

## 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, May 18, 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

Maris and Jutten verified.

#### 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

#### V. Discussion Items

##### V.1. Summer Projects

Geier shared that cement around the football field near the bleachers, north side of school, pouring of cement in pivot pipe around the new addition, painting of ag shop and bus barn, playground equipment install, snow cleats install on new building, north overhead door in ag shop, long term goal updated HVAC in the gym, crows nest update from hail storm, HUDL streaming, summer maintenance will be normal schedule, follow up on the new gym bleachers, long term goal of wrestling facility, new main office dest

#### VI. Action Items

##### VI.1. Approval of NebraskaLand Lease Payment

To approve NebraskaLand Bank lease purchase payment of \$455,865.50 (\$430,000.00 principal, \$25,865.50 interest) 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 QCPUF Payment

To approve BOK Financial QCPUF payment of \$106,186.25 (\$95,000.00 principal, \$10,966.25 interest, \$220.00 wire fee) 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.3. Approval and Signing of April Meeting Minutes

To approve and sign the 4/13/2026 regular meeting minutes 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.4. Approval of District Expenditures and Budget Reports

To accept the district budget reports as presented and approve the district's expenditures of Payroll \$302,824.06, GF Accounts Payable \$89,726.07, BF Accounts Payable \$455,865.50, and QCPUF Accounts Payable \$106,186.25 for a total of \$954,601.88 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.5. Approval of Teaching Contracts

To approve 2026-2027 teaching contracts with Kent Addalung and Drew Carlton 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.6. Approval of Superintendent Contract

To approve 2026-2027 superintendent contract with Randy Geier including a salary of \$164,310 (no increase from 2025-2026) 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.7. Amend 2026-2027 School Calendar

To amend the calendar to align RPAC vocal music to January 18, 2027 from February 8, 2027 Passed with a motion by John Jutten 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. Policy Review

#### VIII. Administrative Reports

##### VIII.1. Superintendent Report

Geier shared that last day of school is Thursday 5/21, spring testing goal was met and incentive day was 5/18 with about 9 students working today to catch up in classes, RPAC exec meeting next Tuesday, serving on auditing committee, Alumni Banquet is this weekend, Athletic Banquet is tomorrow.

##### VIII.2. Principal Report

Frecks shared that field day and JH track meet went well, spring concert was well attended, awards night went well, graduation, preschool and kindergarten roundup was well attended, preschool will continue on the same schedule. Elementary field trips are going well. PTO mother/son dodge ball tourney was a success. Athletic banquet is tomorrow, Community Clean up is tomorrow, Kindergarten Mother's Tea is Wednesday, State Track send off Thursday at 8 am.

##### VIII.3. ESU 15 Report

##### VIII.4. NASB Report

#### IX. Executive Session

##### IX.1. Enter into Executive Session

##### IX.2. Return to Open Session

#### X. Next Regular Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:00 PM MT/6:00 PM CT

#### XI. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:22 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 5:04 PM MT on April 13, 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 Sandman 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. 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. None

#### VII. Administrative Reports

##### VII.1. Superintendent Report

Geier shared that next year will be 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.

VII.3. ESU 15 Report. Sandman reported that ESU 15 met earlier today to approve hires, software and continue to look at building options for the ESU.

VIII. Next Regular Meeting. Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5 pm MT/6 pm CT

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 5:57 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 April 13, 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.  
 Jan. 18: No School, PD Day  
 Jan. 18: RPAC Vocal in Wauneta

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

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