

**Agenda for the Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
**Monday, March 9, 2026 at the Central Office at the Falls City Middle School**

*The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy. The board reserves the right to consider items in the sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage patrons to attend the meeting from the beginning.*

**1. Business Items:**

- 1.1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2. Approval of Absences
- 1.3. Approval of Agenda
- 1.4. Approval of Previous Minutes
- 1.5. Public Comment
- 1.6. Approval of Treasurer's Report
- 1.7. Approval of Claims

**2. Informational Items/Reports:**

- 2.1. Staff/Student/Organization Report: Students and Staff from our FFA chapter will be present who qualified for the state competition and will practice their Parliamentary Pro for us.
- 2.2. Principal's Reports:
  - 2.2.a. Mrs. Leyden - North Elementary School Principal
  - 2.2.b. Mr. Gibson - South Elementary School Principal
  - 2.2.c. Mrs. Robeson - Middle School Principal
  - 2.2.d. Mr. Sullivan - High School Principal
- 2.3. Board President's Report:
- 2.4. Superintendent's Report:
  - 2.4.a. Dr. Offner - Superintendent
- 2.5. Board Committee/Member Reports:

**3. Old/New Action Items:**

- 3.1. Justin Knight and I have reviewed sections 1000–5000 of the new policies. we will have the other sections reviewed before May's meeting. The goal is still to get it to you for approval by early summer.
- 3.2. Discuss and take action on Administrative contracts
- 3.3. Take action to accept teacher resignations
  - 3.3.a. Accept the resignation of Nathaniel Syslo, and thank him for his years of service
  - 3.3.b. Accept the resignation of Ally Phillips, and thank her for his years of service
- 3.4. Discuss and take action to hire staff
  - 3.4.a. Take action to hire Taylor Frederick as the new 3rd Grade Instructor.
  - 3.4.b. Take action to hire Brooks Ivey as the new 6th grade ELA and Mathematics Instructor.
  - 3.4.c. Take action to hire \_\_\_\_\_ as the new 6 – 12 Instrumental Director Instructor.
- 3.5. Discuss and take action on specialist contracts
- 3.6. Discussion on Summer project list

3.7. Discussion on what you want me to ask the potential banks seeking our partnership  
3.8. Discuss and take action on purchasing Chromebooks for the 2026 - 2027 school year

4. **Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute**

5. **Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for April 13th, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.**

FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Minutes of the February 9, 2026  
School Board Meeting

The Falls City Board of Education met at 7:00 PM on February 9, 2026 in the Central Office at the Falls City Middle School.

1. Business Items:

1.1. Roll Call, Open Meetings Act Notice, and Pledge of Allegiance

President Goff announced that the open meetings act notice is posted on the wall of this meeting room.

1.2. Approval of Absences

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Roger Windle to approve the agenda.

Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

1.4. Approval of Previous Minutes

It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Teresa Olberding to approve the previous minutes as printed. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

1.5. Public Comment

1.6. Approval of Treasurer's Report

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Anthony Johansen to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

1.7. Approval of Claims

It was moved by Anthony Johansen and seconded by Kevin Scheitel approve the claims as presented. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

2. Informational Items/Reports:

2.1. Staff/Student/Organization Report: Lucas Froeschl from EDGE will talk about TIF  
Lucas Froeschl from the Falls City Edge presented information to the board on TIF.

## 2.2. Principal's Reports:

2.2.a. Mrs. Leyden - North Elementary School Principal

2.2.b. Mr. Gibson - South Elementary School Principal

2.2.c. Mrs. Robeson - Middle School Principal

2.2.d. Mr. Sullivan - High School Principal

## 2.3. Board President's Report:

## 2.4. Superintendent's Report:

2.4.a. Dr. Offner - Superintendent

Dr. Offner is working on classified wages and is able to get all the contracts done and sent out. Building update, the committee met about projects coming up and things that need to be prioritized on what we need to do. I will work with Shelly and Brandon on new staff. We are gathering information on updating the code of conduct. The master contract is done and ready for signature. I have met with all three banks and those changes will be wrapped up by June. I will be gone on family vacation in May 2026. Letter of intent will be sent out this month. We are still working on finding a HS football coach.

## 2.5. Board Committee/Member Reports:

## 3. Old/New Action Items:

### 3.1. Final Reading on Policy Reviews and Revisions

3.1.a. Justin Knight and I have reviewed sections 1000–3000 of the new policies. 4000 and 5000 deal with staff and students and may take a full month. The goal is still to get it to you for approval by early summer.

### 3.2. Discussion on overdue lunch balances and our options

### 3.3. Discuss and take action to approve the 2026 - 2027 School Calendar as presented

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Roger Windle to approve the calendar with changes. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

### 3.4. Take action to accept teacher resignations

#### 3.4.a. Accept the resignation of Tom Sextro and thank him for his year of service

It was moved by Kevin Scheitel and seconded by Roger Windle to accept the resignation of Tom Sextro. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes

yes: 6, no: 0

#### 3.4.b. Accept the resignation of Ginger Feek.

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to accept the resignation of Ginger Feek. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

4. Executive Session: Requested by member, approved by majority, as per statute  
It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to go into exec session @8:34pm. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to close executive session at 9:50 pm. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

5. Adjournment and Next Meetings: The next regular monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled for March 9th, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Central Office at Falls City Middle School. Regular and special meeting agendas are kept in the Office of the Superintendent. Board Committee meetings TBD.

It was moved by Teresa Olberding and seconded by Kevin Scheitel to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Motion Passed

Anthony Johansen: yes, Cassondra Goff: yes, Gabe Ramsey: yes, Kevin Scheitel: yes, Roger Windle: yes, Teresa Olberding: yes  
yes: 6, no: 0

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President

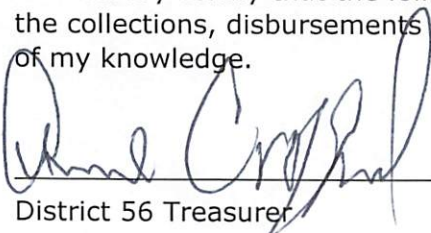
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Secretary

<b>GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT - BEGINNING BAL</b>	\$1,043,212.33
Richardson County Treasurer (874,256.94)	
District 56 Taxes	\$793,934.66
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$68,640.88
Local Fines	\$856.00
County Fines	\$10,825.40
State of NE(State Aid)	\$142,029.00
Sate of NE(SPED)	\$235,919.00
State of NE(DHHS)	\$194.25
State of NE(Title I)	\$9,710.00
State of NE(Title IV)	\$1,128.00
State of NE(IDEA)	\$78,253.00
State of NE(PCC Meals)	\$395.15
SENCAP(PCC Tuition Assistance)	\$7,975.00
CMC ( Mental Health Partnership)	\$2,045.00
Ebel (Gym Rental)	\$1,000.00
ICI(GF Refund)	\$1,712.00
Hodges (Reimbursemnt)	\$1,400.00
Koelzer (Scrap Sale)	\$1,250.00
Jackson (Gym Rental)	\$320.00
	<b>\$2,400,799.67</b>
Less Checks Paid	<u>\$1,230,918.82</u>
	<b>\$1,169,880.85</b>
Interest Earned	<u>\$1,399.25</u>
<b>Bank Statement Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$1,171,280.10</b>
Less Outstanding Checks	<u>\$11,025.06</u>
<b>General Fund Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$1,160,255.04</b>
<b>General Fund Balance February 28, 2025</b>	<b>\$2,335,299.72</b>
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<b>STUDENT FEE FUND-BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$19,189.00</b>
HS Activity Fund	<u>\$190.00</u>
	<b>\$18,999.00</b>
Driver's Education Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Bank Statement Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$18,999.00</b>
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Fund Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$18,999.00</b>
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<b>DEPRECIATION FUND-STATEMENT - BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,394.02</b>
Deposit	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<b>\$0.00</b>
Less Checks Paid	<u>\$5,394.02</u>
	<b>\$0.00</b>
Interest Earned	<u>\$1.60</u>
<b>Bank Statement Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$1.60</b>
Outstanding Checks	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Fund Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$1.60</b>
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<b>SPECIAL BUILDING FUND INV ACCT - A</b>	<b>\$106,998.71</b>
Richardson County Treasurer (Local District Taxes)	<u>\$64,762.69</u>
	<b>\$171,761.40</b>
Transfer to SBF - Claims	<u>\$0.00</u>
	<b>\$171,761.40</b>
Interest	<u>\$289.59</u>
<b>Bank Statement Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$172,050.99</b>

<b>SPECIAL BUILDING FUND INV ACCT - C</b>	<b>\$1,028,221.55</b>
Quarterly Interest	\$0.00
<b>Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$1,028,221.55</b>
<b>SPECIAL BUILDING FUND - BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
Transfer from Investment Account	\$0.00
	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
Less Checks Paid	\$0.00
	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
Interest Earned	\$0.00
<b>Bank Statement Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
<b>Fund Balance February 28, 2026</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

I do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct abstract of the records in my office and that the collections, disbursements and balance on hand as shown herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

  
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 District 56 Treasurer

BUDGET SUMMARY					
EXPENSES	FUNCTION #	BUDGET	MTD	YTD	%
<b>FOR MONTH ENDING 02/28/2026</b>					
ALL INSTRUCTION	1100-1400	\$ 6,815,223.00	\$ 543,334.29	\$ 3,316,499.39	48.66%
	1200	\$ 1,954,160.00	\$ 192,964.16	\$ 1,105,825.10	56.59%
SUPPORT SERVICES - PUPILS	2100-2150	\$ 627,781.00	\$ 38,232.97	\$ 307,145.48	48.93%
SUPPORT SERVICES - STAFF	2200	\$ 230,746.00	\$ 50,780.49	\$ 253,188.93	109.73%
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2310	\$ 203,011.00	\$ 6,406.54	\$ 185,553.95	91.40%
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	2320/2330	\$ 439,817.00	\$ 34,069.35	\$ 229,294.63	52.13%
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL	2400	\$ 1,019,612.00	\$ 82,644.58	\$ 497,197.01	48.76%
BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES	2510	\$ 315,002.00	\$ 16,091.05	\$ 101,653.37	32.27%
MAINTENANCE/OPERATION	2600	\$ 1,208,946.00	\$ 94,153.40	\$ 752,455.62	62.24%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	2710	\$ 650,843.00	\$ 62,306.83	\$ 381,188.73	58.57%
SPED TRANSPORTATION	2712	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 3,884.27	\$ 36,907.40	102.52%
STATE CATEGORICAL PROGRAMS	3000	\$ 562,617.00	\$ 57,056.81	\$ 271,365.91	48.23%
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	6000	\$ 538,000.00	\$ 36,341.82	\$ 287,193.06	53.38%
TRANSFERS	8000	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 11,300.39	\$ 63,286.03	90.41%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 14,671,758.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,229,566.95</b>	<b>\$ 7,788,754.61</b>	<b>53.09%</b>
REVENUE					
<b>FOR MONTH ENDING 02/28/2026</b>					
	FUNCTION #	BUDGET	MTD	YTD	%
			\$ -		
PERSONAL & REAL PROPERTY TAX	1100	\$ 8,007,940.00	\$ 793,934.66	\$ 3,153,542.47	39.38%
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	1000-1900	\$ 886,051.00	\$ 82,017.13	\$ 496,924.62	56.08%
COUNTY REVENUES	2000-2210	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 10,825.40	\$ 52,375.66	35.63%
STATE REVENUE	3110-3990	\$ 4,035,142.00	\$ 378,142.25	\$ 1,930,909.72	47.85%
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	4100-4995	\$ 508,200.00	\$ 89,486.15	\$ 280,949.55	55.28%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	5300-5690	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,702.00	\$ 43,562.10	435.62%
NECESSARY CASH RESERVES		\$ 1,254,291.00	\$ -	\$ 700,000.00	
<b>Budget TOTALS</b>		<b>\$ 14,848,624.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,370,107.59</b>	<b>\$ 6,658,264.12</b>	<b>44.84%</b>



# FALLS CITY SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT FEBRUARY 2026

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	\$45,031.80
<b>INCOME</b>	
NORTH SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$5,664.00
SOUTH SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$3,822.00
MIDDLE SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$3,727.70
HIGH SCHOOL DEPOSITS	\$5,626.95
FEDERAL/STATE REIMBURSEMENT -JANUARY	\$32,428.56
DISTRICT 56 REIMBURSEMENT-HEALTH INSURANCE	\$8,800.39
HEAD START REIMBURSEMENT-JANUARY	\$1,067.63
HIGH SCHOOL ALA CARTE DEPOSITS	\$975.00
MIDDLE SCHOOL ALA CARTE DEPOSITS	\$685.00
NORTH SCHOOL/SOUTH SCHOOL EXTRA MILK DEPOSITS	\$97.07
MISCELLANOUS INCOME	\$126.43
BANK INTEREST-FEBRUARY	<u>\$14.48</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$63,035.21
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
FOOD	\$23,171.82
ALA CARTE	\$567.09
MILK	\$4,378.99
BREAD	\$757.47
SUPPLIES	\$1,322.23
MISCELLANEOUS	\$34.95
MILEAGE	\$49.30
FUEL SURCHARGE/DELIVERY FEE	\$47.00
LUNCH MONEY REFUND	\$0.00
SNA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & HOTEL	\$0.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$0.00
ANNUITY	\$0.00
RETIREMENT	\$1,533.40
PAYROLL TAX	\$1,540.73
WAGES EXPENSE	\$20,621.54
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	<u>\$8,800.39</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$62,824.91
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	\$45,242.10
<b>YEAR TO DATE PROFIT (LOSS) 08/1/2025-02/28/26</b>	\$37,301.83

<b>Elementary Activity Account (March)</b>				
<b>Account</b>	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>End Balance</b>
General - South	\$10,549.42	\$186.00	\$0.00	\$10,735.42
Staff - South	\$18.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18.36
Science - South	\$467.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$467.86
Field Trip - South	\$2,595.86	\$0.00	\$985.00	\$1,610.86
General - North	\$17,968.53	\$10.75	\$110.69	\$17,868.59
Staff - North	\$197.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$197.58
Field Trip - North	\$2,122.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,122.76
Library - NS & SS	\$1,257.33	\$4,007.00	\$303.96	\$4,960.37
PCC - North	-\$29.16	\$395.15	\$771.61	-\$405.62
<b>Total Account</b>				<b>\$37,576.18</b>
<i>Shelly Leyden</i>				
Principal Signature				

## FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS - MARCH 2026 CLAIMS

1	AGCO	\$325.28	Bus Parts
2	Amazon Capital Services	\$1,357.36	HS, MS, NS & SS Supplies
	Amazon Capital Services	\$524.89	CO, Nurse & Technology Supplies
	Amazon Capital Services	\$517.73	Maintenance & Custodial Supplies
	Amazon Capital Services	\$272.76	Sixpence
3	Armbruster Motor	\$1,363.20	Van Repairs
4	Bartek Chiropractic	\$100.00	DOT Physical
5	Bosselman Pump & Pantry	\$272.65	Fuel
6	Central Office	\$1,491.58	Mileage and Workshop Expenses
	Central Office	\$333.41	Bus Permit-Mileage-Supplies-Cell Phones
	Central Office	\$191.75	Miscellaneous Expenses
7	Cintas	\$610.82	Uniform, Mop & Rag Services
8	Colorado West Equipment	\$1,554.01	Bus Parts
9	CRSSA-C4K	\$389.01	Stipends
10	DAS State Accounting - Central	\$317.87	Network Nebraska
11	Elkhorn Mechanical	\$5,680.51	Maintenance Repairs
12	ESU #4 Co-op	\$232.50	Registrations
13	ESU #4 Contracted	\$4,819.80	SPED Contracted Services
14	ESU #6	\$230.95	Technology Hosted Services
15	Falls City Auto Supply	\$1,297.94	Bus Parts
16	Falls City High School	\$1,255.00	Supply and Entry Fee Reimbursement
17	Falls City Journal	\$55.62	Advertising
18	Falls City Middle School	\$1,358.71	Supply and Entry Fee Reimbursement
19	Falls City Sanitation	\$945.00	District & Sixpence Waste Removal
20	Falls City School Lunch	\$8,808.76	Lunch Support
21	Falls City Utilities	\$38,379.78	District Wide Utilities
22	Farm & City Supply	\$648.29	Maintenance, Bus Parts & Sixpence Supplies
23	FedEx	\$10.91	Technology
24	Fiber Platform	\$418.10	Internet Service
25	Follett Software	\$5,038.16	Software Renewal
26	Grainger	\$249.00	Maintenance
27	Herrick Bruxellas Properties	\$560.00	Building Rental & Utilities
28	Hullman's Ford	\$210.00	Bus Parts
29	HyVee	\$11.96	Bus Barn Supplies
30	Interstate All Battery	\$238.60	Bus Barn Supplies
31	Jones Air Conditioning	\$116.50	Maintenance
32	JW Pepper	\$57.50	HS Vocal Music Supplies
33	Malcolm, Mary	\$5,621.88	SPED Contracted Services
34	NCECBVI	\$29,761.60	SPED Contracted Services (January & February Billing)
35	Nodaway Valley Bank	\$3,985.00	Copier Lease
36	O'Reilly	\$425.85	Bus Barn Parts
37	One Source	\$199.50	Background Checks
38	Paper Eaters	\$110.00	District Shredding
39	Parent-Child Center	\$393.33	Meal Reimbursement
40	Pest Control Services	\$150.00	Pest Control Services
41	ProServ	\$203.84	NS Copier Supplies
42	Purchase Power	\$1,110.75	Postage
43	Sapp Bros	\$413.25	Bus Barn Supplies
44	School Specialty	\$53.47	NS Supplies
45	Sixpence	\$2,275.29	Childcare Scholarships

46 Sleep Inn & Suites	\$646.80	HS Travel
47 SNC	\$1,600.80	Telephone Service
48 Tifco	\$233.03	Bus Parts
49 Towle Realty	\$525.00	Sixpence Building Rental
50 Tru by Hilton Omaha	\$1,238.40	Travel
51 Truck Center	\$74.10	Bus Parts
52 University of Nebraska at Kearney	\$125.00	Registration
53 University of Nebraska at Lincoln	\$200.00	Registration
54 US Bank	\$1,441.54	Travel & Registrations
US Bank	\$2,503.88	Supplies & Equipment
US Bank	\$1,469.20	Sixpence
55 Utility Consultants	\$490.00	DOT Drug Testing
56 VPD Promotions	\$182.20	Bus Barn Supplies
57 W7 Design	\$6,554.00	District Zip Ups
58 Water Engineering	\$249.18	Maintenance Agreement
59 Wolfe's Printing	\$170.00	Nurse Supplies
60 Yant	\$691.60	Bus Repairs

**Total** \$143,344.40

\$1,076,946.37 Payroll - March 2026

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$1,220,290.77**

**Student Fee Fund**

1 Falls City High School	<u>\$20.00</u>	HS Fee Reimbursements
	<b>\$20.00</b>	



## Board Report North Elementary School March 2026

### North School Student/Staff Updates:

**Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Conferences are Tuesday, March 10 & Thursday, March 12. Parents sign up online to schedule a conference with their child's classroom teacher. During conferences, teachers will discuss academic and behavioral progress. Additionally, the Scholastic Book Fair will be set up in the libraries at both elementary buildings. The book fair serves as a fundraising opportunity to help restock our libraries with more great books for students!

**Book Opportunities for All Students!** Every Kindergarten – 5th grade student will receive a FREE book this year thanks to generous local support! A \$4,000 grant from our local Elks Club will provide a book for every 1st–5th grader at Falls City and Sacred Heart Schools. Through the Diana Kotich Memorial Scholarship, each kindergarten student will receive a book.

**Spring Reading Club – Final Session Update:** Our Spring Reading Club has officially wrapped up! This semester we had 9 staff members tutoring 34 K–2 students. The final student data point will be collected in April during the DIBELS assessment window. We have seen great benefits and growth in students who participated. Thank you for the continued support of the Reading Club.

**First Grade Field Trip:** On Thursday, March 19, our first grade students will be traveling to the Discovery Center and Planetarium in St. Joseph, Missouri for a field trip. We would like to thank P.I.E. for sponsoring this wonderful learning opportunity for our students.

**2026-2027 Kindergarten Round-Up – Friday, March 20:** We are anticipating 56 incoming kindergarteners for Kindergarten Round-Up this year! The day will be structured into four sessions, during which Mrs. Leyden and North School staff will meet with parents to share important information. Incoming kindergarteners will participate in a kindergarten readiness pre-assessment and ESU 4 health screenings to help ensure a smooth transition into school.

**SRSS Data Collection:** From March 23–27, 2026, K–2 teachers will complete the Student Risk Screening Scale (SRSS-IE). Many districts across Nebraska use the SRSS-IE as an evidence-based and efficient universal screening tool to proactively identify students who may need additional behavioral or social-emotional support. This screening helps educators identify both internalizing behaviors (such as anxiety) and externalizing behaviors (such as bullying or aggression). The process aligns with the Nebraska Multi-Tiered System of Supports (NeMTSS) framework and supports schools in improving student outcomes while fostering a positive school climate.

### Upcoming Elementary Events:

- March 10: CMC Book Delivery to First Grade
- March 10 and 12: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 18: NJHS students reading at North School
- March 19: First Grade Field Trip



## **Board Report North Elementary School**

### **March 2026**

- March 20: Kindergarten Round-up
- March 23-27: SRSS Data Collection
- March 26: 2nd Grade Music Concert at High School Auditorium
- April 2: P.I.E. Easter Egg Hunt (PCC-2nd grade)



# FALLS CITY

## SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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fctigers.org

### South School Principal's Report March 2026

**LETRS Unit 2 Training/Unit 3 Coursework:** Elementary staff (K-5) continue to work through LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) coursework. Last Friday, South School hosted an in-person training over unit two. This unit covered the speech sounds of English. The next unit is on teaching beginning phonics, word recognition, and spelling.

**Reading Club:** Last week, our tutors wrapped up their ten sessions of Reading Club. Twenty-eight students participated with seven tutors. I look forward to analyzing the growth these students will show during the end of year Dibels testing window next month!

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Parent/Teacher Conferences are Tuesday, March 10th and Thursday, March 12th. This provides an opportunity for our staff to collaborate with parents and discuss academic and behavioral progress. The book fair will also be open after school this week and during conferences. Each purchase supports our school library and allows us to update our books on a consistent basis.

**Elk's Book Grant:** The Elk's Club has generously supported literacy for our learners through a \$4,000 book grant again this year. This grant will put an age-appropriate book into the hand of every 1st-5th grade student. The books are purchased through the school's book fair, which will also help support our library.

**Spring SRSS Data:** At the end of March, teachers will fill out a Student Risk Screener Scale (SRSS) over each student in their class. This allows our team to ensure that all social-emotional and/or behavioral needs are being met. Mrs. Witt has been completing tier 1 and 2 counseling services for Mrs. Erickson during her maternity leave to ensure student needs continue to be met.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brandon Gibson

#### Important Dates/Reminders

Mar. 10&12 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
Mar. 13 - Comp Day (No School)  
Mar. 16&17 - Spring Break (No School)  
April 2 - P.I.E. Egg Hunt



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Falls City Middle School  
School Board Report 03/09/26  
Meghan Robeson FCMS Principal/Curriculum Director

As we move into the second half of the semester, Falls City Middle School continues to focus on both student growth and the many activities and events that define a busy spring at the middle level.

A major focus this spring is aligning our building work with the district's newly developed Continuous Improvement goal centered on student growth. Falls City Public Schools has established the following goal: ensuring every student demonstrates measurable annual growth in literacy and numeracy through a cohesive, growth-centered instructional system.

At the middle school level, this goal aligns directly with our ongoing work around instructional alignment, intervention systems, and data-based decision making. Our staff continues to refine and bolster our MTSS processes to ensure students are receiving timely support and that progress monitoring drives instructional adjustments.

Outside the classroom, our students remain actively engaged in extracurricular activities. Boys wrestling season is currently in full swing, and we are proud of the effort and commitment our athletes and coaches continue to demonstrate. Looking ahead, track season will begin shortly after spring break, providing another opportunity for student participation and school spirit.

The coming weeks will also be busy academically. Parent-teacher conferences are this week giving families an opportunity to connect with teachers regarding student progress as we enter the final quarter of the school year. In addition, state spring assessments will take place at the end of April, and our staff is working to ensure students feel prepared and confident heading into the testing window.

As part of our effort to strengthen collaboration and shared leadership within the building, Falls City Middle School is also introducing staff committees. These committees are designed to provide staff members with meaningful opportunities to contribute to building decisions, support school initiatives, and foster a stronger sense of shared ownership in our work.

As always, the fourth quarter brings a great deal of activity and energy to the building. While the pace can feel hectic, it is also an exciting time to celebrate student growth, reflect on progress made throughout the year, and finish the school year strong.



# FALLS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**March School Board Meeting**  
***High School Principal's Report***  
***March 9th, 2026***

## **Continuous Improvement**

### **Career Academy:**

- Preparing for fall registration for SCC courses.
- SCC will be getting additional welding booths at the Learning Center

### **Academic Improvement:**

- NDE's High School Design Cohort
  - March 9th - 1:1 Session with ERS on Scheduling
  - March 11th - All Participants Convening - Virtual
  - March 27th - All Participants Convening - Virtual
- ACT Prep - Juniors will begin act prep March 18th and will run through April 2nd in preparation of the state assessment on April 7th
  - Sophomores will take Pre-ACT and freshmen will take NWEA MAP Growth assessments.

### **Student Activity Engagement:**

- Possible 60+ MS out for track. Just had an informational meeting
- HS Track- 45 total. 25 girls 20 boys
- HS Golf- 17 total 9 boys 8 girls
- HS Baseball 18 total
- B 103 Quiz bowl was eliminated. The team went 2-2 this year
- ECNC HS MS Quiz bowl is today at Freeman
- Congratulate Taytum Maddox on being first girl medalist at state wrestling.
- Will be hosting ECNC MS Boys Wrestling in Falls City at the High School on March 17th.



**Dr. Offner – March 9<sup>th</sup> , 2026 Board Report**

1. Board committees
  - a. Negotiations – Working Classified –
  - b. Building and grounds update
    1. Projects for the summer – We will review small projects tonight
    2. Boiler update: Middle school – cost to fix will greatly exceed 50% of replacement cost
2. Budget update
  - a. Still holding ok – Waiting on May to know for sure – next year’s General Tax target is still looking solid, but will have a better idea after all raises are done and hiring season is over
  - b. New staff
    - i. Life Skills
    - ii. Possible need for an additional kindergarten teacher as we are around 60 kids
    - iii. Middle School ELA and Math
    - iv. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math
3. Other
  - a. Review the code of conduct – process will be complete and implemented in the 26 – 27 school year
  - b. Clean Diesel Bus grant has been submitted and approved – Funds will be sent
  - c. Will file a scrape tire grant for reimbursement for the track when it opens
  - d. Reminder, I will be gone on a family vacation from May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Teacher Letter of intent/contracts will be issued this Month and due back by March 16<sup>th</sup>



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# Nebraska K-12 Legislative Brief

Education, School Finance, and Governance Bills – 2026 Session

Prepared March 5, 2026 | Dr. Andrew Offner

## School Finance & Funding

### LB1038 – Changes to School Funding and Property Taxes

- Redirects property tax relief funds into the TEEOSA formula and lowers the maximum levy.
  - Impact: Increases state share of school funding and reduces reliance on property taxes.

### LB1208 – Budget Requirements Under TEEOSA

- Adds additional financial reporting requirements for districts under the state aid formula.
  - Impact: Districts must submit expanded budget reporting.

## Literacy & Instruction Programs

### LB1050 – Nebraska Reading Improvement Act Changes

- Requires earlier identification of struggling readers and intervention plans.
  - Impact: Schools must implement structured reading support programs.

## School Operations & Safety

### LB463 – Cardiac Emergency Response Plans

- Requires districts to adopt cardiac emergency response plans and ensure AED access.
  - Impact: Staff training and possible AED purchases may be required.

## Student Discipline

### LB1053 – Student Suspension for Younger Grades

- Allows suspension of students in Pre-K through grade two in serious safety situations.
  - Impact: Provides districts additional disciplinary options.

## **LB1201 – Classroom Library Grant Program**

- Creates grants for classroom libraries and literacy engagement materials.
- Impact: Districts could receive funding for additional reading resources.

## **School Governance**

### **LB1243 – Part-Time Enrollment**

- Allows homeschool and private school students to enroll part-time in public school classes.
  - Impact: May increase participation in electives and career programs.

### **LB960 – Student Representation on School Boards**

- Allows non-voting student members on school boards.
  - Impact: Increases student voice in governance.

## **Curriculum Policy**

### **LB1024 – History of Communism Instruction**

- Requires instruction on communism history in social studies.
  - Impact: Districts may need curriculum updates.

### **LB691 – Ten Commandments Display**

- Requires Ten Commandments displays in schools.
  - Impact: Schools must install approved signage.

## **Student Activities & Athletics**

### **LB605 – Transgender Student Participation Policy**

- Requires districts to create policies governing participation in athletics.
  - Impact: Districts must establish participation guidelines.

# Nebraska Education Legislative Tracker – 2026

LB	Topic	Key Change	Status (Mar 2026)	Passed Into Law
LB1038	School funding reform	Changes TEEOSA formula	Committee / early debate	No
LB1201	Literacy grants	Classroom library funding	Committee review	No
LB463	School safety	Cardiac emergency plans	Advanced in debate	No
LB1050	Reading proficiency	Reading intervention expansion	Committee review	No
LB1053	Student discipline	Suspension for Pre-K–2	Committee stage	No
LB1243	Enrollment policy	Part-time enrollment allowed	Committee stage	No
LB960	Governance	Student board representatives	Committee stage	No
LB605	Athletics policy	Transgender participation rules	General File debate	No
LB691	Curriculum display	Ten Commandments display	Committee stage	No
LB1208	Finance transparency	Additional reporting	Committee review	No

## Key Issues for School Districts

- School Finance Reform – LB1038 could significantly change how districts are funded.
- Literacy Initiatives – LB1050 and LB1201 focus on improving reading outcomes.
- School Safety – LB463 requires new emergency planning and staff training.
- Governance Changes – LB1243 and LB960 affect enrollment and board representation policies.