

Wauneta-Palisade Board of Education Regular Meeting

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

Monday, April 13, 2026 5:00 PM

Hondo Fanning: Present

John Jutten: Absent

Laurie Maris: Present

Aaron McKinney: Present

Allison Sandman: Present

Marty Wheeler: Present

John Jutten: Present

I. Call to Order

Called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm MT

I.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I.2. Posting Verification

Maris and Sandman

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

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments

The WP FFA members shared their State FFA Convention experience with the board.

V. Action Items

V.1. Approval and Signing of March Minutes

To approve and sign the 3/16/2026 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

V.2. Approve District Expenditures and Monthly Budget Reports

To accept the monthly budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of payroll \$305185.07, GF Accounts Payable \$79726.72 for a total of \$384911.79 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

V.3. Accept Teacher Resignation(s)

To accept the resignations of Alex Walker and Jenniffer DeWester effective the end of 2025-2026 school year and thank them for their years of service to the district Passed with a motion by Aaron McKinney and a second by Allison Sandman.

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

V.4. Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar

To adopt the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented 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

V.5. Approve Teaching Contract

To approve a 2026-2027 teaching contract for Clint Hill 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. Policy Review

VII. Administrative Reports

VII.1. Superintendent Report

Geier shared that next year is our external visitation in October, Allison Smith (ESU 16) will lead the visit, Trevor Anderson will also serve. Mr. Frecks shared a mentorship update which ties into the external visitation goals of supporting current staff with "glows" and "grows", and next steps. Geier shared some adjustments in staffing, moving Mr. Frecks to transportation and AD and teach some classes, Ms. Williams is moving to Elementary Principal role. Geier shared updated of the sale of the buses.

VII.2. Principal Report

Frecks shared the PTO Daddy/Daughter dance was a success, commended Laura West on her leadership, upcoming mommy son dodgeball tourney. KCAV will begin AV update this weekend, shared upcoming events happening for field day, MAPs testing begins, kindergarten and preschool sign-up . Liam, Saviana, Adnrea

VII.3. ESU 15 Report

VII.4. NASB Report

VIII. Executive Session

VIII.1. Enter into Executive Session

VIII.2. Return to Open Session

IX. Next Regular Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:57 pm. 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 5:04 PM MT on March 16, 2026, 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 Everyday

I. Call to Order. President Sandman called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM MT.

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

I.2. Posting Verification. Maris and Fanning verified the posting of the meeting.

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. None

IV. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comments. None

V. Discussion Items

V.1. Building Update. BD Construction and Tri-County Glass water tested the north vestibule for water and worked to schedule the hauled glass replacement. Trane was onsite March 2nd to replace parts on the air handler on the 1933 building roof. Rutts is having the power exhaust assembly shipped direct to the school on 3/6 and Eric will install when it arrives.

V.2. Bus Purchase Update. The bus that was to be purchased last month did not pass mechanical inspection and was not purchased.

VI. Action Items

VI.1. Approval and Signing of February Regular Meeting Minutes. To approve and sign the minutes from 2/16/2026 regular meeting passed with a motion by Laurie Maris 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 Monthly Budget Reports. To accept the budget reports as presented and approve the district expenditures of Payroll \$314,910.59, General Fund Accounts Payable \$105,342.87 for a total of \$420,253.46 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. Accept Teacher Resignations. To accept the resignations of Angela Christner and Gale Bly effective the end of the 2025-26 school year and thank them for their years of service to the district 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

VI.4. Approval of 2026-2027 Teacher Contract. To approve a teacher contract for Shiloh May for the 2026-2027 school year 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

VI.5. Open, Review, Accept or Reject Sealed Bids for Surplus Buses. To open, review, accept or reject bids for surplus buses from those interested parties upon opening and reviewing, we accept the bid for 2009 Bus #3 from Amanda Hastings of \$4000, accept the bid for 2000 Bus #9 from Axtell Community School of \$7000, and accept the bid for the 2005 GMC Thomas Bus #4 from Drew TenBensel of \$4000, each bidder shall pay by via cashiers check or guaranteed funds by 3/31/2026 and arrange pickup by 4/17/2026 and the principal will contact the winning bidders 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

Received bids:

2009 Chevy Collins Bus #3

Tony WarBelton \$2510

Monte Cooper \$1150

Amanda Hastings \$4000

Todd Namath \$1750

Dana Cayer \$675

2000 GMC Thomas Bus #9

Todd Namath \$1500
Amanda Hastings \$3500
Charlotte Ebert \$1000
Axtell School \$7000
Brad Dinnel \$1503
Dana Cayer \$425

2005 Bluebird Bus #4

Dana Cayer \$400
Drew TenBensel \$4000

VII. Policy Review. None

VIII. Administrative Reports

VIII.1. Superintendent Report. Geier shared NRCSA March 18-20th in Kearney, March 24 no school RPAC instrumental, RPAC Executive meeting, no school on 3/27 for PD.

VIII.2. Principal Report. Frecks shared FFA Barnyard, Spelling Bee Gavin attended in Omaha, Read Across America week was celebrated. Fourth quarter began today, Ms. Hayes is taking kids to DCH, Johanson is taking JH kids on 3/19 to a career fair, Prom is 3/21 State FFA March 25-27th.

IX. Next Regular Meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT.

XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:32 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

Respectfully submitted,
Marj Rundback,
Recording Secretary

Dated this March 16, 2026
Chase County School District #536
a/k/a Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools

By: _____ Attest: _____
Board Secretary Board President

2026-2027

WAUNETA-PALISADE SCHOOL CALENDAR

August						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

9 Student days - 12 teacher days

August 3: First day of FB Practice
 August 10: First day of VB Practice
 August 12 & 13 New Teacher Orientation
 August 14, 17 & 18 PD Days
 August 19: First day of school- 2 Hr ER Day
 August 20: First day of Pre-School

January						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

19 student days - 20 Teacher days

January 4: No School, PD Day
 January 5: First day of 2nd sem.

September						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

21 Student days - 21 teacher days

September 7: No School, Labor Day
 September 18: 2 hr late start, PD time

February						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

18 Student days - 20 Teacher days

Feb. 8: No School, PD Day
 Feb. 8: RPAC Vocal in Wauneta
 February 19: No School, PD Day

October						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

20 student days - 22 teacher days

October 1: PT Conference - 2 Hr ER Day
 October 2: No School, PD Day
 October 16: End of 1st quarter
 October 23: No School, PD Day

March						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

19 Student days - 19 teacher days

March 5: No School
 March 11: End 3rd Quarter
 March 12: No School
 March 20: PROM
 March 26-29: No School, Easter

November						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

19 Student days - 19 teacher days

November 25: 2 hr Early Release
 November 26-27: No school, Thanksgiving
 November 30: 2 Hour late start, PD time

April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

22 student days - 22 teacher days

April 26: 2 Hour late start, PD time

December						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

14 Student days - 14 teacher days

December 18: End of 1st semester, 2 hr ER
 December 23-27 NSAA Moratorium

May						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

14 student days - 15 teacher days

May 15: Graduation
 May 20: Last day, 11mt/12ct ER
 May 21: Teacher Work Day
 May 24: Memorial Day

New Teacher Days- 186
 Teacher Days- 184
 Students Days- 175

1st qt-41 Student days
 2nd qt-42 Student days - 83 first semester
 3rd qt-45 Student days
 4th qt-47 Student days - 92 second semester