

May 18, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Education of Blue Hill Community Schools was convened in open and public session at 7:00 PM on May 18, 2026, at Blue Hill Community Schools, 606 South Sycamore, Blue Hill, NE 68930.

Board Members in attendance were **Present:** Jon Auten, Jake Bachman, Jodi Bunner, Terry Drury, Sara Macklin, Megan Ockinga.

At the beginning of this meeting the president announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the east wall, next to the door of the meeting room.

Members of the public spoke about the upcoming Farm Bureau event and extended an invitation to board members to attend the School Board Budget & Bond Summit on June 16. Additional public comments included concerns regarding the hiring of the new interim superintendent and the wrestling co-op.

Motion by Jake Bachman; seconded by Megan Ockinga, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Members polled; all voted in favor. Motion carried,
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion by Jon Auten; seconded by Jake Bachman, Move that: Whereas the Board of Education, intends to enter into an Energy Financing Contract with a Qualified Energy Services Company (ESCO), we authorize the Superintendent to adhere to the Request for Qualification (RFQ) process as identified, in State Statute sections 66-1062 to 66-1066. for selecting an ESCO to implement a variety of energy conservation measures. Members polled; all voted in favor. Motion carried,
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion by Terry Drury; seconded by Jon Auten, that the 2026-2027 Student/Parent 1:1 Handbook changes be tabled until the next board meeting. Members polled; all voted in favor. Motion carried,
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion by Terry Drury; seconded by Megan Ockinga, approve the compensation increases for classified staff. Members polled; all voted in favor. Motion carried,
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion by Megan Ockinga; seconded by Jodi Bunner, approve the Contract with Lawrence-Nelson for Cassandra Himmelberg to provide Occupational Therapy services for the 2026-2027 school year. Members polled; all voted in favor. Motion carried,
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion by Terry Drury; seconded by Jon Auten, to table the discussion on the wrestling co-op until a written agreement can be presented to the board. Members polled; all voted in favor. Motion Tabled,
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Mandy Meyer, Secretary/Treasurer
Blue Hill Board of Education