

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska
214 W Wichita Street
Wauneta, NE 69045

Monday, October 13, 2025 5:00 PM

Hondo Fanning: Present

John Jutten: Present

Laurie Maris: Present

Aaron McKinney: Present

Allison Sandman: Present

Marty Wheeler: Present

I. Call to Order

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I.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Maris and Jutten verified.

I.2. Posting Verification

I.3. Open Meetings Act Notice

I.4. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call

III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments

V. Discussion Items

V.1. Board Self-Evaluation

The board held a discussion on the possibility of a board self-evaluation tool to help create goals and vision.

VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of September Hearings Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes from 9/9/2025 tax asking hearing, budget hearing, LB243 hearing and the regular meeting Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.2. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports

To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of Payroll: \$313,280.51; GF Accounts Payable: \$95,510.79 to a total of \$408,791.30 Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.3. Recognize WPEA for Negotiations

To recognize the WPEA for 2027-2028 negotiations bargaining unit Passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

Mr. Geier read the WPEA letter for negotiations 2027-2028.

VII. Policy Review

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report

Geier would like to thank and recognize Dan Kunneman with DSK Irrigation for the donation of 30 pieces of 10' pivot pipe. His donation to the school district is greatly appreciated. Geier recognized a bus driver for handling a stressful altercation/situation with poise and good decision-making. Hi-Line manager reached out in the aftermath of the bus situation. JH/HS VB at Med Valley tomorrow, College Fair at MCC tomorrow. Geier shared that JH VB/FB on Wednesday and District cross country on Thursday, FB on Friday v. Wallace and end of 1st quarter on Friday.

VIII.2. Principal Report

Frecks shared that parent-teacher conferences were well attended. Fire Safety Day was last Friday. Homecoming events this week with pep rally on Friday at 2:15 pm MT. Wauneta Fire department will be visiting to review the facility to familiarize them with the layout. Elementary pumpkin patch last week. Words reading tutoring will begin next week with students.

VIII.3. ESU 15 Report

Sandman shared that the meeting was today, items covered were the sale of the McCook building, ESU TEA recognition for negotiations.

VIII.4. NASB Report

Sandman reminded the board of upcoming NASB state convention 11/19-21 all are registered.

IX. Executive Session

IX.1. Enter into Executive Session

IX.2. Return to Open Session

X. Next Regular Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2025 at 5 pm MT.

XI. Adjourn

Adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm MT.

Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education Budget Hearing Minutes

The Board of Education for the District of Chase County School District #15-0536 a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools was convened in open, public session for a Hearing Meeting at 5:02 PM Mountain on September 9, 2025, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska, 214 W Wichita Street, Wauneta, NE 69045, by President Sandman.

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 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 the 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.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of the meeting, President Sandman announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meeting Act is permanently posted in the meeting room on a laminated poster, accessible to members of the public.

Mission Statement

Inspiring our Youth, Expecting Results Everyday

I. Call to Order. President Sandman called the hearing to order at 5:02 pm MT.

II. Roll Call. Present: Sandman, Fanning, Jutten, Maris, Wheeler. Absent: McKinney.

III. Verification of Hearing Notice. The hearing posting was verified by Maris and Jutten.

IV. Receive support, information, criticism, suggestions, or observations from members of the public on the proposed 2025-2026 budget. Purpose of this hearing is to review the budget of expenditures for 2025-2026 fiscal year for the General Fund of \$3,590,944.00, Special Building Fund of \$581,713.00, QCPUF of \$71,606.00 for a total budget of \$4,244,263.00

V. Close Budget Hearing. The Budget Hearing was closed at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback,
Recording Secretary

Dated this September 9, 2025
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education LB 243 Hearing Minutes

The Board of Education for the District of Chase County School District #15-0536 a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools was convened in open, public session for a Hearing Meeting at 5:16 PM Mountain on September 9, 2025, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska, 214 W Wichita Street, Wauneta, NE 69045, by President Sandman.

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I. Call to Order. The hearing was opened at 5:16 by President Sandman.

II. Roll Call. Present: Sandman, Fanning, Jutten, McKinney, Maris, Wheeler

III. Verification of Hearing Notice. Jutten and Wheeler verified the posting of the meeting.

IV. LB 243 Consideration. To discuss and consider approving an increase to the school district’s property tax request authority by up to an additional seven percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage.

V. Close LB 243 Hearing. Hearing closed at 5:21 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback,
Recording Secretary

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Board Secretary Board President

Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education for the District of Chase County School District #15-0536 a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools was convened in open, public session for a Regular Meeting at 5:22 PM Central on September 9, 2025, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska, 214 W Wichita Street, Wauneta, NE 69045, by President Sandman.

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I. Call to Order. President Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm MT.

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.2. Posting Verification. Jutten and Wheeler verified.

I.3. Open Meetings Act

I.4. Mission Statement

II. Roll Call

Present Board Members: Hondo Fanning, John Jutten, Laurie Maris, Aaron McKinney, Allison Sandman, and Marty Wheeler.

III. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments

V. Building Update. 11-month walk-through with BD and Wilkins at 8/26 received a dish hood update, bleachers update, north door frame leak.

VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of August Minutes

To approve and sign the 8/11/2025 regular meeting minutes, passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.2. Approval of Monthly Budget Reports and District Expenditures

To accept the budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of Payroll \$300,890.31; GF Payables \$72,549.64 for a total of \$373,439.95, passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.3. Approval of 2025-2026 District Budget

To approve the 2025-2026 budget of expenditures for the general fund of \$3,590,944.00, special building of \$581,713.00, QCPUF of \$71,606.00 for a total budget of \$4,244,263.00, passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.4. Approval of 2025-2026 Tax Levy Request Resolution

To adopt the 2025-2026 district tax levy resolution for general fund levy of \$0.685642, special building fund levy of \$0.111070, QCPUF levy of \$0.013672 for a total levy of \$0.810384, passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.5. Approval of 1% Allowable Growth Resolution

To approve the 1% allowable growth resolution, passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Hondo Fanning.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.6. Approval of LB 243 Resolution

To approve the LB 243 resolution, passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by Marty Wheeler.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.7. Appoint 2025-2026 Fiscal Agent

To appoint Randy Geier as our 2025-2026 fiscal agent for state and federal funds, passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Aaron McKinney.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.8. Discuss/Approve Wrestling Co-op with Hayes Center

To approve wrestling coop for 2025-2026 with Hayes Center, passed with a motion by Hondo Fanning and a second by John Jutten.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VI.9. Approve North Star Negotiations

To approve North Star Negotiations software for certificated staff negotiations, passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Laurie Maris.

Hondo Fanning: Yea, John Jutten: Yea, Laurie Maris: Yea, Aaron McKinney: Yea, Allison Sandman: Yea, Marty Wheeler: Yea

VII. Policy Review

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier shared that Ashley was very helpful with the budget process, recognized Guy for his hard work on the visitors' FB bleachers, and we now meet safety standards. Geier suggests creating a paved handicapped parking area near the new home bleachers. Geier shared concerns with the board about dogs during football games. Geier is looking at parking posts around the new gym.

VIII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared the cell phone policy updates, noting that only 8-9 phones have been taken, and there have been no second offenses to date. Words training continues next week with elementary teachers, school improvement SSTS meeting yesterday at the ESU with Williams and Einspahr. Nebraska reading improvement act affects how often we are testing students on their reading with MAPS and NSCAS. SPED Rodeo in North Platte tomorrow, 11 students will attend. Playground equipment should be scheduling shipping tomorrow.. Shifting middle and high school grade updates to electronic via infinite campus, improving parental communication. Many events happening on Thursday, home JH FB/VB, XC at Chase County, VB at St. Francis.

VIII.3. ESU 15 Report. ESU 15 meets on Thursday, 9/11/2025, at noon CT to set the budget and levy.

VIII.4. NASB Report. Upcoming NASB events registration for state convention 11/19-21 begins 9/10, governors' education finance committee meets 9/22, labor relations 10/1-2. The area membership meeting was well attended.

IX. Next Regular Meeting. Next regular meeting, Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5 pm MT.

XI. Adjourn. President Sandman adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm MT.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Wheeler,
Board Secretary

Dated this September 9, 2025
Chase County School District #536
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By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

Wauneta-Palisade Schools Board of Education Tax Request Hearing Minutes

The Board of Education for the District of Chase County School District #15-0536 a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools was convened in open, public session for a Hearing Meeting at 5:09 pm MT, on September 9, 2025, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, Wauneta, Nebraska, 214 W Wichita Street, Wauneta, NE 69045, by President Sandman.

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I. Call to Order. Sandman opened at 5:09 pm MT.

II. Roll Call. Present: Sandman, Fanning, Jutten, Maris, Wheeler. Absent: McKinney

III. Hearing Posting Verification. Maris and Sandman verified the posting of the meeting.

IV. Receive support, information, criticism, suggestions, or observations from members of the public on the proposed 2054-2026 property tax request.. The purpose of this hearing is to review the 2025-2026 tax request to set the levy for the General Fund at \$0.685642, the Special Building Fund at \$0.111070, and QCPUF at \$0.013672 for a total levy of \$0.810384.

V. Close Hearing. The hearing was closed at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback,
Recording Secretary

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