,480.61
Balance in General Fund Petty Cash (5/1/2025)	2,000.00
General Fund Balance	1,146,951.22

General Fund Checking Balance as of May 1, 2025	954,470.61
May Account Payable Expenses	- 52,150.64
May Payroll Expense (Inc payroll deductions)	- 483,670.62
May To Be Deposited	+ 1,388,497.86
Estimated Balance End of May	1,807,147.21

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Hot Lunch Program Balance April 1, 2025

Hot Lunch Balance as of April 1, 2025	\$ 2,464.54
April Expenses to date	- 29,615.97
April Deposited to date	+ 30,466.94
Balance End of April	\$ 3,315.51

HCS Nutrition Fund Balance April 1, 2025

Nutrition Balance as of April 1, 2025	\$ 40,738.53
April expenses to date	- 12,000.00
April deposited to date	+ 21.66
Balance End of April	\$ 28,760.19

TOTAL LUNCH BALANCE \$ 32,075.70

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Activity Account Balance –April, 2025

Beginning bank balance as of April, 2025	\$ 72,271.86
April expenditures	- 22,633.33
April deposits	+ 17,834.68
Balance End of April	\$ 67,473.21

Building Fund: (Used for Improvements)	
Balance in Building Fund Passbook (4-1-25)	\$ 100,194.00
Interest	122.22
Dakota and Thurston County Treasurer	16,928.57
Less Transfer to Depreciation per Auditor	82,474.56
April Ending Balance	\$ 34,770.23

QCPUF Fund	
Balance in QCPUF (4-1-25)	\$ 107,947.80
Interest	253.87
Dakota and Thurston County Treasurer	6,909.99
April Ending Balance	\$ 115,111.66

Depreciation Fund: (Used for Replacement)	
Balance in Depreciation Fund Balance (4-1-25)	\$ 289,671.20
Interest	746.55
Transfer from Building per Auditor	82,474.56
April Ending Balance	\$ 372,892.31

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Total Collections

	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
September	1,101,510	800,659	698,595	725,802
October	466,671	316,779	466,618	652,282
November	354,239	519,791	221,093	698,727
December	273,331	275,982	346,820	703,572
January	1,441,146	1,130,286	1,324,358	869,749
February	666,287	588,149	524,431	854,291
March	331,897	332,046	485,652	532,020
April	381,882	574,028	513,032	492,355
May	1,183,274	855,633	996,973	
June	409,099	429,134	489,487	
July	60,559	48,640	84,226	
August	43,664	417,695	93,457	
TOTALS	6,713,559	6,288,821	6,244,744	5,528,797

Tax Collections

	2021-2022	% of Total	2022-2023	% of Total	2023-2024	% of Total	2024-2025	% of Total
September	838,046	76.08%	600,231	74.97%	504,135	72.16%	505,420	69.64%
October	102,555	21.98%	116,402	36.75%	108,401	23.23%	143,002	21.92%
November	27,097	7.65%	35,932	6.91%	29,497	13.34%	29,152	4.17%
December	26,170	9.57%	25,912	9.39%	25,976	7.49%	39,247	5.58%
January	955,255	66.28%	889,616	78.71%	991,893	74.90%	516,753	59.41%
February	322,780	48.44%	214,253	36.43%	228,350	43.54%	655,772	76.76%
March	85,328	25.71%	59,157	17.82%	70,956	14.61%	36,784	6.91%
April	338,837	88.73%	347,686	60.57%	232,260	45.27%	191,916	38.98%
May	732,782	61.93%	591,358	69.11%	706,690	70.88%		#DIV/0!
June	144,668	35.36%	135,466	31.57%	173,628	35.47%		#DIV/0!
July	53,367	88.12%	40,059	82.36%	28,798	34.19%		#DIV/0!
August	36,306	83.15%	49,150	11.77%	33,418	35.76%		#DIV/0!
TOTALS	3,663,191	54.56%	3,105,221	49.38%	3,134,003	50.19%	2,118,047	38.31%

State Aid

	2021-2022	% of Total	2022-2023	% of Total	2023-2024	% of Total	2024-2025	% of Total
September	198,188	17.99%	199,203	24.88%	191,609	27.43%	201,069	27.70%
October	198,188	42.47%	195,724	61.79%	185,008	39.65%	200,874	30.80%
November	198,188	55.95%	195,724	37.65%	185,008	83.68%	0	0.00%
December	198,188	72.51%	195,724	70.92%	185,008	53.34%	401,748	57.10%
January	198,188	13.75%	195,724	17.32%	185,008	13.97%	200,874	23.10%
February	198,188	29.75%	195,724	33.28%	185,008	35.28%	0	0.00%
March	198,188	59.71%	195,724	58.94%	185,008	38.09%	401,748	75.51%
April	0	0.00%	195,724	34.10%	185,008	36.06%	200,874	40.80%
May	396,376	33.50%	195,724	22.87%	185,008	18.56%		#DIV/0!
June	198,188	48.44%	195,719	45.61%	185,004	37.80%		#DIV/0!
July								
August								
TOTALS	1,981,880	29.52%	1,960,714	31.18%	1,856,677	29.73%	1,607,187	29.07%

Homer Community Schools

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Function Number

		Budget Amount	Expended During Month	Expenditures to Date	% of Budget
1100	REGULAR INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	3,721,460.00	255,826.52	2,411,040.08	65.02
1125	REGULAR INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS SCHOOL AG	39,900.00	10,980.40	68,389.79	171.40
1140	1140	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1150	LIMITED ENGLISH PROF PROGRAMS	12,380.00	1,994.94	17,838.29	144.09
1160	PROVERTY PROGRAMS	523,200.00	45,424.90	446,959.38	85.43
1190	EARLY CHILDHOOD ED PROGRAMS	3,060.00	4,179.75	10,436.74	341.07
1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	500,000.00	52,662.44	496,454.72	99.29
1291	SPED AGES 3-5	0.00	0.00	429.95	0.00
1300	SUMMER SCHOOL	25,000.00	0.00	1,146.69	4.59
2120	GUIDANCE SERVICES	178,000.00	10,720.40	101,343.55	56.93
2130	HEALTH SERVICES	76,000.00	4,552.00	53,773.53	70.75
2141	PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES SPED SCHOOL AGE	80,000.00	0.00	48,375.00	60.47
2151	SPEECH & AUDIOLOGY SERV SPED SCHOOL AGE	110,000.00	0.00	44,895.25	40.81
2161	OT SERVICES SPED SCHOOL AGE	6,000.00	0.00	2,835.00	47.25
2171	PT SERVICES SPED SCHOOL AGE	0.00	0.00	1,890.00	0.00
2213	INST STAFF TRAINING	0.00	715.00	1,716.40	0.00
2220	LIBRARY/MEDIA SERVICES	175,000.00	8,773.81	81,622.11	46.64
2300	2300	0.00	0.00	850.00	0.00
2320	EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION	290,000.00	17,591.64	161,269.44	55.61
2410	OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL	410,000.00	32,963.13	291,742.59	71.16
2500	2500	0.00	0.00	483.85	0.00
2510	GENERAL ADMIN-BUSINESS SERVICE	200,000.00	8,952.24	107,797.86	58.77
2530	PRINT, PUB, DUP SERVICES	0.00	1,610.70	14,496.30	0.00
2570	PERSONNEL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	230.00	0.00
2610	SUPPORT SERVICES OPERATION OF BUILDING	513,000.00	20,781.29	243,702.17	48.82
2710	VEHICLE OPP & PURCH REG ED	389,601.00	33,852.49	256,528.59	65.84
2712	VEHICLE OPP & PURCH SCHOOL AGE SPED	0.00	0.00	600.99	0.00
3535	HIGH ABILITY LEARNERS	14,000.00	390.22	6,979.37	49.85
3551	CAREER EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	1,084.00	0.00
6200	TITLE I, PART A ESSA IMP BASIC BY LOCAL	199,000.00	10,791.87	94,402.30	47.44
6408	6408	103,000.00	0.00	30,960.00	30.06
6700	FED VOC & APP TECH ED (CARL PERKINS)	10,000.00	0.00	6,065.67	60.66
6910	NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION	142,000.00	13,057.52	112,778.80	79.42
6990	OTHER FED CATEGORICAL RECEIPTS	0.00	0.00	3,491.07	0.00
6992	REAP	45,000.00	0.00	5,606.00	12.46
6998	6998	0.00	0.00	13,432.29	0.00
Grand Total:		7,968,666.00	535,821.26	5,141,647.77	64.84

April 15, 2025

Dear Board Members and Administration,

I hereby am offering my retirement/resignation from my Para Educator position at Homer Community School at the end of the 2024-2025 school year for review.

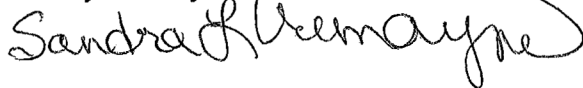
I began my career at Homer Community with a call, from then Superintendent Mel Waldner asking if I would be interested in the Teacher's Aide position with Mrs. Broyhill in the Kindergarten room. I informed him of my recent diagnoses of MS, he replied that shouldn't be a problem, our insurance should cover. He then asked how long I planned to work as he liked longevity in his hires. I replied probably 5 years as our boys would be out of college and settled. I began in the fall of 1999 and will end in the spring of 2025. I guess I met his longevity rule! I worked with Mrs. Broyhill for 13 years. I saw my first kindergarten class graduate. I then remained in the same space, but assisted with the 4-year old Pre-School class that was initiated that fall. I will end my career in that same space with the 4-year old Pre-School class, just short one year of seeing my first Pre-school class graduating in 2026.

I have been blessed and honored to have been a part of so many children's lives and their first introduction to formal education.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work along side/with the best staff/faculty, administration and children. It has been my pleasure to have been employed by the Homer Community School District these past years.

Sincerely,

Sandy Tremayne



4/15/2025



April 28, 2025

Homer Community Schools
Joey Lefdal, Superintendent
212 South 3rd Street
Homer, NE 68030

Dear Mr. Lefdal;

A monitoring review of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act/Every Student Succeeds Act (ESEA/ESSA) grant program for Homer Community Schools was conducted in person on March 17, 2025. The following program was reviewed:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged

Thanks to you and your staff for organizing the materials and completing the checklist. This made it very easy to review what the district is doing and access all the documents. No additional documentation is needed. The completed ESEA/ESSA Monitoring Guide Checklist and supporting documentation that pertained to my visitation will be placed in the 2024-2025 ESEA/ESSA review file at the Nebraska Department of Education in Lincoln.

The monitoring process was designed to ensure that school districts are complying with ESEA/ESSA guidance. This was evident throughout the visit. Based on this programmatic review there are no corrective actions required. Your district is approved to continue to operate a Title I Program.

If you have questions/concerns regarding the visit or this report, please contact me by email at dottie.heusman@nebraska.gov or by phone at 402-219-4802.

Sincerely,

Dottie Heusman

Dottie Heusman
Assistant Administrator for Federal Programs

CC: Michelle Rezek

Homer Community School 2024-25

Average Daily Attendance

Percentage of Students in Attendance Daily

	%
August	96
September	96
October	95
November	95
December	94
January	93
February	93
March	95
April	95
May	



Homer Community School 2024-25 Student Movement

	In	Out
August	6	3
September	2	9
October	1	0
November	3	3
December	2	3
January	5	3
February	0	0
March	0	0
April	3	1
May		
	Totals	
	22	22



HOMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2024-25

April 30, 2025

Grade	Total	Boys	Girls	Teachers	Option Enrollment	
Preschool 4 year	24	9	15	All		
PK-4	12			Heaton	-	
PK-4	12			Murphy	-	
Kindergarten	26	16	10	All	10	
K – 1	14			Scott		
K – 2	12			Olson		
1 st Grade	36	18	18	All	16	
1 st – 1	19			Boelter		
1 st - 2	17			Dorcey		
2 nd Grade	25	15	10	All	11	
2 nd – 1	13			Ford		
2 nd – 2	12			Morgan		
3 rd Grade	25	10	15	All	6	
3 rd – 1	12			Curry		
3 rd – 2	13			Hermelbracht		
4 th Grade	29	13	16	All	9	
4 th – 1	14			Jump		
4 th – 2	15			Sanchez		
5 th Grade	40	20	20	All	15	
5 th - 1	20			Olson		
5 th - 2	20			Bennier		
Total K – 5	181		Total PreK - 5	205	Total Elem. Option	67
Comparison to 2015/2016 (PK-6) - 219 Students (71 Opt.) Comparison to 2016/2017 (PK-6) - 215 Students (73 Opt.) Comparison to 2017/2018 (PK-6) - 206 Students (69 Opt.) Comparison to 2018/2019 (PK-6) - 225 Students (90 Opt.) Comparison to 2019/2020 (PK-6) - 217 Students (83 Opt.) Comparison to 2020/2021 (PK-6) - 243 Students (78 Opt.) Comparison to 2021/2022 (PK-6) - 245 Students (70 Opt.) Comparison to 2022/2023 (PK-6) - 238 Students (68 Opt.) Comparison to 2023/2024 (PK-5) – 212 Students (66 Opt.)						
6 th Grade	33	11	22		15	
7 th Grade	41	14	27		16	
8 th Grade	29	12	17		14	
9 th Grade	45	18	27		21	
10 th Grade	29	12	17		14	
11 th Grade	36	13	23		13	
12 th Grade	27	17	10		14	
13-16 Year	0	0	0		0	
Total 6 – 12	240				Total JH/HS Option	107
Year 13	0					
Comparison to 2015/2016 (7-12) – 180 Students (61 Opt.) Comparison to 2016/2017 (7-12) – 175 Students (63 Opt.) Comparison to 2017/2018 (7-12) - 171 Students (56 Opt.) Comparison to 2018/2019 (7-12) - 163 Students (58 Opt.) Comparison to 2019/2020 (7-12) - 171 Students (65 Opt.) Comparison to 2020/2021 (7-12) - 190 Students (74 Opt.) Comparison to 2021/2022 (7-12) - 181 Students (75 Opt.) Comparison to 2022/2023 (7-12) - 192 Students (80 Opt.) Comparison to 2023/2024 (6-12)- 224 Students (97 Opt.)						
Total K – 12	421		Total PreK - 12	445	Option Total	174
Comparison to 2015/2016 (PK-12) - 399 Students (132 Opt.) Comparison to 2016/2017 (PK-12) - 390 Students (136 Opt.) Comparison to 2017/2018 (PK-12) - 377 Students (125 Opt.) Comparison to 2018/2019 (PK-12) - 388 Students (148 Opt.) Comparison to 2019/2020 (PK-12) - 418 Students (148 Opt.) Comparison to 2020/2021 (PK-12) - 433 Students (152 Opt.) Comparison to 2021/2022 (PK-12) - 426 Students (145 Opt.) Comparison to 2022/2023 (PK-12) - 430 Students (148 Opt.) Comparison to 2023/2024 (PK-12) – 436 Students (168 Opt.)						

Homer Families

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1001 Locust St



1 Brody Ln



1002 Vine St



1004 Ithaca Way



101 Winifred Dr



1010 Fiddler Creek Rd



1015 Olive St



104 Rottunda Way



105 29th Rd



105 5th St



105 29th Rd



106 Rottunda Way



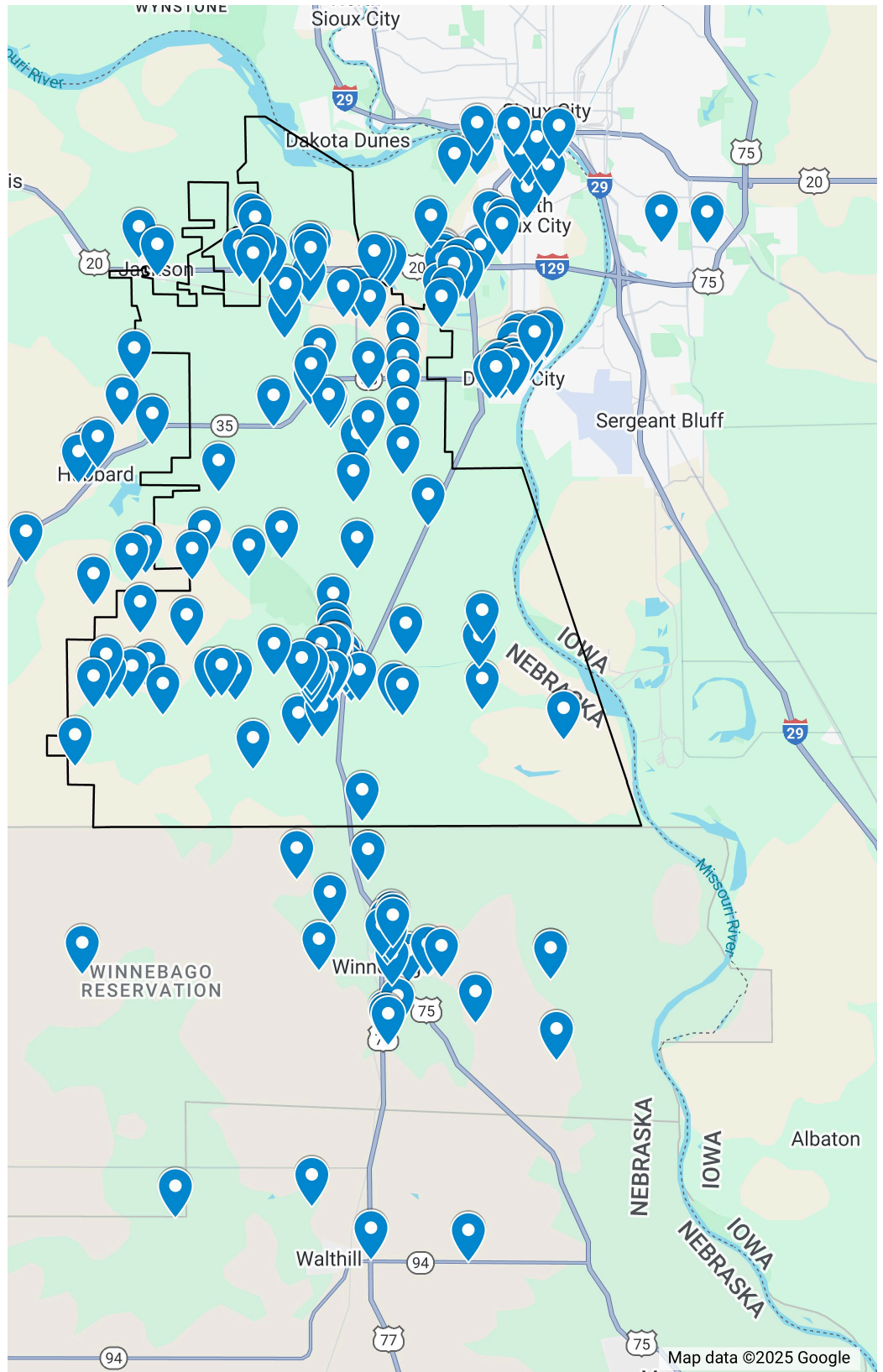
Whitewood Drive



108 5th St



109 5th St



Location of all students in Homer Community School

110 4th St



110 Rottunda Way



1101 Walnut St



112 Robert St



112 3rd St



112 5th St



113 2nd St



114 Thunder Wy



116 5th St



1180 215th St



1184 Fiddler Creek Rd



120 N Ridge Rd



1201 Myrtle St



1203 1st Ave



1215 Broadway St



1234 Fiddler Creek Rd



126 E 28th St



1266 Fiddler Creek Rd



1287 Fiddler Creek Rd



137 Rottunda Way



1406 Mulberry St



1411 Olive St



1413 Myrtle St



1471 I Ave



1481 I Ave



15 George St



1500 Mulberry St



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1590 H Ave



16 John St



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1670 Hamlin Ave



1699 F Ave



170 Big Winnebago Ln



1709 F Ave



1710 Mulberry St



Nebraska 110



1753 F Ave



1761 N Bluff Rd



1771 F Ave



178 Valley Dr



1804 H Ave



1810 H Ave



1815 F Ave



1826 BIA Rd 17B



1873 F Ave



1900 S Bluff Rd



1903 Maple St



1900 S Bluff Rd



1931 F Ave



1932 G Ave



2007 G Ave



201 E 18th St



2021 Maple St



204 3rd St



204 Walnut St



205 2nd St



205 3rd St



2060 US-77



2089 S Bluff Rd



209 E 1st St



209 James St



209 3rd St



210 John St



2100 G St



211 James St



212 2nd St



2126 Jewel Ave



213 2nd St



213 Oakmont Dr



214 5th St



2150 Pigeon Ave



2152 G Ave



2173 L Ave



2175 Ireton Ave



2176 K Ave



220 Iowa St



220 N 16th St



2221 Maple St



2265 M Ave



2271 L Ave



2280 D Avenue



2303 S Bluff Rd



2316 Dakota Blfs



2322 Dakota Blfs



2328 F Ave



2333 K Ave



236 Whitestocking Ln



2415 Blyburg Rd



2440 Kenesaw Rd



2446 Blyburg Rd



2455 Blyburg Rd



2472 I Ave



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2508 Wigle Creek Rd



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322 Sunrise Dr



329 E 12th St



329 S Thomas St



3314 F Avenue



380 Reuben Snake Ave



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403 Maple St



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419 Whitewood Dr



421 Golf Rd



429D Dixon Path



439 240th St



440 230th St



452 N Shore Dr



484 Golf Rd



502 EagleView St



502 Rivers Edge Estates



505 Nebraska St



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508 N 3rd St



508 Osborne St



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519 Eagle Dr



520 S Ridge Dr



528 S 16th St



531 164th St



531 Old Hwy 20 W



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601 N 6th St



605 EagleView St



607 R Y Miller St



610 US-75



612 S 21st St



619 Likuwanta Dr



649 Likuwanta Dr



655 Likuwanta Dr



657 190th St



667 164th St



670 NE-35



707 W 39th St



713 4th Ave



724 162nd St



748 185th St



758 185th St



765 Dakota Flats Dr



773 175th St



773 Dakota Flats Dr



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793 155th St



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801 Fiddler Creek Rd



815 Fiddler Creek Rd



840 Riverview Dr



851 Fiddler Creek Rd



853 162nd St



868 NE-35



896 US-77



898 153rd St



900 Ithaca Way



909 Vine St



912 EagleView St



920 Olive St



955 Fiddler Creek Rd



955 Ithaca Way



983 Fiddler Creek Rd



999 200th St

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South Line



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West 2



West 3



West 4



West 6



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West 11



Line 12



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Mileage Reimbursement Rates

Effective January 1, 2024, the State Mileage Rate is \$.70

Regular Resident District Students: 285% of \$.70 = \$1.9950

Enrollment Option Reimbursement: 142.5% of \$.70 = \$.9975

Here are the steps to calculate the daily pupil transportation reimbursement rate:

1. Determine one-way distance from school
2. Subtract three miles
3. Multiply by current rate

*See student list

State Statute 79-611 requires public schools to provide transportation or pay reimbursement to parents in lieu of transportation for students who live four miles or more from school. Actual reimbursement starts from mile 3.

To pay ALL of our families to drive their own children to school is \$251,354

First Student Contract

Days are set for 175 days, not 176

Description of Service	Unit	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Standard Bus	Per Day, Per Route-Round Trip	\$444.95 (24%)	\$525.04 (18%)	\$551.29 (5%)
Activity Trip	Per Mile	\$3.55	\$4.18	\$4.39
Minimum Trip Charge	Per Trip	\$70.89	\$83.65	\$87.83
Sitting Time	Per Hour	\$29.61	\$34.94	\$36.96
Canceled Trip Fee (No 24-notice)	Per Trip	\$70.89	\$83.65	\$87.83
Buses brought into district for activities	Per Mile	\$2.55	\$3.01	\$3.16
Bus Monitor	Per Hour	N/A	N/A	N/A

Daily Routes in 2023-24 for 175 days=\$188,385.75 (Contracted)

2026-27 contracted amount will be \$294,446.93

Actual costs \$181,567.99

Activity Routes in 2023-24=\$36,673.68

2026-27 amount with same % increase is \$56,330.77

Extra Fuel Charges=\$5528.32

Percentage change of 53.6% from 2023-24 to 2026-27

Reimbursement for routes that qualify is at 65% reimbursement. Homer Community School received \$252,725 in the 2024/25 state aid certification document.

Winnebago Route

We transport 32 students worth \$48,000 of foundation aid, \$1500 per child (approximately). We paid \$8998.50 to parents to transport their child to school. This is a 100% reimbursement for the school, so the net cost is zero.

If we were to pay 4 van drivers, this would be \$38,016 for salary only, which would only be reimbursable at 65%. This would cost the district \$13,305.60 +other costs. (Keep paying the families).

Activity example and comparison

First Student

Homer to Laurel 86 miles x \$3.55 per mile = \$305.30

South Sioux to 22 miles x \$2.55 per mile = \$56.10

Total \$361.40

Homer Community School Running Route

Homer to Laurel 86 miles x Gas (14.33 gallons x \$3.85 per gallon)=\$55.18 + wear and tear of 86x \$.17 per mile= 14.62 for a total of \$69.80

Two hours of drive time at \$25= \$50

Five hours of seat time at \$23 = \$115

Total \$234.80 (35% less)

Activity 3 month Average

December \$4700

January \$3900

February \$3600

Average \$4066.67 (35% less is \$2643.34)

Not including

Benefit, bus insurance, storage, purchase/lease of vehicle

Purchasing our own fleet-Not really an option.

Leasing our fleet

I contacted Kevin Jochum from Cornhusker International-They have a lease option for busing.

1. Paying Parents for Transportation ("Parent Contracts")

- Districts can pay parents or guardians mileage reimbursement if the district cannot provide transportation.
 - Rates are typically based on IRS mileage rates or a set district rate.
 - Often used for:
 - Remote/rural students
 - Special education students with transportation needs (per IEP)
 - Students attending a nonresident district under open enrollment (sometimes)
 - Must be formally agreed upon and documented in the district's transportation policies.
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2. Fewer Routes / Route Consolidation

- Combine existing bus routes to serve more students with fewer buses.
 - Longer ride times are possible, but fewer drivers and less equipment needed.
 - Some districts also stagger start times between elementary and secondary schools to reuse buses across grade levels.
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3. Designated Pick-Up and Drop-Off Points ("Cluster Stops")

- Instead of house-to-house pick-up, create centralized stops (e.g., a church, community center, gas station).
 - Reduces drive time and mileage, speeds up routes.
 - Must balance efficiency with student safety (distance to stops, busy streets, etc.).
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4. Drop-Off Only at School / Limited Return Options

- Some districts only offer one-way service (e.g., morning pick-up only, or afternoon drop-off only).
 - Families handle transportation the other half of the day if needed.
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5. Use of Vans or Smaller Vehicles

- For low-population areas, special education students, or specific programs.
 - Nebraska allows vans (under 10 passengers) under alternative vehicle policies if properly documented and drivers meet requirements (not a CDL bus license, but still training/screening).
 - Often cheaper to maintain than large buses.
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6. Collaborative Transportation (Shared Services)

- Small neighboring districts share buses or drivers.
 - Often used in ESU cooperatives or where interlocal agreements are in place.
 - Helps rural districts especially when driver shortages hit.
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7. Third-Party Transportation Providers

- Contract with private bus companies or specialized student transportation services.
 - Outsources maintenance, liability, and hiring.
 - Sometimes expensive but helpful if the district can't recruit drivers.
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8. Walking/Biking Incentives

- For in-town students who live within a walkable distance (usually 2 miles or less).
 - Some districts create safe walking maps or encourage walking school buses (groups walking together with adult volunteers).
 - Note: You usually can't deny transportation if the distance exceeds state-defined limits without a formal waiver.
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9. Flex Transportation Options for Special Education

- Special education students with transportation written into their IEPs may need specialized solutions (individual drivers, aides on buses, door-to-door service).
 - Rule 91 and special education funding allows flexibility here, but compliance is key.
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Bonus: "In-Lieu-of Transportation"

- If a district cannot reasonably provide transportation due to distance or hardship, they can offer "in-lieu-of transportation" payments instead — formalized under Nebraska law (especially for extremely remote students).

Things to Watch Out For:

- Policy updates: Any change to transportation must be board-approved and included in the student handbook.
- Equity: Changes must comply with equal access laws, including Title VI (civil rights), IDEA (special ed), and McKinney-Vento (homeless students).
- Reimbursement: Nebraska Department of Education provides state aid for transportation, but only if minimum standards are met (like distance traveled, number of eligible students, etc.).

Transportation (Route) Discussion

Transportation for January 2025

\$24,027 for month of January (Routes only-No Fuel or Activity) (18% increase next year) \$28,352

18 days of service

3 Routes both Morning and Afternoon

\$24,027/18 days= \$1334.83 (Next year-\$1575.11)

\$1334.83/3 routes= \$444.94 per route (Next year-\$525.04)

Yellow AM Route \$222.47 (Next year-\$262.52)

Yellow PM Route \$222.47 (Next year-\$262.52)

Red AM Route \$222.47 (Next year-\$262.52)

Red PM Route \$222.47 (Next year-\$262.52)

Blue AM Route \$222.47 (Next year-\$262.52)

Blue PM Route \$222.47 (Next year-\$262.52)

Costs associated with running our own routes

Salary/Benefit

6 hours per day @ \$25.00 to \$30.00 per hour= \$150 to \$180 per daily route

3 routes @ \$150 to \$180 = \$450 to \$540

\$450 to \$540 x 18 days = \$8100 to \$9720

\$8100 to \$9720 x 18% for benefits = \$1458 to \$1749.60

Total- **\$9558 to \$11,469**

Lease/Purchase

5 buses

\$642,610 (6yrs) or \$121,908.26 a year

\$10,159.02 per month

(This will be paid yearly in August) \$121,908.26

Fuel

Yellow route is 50 miles x 2 routes = 100 miles

Red route is 43 miles x 2 routes = 86 miles

Blue route is 33 miles x 2 routes = 66 miles

Total miles per day= 252 miles

Average mpg is 6

252 miles/6mpg = 42 gallons

42 x \$3.40 diesel = \$142.80 per day

18 days x \$142.80 = **\$2570.40** per month

Electricity

Plug-in for cold temperatures (5 months)

12-15 cents per KWh-\$100 per month per bus

\$100 x 3 buses= **\$300** per month

Additional Costs

Substitute Drivers

Insurance

Total Cost \$22,587 to \$24,498.42

School	2023-2024 Sub Pay		Full Day Pay	2024-2025	2025-2026
Emerson-Hubbard	\$115 & after 15 consecutive days they are put on the salary schedule		\$ 115.00	\$140	
Pender	\$135		\$ 135.00		
Niobrara	\$150 & free breakfast & lunch		\$ 150.00	160	175
Bloomfield	\$135 & after 5 consecutive days they are put on the salary schedule		\$ 135.00	135	
Allen	\$110		\$ 110.00		
Wakefield	\$125		\$ 125.00		
Hartington-Newcastle	\$130 full day and \$65 for half day		\$ 130.00		
Crofton	\$135 and \$150 for long term		\$ 135.00		
Homer	\$140 Days 1-20/\$155 days 21-50/ \$185 days 51 plus		\$ 140.00	140	
Wynot	\$125 with lunch provided and \$160 for long term		\$ 125.00		
Verdigre	\$130/\$140 long term		\$ 130.00		
LCC	\$145 and on the salary schedule for long term after 10th consecutive day		\$ 145.00	145	145
Ponca	\$125 full day & \$70 for half day		\$ 125.00		
Randolph	\$130 full day and \$160 after 10 consecutive days		\$ 140.00	155	165
Winnebago	\$210 All Day-\$240 Long Term-\$25 per hour		\$ 210.00	210	210
Wayne	\$155 for full day and 1/186th after 20 consecutive days		\$ 155.00		
Winside	\$150 and on the salary schedule for long term 1/185		\$ 150.00	\$150	\$150
SSC	\$145 Day 1-25, \$185 Days 26-50, \$215 Days 50 plus		\$ 145.00		
Wausa	\$125 full day & 1/185 after two consecutive weeks		\$ 125.00		
Creighton	135/day & . 140/10+ consecutive days		\$ 135.00	135	
Walthill	\$172		\$ 172.00	180	185
Verdigre	\$130/day, \$70/half day; \$140 long term/day, \$75 long term 1/2 day		\$ 130.00	130	130
		Average=	\$ 139.18		

Fee Options

6-12 Enrollment 240

@ \$10 per student this would generate \$2400

@ \$20 per student this would generate \$4800

We could also put in place community service hours that would cover the expense for families

Volunteer Opportunities for Students Around School

1. **Peer Tutoring** – Help younger or struggling students with homework and classwork.
2. **Library Assistants** – Organize books, help with checkouts, and create displays.
3. **Recycling & Green Team** – Collect recyclables and promote sustainability efforts.
4. **Morning Greeters** – Welcome students at the doors to create a positive start to the day.
5. **Student Mentors** – Pair older students with younger peers for guidance and friendship.
6. **Tech Helpers** – Assist teachers and students with Chromebooks, Smartboards, and other technology.
7. **Office Assistants** – Help deliver notes, organize materials, and support school staff.
8. **Event Helpers** – Set up and clean up for school events, assemblies, and open houses.
9. **Hallway & Lunchroom Monitors** – Help ensure a positive and respectful environment.
10. **School Garden Crew** – Maintain plants, water flowers, and beautify outdoor spaces.
11. **Bulletin Board & Classroom Decorators** – Assist teachers in creating engaging classroom displays.
12. **Lost & Found Organizers** – Keep track of lost items and help reunite them with their owners.
13. **Safety Patrol** – Assist younger students in crossing the street safely or navigating hallways.
14. **Sports Team Managers** – Help coaches with equipment, scorekeeping, and team support.
15. **Music & Drama Helpers** – Assist with concert setup, costumes, and stage crew work.
16. **Cafeteria Helpers** – Support younger students with opening containers and cleaning tables.
17. **Community Service Club** – Plan fundraisers, donation drives, or local service projects.
18. **School Newspaper/Yearbook Staff** – Write articles, take photos, and design pages.
19. **Wellness & Kindness Club** – Promote mental health, kindness challenges, and school spirit.
20. **Student Ambassadors** – Give school tours and welcome new students.

Increasing student numbers will also increase your concession sales as well.



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MUNICIPAL INFORMATION FORM

- Version #20200512

REQUIRED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Three (3) most recently completed audits, tax returns, or year-end financial statements
 - If the fiscal year-end of the last audit is more than 6 months old, provide year-to-date Balance Sheet & Income Statement
 - Current Years' Budget
- ***To process the application, return form with the required financial information*****

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MUNICIPALITY

Legal Name of Lessee	Primary Contact Name	Title
Address	Office Phone Number	Cell Phone Number
City, State, Zip	Email	
County	Second Contact Name	Title
Fed. Tax ID #	Office Phone Number	Cell Phone Number
Bond Rating (if applicable)	Email	
Name of Insurance Carrier/Agent	Name of Attorney	Phone Number
Phone Number	Do you self-insure for property and/or liability insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attorney Email
Population Served	Coverage Area (sq. miles)	Number of fleet vehicles

TRANSACTION INFORMATION

Equipment Description:	Equipment Cost:
Delivery Date:	Down Payment:
# of Payments:	Trade In/Other:
Payment Frequency: Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/>	Amount to Finance:

ESSENTIAL USE & VENDOR INFORMATION

Replacement: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>If yes, explain why equipment is being replaced.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>If no, explain why the addition is needed:</i>			
New Equipment: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Vehicle Year (if applicable):	Miles (if used):	
Vendor/Dealer:	Salesperson's Name:	Phone:	Email:

OTHER INFORMATION

If lessee's expenditures exceeded revenues during any of the last 3 years, explain why and describe the actions taken to correct shortfall:

Will the lessee issue more than \$10,000,000 in new tax-exempt debt in this Calendar Year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has the lessee defaulted or non-appropriated on a prior lease, bond, or legal obligation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there any judgments, liens or bankruptcies on/against the municipality?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Completed By:	Title:	Date:

I certify everything stated in this form is correct to the best of my knowledge. Lessor is authorized to verify any information on this form with an appropriate third party as necessary to complete the credit review process. Lessor is authorized to contact our insurance to obtain carrier information as part of the credit review process. My signature above authorizes said agent to release this information to CLP. Upon submission of this form, we are committing to work with CLP and acknowledge failure to complete the lease in its entirety may result in a \$500 documentation fee being charged.