

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - AGENDA

Alma Public Schools

Monday, March 9, 2026

- A. Call to Order and announce location of Open Meetings Act Poster
 - A.1. Verification of Receipt of Notice, which was published in the Harlan County Journal
 - A.2. Roll of Board Members - Excuse absent board members
 - A.3. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A.3.a. Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - A.3.b. General Financial Report
 - A.3.c. Activity Financial Report
 - A.4. Review monthly bills submitted
- B. Request to address the Board
- C. Action Items - Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action
 - C.1. to accept the resignation of Mr. Josh Quinn as the 9-12 English teacher and assistant basketball coach.
 - C.2. to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jodie Schuller as the K-12 Physical Education teacher.
 - C.3. to review and possibly approve payment of the Facility Advocates Invoice #2925 in the amount of \$937,500 for the first payment for the renovation project.
 - C.4. to review and possibly approve the bid from Buller Fixture Company of \$9,034 for a steam table and tray stacker.
 - C.5. to review, discuss and possibly approve the policy updates for Policy 1040 – Annual Report, Policy 3540 – Bidding Construction Projects, Policy 5601 – Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reaction Protocol, and Policy 7050 – Bids and Contracts, as prepared by the Perry Law Firm.
 - C.6. to review, discuss and possibly approve the school nurse salary schedule to recognize the LPN & RPN continuing education.

C.7. to discuss 2026-2027 salary and benefits for the non-certificated staff – Possible Executive session.

C.8. to begin negotiations with the administration for the 2026-2027 school year– Possible Executive session.

D. Principal's Report

E. **Superintendent Report:** Legislative Happenings, State Aid, Winter Sports, Pay for Student Teachers, NSAA – Football, Facility Advocates Information & Project update, Budget Amendment, NRCSA – Spring Convention, FFA Award & Grant (Farm Credit).

F. Next Regular Meeting

G. Adjourn

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE ALMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 WILL DISCUSS, CONSIDER, OR TAKE ACTION ON ALL ISSUES MENTIONED IN THIS AGENDA.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION OF ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A meeting of the Alma Public Schools Board of Education was convened in open and public session on Monday, February 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM at The Library at Alma Public Schools 515 Jewell Street Alma, NE 68920. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent: **Absent:** Christina Teager, **Present:** Allen Brugh, Randy Heckenlively, Kate Hopkins, Nick Simonson, Mike Stemper.

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

A motion was made by Kate Hopkins and seconded by Mike Stemper to approve consent agenda items which include January meeting minutes, General Financial Report and the Activity financial report. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Passed. Christina Teager: Absent, Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea

A motion was made by Mike Stemper and seconded by Kate Hopkins to approve the receipts, expenditures, and payment of claims from the General Fund for \$549,556.07, Lunch fund for \$25,693.06, Building fund for \$1,743.45 and from Activity Fund for \$31,198.22. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Passed. Christina Teager: Absent, Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea

Mrs. Biskup and Mrs. Brandyberry gave an overview of the School Improvement External Visit Exit Report. Overall, it was a very good visit highlighting many areas of success and some areas that need extra attention. The 4 non staff members that visited the school were very impressed with how we utilize the space that we have and how the cardinal community integration has been a positive addition for our students. Thank you everyone for your hard work and dedication with this visit.

A motion was made by Allen Brugh and seconded by Mike Stemper to continue our membership with NASB. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Passed. Christina Teager: Absent, Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea

A motion was made by Randy Heckenlively and seconded by Kate Hopkins to approve the Master Service Agreement with ESU #11 and the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Agreement with ESU #10 for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board

voted as follows: Passed. Christina Teager: Absent, Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea

A motion was made by Mike Stemper and seconded by Randy Heckenlively to approve the clarification to the graduation policy requiring all 11th grade students to be enrolled in a math course to support preparation for State and ACT assessments. The policy further establishes that students who begin Algebra I in 8th grade are placed on the college-preparatory math sequence (Geometry as a freshman, Algebra II as a sophomore, and Advanced Math as a junior) and may not move to a lower-level math course once placed on that track. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Passed. Christina Teager: Absent, Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea

A motion was made by Allen Brugh and seconded by Kate Hopkins to approve John Heldridge as the Band/Choir teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. After discussion and on roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Passed. Christina Teager: Absent, Allen Brugh: Yea, Randy Heckenlively: Yea, Kate Hopkins: Yea, Nick Simonson: Yea, Mike Stemper: Yea

Mrs. Brandyberry mentioned that Parent Teacher Conferences would be this coming Thursday. She will take attendance and report back next month how those went. Members of State FFA and Nationwide announced that Mr. Robison was nominated for the Golden Owl award. The Golden Owl Award is a prestigious, Nationwide-sponsored award recognizing outstanding agricultural educators across 15+ states for their dedication to students and FFA programs. Mr. Robison was nominated by some of his FFA students. This award honors teachers with \$500, with one top winner per state receiving \$3,000 and the "Ag Educator of the Year" title.

Mr. Davis discussed some Legislative happenings, the possible increase in State Aid for next year, winter sports and the upcoming NRCSA conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm

The next meeting is March 9, 2026.

DATED Monday, February 9, 2026

HARLAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #2,

a/k/a ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

<u>General/Money Market/Trans Accts</u>	Receipts	Disburse	Total	1
02/01/2026 General			\$35,379.42	
02/01/2026 Money Market			\$785,115.74	
02/01/2026 Transaction			\$13,017.06	
Franklin County Treasurer	\$68.64			
Furnas County Treasurer	\$5,293.46			
Harlan County Treasurer	\$894,966.02			
BCBS self-pay	\$3,335.51			
State Aid	\$128,548.00			
SA SPED FFR 24-25	\$116,876.00			
ESU-reimbursement	\$1,375.84			
MIPS Jan26 & Feb26	\$14,386.92			
JW Pepper & BSN-overpayment	\$882.96			
interest earned - Transaction Acct	\$4.70			
interest earned - MMA	\$536.78			
interest earned - Gen Fund	\$182.61			
February receipts	\$1,166,457.44		\$1,999,969.66	
cks cleared/reimb made in February		\$564,551.71	\$1,435,417.95	
outstanding checks			\$1,435,417.95	
<u>Certificates of Deposit</u>			\$472,044.79	
Balance 02/28/2026			\$1,907,462.74	
<u>Bldg/Sinking Fund</u>				8
02/01/2026 Building Fd			\$839,110.65	
Franklin County Treasurer	\$7.00			
Furnas County Treasurer	\$437.64			
Harlan County Treasurer	\$88,970.99			
Incoming Wire-remodel	\$2,209,375.00			
interest earned	\$700.37			
February receipts	\$2,299,491.00			
February expenses		\$1,743.45		
Balance 02/28/2026			\$3,136,858.20	
outstanding checks			\$3,136,858.20	
<u>QCPU Fund</u>				9
02/01/2026 QCPU Fd			\$16,247.29	
Harlan Co Treasurer	\$6.09			
Incoming Wire-remodel	\$1,351,218.75			
interest earned	\$132.72			
February receipts	\$1,351,357.56			

February 2026

February expenses

Balance 02/28/2026 \$1,367,604.85

Depreciation Fund

2

02/01/2026 Depreciation Fd \$153,227.48

interest earned \$88.16

February expenses

Balance 02/28/2026 \$153,315.64

Lunch Fund

6

02/01/2026 Lunch Fd \$68,751.91

February receipts \$22,735.94

cks cleared in February \$25,095.79 \$66,392.06

outstanding checks/deposits \$93.18

Balance 02/28/2026 \$66,298.88

Activity Fund

5

02/01/2026 Activity \$244,517.79

February receipts \$28,643.14

February expenses \$19,373.05 \$253,787.88

outstanding checks/deposits \$5,585.55

Balance 02/28/2026 \$248,202.33

Trial Balance Report
2/2026-2/2026

Fund Balance	Beginning Balance	Debits	Credits	Ending Balance
05 704 0100 ART	4,237.78	0.00	0.00	4,237.78
05 704 0110 COMPUTERS	17,300.04	0.00	0.00	17,300.04
05 704 0113 eSports Club	1,960.16	197.99	239.59	2,001.76
05 704 0120 MISCELLANEOUS	4,843.78	0.00	140.58	4,984.36
05 704 0130 MUSIC SUPPLIES	(1,222.69)	40.50	0.00	(1,263.19)
05 704 0131 ELEMENTARY CHOIR	1,297.44	0.00	0.00	1,297.44
05 704 0132 MUSIC BOOSTERS	13,083.63	18.38	282.00	13,347.25
05 704 0133 DISTRICT MUSIC	1,116.41	0.00	0.00	1,116.41
05 704 0134 BAND PROJECTS	120.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
05 704 0135 CASH BOXES	(2,500.00)	1,400.00	0.00	(3,900.00)
05 704 0140 COURTESY FUND	3,605.63	0.00	0.00	3,605.63
05 704 0142 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	498.58	0.00	0.00	498.58
05 704 0143 Concession Money/ Donations	(2,014.83)	0.00	0.00	(2,014.83)
05 704 0144 RESOURCE	1,204.92	287.64	259.50	1,176.78
05 704 0145 LUEDKE MEMORIAL	1,526.94	0.00	0.00	1,526.94
05 704 0160 INDUSTRIAL ARTS	2,246.98	0.00	0.00	2,246.98
05 704 0161 FFA SCHOLARSHIP	29,524.64	0.00	0.00	29,524.64
05 704 0165 FUTURE FARMS OF AMERICA	33,496.46	2,540.56	2,858.75	33,814.65
05 704 0170 STUDENT COUNCIL	15,531.82	3,580.74	5,947.26	17,898.34
05 704 0225 CLASS OF 2025	1,919.88	0.00	0.00	1,919.88
05 704 0226 CLASS OF 2026	4,932.53	849.85	0.00	4,082.68
05 704 0227 CLASS OF 2027	4,840.06	0.00	0.00	4,840.06
05 704 0228 CLASS OF 2028	5,293.79	0.00	0.00	5,293.79
05 704 0229 CLASS OF 2029	2,378.00	0.00	0.00	2,378.00
05 704 0240 PLATE FUND	251.19	0.00	0.00	251.19
05 704 0251 PICTURES/ANNUAL/YEARBOOK	37.39	237.49	0.00	(200.10)
05 704 0260 HOME EC/CONS ED	1,564.84	0.00	0.00	1,564.84
05 704 0265 COOKIE SALES	7,359.39	312.51	0.00	7,046.88
05 704 0270 BOOK/SOFTWARE ORDERS	8,007.50	0.00	0.00	8,007.50
05 704 0271 GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS	2,299.03	0.00	0.00	2,299.03
05 704 0272 CARDINAL COMMUNITY	402.34	0.00	0.00	402.34
05 704 0273 1ST GRADE	864.83	0.00	0.00	864.83
05 704 0280 FIELD TRIPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 704 0300 ALL ACTIVITIES (entry fees, etc)	222.45	7,959.86	11,097.40	3,359.99
05 704 0301 FOOTBALL	1,310.43	0.00	0.00	1,310.43
05 704 0302 VOLLEYBALL	11,440.20	0.00	0.00	11,440.20
05 704 0303 BOYS BASKETBALL	6,483.55	0.00	135.00	6,618.55
05 704 0304 GIRLS BASKETBALL	3,901.29	0.00	0.00	3,901.29
05 704 0305 CROSS COUNTRY	1,795.26	0.00	0.00	1,795.26
05 704 0306 TRACK	2,122.53	0.00	5,000.00	7,122.53
05 704 0307 BOYS WRESTLING	3,566.48	0.00	0.00	3,566.48
05 704 0308 GOLF	83.60	0.00	0.00	83.60
05 704 0311 GIRLS WRESTLING	3,269.02	0.00	0.00	3,269.02
05 704 0400 CHEERLEADERS	4,956.83	83.78	150.00	5,023.05
05 704 0550 VENDING MACH/NHS	8,039.49	760.08	1,471.06	8,750.47
05 704 0600 QUIZ BOWL	788.43	150.00	200.00	838.43
05 704 0950 SCHOLARSHIP FUND	4,061.50	0.00	0.00	4,061.50
05 704 0970 WEIGHT ROOM	3,892.44	0.00	0.00	3,892.44
05 704 0971 DEPOSITS WEIGHT ROOM USE	3,173.95	0.00	200.00	3,373.95
05 704 0985 PROJECTOR ADVERTISING	11,729.00	0.00	500.00	12,229.00
05 704 0990 SPEECH	(125.00)	336.00	0.00	(461.00)
05 704 0991 DRAMA	4,202.41	0.00	182.00	4,384.41
05 704 0992 PK-4	2,943.65	0.00	0.00	2,943.65
	<u>243,865.97</u>	<u>18,755.38</u>	<u>28,663.14</u>	<u>253,773.73</u>
	243,865.97	18,755.38	28,663.14	253,773.73

Feb 26 ActFund Invoice Listing - Summary

Vendor Name	Invoice Number	Description	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount
Autism Helper, Inc	51426	Language arts lvl 1.5	02/06/2026	74.99
BALLOU, BRAD	020926	2/9 FR/SO BB Tournament Ref	02/09/2026	150.00
BALLOU, BRAD	021726	2/17 JH BBB v Southwest Ref	02/17/2026	100.00
BALLOU, BRAD	022026	2/20 JV/V BBB v. Arapahoe Ref	02/19/2026	140.00
BELL, NATHAN	022326	2/23 C2-7 BBB SubDist	02/23/2026	89.00
BERTRAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL	020926	Elem & JH Quiz Bowl Entry Fees	02/09/2026	50.00
BERTRAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL	021126	2/12 HS Quiz Bowl Entry Free	02/11/2026	25.00
BSN SPORTS, llc	933119765	Heavy Duty Anti-Whip Basketball Nets	02/11/2026	96.30
BUCK, JERRY	021626	2/16 C2-8 Girls SubDist BB Ref	02/16/2026	92.00
Burgeson, Chaston	021726	2/17 C2-8 Girls Sub Dist BB Ref	02/17/2026	153.00
Burgeson, Chaston	022326	2/23 C2-7 BBB SubDist	02/23/2026	89.00
Burgeson, Chaston	022626	2/26 BBB C2-7 SubDist Ref	02/26/2026	89.00
Calvert, Lyle	020626	2/6 JV BB v. SV Ref	02/06/2026	100.00
CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY	53294138 RI	FFA Supplies	02/13/2026	581.32
CASH-WA DISTRIBUTING	P14957942	Jan 26 Activity Fund Charges	02/02/2026	1,068.03
CHESTERMAN CO	Order 4038993	Jan 26 Concession Supplies	02/06/2026	1,998.40
COIL, RANDY	022726	2/27 C2-6 GBB District Final	02/27/2026	97.00
Daly, Tyler	022626	2/26 BBB C2-7 SubDist Ref	02/26/2026	89.00
DONIPHAN-TRUMBALL PUBLIC SCHOOL	NSAA C2-8	NSAA GBB C2-8 SubDist Payout	02/26/2026	97.26
DUELAND, JAYCE	022826	2/28 C2-4 BBB Dist Final Ref	02/28/2026	95.00
Ferebee, Joel	020626	2/6 V BB v. SV Ref	02/06/2026	140.00
Ferebee, Joel	022326	2/23 C2-7 BBB SubDist	02/23/2026	89.00
FIRST STATE BANK	021926	State Cheer Meals	02/19/2026	270.00
FIRST STATE BANK	022726	Start Up Gate Money Box + Additional \$1s	02/27/2026	1,400.00
GILLESPIE, CHAD	022726	2/27 C2-6 GBB District Final	02/27/2026	97.00
GOTHENBURG HIGH SCHOOL	20974	2/5 Speech Invite Entry Fee	02/06/2026	120.00
HARLAN COUNTY MEAT PROCESSORS	021626	Concession Supplies	02/17/2026	234.00
HARLAN COUNTY MEAT PROCESSORS	022326	Concessions Supplies	02/26/2026	156.00
Heartland Event Center	021426	Cheerleader Tickets f/ Heartland Hoops	02/13/2026	136.00
Hershey High School	NSAA C2-8	NSAA GBB C2-8 SubDist Payout	02/26/2026	276.42
HOGELANDS MARKET	20967	Jan 26 Activity Fund Charges	02/02/2026	253.93
JOSTENS, INC	38554888	26' Grad Outfits x 23	02/02/2026	849.85
KEARNEY HIGH SCHOOL	21004	FFA Entry Fees	02/17/2026	60.00
Kracl, Marty	022126	2/21 C2-8 Girls SubDist BB Ref	02/19/2026	90.00
KROLL, MARC	022426	2/24 BBB C2-7 SubDist Ref	02/24/2026	165.00
KROLL, MARC	022826	2/28 C2-4 BBB Dist Final Ref	02/28/2026	95.00

KUBIK, TAYLOR	022026	2/20 JV/V BBB v. Arapahoe Ref	02/19/2026	140.00
Lollman, Brady	022726	2/27 C2-6 GBB District Final	02/27/2026	97.00
Long, Aaron	021626	2/16 C2-8 Girls SubDist BB Ref	02/16/2026	92.00
Long, Aaron	021726	2/17 C2-8 Girls Sub Dist BB Ref	02/17/2026	153.00
Long, Aaron	021926	2/19 C2-8 Girls SubDist BB Ref	02/19/2026	87.00
Long, Aaron	022126	2/21 C2-8 Girls SubDist BB Ref	02/19/2026	90.00
Lutkemeier, Austin	020626	2/6 V BB v. SV Ref	02/06/2026	140.00
MEDICINE VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL	022326	RPAC Speech Dues	02/23/2026	298.56
Miller, Thomas	022626	2/26 BBB C2-7 SubDist Ref	02/26/2026	89.00
MINDEN HIGH SCHOOL	020926	Minden Speech Invite Entry Fee	02/09/2026	216.00
NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSN.	NSAA C2-8	NSAA GBB C2-8 SubDist Payout	02/26/2026	1,635.90
North Platte Catholic Schools	NSAA C2-8	NSAA GBB C2-8 SubDist Payout	02/26/2026	253.90
NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS	21032	2/26 JH Quiz Bowl Entry Fee	02/26/2026	50.00
Olson, Rilan	020626	2/6 V BB v. SV Ref	02/06/2026	140.00
POLSTON, TERRY	020926	2/9 FR/SO BB Tournament Ref	02/09/2026	150.00
Raven. GG USA, Inc,	INV-0786	eSports Shirts	02/09/2026	197.99
SAMUELSON, BRENT	021626	2/16 C2-8 Girls SubDist BB Ref	02/16/2026	92.00
SAMUELSON, BRENT	021726	2/17 C2-8 Girls Sub Dist BB Ref	02/17/2026	153.00
SAMUELSON, BRENT	021926	2/19 C2-8 Girls SubDist BB Ref	02/19/2026	87.00
Samuelson, Jacob	021926	2/19 C2-8 Girls SubDist BB Ref	02/19/2026	87.00
Samuelson, Jacob	022126	2/21 C2-8 Girls SubDist BB Ref	02/19/2026	90.00
SCHROEDER, MASON	020926	2/9 FR/SO BB Tournament Ref	02/09/2026	150.00
Schukar, Scott	022826	2/28 C2-4 BBB Dist Final Ref	02/28/2026	95.00
SOUTHERN VALLEY SCHOOL	21015	2/23 HS Quiz Bowl Entry Fee	02/23/2026	25.00
SOUTHERN VALLEY SCHOOL	Order# 8056	Eagle Eye/ Software Upgrade 1/2 Payment	02/13/2026	97.50
Thiele, Tim	022426	2/24 BBB C2-7 SubDist Ref	02/24/2026	165.00
US BANK	20970	Dec 19-2025 - Jan20- 26 Act Fund Charges	02/02/2026	1,518.51
Valleau, Timothy	022426	2/24 BBB C2-7 SubDist Ref	02/24/2026	165.00
Watson, Levi	020626	2/6 JV BB v. SV Ref	02/06/2026	100.00
WATSON, TODD	020926	2/9 FR/SO BB Tournament Ref	02/09/2026	150.00
WATSON, TODD	021726	2/17 JH BBB v Southwest Ref	02/17/2026	100.00
WATSON, TODD	022026	2/20 JV/V BBB v. Arapahoe Ref	02/19/2026	140.00
WILD ROOTS GREENHOUSE & MARKET	2072	FFA Supplies/ 200 x 14" White HB	02/13/2026	1,876.00
Wood River Rural High School	NSAA C2-8	NSAA GBB C2-8 SubDist Payout	02/26/2026	87.02
YANDAS MUSIC	795967-0	Student Instrument Repairs/ Supplies	02/06/2026	40.50
				<u>18,755.38</u>

		GENERAL FUND	
34490	ALMA SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	PTC cookies	53.40
	ALMA SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	Teachers breakfast	15.80
	ALMA SCHOOL LUNCH FUND	Teachers breakfast	24.66
34491	BSN SPORTS, Ilc	Pole Vault Pit	19,800.00
online	BOSELMAN PUMP & PANTRY	Fuel charges	2,790.36
34492	CHS	Fuel charges	869.62
34493	CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY CO, INC	30 Cases of foam soap	947.67
	CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY CO, INC	soap, toilet paper, paper towels	1,449.97
	CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY CO, INC	gum remover	136.84
	CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY CO, INC	Filters, brush strip	478.52
34494	CITY OF ALMA	PreK gas, water sewer trash	243.16
	CITY OF ALMA	Gas, water, sewer trash	1,957.87
	CITY OF ALMA	New addition-gas, water, sewer	5,018.88
	CITY OF ALMA	gas, water, trash shop/greenhouse	950.35
	CITY OF ALMA	Water for PF	21.50
	CITY OF ALMA	Bus barn-Gas, water, sewer trash	448.09
34495	Communications Engineering, Inc	Programming on telephone system	333.50
34496	Computer Hardware	Repair to computers	855.00
34497	DAS STATE ACCTING - CENTRAL FINANCE	Interagency billing	317.87
34498	EAKES OFFICE PRODUCTS	Contract	472.80
	EAKES OFFICE PRODUCTS	Copier prints	95.49
	EAKES OFFICE PRODUCTS	Contract invoice for copies	480.81
34499	ECOLAB PEST ELIM DIVISION	Pest control	95.55
34500	EDUCATIONAL SERVICE UNIT #11	Hot topics, Inservice, Domain name	574.49
34501	HARLAN COUNTY JOURNAL	March meeting notice	7.25
	HARLAN COUNTY JOURNAL	February meeting minutes	109.05
34502	HOGELANDS MARKET	FCS cooking supplies	129.30
	HOGELANDS MARKET	FCS cooking supplies	29.21
	HOGELANDS MARKET	Life skills	13.69
	HOGELANDS MARKET	FCS cooking supplies	17.83
	HOGELANDS MARKET	FCS cooking supplies	239.50
	HOGELANDS MARKET	Life skills-bread	1.99
	HOGELANDS MARKET	PTC fruit & veggie tray	130.41
	HOGELANDS MARKET	FCS cooking supplies	122.89
	HOGELANDS MARKET	Water for office	29.94
	HOGELANDS MARKET	Eggs for FCS	11.95
	HOGELANDS MARKET	snacks for external visit	73.24
	HOGELANDS MARKET	life skills supplies	4.98
	HOGELANDS MARKET	PTC meat & cheese tray	49.95
34503	HOMETOWN LEASING	copier lease payment	182.58
	HOMETOWN LEASING	copier lease payment	2,724.32
34504	INSPIRE REHAB	OT FOR FEB	2,904.44

34505	J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC	music	151.78
	J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC	My girl-print	18.50
34506	JIM'S OK TIRE STORE, INC.	4 new tires	2,143.80
34507	KAUK KONSTRUCTION	Snow removal 1-24-26	260.00
	KAUK KONSTRUCTION	Snow removal preschool	130.00
34508	LARSEN'S ACE HARDWARE	Toilet seat, Hose connector	50.98
34509	MATHESON TRI-GAS, INC.	welding gases	284.35
34510	NATIONAL ASSN OF SECONDARY SCHOOL	NHS membership	385.00
34511	NPPD	School Building	4,056.40
	NPPD	Football field lights	78.87
	NPPD	Crossing light	36.84
	NPPD	Bus barn	154.22
	NPPD	Booster pump	36.84
	NPPD	Greenhouse	36.84
	NPPD	511 John	93.27
	NPPD	PreK	87.58
34512	NEBRASKA SAFETY CENTER	Cat C-Class B endorsement	500.00
34513	PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS	Internet at PreK & announcement line	156.41
34514	PRAIRIE HILL LANDFILL	Household waste	20.00
34515	RASMUSSEN	Repair to elementary AHU	677.64
34516	S & W AUTO PARTS, INC	Belt for Bus	75.48
	S & W AUTO PARTS, INC	Icon blade	49.98
34517	SPORTSAFE	Drug testing	664.00
34518	SUNBELT RENTAL	Scissorlift rental	1,128.52
34519	TRIBE MOTOR CO	Oil change/tire rotation 2011Suburb	79.65
34520	TRUSTWORTHY HARDWARE	Glue & caulking	65.94
auto draft	US Bank	CC Charges	496.69
34521	U.S.CELLULAR	Custodial cell phone	123.90
34522	YANDAS	Horn repairs	269.45
	Fund Number		<u>57,527.65</u>
		Payroll & benefits	<u>483,808.67</u>
		Total General	<u>541,336.32</u>
	Building Fund		
105	Facility Advocates	Progress billing 1 of 6	562,500.00
auto	Banner Capital Bank	loan payment	1,743.45
		Total BLDG fund	564,243.45
	QCPU		
177	Facility Advocates	Progress billing 1 of 6	375,000.00

Lunch Fund

80	ELECTRONIC FEDERAL TAX PAYMENT		1,567.49
81	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE		171.28
82	NEBRASKA SCHOOL RETIREMENT SYS		1,283.06
2548	KANSAS CITY LIFE - LTD		35.11
2549	BULLER FIXTURE COMPANY	NEW DISHWASHER	29,975.00
2550	CWD	FOOD SUPPLIES	3,586.09
2551	HILAND	DAIRY SUPPLIES	2,152.91
2552	HOGELAND	FOOD SUPPLIES	1,339.32
2553	SYSCO	FOOD SUPPLIES	2,786.16
2554	USFOODS	FOOD SUPPLIES	2,670.40
2555	VESTIS	LAUNDRY SERVICES	273.66
3556	US BANKS	KITCHEN SUPPLIES	323.97
		Subtotal	46,164.45
		Payroll	6,377.21
		Total Lunch fund	52,541.66

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FIRST SET OF 2026 POLICY UPDATES

Over the past several years, the Nebraska Legislature enacted several measures that will take effect during the 2026-2027 school year. In anticipation of these changes, we are sending the first set of policy updates to give boards and administrators time to review and plan for next year. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

1. Policy 1040 – Annual Report. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3305 now requires an annual “computer science and technology education status report” to the School Board. The deadline to complete the first report is December 1, 2026.

2. Policy 3540 – Bidding Construction Projects. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3445 requires the State Board of Engineers and Architects to adjust the threshold for architects or engineers on construction projects. The Board adjusted this amount to \$144,000, which is now reflected in Policy 3540.

3. Policy 5601 – Asthma, Anaphylaxis and Allergic Reaction Protocol. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-227 requires each Board to adopt an anaphylaxis policy by July 1, 2026. The anaphylaxis policy must also be included in the Student Handbook, beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. In addition, DHHS issued a new guidance document for anaphylaxis that does not need to be adopted into Board Policy but can be shared with your staff.

4. Policy 7050 – Bids and Contracts. Neb. Rev. Stat. § 73-106 requires the State Board of Education to adjust the bidding threshold once every five years. The State Board adjusted this amount to \$136,000, which is now reflected in Policy 7050.

Community RelationsAnnual Report and School Improvement

The Superintendent shall prepare and distribute each year an Annual Report in accordance with Nebraska Department of Education Rule 10. The Annual Report shall be distributed or made available to residents of the School District each year. The report shall include information required by NDE Rule 10 and applicable NDE guidance. The results of the annual report shall be used to plan and make needed changes to improve instruction for all students.

The Superintendent shall further ensure that the School District implements a systematic on-going process that guides planning, implementation, and evaluation and renewal of school improvement activities to meet local and statewide goals and priorities. The school improvement process shall focus on improving student learning and include a periodic review by visiting educators who provide consultation to the local school/community in continued accomplishment of plans and goals. The school improvement process shall further include the following activities at least once within each five years:

- A. Review and update of the mission and vision statements.
- B. Collection and analysis of data about student performance, demographics, learning climate, and former high school students.
- C. Selection of improvement goals. At least one goal is directed toward improving student academic achievement.
- D. Development and implementation of an improvement plan which includes procedures, strategies, actions to achieve goals, and an aligned professional development plan.
- E. Evaluation of progress toward improvement goals.

The school improvement process shall further include a visitation by a team of external representatives to review progress and provide written recommendations. A copy of the school system's improvement plan and the written recommendations shall be provided to the Nebraska Department of Education, when appropriate. The external team visits shall be conducted at least once each five years.

At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall provide a computer science and technology education status report to both the Board of Education and Nebraska State Department of Education. The annual report may include information about student progress on the computer science and technology courses and other relevant measures of student progress in the areas of computer science and technology education. To the extent appropriate, computer science education data may be incorporated into the District's Annual Report and considered as part of the District's ongoing school improvement planning process.

Legal Reference: NDE Rule 10.01, 10.5.02, 10.9 and 10.10
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-3305

Date of Adoption: [3/09/26]

Business OperationsProcedures—Bidding Construction Projects

The District shall bid every project for the construction, remodeling, or repair of any school-owned building or for site improvements when the contemplated expenditures for the project is in excess of one hundred thirty-six thousand dollars (\$136,000), or such sum as adjusted pursuant to Section 73-106. The bidding procedures shall comply with the requirements of state law and shall include the following:

1. Notice to Bidders: The Administration shall prepare a notice to bidders containing a general description of the scope of the project being bid; the location of the project; the means of obtaining project documents, including plans and specifications; the date and hour bids will close; and the date, hour and place bids are to be returned, received and opened, and a provision that such bids will be immediately and simultaneously opened in the presence of the bidders or representatives of the bidders, when the hour is reached for the bids to close.
2. Regular Manner of Advertisement for Bids: The notice to bidders shall be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the School District. The notice shall be published at least seven (7) days prior to the date designated for the opening of such bids. The Board of Education or Administration may, in its sole discretion, elect to utilize further advertisement for bids as it may determine appropriate to secure a sufficient number of qualified bidders for the scope of the project.
3. Bid Opening: When the hour is reached for such bids to close, bids will be immediately and simultaneously opened in the presence of the bidders or representatives of the bidders.
4. Contract Award: The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as to the extent required by law. When not so required, the award shall be made on the basis of consideration of the contract award criteria determined appropriate by the Board or administration.
5. Performance and Payment Bonds. Whenever any contract is entered into for the erecting, furnishing, or repairing of any building or other public structure or improvement, the contractor shall be required, before commencing such work, to furnish a performance, labor and material payment bond. The bond requirement shall not apply, however, to any project bid or proposed which has a total cost of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less unless the School Board or Administration includes a bond requirement in the specifications for the project. The bond shall be in an amount not less than the contract price. The bond shall be conditioned on the faithful performance of the contract and the payment by the contracting party of all laborers and mechanics for labor that is performed and of all material and equipment rental that is actually used or rented in connection with the improvement project and the performance of the contract. Such bond shall contain such provisions as are required by statutes, and be in a form prescribed and required by the district.

6. Retention of an Architect or Engineer. The School District shall not engage in the construction of any public works involving architecture or engineering unless the plans, specifications, and estimates have been prepared and the construction has been observed by an architect, a professional engineer, or a person under the direct supervision of an architect, professional engineer, or those under the direct supervision of an architect or professional engineer; provided that such requirement shall not apply to any public work in which the contemplated expenditure for the complete project does not exceed one hundred forty-four thousand dollars (\$144,000), as adjusted from time to time by Section 81-3445 or other applicable law.

7. Additional Procedures. Each bid for which a labor and material bond is required shall be accompanied by a bid bond or certified check in the amount of five percent (5%) of such bid unless the School Board or Administration waives such requirement. The Board of Education or Administration may provide for additional procedures for the procurement, opening and acceptance of bids as deemed appropriate for a particular project.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 52-118; Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 73-101 *et seq.*; Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 73-106; Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 81-3445

Date of Adoption: [3/09/26]

StudentsAsthma, Anaphylaxis, and Allergic Reaction Protocol

The District will adopt and implement the Emergency Response to Life-Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis Protocol as required by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The Superintendent, in conjunction with licensed health personnel, shall establish administrative regulations for the implementation of this policy. The regulations established shall comply with NDE rules regarding the protocol to follow in case of a life-threatening asthma or systemic allergic reaction (including anaphylaxis) and use of an EpiPen and albuterol. These regulations and protocols shall also ensure that each school building will procure and maintain the equipment and medication necessary under the protocol in the case of any student or school staff emergency. Staff training in using the protocol shall occur periodically. Records of such training and occurrences of administering medication under the protocol shall be maintained.

The Emergency Protocol shall be implemented, and the equipment and medication necessary to implement the Emergency Protocol shall be maintained, at each school building while school is in session. For purposes of the Emergency Protocol, the phrase "while school is in session" is defined as the core instructional school day. The "core instructional school day" is defined as that portion of each day school is in session during which teachers are on duty to provide and students are scheduled to receive instruction in the School District's curriculum, generally beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 3:30 p.m. The Emergency Protocol shall not be required to be implemented other than in the school buildings while school is in session, and as such is not required to be implemented at extracurricular activities, on school buses, or during school field trips. Implementation of the Emergency Protocol at such non-mandatory times or places shall be made in the discretion of the administration and shall be subject to the availability of the employees designated or trained in implementation of the Emergency Protocol and the availability of the necessary equipment and medication at such times or places.

The parent or guardian of a student of minority age may sign a waiver requesting that their student not receive emergency treatment under this protocol.

The Superintendent or designee shall further develop and implement protocols to address anaphylaxis and the emergency use of epinephrine at school buildings and school-sponsored activities. A school nurse or trained staff member may administer epinephrine to any individual believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis. These protocols will also address the District's response, documentation, notification, and reporting any instances of administering epinephrine. The District will continue to implement individualized health or Section 504 plans for students with known severe allergies, and nothing in this policy limits rights or accommodations under Section 504, the ADA, or the IDEA.

Legal Reference: NDE Rule 59.006
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-227

Date of Adoption: [3/09/26]

New Construction

Facilities - Bids and Contracts

All contracts for work related to building construction, remodeling or repair or site improvement in excess of \$136,000, or such sum as adjusted pursuant to Section 73-106, will be bid in accordance with state statutes. All other contracts will be handled under current district policies and regulations.

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 73-101 to 73-106

Date of Adoption: [3/09/26]

**ALMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2026-2027 SALARY SCHEDULE**

3/3/26

Base Salary - LPN \$40,100.00			BASE SALARY RPN \$43,508.50		
Index 4.5%			Starts at BA STEP 1		
Starts @ BA STEP 1			Starts @ BA+9 STEP 2		
YEAR	INDEX	LPN	YEAR	INDEX	RPN
		MA+9			MA+9
Step 1	1.000	\$40,100	Step 1	1.000	\$43,509
Step 2	1.045	\$41,905	Step 2	1.045	\$45,466
Step 3	1.090	\$43,709	Step 3	1.090	\$47,424
Step 4	1.135	\$45,514	Step 4	1.135	\$49,382
Step 5	1.180	\$47,318	Step 5	1.180	\$51,340
Step 6	1.225	\$49,123	Step 6	1.225	\$53,298
Step 7	1.270	\$50,927	Step 7	1.270	\$55,256
Step 8	1.315	\$52,732	Step 8	1.315	\$57,214
Step 9	1.360	\$54,536	Step 9	1.360	\$59,172
Step 10	1.405	\$56,341	Step 10	1.405	\$61,129
Step 11	1.450	\$58,145	Step 11	1.450	\$63,087
Step 12	1.495	\$59,950	Step 12	1.495	\$65,045
Step 13	1.540	\$61,754	Step 13	1.540	\$67,003
Step 14	1.585	\$63,559	Step 14	1.585	\$68,961
Step 15	1.630	\$65,363	Step 15	1.630	\$70,919
Step 16	1.675	\$67,168	Step 16	1.675	\$72,877
Step 17	1.720	\$68,972	Step 17	1.720	\$74,835
Step 18	1.765	\$70,777	Step 18	1.765	\$76,793



Legislative Update

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

Welcome to this week's NRCSA Legislative Update. Each week I'll review a little of what went on that week, as well as look into the coming week. Also included each week will be my updated bill analysis, as well as contact information for our State Senators. There also may be a "call to action" request, in which I might suggest that you contact Senators, especially your own Senator on pieces of legislation. This update will go out to all members for whom we have an email address.

The Appropriations Committee advanced its budget bills to the floor earlier this week. Floor debate is scheduled to begin next week. The budget is expected to take at least ten days to adopt. With the 60 day session down to 20 days on Monday, only priority bills will receive the bulk of the Unicameral's attention moving forward. Bills that have been prioritized are identified in NRCSA's Bill Summary.

Two bills that the Education community is following very closely are:

1. **LB1219** (Brandt), which would provide for a hard cap of 2% on property tax raises compared to the prior year for most political subdivisions, school districts included. There is no method provided to recoup lost funding in the case of reduced State funding. This would be very difficult for almost any political subdivision to deal with. The bill was voted out of committee last week and has received priority designation by Senator Ben Hansen. We were informed at the NRCSA Legislative Forum that the bill most certainly would not be passed in its present form, but it still causes much concern. **It would be great for school leaders, especially Board of Education members, to contact their Senator(s) to voice their concerns.** If you could especially show how items such as negotiations would make it very difficult to live under a 2% hard cap it would be very enlightening.
2. **LB1050** (Murman) would require:
 - a. Identifying third-grade students who are or are not able to read at or above grade level, as determined by the established threshold set by the Department of Education; and
 - b. Retaining certain third-grade students who cannot read at or above grade level; and
 - c. Ensuring retained third-grade students with persistent reading deficiencies receive intensive intervention courses, including a reduced teacher-student ratio.

There are a few exceptions to retention that are provided in the bills current form. There are negotiations taking place on this bill already, but we have not seen a clean, official amendment at this point.

This bill received opposition testimony from many Education groups, including NRCSA. LB1050, which is being supported by Gov. Jim Pillen, but received a priority designation from the Education Committee. There is a chance that amendments may be introduced.



The Education Coalition is discussing possible strategies, but will wait until a possible committee amendment comes out before deciding which direction to move.

I maintain a bill summary that I have used to track legislation, as well as to provide information on bills to NRCSA's Legislative and Executive Committees. A few things to notice: (a) Carryover bills from the 2025 session appear first in the document, with those introduced in the 2026 session listed after, and (b) bills may be accessed directly to the Unicameral website by clicking on the bill number listed in the first cell. This bill summary will be updated each week. I have highlighted a few bills for special attention.

That bill summary, which is changed sometimes on a daily level, may be accessed here:

[NRCSA Bill Summaries 2026](#)

If you find a need to contact a Senator, especially your own Senator, you may access the list below. You will find each Senator's office phone number and email address.

[Senator List 2026](#)

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

Engaging in advocacy happens all year. When the Legislature inserts itself into the boardroom or the classroom, lawmakers need to hear from YOU! Advocating for LOCAL CONTROL is critical. Here's what you can do.

STAY INFORMED

Track the legislation that impacts your district; Get updates from NASB's Advocacy Team; Have the data that tells your story (Spending, Student Demographics, School Needs); Attend the Legislative Issues Conference, Area Meetings & State Education Conference

KNOW THE PROCESS

The 60-Day Session began Wednesday, January 7, and ends April 17. Bill introduction was the first 10 days of the Session. Committee Hearings took place the first 30 days. Priority Bills were identified mid-February

ENGAGE

Facilitate regular meetings with your representative; Engage in the process; Go on Record! (Come testify, write a letter, send an email); Come to Lincoln for a day at the Capitol; Consider becoming one of NASB's "expert go-to members" in an area where you can engage!

NASB CAN ASSIST YOU ... JUST ASK!

NASB represents all member Districts & ESUs in Nebraska, and lobbies on YOUR behalf. We are guided by an agenda developed annually by the NASB Legislation Committee initiated with submissions from YOU, then approved by YOU at the Delegate Assembly each November. We are here to help you position yourself as the expert in the education of students you share with your Senator(s). Make sure you are the first call when a bill effecting your shared community is considered. Thanks for sharing your district's story and engaging!



BOOKMARK & FREQUENT NASB'S BILLS PAGE AT
<https://nasb.envisiams.com/legislative-bills>

Priority Designations

LB 304



(DeBoer) Eliminate a sunset date for the federal Child Care Subsidy program
Sen. DeBoer Priority

LB 468



(Clements) Change provisions relating to inheritance taxes, change certain fee and tax provisions, and eliminate a sales tax exemption relating to data centers
Sen. Clements Priority ... Currently on Select File
AM being considered which would reduce motor vehicle tax payments to schools, giving it to counties as an offset to the inheritance tax. (LB 714).

LB 596



(Sanders) Change requirements for legal publications and notices required by law
Government, Military & Veterans Affairs Priority ... Currently on Select File
Adds digital publication of notices if publication does not have a print publication. Now includes AM introduced on behalf of NASB and other political subdivisions to change provisions relating to notice requirements for a meeting of a public body under the Open Meetings Act. (LB 1145)

LB 730

(Kauth) Require schools and state agencies to designate restrooms and locker rooms based on sex and require state agencies to define an individual's sex as either male or female for purposes of rules and regulations, the enforcement of administrative actions, and adjudication of disputes
Sen. Kauth Priority ... Currently on General File

LB 803

(Revenue) Change provisions relating to the listing of taxable tangible personal property
Revenue Committee Priority ... Shell bill for purposes of property tax legislation
Likely landing spot for what is currently LB 1219 (See Page 2)

Priority Designations

<https://nasb.envisiams.com/legislative-bills>

LB 867 (HHS) Change and eliminate provisions relating to programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services
Health and Human Services Priority ... Currently on General File
Amended to include LB 1013, it shifts students in custody (ages 11–19) from full Rule 10 public school standards to lesser Rule 18 interim requirements, mandates unfunded virtual learning from school districts, and risks transferring some youth to maximum-security adult penal settings. This heightens abuse/trauma risks, undermines rehabilitation, and burdens districts amid proposed special ed cuts. The changes threaten educational quality for vulnerable youth and jeopardize jobs/stability for over 70 teachers, many facing reduction-in-force or forced relocation (e.g., Kearney to Omaha).

LB 937 (Education) Change provisions relating to option enrollment, reading, dyslexia, reporting, teacher apprenticeships, teacher recruitment and retention, and the College Pathway Program
Education Committee Priority ... Likely to be a vehicle for other measures
Annual NDE "clean up" bill. Significant pushback regarding a provision to reduce reporting requirements of districts regarding students with reading difficulty.

LB 937 ... LB 1146 - LB 1164 - LB 1224 - LB 1241 - LB 1243

LB 966 (Cavanaugh, M.) **Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act**
Sen. Hunt Priority ... Currently on General File



LB 1034 (Dungan) Prohibit school staff from allowing federal immigration enforcement officers to access schools without a judicial warrant
Sen. Juarez Priority ... Currently locked in Committee, looking for a home!

LB 1050 (Murman at the request of the Governor) **Amend the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act to limit advancement to grade four**
Education Committee Priority



LB 1100 (Sorrentino) Modernize language in a civil procedure statute
Sen. Sorrentino Priority
Making sure AM 2485 (LB 1097) is not attached which would change language in the political subdivision tort claims statute impacting districts sovereign immunity.



LB 1219 (Brandt) **Limit the amount of property taxes that may be levied by a political subdivision**
Sen. Hansen Priority ... Currently on General File
Limits levy to prior year allowable growth. Allowable growth percentage means a percentage equal to the sum of two percent plus the political subdivision's real growth percentage. Will likely be attached to LB 803, the Revenue Committee's Priority Bill. (See Page 1)



Bills In the Education Package (LB 937)

LB 937 ... LB 1146 - LB 1164 - LB 1224 - LB 1241 - LB 1243

LB 1146 (Conrad) Change provisions relating to reports by a school district relating to absences of a child from school
Now with provisions related to chronic illness and mental health issues with a doctors note

LB 1164 (Lonowski) Adopt the Prior Learning Act
Brought by SAT. It would assure AP courses count for college credit.

Bills In the Education Package (LB 937)

<https://nasb.envisiams.com/legislative-bills>

LB 1224 (Hunt) Prohibit children from transferring to an exempt school during certain child abuse or neglect investigations and prohibit persons convicted of certain crimes from monitoring or providing instruction at such schools. **Currently on General File ... Amended to include ALL schools**

LB 1241 (Murman) Provide requirements relating to applications for employment at a school *Prohibits hiring of employees if suspected of child abuse. May cause more effort on the part of the hiring entity. Does not require the employer to collect the information. Includes a 7-year look back.*

LB 1243 (Murman) **Change school board policies and procedures relating to part-time enrollment**
Eliminates requirement that non-enrolled, resident students participate in a minimum number of 5 credit hours or less to participate in extracurricular activities (not regulated by NSAA).

Bills Looking for a Home

LB 440 (Spivey) **Adopt the Education Leave and Support Act**
AM pending which will mandate paid FMLA for first 30 service days, not to be taken out of leave provided. Allows for a budget exception for sub costs. Districts would still have to levy in order to cover the cost.

LB 507 (Hunt) **Change provisions relating to school transportation expenses for children with disabilities**
Possible amendment coming

LB 575 (Hallstrom) **Change provisions relating to the Property Tax Request Act and property tax levy limits**
Changes to the pink postcard meetings to a summer briefing requiring all political subdivisions to attend and present. Could be a part of the Revenue Package (See LB 803 on Page 1). Requires two-third vote of school board to levy more than the amount levied the year before.

LB 841 (Rountree) Change provisions relating to special education services, parental consent, and hearings
Gives parents additional "veto" power over their child's IEP provisions. Some concern about this bill and the impact on federal funding. There will be a fiscal note which will kill the bill. Brought on behalf of the Department of Defense.

LB 960 (McKinney) **Provide a requirement to include nonvoting student members on school boards**
May be amended on the floor. This should remain a local decision rather than a state mandate. Districts face unique constraints and have developed diverse methods for student engagement, such as involving Student Council, FFA, or National Honor Society members in monthly meetings.

LB 1097 (Conrad) **Adopt the State and Political Subdivisions Sexual Abuse Liability Act**
Changes language in the political subdivision tort claims statute impacting districts sovereign immunity. Making sure this bill as AM 2485 is not attached to LB 1100. (See Page 2)

Other Items

Agency 23 - A \$7 million dollar appropriation of Department of Labor to be used for scholarship grants to non-public students


*While there was talk of putting this in a separate bill to be debated on its own, they decided to keep it in the budget, but reduced the amount to **\$3.5 million** with language regarding income needed to qualify. We have to work to get this pulled out of the budget.*

Other Items

<https://members.nasbonline.org/events>

- LB 384** (Storer) Require the county assessor and one voting member of the governing bodies of participating political subdivisions to attend joint public hearings under the Property Tax Request Act
Approved by the Governor ... Requires a majority of school board members to attend the "pink post card" meetings if the district is subject to participation. Amended to include just one elected official.

- LB 653** (Murman) Change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs, support services, and the enrollment option program, provide reimbursement for certain students under the enrollment option program, and change the authorized uses of the Education Future Fund
Approved by the Governor ... AM adopted to remove mandated option enrollment acceptance. Now mandates acceptance of siblings of option accepted students. Once adopted, NASB removed it's opposition. Amended an exception for violent behavior to the K-2 suspension prohibition.

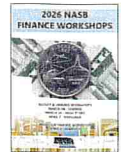
- LB 824** **Lonowski Change provisions relating to termination of employment under the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act**
 Changes separation period from 180 to 120 days for purposes of separation allowing retired educators to sub earlier. **Currently on Final Reading**

- LB 940** (Murman) Prohibit certain color additives in school meals
Currently on Final Reading

2026 NASB Calendar of Events



Legislative Issues Conference - January 25-26 - Lincoln
School Board Member Week ... January 25 to 31
NASB Board President Retreat - Monday, February 16 - Kearney



Budget & Finance Workshop - Tuesday, March 10 - Seward
Budget & Finance Workshop - Tuesday, March 24 - West Point
NAEP State Convention - March 24-25 - Kearney



Budget & Finance Workshop - Tuesday, April 7 - Ogallala
Amplified Budget & Finance Workshop - Wednesday, April 8 - Kearney
2026 NASB Federal Advocacy Fly-In - April 26-29 - Washington, DC



NASB Member Golf Outing -Wednesday, June 10 - Kearney Country Club
School Law Seminar - June 10-11 - Kearney



NASB Board Candidate Workshops - June & July
ALICAP Summer Workshops - July 7 - Gering; July 8 - Kearney - July 9 - Lincoln
Area Membership Meetings - August through September



Labor Relations - September 29-30 - Lincoln
State Education Conference - November 18-20 - Omaha
New Board Member Workshops - December & January 2027



All Dates & Locations Tentative & Subject to Change ... To register for an NASB event, click on the 'My Membership' link on www.NASBOnline.org, then navigate to the 'Events' dropdown and select 'Register'. If you do not have an email and password to log in or have forgotten it, please contact NASB at 402-423-4951 for assistance.