

## **Board of Education Regular Meeting**

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

Monday, January 12, 2026 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

#### I.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### I.2. Posting Verification

McKinney and Fanning verified.

#### I.3. Open Meetings Act Notice

#### I.4. Mission Statement

### II. Roll Call

### III. Annual Board Reorganization

#### III.1. Elect 2026 Board Officers

To reappoint the current officers for 2026 Passed with a motion by John Jutten and a second by Laurie Maris.

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

### III.2. Appoint 2026 Committee Members

Sandman reappointed the current committee members to their respective committees for 2026.

### IV. Amendments to the Agenda/Approval of the Proposed Agenda

#### V. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments

#### VI. Discussion Items

##### VI.1. Negotiations Update

Negotiations will begin Wednesday, January 14th and continue the following week 1/21.

### VII. Action Items

#### VII.1. Appoint Board Recording Secretary

To appoint Marj Rundback as the board's recording secretary 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

#### VII.2. Annual Designation of Official Publication, Depository & Legal Counsel

To designate the McCook Daily Gazette as the district's official publication, Sandhills State Bank as the district's official depository, and Perry Law Firm as the district's official legal counsel 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

#### VII.3. Approve and Sign 12/15/2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

To approve and sign the 12/15/2025 regular meeting minutes 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

#### VII.4. Approve District Expenditures and Monthly Budget Reports

To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of payroll \$295,970.06, GF accounts payable \$60,567.65, for a total of \$356,537.71 Passed with a motion by Laurie Maris and a second by Allison Sandman.

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

#### VII.5. Accept 2025 Superintendent Evaluation

To accept the 2025 Superintendent Evaluation Passed with a motion by Aaron McKinney and a second by John Jutten.

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

#### VII.6. Accept Teacher Resignations

To accept the resignations of Nancy Sorensen and Kristy Vapenik, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, and thank them for their years of service 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

#### VIII. Policy Review

#### IX. Administrative Reports

##### IX.1. Superintendent Report

Geier shared next week NSAA district meeting Wednesday, RPAC supt meeting next week.

##### IX.2. Principal Report

Frecks shared that we host 1st round of RPAC BB 1/23 & 1/24, we welcomed two new students to the district.

##### IX.3. ESU 15 Report

ESU 15 met today. ESU 15/16 Board Member Workshop 1/13/2026.

##### IX.4. NASB Report

#### X. Executive Session

##### X.1. Enter into Executive Session

To enter into executive session for the purpose of personnel at 528pm MT Passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by John Jutten.

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

##### X.2. Return to Open Session

To return to open session at 610 pm MT Passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Hondo Fanning.

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

#### XI. Next Regular Meeting

Monday, February 16, 2026, at 5:00 pm MT/6 pm CT.

## XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:31 pm MT 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

## **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 5:00 PM Mountain on December 15, 2025, in the Wauneta-Palisade School Central Office, 214 West Wichita, 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 Every Day

I. Call to Order. President Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm MT.

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

I.2. Posting Verification. Maris and McKinney verified the meeting posting.

I.3. Open Meetings Act Notice

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. None.

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments. None.

V. Discussion Items

V.1. Superintendent Review Update. Sandman reminded the board members about completing the superintendent review online by 12/18/2025.

V.2. Negotiations Update. Planning for January meetings.

## VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of November Minutes. To approve and sign the 11/10/2025 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 District Budget Reports and Expenditures. To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of payroll \$304,939.31; GF account payables \$111,565.56 for a total of \$416,501.87 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

## VII. Policy Review

VII.1. Updated Policy 3131 & 3132 Adoption To adopt and waive the first and second oral reading of Policy 3131 and 3132 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

## VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier shared that the fire alarms have been tested, and a small leak in a backflow pipe was found, which will be fixed. Transportation has been quite busy with multiple activities this month. Geier thanked our drivers for their service, including Guy and Joseph. Wednesday RPAC meeting, we will host RPAC BB 1st round in January. Served as conductor for the Polar Express for Kindergarten on Friday. Board members raised concerns about exterior lighting.

VIII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared that the Christmas concert was outstanding and thanked Ms. Ballon for her guidance and preparation. Mrs. Doetker will have a gingerbread house activity tomorrow. Herds will incorporate all students tomorrow before Christmas break. Mrs. Bauerle took her high school kids to the 5th-grade classroom to help with essay writing. One Act performed well and Mrs. Bauerle and Mrs. Carstens directed the performance well and some students received acting awards. PTO will host Reindeer games on Thursday, JH BB tomorrow with HS to follow, Thursday JH BB and HS Wrestling meet at 4 pm. Dustin Frank of KCAV will be here to evaluate the sound system. Attended the state principal conference last week and shared the national data on attendance, AI affecting students, and classroom management.

VIII.3. ESU 15 Report. December meeting 12/9/2025, ESU 15/16 Board Member Workshop will be Tuesday, 1/13/2026, in North Platte at 5:15 pm CT.

VIII.4. NASB Report. Sandman appreciated all the board members attending the state convention and Legislative Issues conference on January 25-26, 2026. School Board Appreciation Week is January 25-31, 2026.

IX. Next Regular Meeting . Board Workshop, Monday, January 12, 2026 at HTA at 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm CT. Regular Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2026, at 5:00 pm MT/6:00 pm CT in the school conference room.

X. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn at 5:46 pm MT passed with a motion by Allison Sandman and a second by Hondo Fanning.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Marj Rundback,  
Recording Secretary

Dated this December 15, 2025  
Chase County School District #536  
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary Board President