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2024-2025
STATE OF NEBRASKA
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

County-District #: 71-0001 **Class #: 3**

Columbus Public Schools

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF

Platte County

This budget is for the Period SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 through AUGUST 31, 2025

Upon Filing, The School Certifies the Information Submitted on this Form to be Correct:

AMOUNT OF PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX REQUIRED FOR:	Principal and Interest on Bonds	All Other Purposes	TOTAL
General Fund	$ -	$ 26,894,682.00	$ 26,894,682.00
Bond Fund(s) *[If More Than 1 Bond Fund - Total All Together]*	$ 3,668,508.00		$ 3,668,508.00
Special Building Fund	$ -	$ 1,085,859.00	$ 1,085,859.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	$ -	$ 857,434.00	$ 857,434.00
Total All Funds	$ 3,668,508.00	$ 28,837,975.00	$ 32,506,483.00

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of September 1, 2024

(Include Bond Fund(s) and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund)

$ 48,040,000.00	Principal
$ 7,356,516.00	Interest
$ 55,396,516.00	**Total Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness**

Total Certified Valuation (All Counties) $ 2,878,738,113

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.*

County Clerk's Use Only

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or other Business Name during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th.*

Has your School District held a successful election to override the levy limits provided in Statute 77-3442, which is in effect for 2024-2025 school fiscal year?

[ ] YES [X] NO

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO Box 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2024

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk
3. Nebraska Dept. of Education -Upload to NDE Portal only

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BUDGET STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF TAX

County-District # 71-0001
Columbus Public Schools

2024-2025 BUDGET ADOPTED									
	BEGINNING	RESOURCES BEFORE	AND REAL	RESOURCES	BUDGET OF	BUDGET OF	BUDGET OF	CASH RESERVE	REQUIREMENTS
General	13,144,184.00	42,964,597.00	26,625,735.00	69,590,326.00	9,977,469.00	46,842,758.00	56,820,227.00	12,770,099.00	69,590,326.00
Depreciation	1,103,477.00	1,103,477.00		1,103,477.00			1,103,477.00		1,103,477.00
Employee Benefit							-	-	
Contingency							-		-
Activities	2,505,641.00	2,505,641.00		2,505,641.00			2,505,641.00	-	2,505,641.00
School Nutrition	148,583.00	3,167,453.00		3,167,453.00			3,167,453.00	-	3,167,453.00
Bond	4,534,289.00	4,534,289.00	3,631,823.00	8,166,112.00			3,631,823.00	4,534,289.00	8,166,112.00
Special Building	608,279.00	608,279.00	1,075,000.00	1,683,279.00			1,683,279.00		1,683,279.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking			848,860.00	848,860.00			848,860.00	-	848,860.00
Cooperative	-	-		-				-	-
Student Fee		-		-			-	-	-
				-					-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	20,644,450.00	54,883,730.00	32,181,418.00	87,065,148.00	9,977,469.00	46,842,758.00	69,760,760.00	17,304,388.00	87,065,148.00

PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX RECAP	General Fund	Bond Fund(s) (Total Of All Bond Funds)	Special Building Fund	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund
PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM COLUMN 3 (Line A)	26,625,735.00	3,631,823.00	1,075,000.00	848,860.00
COUNTY TREASURER'S COMMISSION 1% OF TAXES COLLECTED (Line B)	268,947.00	36,685.00	10,859.00	8,574.00
TOTAL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Line A + Line B) (Line C)	26,894,682.00	3,668,508.00	1,085,859.00	857,434.00

CERTIFIED STATE AID	MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES
$ 16,417,109.00	$ 2,345,000.00

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2024			
-	1,151,094.00	369,335.00	-

BUDGET STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF TAX

County-District # 71-0001
Columbus Public Schools

2024-2025 BUDGET ADOPTED									
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Column 3)	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 5)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION (Column 6)	TOTAL BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	NECESSARY CASH RESERVE (Column 8)	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS (Col 7 + Col 8) (Column 9)
General	13,144,184.00	41,998,525.00	26,625,735.00	68,624,260.00	9,977,469.00	45,876,692.00	55,854,161.00	12,770,099.00	68,624,260.00
Depreciation	1,103,477.00	1,103,477.00		1,103,477.00			1,103,477.00		1,103,477.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-		-
Activities	1,105,641.00	2,505,641.00		2,505,641.00			2,505,641.00	-	2,505,641.00
School Nutrition	148,580.00	3,167,453.00		3,167,453.00			3,167,453.00	-	3,167,453.00
Bond	4,534,289.00	4,534,289.00	3,631,823.00	8,166,112.00			3,631,823.00	4,534,289.00	8,166,112.00
Special Building	608,279.00	608,279.00	1,075,000.00	1,683,279.00			1,683,279.00		1,683,279.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	-	848,860.00	848,860.00			848,860.00	-	848,860.00
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-	-
Student Fee	-	-		-			-	-	-
				-					-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	20,644,450.00	53,917,664.00	32,181,418.00	86,099,082.00	9,977,469.00	45,876,692.00	68,794,694.00	17,304,388.00	86,099,082.00

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CERTIFIED STATE AID	MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES
$ 16,417,109.00	$ 2,345,000.00

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2024			
-	1,151,094.00	369,335.00	-

2023-2024 ACTUAL/ESTIMATED								
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	**TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES** (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	**PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES** (Column 3)	**TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE** (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Column 5)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Column 6)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS** (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE** (Col 4 - Col 7) (Column 8)
General	11,346,967.00	42,202,952.00	24,832,665.00	67,035,617.00	10,385,915.00	43,505,518.00	53,891,433.00	13,144,184.00
Depreciation	1,938,710.00	1,976,130.00		1,976,130.00			872,653.00	1,103,477.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	1,970,547.00	3,283,117.00		3,283,117.00			2,177,476.00	1,105,641.00
School Nutrition	506,305.00	3,033,122.00		3,033,122.00			2,884,542.00	148,580.00
Bond	4,160,463.00	4,278,857.00	3,865,737.00	8,144,594.00			3,610,305.00	4,534,289.00
Special Building	539,512.00	546,139.00	1,129,710.00	1,675,849.00			1,067,570.00	608,279.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	-	-	-			-	-
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-
Student Fee	-	-		-			-	-
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	20,462,504.00	55,320,317.00	29,828,112.00	85,148,429.00	10,385,915.00	43,505,518.00	64,503,979.00	20,644,450.00

NOTE: Total Disbursements and Transfers (Column 7) is the sum of Column 5 and Column 6 for the General Fund only. For all other funds, numbers will pull automatically from the Worksheets.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	
$	**2,143,895.00**

2022-2023 ACTUAL								
	TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE (Column 1)	**TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES BEFORE PROPERTY TAXES** (Including Beginning Balances) (Column 2)	**PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES** (Column 3)	**TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE** (Col 2 + Col 3) (Column 4)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Column 5)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS - NON-SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Column 6)	**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS & TRANSFERS** (Col 5 + Col 6) (Column 7)	**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE** (Col 4 - Col 7) (Column 8)
General	15,539,712.00	39,944,584.00	22,789,590.00	62,734,174.00	9,437,893.00	41,949,314.00	51,387,207.00	11,346,967.00
Depreciation	2,356,143.00	2,990,524.00		2,990,524.00			1,051,814.00	1,938,710.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	1,614,492.00	3,512,564.00		3,512,564.00			1,542,017.00	1,970,547.00
School Lunch	827,073.00	3,362,732.00		3,362,732.00			2,856,427.00	506,305.00
Bond	2,653,363.00	3,785,754.00	4,004,062.00	7,789,816.00			3,629,353.00	4,160,463.00
Special Building	2,622,890.00	6,183,922.00	1,111,025.00	7,294,947.00			6,755,435.00	539,512.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	-	-	-			-	-
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-
Student Fee	-	-		-			-	-
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$ 25,613,673.00	59,780,080.00	27,904,677.00	87,684,757.00	9,437,893.00	41,949,314.00	67,222,253.00	20,462,504.00

NOTE: Total Disbursements and Transfers (Column 7) is the sum of Column 5 and Column 6 for the General Fund only. For all other funds, numbers will pull automatically from the Worksheets.

MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	
$	**2,277,684.00**

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	**Columbus Public Schools**
ADDRESS	**2508 27th Street**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Columbus, NE 68601**
TELEPHONE	**402-563-7000**
WEBSITE	**www.columbuspublicschools.org**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Mr. Doug Willoughby	Dr. Chip Kay	Mr. Jason Schapmann
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Superintendent	Director of HR and Finance
TELEPHONE	402-563-7000	402-563-7000	402-563-7000
EMAIL ADDRESS	willoughbyd@discoverers.org	kayc@discoverers.org	schapmannj@discoverers.org

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [X] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [ ] Preparer

Columbus Public Schools

2024-2025 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Non-Bond Property Tax Request (1) $ 28,415,875.00
*(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes from **prior year** budget - Cover Page)*

Base Limitation Percentage Increase (2%) 2.00 % (2)

Real Growth Percentage Increase

77,358,511.00 / 2,543,592,086.00 = 3.04 % (3)

2024 Real Growth Value per Assessor / Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation per Assessor

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) 5.04 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) $ 1,432,160.10

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) **$ 29,848,035.10**
(Without needing to attend Joint Public Hearing, or be included on postcard notification)

ACTUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

2024-2025 ACTUAL Non-Bond Property Tax Request (7) $ 28,837,975.00
(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes from Cover Page)

Property Tax Request is within allowable growth percentage. Political subdivision is NOT required to complete postcard notification requirements, or participate in the joint public hearing.

If line (7) is **greater than** line (6), your political subdivision **is required** to participate in the joint public hearing, and complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You must provide the required information to the County Assessor electronically by September 4th. You are not required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632. The joint public hearing is completed in lieu of this hearing.

If line (7) is **less than** line (6), your political subdivision **is not required** to participate in the joint public hearing, or complete the postcard notification requirements of §77-1633. You are required to hold the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request outlined in §77-1632.

SCHEDULE A GENERAL FUND LID EXCLUSIONS

County-District # 71-0001

Columbus Public Schools

Line No.		2024-2025 Amount Budgeted To Spend
1	Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster: (List repair)	
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9	**Total Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster** (Lines 1 through 8)	$ -
10	**Judgments:** (List the types of judgments obtained against your School District to the extent such judgment is not paid by liability insurance)	
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		
17	**Total Judgments** (Lines 11 through 16)	$ -
18	**Distance Education Courses**	
19	**Amounts eligible as exclusion for Voluntary Termination Agreements**	$ 198,184.00
20	**Retirement Contribution Increase**	$ 1,125,197.00
21	**Native American Impact Aid**	
22	**Total General Fund Lid Exclusions - To LC-2 Form** (Line 9 + Line 17 to 21)	$ 1,323,381.00

Columbus Public Schools

Schedule B - Levies

Levy Limit Compliance

NOTE: The Schedule portion below is to determine if the School District has met the levy limitations.

Line No.		General Fund (Column A)	Bond Funds (Column B)	Special Building Funds (Column C)	Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Funds (Column D)
1	Total Personal and Real Property Taxes -Cover Page	26,894,682.00	3,668,508.00	1,085,859.00	857,434.00
2	**Exclusions:**				
3	Bonded indebtedness secured by a levy on property (Includes Co. Treasurer Comm.)	-	3,668,508.00		-
4	Judgments not paid by liability insurance	-			
5	Voluntary termination agreements with certificated staff / employees occurring prior to 9/1/17	-			
6	Voluntary termination agreements with certificated Teachers 9/1/17 and after	198,184.00			
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12	**Total Exclusions (Line 3 + Line 11)**	198,184.00	3,668,508.00	-	-
13	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement Subject to the Levy Limitation (Line 1 minus Line 12)	26,696,498.00	-	1,085,859.00	857,434.00
14	Assessed Valuation	2,878,738,113	2,878,738,113	2,878,738,113	2,878,738,113
15	Levy Subject to Limitation ((Line 13 / Line 14) x 100)	0.927368	0.000000	0.037720	0.029785
16	Total Levy for Compliance	0.994873			

Property Tax Request MUST also be within the School District's Property Tax Request Authority.

If the **total** levy on Line 16 is $1.05, or less, the levy limitation per State Statute Section 77-3442 has been met.

If Total of Line 16 is greater than $1.05 and you **did not** hold a successful election to override the levy, you are in violation of the levy lid. The school district **must reduce property taxes** to meet the levy limitation.

If Total of Line 16 is greater than $1.05 and you **held** a successful election to override the levy, which is in effect for the you must **attach a copy of the election ballot and the certified election returns** to your budget.

Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund levy. A district may only exceed the maximum levy of five and one-fifth cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation in any year if (i) the taxable valuation of the district is lower than the taxable valuation in the year in which the district last issued capital purpose undertaking bonds or (ii) such maximum levy is insufficient to meet the annual principal and interest obligations for all capital purpose undertaking bonds. Projects beginning after April 19, 2016 can only have a maximum levy of three cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation in any year. (Statute 79-10,110 & 79-10,110.02).

Special Building Fund levy. Limit on Building Fund levy of 14 cents (Statute 79-10,120)

REMINDER: School districts that have combined levies greater than $1.20 or the combined levies that exceeded the maximum levy approved at a special election may be subject to petitions for the free holding of territory. Combined levies do not include levies for bonded indebtedness approved by the voters of a school district or levies for the refinancing of such bonded indebtedness.

Voluntary Termination Exclusions

Line 5 Amounts to pay for current and future sums agreed to be paid by a school district to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring prior to 9/1/17

Line 6 Amount levied by school district at maximum levy to pay for current and future qualified voluntary termination incentives for certificated teachers pursuant to statute. Payments cannot exceed $35,000, must be paid within 5 years, will result in savings to the school, were not included in a collective bargaining agreement

Line 7 Amounts levied by school district at maximum levy to pay for 50% of the current and future sums agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for voluntary termination between 9/1/18 to 8/31/19 as a result of collective bargaining agreement in force on 9/1/17

Levies Expected to be Set by County

NOTE: The Schedule portion below is to assist with the Levy setting process.

Fund	Property Taxes	Valuation	Expected Levy
General Fund	$ 26,894,682.00	$ 2,878,738,113	0.934252
Special Building Fund	$ 1,085,859.00	$ 2,878,738,113	0.037720
Bond Fund	$ 3,668,508.00	$ 2,834,808,815	0.129409
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 2,878,738,113	0.000000
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 2,878,738,113	0.000000
QCPUF Fund	$ 857,434.00	$ 2,878,738,113	0.029785
QCPUF Fund	$ -	$ 2,878,738,113	0.000000
	$ -	$ 2,878,738,113	0.000000
	$ -	$ 2,878,738,113	0.000000
	$ -	$ 2,878,738,113	0.000000
	$ -	$ 2,878,738,113	0.000000
	$ -	$ 2,878,738,113	0.000000
	$ -	$ 2,878,738,113	0.000000
Total	$ 32,506,483.00		$ 1.131166

Must agree to Cover

Superintendent Pay Transparency Notice—Proposed Contract (*Name of current or new superintendent)*

Notice is hereby given that Columbus Schools has approval of a proposed superintendent employment contract/contract amendment on its agenda for the board meeting to be held on March 25, 2034 at 5:30 pm at the Kramer Education Center Room 171 in Columbus, Nebraska.

After the 2024/25 school year, how many years remain on the contract: (Column F must be completed if additional years remain on contract.)	0

The estimated costs to the district for the 2024/25 year and future years are listed below:

	2024/25 Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits	**Future Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits per Contract**	**TOTAL CONTRACT COST**
Base Pay for the Total FTE	$ 223,000.00		**$ 223,000.00**
Compensation for activities outside of the regular salary:			
• *Extended contracts / Activities outside of regular salary*			$ -
• *Bonus/Incentive/Performance Pay*			$ -
• *Stipends*			$ -
• *All other costs not mentioned above*			**$ -**
Benefits and Payroll Costs Paid by district:			
• *Insurances (Health, Dental, Life, Long Term Disability)*	$ 28,655.00		$ 28,655.00
• *Cafeteria Plan Stipend*			$ -
• *Cash in lieu of insurance*			$ -
• *Employee's share of retirement, deferred compensation, FICA and Medicare* ***if paid by the district***	$ 39,025.00		$ 39,025.00
• *District's share of retirement, FICA and Medicare*			$ -
• *IRS value of housing allowance*			$ -
• *IRS value of vehicle allowance*			$ -
• *Additional leave days*			$ -
• *Annuities*	$ 12,000.00		$ 12,000.00
• *Service credit purchase*			$ -
• *Association / Membership dues*	$ 1,000.00		$ 1,000.00
• *Cell Phone/Internet reimbursement*	$ 1,800.00		$ 1,800.00
• *Relocation reimbursement*			$ -
• *Travel allowance/reimbursement*			$ -
• *Mileage Allowance*	$ 6,000.00		$ 6,000.00
• *Educational tuition assistance*			$ -
• *All other benefit costs not mentioned above*			$ -
Totals:	**$ 311,480.00**	**$ -**	**$ 311,480.00**

Schedule D

*** Proof of Publication ***

Newspaper: COLUMBUS TELEGRAM

STATE OF INDIANA)
County of Lake) SS.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PO BOX 947
COLUMBUS, NE 68602

ORDER NUMBER 1231755

Robin Nelson, being duly sworn, deposes and says she/he is a Clerk of the Columbus Telegram, a legal newspaper printed and published daily Tuesday-Saturday in Platte County, State of Nebraska and of general circulation in Platte County; that said newspaper has a bona fide circulation published within said county for more than 52 successive weeks immediately prior to the first date of the published notice, and is produced in an office maintained at the place of publication.

This affidavit is a true and correct copy of notice which appeared in said newspaper. The notice was

Section: Class Legals
Category: 0099 LEGALS
PUBLISHED ON: 09/06/2024

TOTAL AD COST:	59.36
FILED ON:	9/6/2024

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 6 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024

Dawn Renee Heili Notary Public



*** Proof of Publication ***

Newspaper: COLUMBUS TELEGRAM

STATE OF INDIANA)
County of Lake) SS.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PO BOX 947
COLUMBUS, NE 68602

ORDER NUMBER 1231756

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This affidavit is a true and correct copy of notice which appeared in said newspaper. The notice was

Section: Class Legals
Category: 0099 LEGALS
PUBLISHED ON: 09/06/2024

TOTAL AD COST:	69.20
FILED ON:	9/6/2024

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 6 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024

Dawn Renee Heili Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL STATE OF INDIANA

DAWN RENEE HEILI
Commission Number: 696125
My Commission Expires
01/31/25

The Columbus Telegram

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MARKETPLACE

TO PLACE AN AD - SELF-SERVE: https://columbustelegram.com/place_an_ad **Call:** 402-204-7009
LEGALS AND PUBLIC NOTICE: legals@columbustelegram.com **Call:** 402-204-7009
OBITUARIES: obits@columbustelegram.com **Call:** 402-563-7550
CLASSIFIEDS: ads@columbustelegram.com **Call:** 402-204-7009
SHOP LOCAL / BUSINESS DIRECTORY: https://columbustelegram.com/places

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Columbus Rural Fire District
IN
Platte County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 11th day of September 2024, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at Fire Station for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours. The regular board meeting of the Fire District will commence immediately upon adjournment of the preceding budget hearing, which will begin at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 11th day of September 2024, and continue until all attendee testimony has concluded.

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 71,425.00
2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$ 900,698.00
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 1,559,921.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 168,296.16
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	$ 1,168,296.16
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 517,500.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 181,397.98
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 517,500.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

LEIGH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
IN
COLFAX County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 10th day of September, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock P.M. at FIRE HALL for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 170,359.16
2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$ 225,639.24
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 414,000.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 37,634.37
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	$ 491,634.37
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 133,476.56
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 9,400.88
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 133,476.56
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Walker Township
IN
Platte County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 11th day of September 2024, at 7:00 o'clock PM at Lucking Glass Methodist Church for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 99,154.00
2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$ 104,952.22
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 219,009.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 5,125.78
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	$ 218,125.78
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 86,219.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 28.60
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 86,219.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

Village of Richland
IN
Colfax County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 10th day of September 2024, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at 205 Tilden Street, Richland, NE 68601 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours. The regular board meeting of the Village will commence immediately upon adjournment of the preceding budget hearing, which will begin at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 10th day of September, 2024, and will continue until all attendee testimony has concluded.

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 47,321.09
2023-2024 Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	$ 98,703.08
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 662,900.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 76,909.09
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	$ 575,909.09
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 21,509.31
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 8,585.63
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 21,509.31
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 10th day of September 2024, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at 205 Tilden Street, Richland, NE 68601 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request. The regular board meeting of the Village will commence immediately upon adjournment of the preceding budget hearing, which will begin at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 10th day of September, 2024, and will continue until all attendee testimony has concluded.

	2023	2024	Change
Operating Budget	865,000.00	860,000.00	-2%
Property Tax Request	$ 14,330.54	$ 21,509.31	50%
Valuation	5,792,523	9,876,191	71%
Tax Rate	0.248841	0.217745	-12%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.145164		

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Columbus Public Schools (71-0001) in Platte County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of September, 2024 at 5:45 o'clock, P.M., at Kramer Education Center, Room 171 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget and to consider amendments relative thereto. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk/Secretary during regular business hours. For more information on statewide receipts and expenditures, and to compare cost per pupil and performance to other school districts, go to: https://NebraskaStateMe.gov

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2022-2023 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2023-2024 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	$ 51,397,207.00	$ 53,291,433.60	$ 55,854,161.60	$ 12,770,089.00	$ 41,896,525.60	$ 28,894,582.60
Depreciation	$ 1,051,514.00	$ 872,833.60	$ 1,103,477.60		$ 1,103,477.60	
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 1,642,017.00	$ 2,177,476.60	$ 2,505,941.60	$ -	$ 2,505,941.60	
School Nutrition	$ 2,455,427.00	$ 2,864,542.60	$ 3,157,459.60	$ -	$ 3,157,459.60	
Bond	$ 3,629,353.00	$ 3,810,303.60	$ 3,851,823.60	$ 4,634,289.00	$ 4,634,289.00	$ 3,696,508.60
Special Building	$ 4,756,495.00	$ 1,057,570.60	$ 1,693,279.60		$ 608,279.60	$ 1,085,859.60
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ -	$ -	$ 845,860.60	$ -	$ -	$ 857,434.60
Cooperative	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Student Fee	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 67,322,253.00	$ 64,963,979.00	$ 69,794,694.60	$ 17,404,368.00	$ 53,917,804.09	$ 32,508,483.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax:	$ 9,685,509.00	$ 26,837,975.00	$ 32,508,483.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Columbus Public Schools (71-0001) in Platte County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 16th day of, September 2024 at 5:45 o'clock P.M., at Kramer Education Center, Room 171 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change
Property Valuations	2,689,224,209	2,878,738,113	7%
Bond Valuation	2,652,025,056	2,834,808,815	7%

	2023-2024 Budget Information				2024-2025 Budget Information				
Fund	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Property Tax Request	2023 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2024 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	53,891,433.00	27,316,885.00	1.015791	0.948819	55,494,306.00	26,894,582.00	0.934252	-8%	3%
Bond Fund(s) K-12	4,063,061.00	3,643,299.00	0.137378	0.128569	5,851,823.00	5,668,508.00	0.129409	-6%	-11%
Bond Fund(s) K-8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 -12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	1,459,270.00	1,098,990.00	0.040869	0.038176	1,693,279.00	1,085,859.00	0.037720	-8%	16%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K-12			0.000000	0.000000			0.029785	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K-8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9-12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	59,413,764.00	32,059,174.00	1.192196	1.113564	61,898,288.00	32,508,483.00	1.131186	-5%	4%

0099 LEGALS

NOTICE OF THE REGULAR MEETING COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given that the REGULAR MEETING of the Columbus Public Schools Board of Education will be held on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., Kramer Education Center, 2410 18th Street, Columbus, Nebraska. (Use the west door) The meeting will be held in accordance with the State of Nebraska School Law, Article 14, Public Meetings, 84-1408 through 84-1414.

An agenda for such meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection during normal business hours in the School Administration Building or on the website: columbuspublicschools.org under the topic Board Agendas and Minutes. The agenda may be modified at such meeting, but only for the purpose of including items of an emergency nature.

JASON SCHAPMANN, SECRETARY COLUMBUS BOARD OF EDUCATION COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Sept. 6, 2024 2TEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION ORDINANCE NO. 24-21 IN PAMPHLET FORM

Public notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the mayor and council of the City of Columbus, NE, held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, there was adopted Ordinance No. 24-21 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE 2024 CITY OF COLUMBUS PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Said ordinance has been published in pamphlet form. A copy of said ordinance published in pamphlet form is available for inspection and distribution at the office of the city clerk at City Hall, 2500 14 St, Ste 3, Columbus, NE, during regular business hours.
City of Columbus
Shuana Grant, City Clerk
Sept. 6, 2024 2TEZ

0099 LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION ORDINANCE NO. 24-19 IN PAMPHLET FORM

Public notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the mayor and council of the City of Columbus, NE, held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, there was adopted Ordinance No. 24-19 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 4; ZONING REGULATIONS, TABLE 4-3, TRANSPORTATION USES, AND TO ADD SECTION 5-13 TO CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, SUPPLEMENTAL USE REGULATIONS, OF THE COLUMBUS LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR TRUCK TERMINALS AS A PERMITTED USE IN A GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (MP) AND BY SPECIAL PERMIT IN A GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (B-2) AND TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL USE REGULATIONS FOR SUCH USE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS THEROF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 19-405 OF NEBRASKA REVISED STATUTES.

Said ordinance has been published in pamphlet form. A copy of said ordinance published in pamphlet form is available for inspection and distribution at the office of the city clerk at City Hall, 2500 14 St, Ste 3, Columbus, NE, during regular business hours.
City of Columbus
Shuana Grant, City Clerk
Sept. 6, 2024 2TEZ

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Newspaper: COLUMBUS TELEGRAM

STATE OF INDIANA)
County of Lake) SS.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PO BOX 947

COLUMBUS, NE 68602

ORDER NUMBER 1231543

Robin Nelson, being duly sworn, deposes and says she/he is a Clerk of the Columbus Telegram, a legal newspaper printed and published daily Tuesday-Saturday in Platte County, State of Nebraska and of general circulation in Platte County; that said newspaper has a bona fide circulation published within said county for more than 52 successive weeks immediately prior to the first date of the published notice, and is produced in an office maintained at the place of publication.

This affidavit is a true and correct copy of notice which appeared in said newspaper. The notice was

MEETING NOTICE COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-1632 & 77-1633, that the Board of Education for Columbus Public Schools will meet on the 9th day of September, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kramer Education Center, 2410 16th Street, Columbus, Nebraska to discuss, consider and possibly vote to approve an increase to the school district's property tax request authority by up to an additional five percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage.
Aug. 31, 2024 ZNEZ

Section: Class Legals

Category: 0099 LEGALS

PUBLISHED ON: 08/31/2024

TOTAL AD COST: 11.75

FILED ON: 9/4/2024

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 4 day of September, 2024

Dawn Renee Heili Notary Public

NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL STATE OF INDIANA

DAWN RENEE HEILI
Commission Number: 696125
My Commission Expires
01/31/25

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Nebraska's school finance and tax statutes generally limit a public school district's property tax request authority, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-1632, 77-1633, 79-3405, and other laws, include an exception to allow a school district to otherwise exceed the default property tax request authority if at least seventy percent of the Board of Education votes in favor of the increased request; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education of a school district with an average daily membership of more than three thousand forty-four students but no more than ten thousand students may increase its tax request by up to an additional five percent above the base growth percentage; and

WHEREAS, the average daily membership of Platte County School District Number 71-0001, a/k/a Columbus Public Schools (the "School District") is more than three thousand forty-four students but no more than ten thousand students; and

WHEREAS, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of the School District hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by up to an additional five percent or other maximum amount as permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, public notice of this possible increase was published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least one week prior to this Board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 77-1632, 77-1633, 79-3405 and other Nebraska laws,, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District's overall property tax request authority by an additional five percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action consistent with this Resolution to ensure that the School District's overall property tax request complies with this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member Candace Becher moved for their passage and adoption. Member Doug Molczyk seconded same.

After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: Michael Jeffryes, Doug Molczyk, Theresa Seipel, Douglas Willoughby, Candace Becher.

The following members voted against the same: None.

The following members were absent or not voting: None.

The above Resolution having been consented to by at least seventy percent of the Members of the Board of Education, it was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings law.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2024.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: Doug Willoughby
President

ATTEST:

Jason Schapmann
Secretary

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 24-C

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Columbus Public Schools passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Columbus Public Schools resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	$ 26,894,682.00
Bond Fund:	$ 3,668,508.00
Special Building Fund:	$ 1,085,859.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund:	$ 857,434.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 7.05 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 1.113654 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Columbus Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 1.131166 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Columbus Public Schools will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 4.38 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Motion by Doug Molczyk, seconded by Michael Jeffryes to adopt Resolution # 24-C.

Voting yes were:	Voting no were:
Candace Becher	
Michael Jeffryes	
Doug Molczyk	
Theresa Seipel	
Douglas Willoughby	

Dated this 16th day of September, 2024

Board Secretary

Regular Meeting

Mission: *"Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"*

The Regular Meeting started at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 16, 2024. The meeting was held at

Kramer Education Center
2410 16th Street, Suite A
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher:	*Present*
Michael Jeffryes:	*Present*
Doug Molczyk:	*Present*
Theresa Seipel:	*Present*
Douglas Willoughby:	*Present*

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.A. President ensures all can hear proceedings

VI. MISSION STATEMENT
Mike Jeffryes read the Mission Statement.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

VIII.B. Meeting Minutes

VIII.C. Finance Reports
Mr. Schapmann shared a few of the payments that were made in the last month.

VIII.D. Staffing Reports
Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

VIII.E. Professional Travel

IX. FOUNDATION REPORT
The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Foundation Report, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

X. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

X.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning, talked about the support for new teachers. She said there have been 414 staff connections in the last month, 21% were connections with our new teachers. Information about the Family Literacy Program was shared. There are 35 adults who want to participate. These are EL families in cooperation with CCC, who teaches the course. Child care is being provided by the Kramer Child Development Center.

X.B. Director of Special Education

Jason Harris, Director of Special Education said he attended the NCTE Conference. He was elected to a committee that is working on how Nebraska certifies teachers. The committee is looking for a way to make the process easier if the teacher already has a BA degree. The Commissioner did issue a statement that said if you are already certified, you can take a content test in another area and if you pass you can become a teacher in that content area. Mr. Harris said we want to make sure we are putting the best people in front of our students and we are not lowering our standards. Before any of these plans move forward the State Board of Education will have a public meeting open for public comment and vote to approve.

X.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

Sara Colford Assistant Director of Student Services, updated on the two new attendance monitors and shared the focus and responsibilities of their positions. Mrs. Colford talked about the Mckinney-Vento Program.

X.D. Director of Human Resources

Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Resources and Fiscal Support said the CPS financial audit will begin September 30 and take about 4 days.

X.E. Director of Operations

X.F. Superintendent

XI. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XI.A. Second and Final Reading of Policy 504.25 Title IX and Exhibits
The superintendent recommends that the board approves the Second and Final Reading of Policy 504.25 Title IX , as submitted. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Doug Molczyk.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

Dr. Kay said there are some minor updates from recent legislation. It does not change the way we carry out our title IX for the school district.

XI.B. Second and Final Reading of Policy 503.04 Addressing Barriers to Attendance
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy 503.04 Addressing Barriers to Attendance, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XI.C. 2024-2025 Budget Approval
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the 2024-2025 budget, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XI.D. Resolution to set the property tax request
The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the resolution to set the property tax request. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XI.E. Snow Fence Placement Approval from the City of Columbus
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the snow fence placement request from the City of Columbus. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XI.F. Fundraising Applications to be Approved
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the fundraising applications. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XI.G. Out of State Field Trips
Close Up Field Trip
CHS Vocal Music
CHS Winter Percussion
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the out of state field trips, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XI.H. Surplus
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the surplus requests, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Michael Jeffryes and a second by Doug Molczyk.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XI.I. Replacement Schedule for 2014 Blue Bird Buses 300 & 301
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Replacement Schedule for 2014 Blue Bird Buses 300 & 301. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XIII. BOARD SHARING

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal considerations of the school district Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

The board exited executive session.

XV. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, September 16, 2024.

_____ _____

President Secretary

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

TO: COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOL
ATTN: SUPERINTENDENT
PO BOX 947
COLUMBUS, NE 68601

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF POLK

Name of School District	Class of School	Base School Code	Unified/ Learning Comm. Code	School District Taxable Value	School District Real Growth Value *	School District Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation	Real Growth Percentage [a]
COLUMBUS 1	3	71-0001		1,512,335	0	1,402,945	0.00

** Real Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1631 which includes (i) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (iii) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, and (iv) a change in the use of real property; and (v) the annual increase in the excess value for any tax increment financing project located in the political subdivision, if applicable.*

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I JODI KRANCE, POLK County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-509.

Jodi Krance
(signature of county assessor)

August 14, 2024
(date)

CC: County Clerk, POLK County
CC: County Clerk where school district is headquartered, if different county, _____ County

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Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2023)

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS
TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

TO: COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOL
ATTN: SUPERINTENDENT
PO BOX 947
COLUMBUS, NE 68601

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF POLK

Name of Base School District BOND(S)	Specify appropriate description of grade level applicable to the bond, e.g. elementary, high sch 9-12, or K-12	Base School Code	School BOND Taxable Value
COLUMBUS #1 BOND		71-0001	1,512,335

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(signature of county assessor)

August 14, 2024
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CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

TO: COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOL
%DR CHIP KAY
PO BOX 947
COLUMBUS NE 68602-0947

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PLATTE

Name of School District	Class of School	Base School Code	Unified/ Learning Comm. Code	School District Taxable Value	School District Real Growth Value *	School District Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation	Real Growth Percentage [a]
COLUMBUS 1	3	71-0001	0	2,863,814,711	77,349,266	2,529,818,479	3.06

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I KARI URKOSKI, PLATTE County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-509.

Kari S. Urkoski
(signature of county assessor)

8-14-24
(date)

CC: County Clerk, PLATTE County
CC: County Clerk where school district is headquartered, if different county, _____ County

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CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS
TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

TO: COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOL
%DR CHIP KAY
2508 27 ST, BOX 947
COLUMBUS NE 68601

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PLATTE

Name of Base School District BOND(S)	Specify appropriate description of grade level applicable to the bond, e.g. elementary, high sch 9-12, or K-12	Base School Code	School BOND Taxable Value
COLUMBUS 1 BOND		71-0001	2,819,559,113

I KARI URKOSKI, PLATTE County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-509.

Kari S. Urkoski
(signature of county assessor)

8-14-24
(date)

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CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

TO: COLUMBUS SCHOOL DIST #1
C/O CHIP KAY
PO BOX 947
COLUMBUS NE 68601

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BUTLER

Name of School District	Class of School	Base School Code	Unified/ Learning Comm. Code	School District Taxable Value	School District Real Growth Value *	School District Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation	Real Growth Percentage [a]
COLUMBUS 1	3	71-0001		13,411,067	9,245	12,370,662	0.07

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I VICKIE DONOGHUE, BUTLER County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-509.

VICKIE DONOGHUE
(signature of county assessor)

8/12/2024
(date)

CC: County Clerk, BUTLER County
CC: County Clerk where school district is headquartered, if different county, PLATTE County

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CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS
TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

COLUMBUS SCHOOL DIST #1
C/O CHIP KAY
PO BOX 947
TO: COLUMBUS NE 68601

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BUTLER

Name of Base School District BOND(S)	Specify appropriate description of grade level applicable to the bond, e.g. elementary, high sch 9-12, or K-12	Base School Code	School BOND Taxable Value
PL#1 K-12 BOND		71-0001	13,737,367

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VICKIE DONOGHUE
(signature of county assessor)

8/12/2024
(date)

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District Number: 71-0001-000
District Name: COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
District Phone: (402)563-7000

Instructions (https://cdn.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2122_LC2Instructions.pdf)

Checklist (/Budget_Document_Checklist.pdf)

2024/25 Section A: Calculation of Total Allowable Budget Authority

Certified Budget Authority	A-101	45,551,348
Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority [Maximum Amount: $879,008]	**A-355**	879,008
Total Adjusted Budget Authority	A-361	46,430,356
Total Allowable Budget Authority	A-780	46,430,356

The School District Budget Spreadsheet provided by the Auditor of Public Accounts is uploaded here.

MAKE SURE THE SPREADSHEET IS CLOSED BEFORE YOU UPLOAD.

Choose File No file chosen

Upload Budget Data

Excel file ONLY - 20MB limit

Update the budget data any time a change is made to the Budget Spreadsheet.

2024/25 Section B: General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers and Unused Budget Authority

2024/25 General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	**B-100**	55,854,161
2024/25 Special Grant Funds	B-110	0
2024/25 Special Education Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	**B-120**	9,977,469
2024/25 General Fund Lid Exclusions	**B-130**	1,323,381
Total Adjusted General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-140	44,553,311
2024/25 Unused Budget Authority	B-150	1,877,045

Update the LC2 System budget data any time a change is made to your School District Budget Spreadsheet.

Total Unused Budget Authority

2023/24 Total Unused Budget Authority	B-160	29,090,483
2024/25 General Fund Expenditure Growth	B-162	879,008
Adjusted Unused Budget Authority	B-165	28,211,475
2024/25 Unused Budget Authority	B-170	1,877,045

Total Unused Budget Authority (Carries forward into future school fiscal years)	B-175	30,088,520

Additional Budget Authority Approved by Patron		
Did you hold a successful special election for additional **BUDGET** Authority? (Not a levy override)	**B-180**	○Yes ◉No

2024/25 Section C: Allowable Reserves and Total Reserves		
2024/25 Applicable Allowable Reserve Percentage	C-170	25.00
2024/25 Total Allowable Reserves	C-180	13,963,540
2024/25 General Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	**C-300**	12,770,099
2024/25 Depreciation Fund Total Requirements	**C-310**	1,103,477
2024/25 Employee Benefit Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	**C-320**	0
Total Reserves	C-340	13,873,576

Levy Override Approved by Patron		
Did you hold a successful election of your patrons for a levy override that applies to the current year?	**B-400**	○Yes ◉No

Certified Assessed Valuation	**B-490**	2,878,738,113

2024/25 Section D: Property Tax Request Authority		
2024/25 Property Tax Request Authority	**D-110**	25,656,680
Did 70% of the School Board approve to exceed the Certified Property Tax Request Authority?	**D-120**	◉Yes ○No
Maximum Amount Allowed:	**D-130**	2,438,002
Enter the amount approved by the School Board.	**D-140**	2,438,002
Was a successful election of the patrons held to exceed the Property Tax Request Authority?	**D-150**	○Yes ◉No
Additional Property Tax Authority due to successful levy override (Calculation of B-420 multiplied by Certified Assessed Valuation listed above)	**D-170**	0
Total Property Tax Authority Allowed	**D-180**	28,094,682
2024/25 Property Tax Request General Fund	**D-210**	26,894,682
2024/25 Property Tax Request Special Building Fund	**D-220**	1,085,859
2024/25 Total Property Tax Request	**D-230**	27,980,541
2024/25 Unused Property Tax Request Authority	**D-240**	114,141
Total Property Tax Reduced as a result of increased SPED & Foundation Aid	**D-310**	0

Recalculate LC-2 after making changes to individual lines *(Form not saved)* — Recalculate LC-2

Save a copy of the LC-2 without submitting to NDE *(Save before moving to another page)* — Save LC-2

Submit completed LC-2 to NDE.
You can upload your Budget Documentation on the next screen.
Mailed or emailed budgets will not be accepted by NDE. — District Approval

Regular Meeting

Mission:"Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Regular Meetingstarted at 5:30 PMon Monday, September 9, 2024. The meeting was held at

Kramer Education Center
2410 16th Street, Suite A
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher:	Present
Michael Jeffryes:	Present
Doug Molczyk:	Present
Theresa Seipel:	Present
Douglas Willoughby:	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.A. President ensures all can hear proceedings

VI. MISSION STATEMENT

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

IX. RECOGNITIONS BY BOARD

X. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

X.A. Sixpence Presentation

X.B. CMS Presentation

Amy Haynes, CMS Principal, presented information on students, staff and activities at the middle school building.

X.C. Senior Release Program Presentation

Dave Hiebner, CHS Principal, shared information about the Senior Release Program.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

XI.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda
There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

XI.B. Meeting Minutes

XI.C. Finance Reports
Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Resources and Fiscal Support, said that Tyler Technologies is still in the process of fixing account names.

XI.D. Staffing Reports

XI.E. Professional Travel

XII. FOUNDATION REPORT

Nicole Anderson, Foundation/Communications Director talked about the Foundation Report, she noted amounts have increased with students back in school. She shared information on the back to school teacher supply kits that were distributed to each teacher with a face to face greeting from Bob Markham and Morgan Kapels. Mrs. Anderson said 550 people attended the Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame Event

Contributions for the month of August was $29,142.57; 2024 total is $395,400.68.

XIII. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

XIII.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

XIII.B. Director of Special Education
Jason Harris, Director of Special Education, reported that he is having trouble finding paras for online speech.Continued work is being done to find staffing.

XIII.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

XIII.D. Director of Human Resources

Mr. Schapmann updated on the Lunch Fund.

XIII.E. Director of Operations
Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Operations said the Certificate of Occupancy has been approved for the CASSETTE House. The punch list items are being worked on now.

XIII.F. Superintendent

Jordon Anderson, CMS Assistant Principal shared the updated CMS Student Fee List. He said there are a lot of programs, not a lot of fees. They always want to make sure students are involved in something and will help them out if they can't pay the fee.

Chip Kay, Superintendent, asked the board about attending the state conference. He said the Hall of Fame event was a great evening. Dr. Kay said he started is formal visits to school sites, he was at CHS and the classrooms he peeked in were very engaged. He also mentioned enrollment being at 4107.

XIV. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XV. DISCUSSION OF ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

XV.A. Proposed 2024-2025 Budget
Dr. Kay shared budget information including all funds and what is paid from those funds.

XV.B. Snow Fence Placement Approval from the City of Columbus

XV.C. Fundraising Applications to be Approved

XV.D. Out of State Field Trips
Close Up Field Trip
CHS Vocal Music
CHS Winter Percussion
Mr. Hiebner said these are all trips that these groups have gone on in previous years.

XV.E. Surplus

XV.F. Replacement Schedule for 2014 Blue Bird Buses 300 & 301

Mr. Kwapnioski talked about the bus replacement schedule.

XVI. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XVI.A. First Reading of Policy 504.25 Title IX and Exhibits
The superintendent recommends that the board approves the First Reading of Policy 504.25 Title IX , as submitted. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XVI.B. First Reading of Policy 503.04 Addressing Barriers to Attendance
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the First Reading of Policy 503.04 Addressing Barriers to Attendance, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Doug Molczyk.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XVI.C. Second and Final Reading of Policy 611.02 Student Promotion, Retention or Acceleration
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy 611.02 Student Promotion, Retention or Acceleration, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

New policy information from state statute.

XVI.D. Second and Final Reading of Policy 502.02 Nonresident Students/Option Enrollment including Policy 502.02E1
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy 502.02 Nonresident Students/Option Enrollment including Policy 502.02E1, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XVI.E. Second and Final Reading of Policy 402.02 Employee Conflict of Interest
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy 402.02 Employee Conflict of Interest, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

XVI.F. Resolution To Access Property Tax Authority
Motion to approve an increase to the school district's property tax request authority by up to an additional five percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Doug Molczyk.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea

Dr. Kay said this resolution, if approved, will allow the district to access the full amount that is permitted under statute, it is less than last year, it is what we need to balance the budget.

XVI.G. Resolution to use the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund
Motion to approve the resolution to use the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund under LB 1329 not to exceed $7.4 M. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Doug Molczyk.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea
These improvements would include vestibules and secure door systems in elementary schools, updating cameras, communications systems and fire alarms. Renovate existing space for a non-traditional school and support center.

XVII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XVIII. BOARD SHARING

XX. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea
The meeting was adjourned at 8:01.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, September 9, 2024.

_____ _____

President Secretary

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Columbus Public Schools — SUBDIVISION NAME

Platte — COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)
Columbus Educational Facilities Leasing Corporation	10/21/2019 to Indefinite	For the purpose of providing facilities and upgrades for educational use by Columbus Public Schools.

Committee As A Whole

Mission:"Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Committee As A Wholestarted at 5:30 PMon Monday, May 12, 2025. The meeting was held at

Kramer Education Center
2410 16th Street, Suite A
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher:	Present
Michael Jeffryes:	Present
Doug Molczyk:	Present
Theresa Seipel:	Present
Douglas Willoughby:	Present
Marv Zoucha:	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.A. President ensures all can hear proceedings

VI. MISSION STATEMENT
Doug Molczyck read the Mission Statement

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

IX. RECOGNITIONS BY BOARD

X. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

XI.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

XI.B. Meeting Minutes

XI.C. Finance Reports

XI.D. Staffing Reports
Waiting to hire classified staff until July, when it is closer to school starting. Certified memo has no resignations, just hires for open positions.

XI.E. Professional Travel

XII. FOUNDATION REPORT
Nicole Anderson, Director of Communications and Foundation Director reported on the information for the month of April. Total for the month $38,910.86; for the year $121,482.14.

XIII. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

XIII.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning spoke on Synergy reporting features. She said all the curriculum for advanced construction classes has been completed. The K-5 math will be piloted next year. This will be done by two teachers from each grade level in each building.

XIII.B. Director of Special Education

Jason Harris, Director of Special Education, updated that contracts for all building staffing is covered. There is a vacancy at North Park he is working on now. He is starting work on state reporting for June. Writing grants and preparing for new teachers in July. MANDT training is yearly for recertification.

XIII.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

Sara Colford, Assistant Director of Student Services, talked about new online learning platform. CPS has been using Acellus, it has gotten very pricey. Imagine Learning is the new platform. There is a day included for training scheduled on July 29, 2025. Dave Hiebner, CHS Principal, said this overall is very positive and opens some new avenues.
Mrs. Colford talked about the after-school program, parent fees and decrease in enrollment.

XIII.D. Director of Human Resources

XIII.E. Director of Operations

XIII.F. Superintendent

Chip Kay, Superintendent, wished Bob Hausmann, North Park Elementary Principal, the best along with Ashlie Stone, Kramer Preschool Principal, the best of luck as they leave the district. He said he was glad all others would be returning next school year. He offered to all that great work has been done this year, made this year spectacular. He wants the students to walk out next Wednesday and feel like we have done the best job for them.

XIV. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XIV.A. Superintendent Permission to Provide Counseling-Related or Mentoring Services at a School Site Exhibit Review

Sara Colford, Assistant Director of Student Services talked about the exhibit to this policy to obtain the permission of the superintendent to provide outside services to students. The form is being updated.

XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XV.A. Growth Solutions

Chip Kay, Superintendent, shared information on growth solutions for the district. He talked about the three solutions based on meetings and feedback recommendations from the community. He reminded the board that they had not selected a project. Dr. Kay shared what would need to be done once a project is selected. CPS will ask Clark & Enerson to design a draft of the project and cost analysis. Dr. Kay would also like to discard any ideas that will not solve the K-8 growth problem.
Dr. Kay shared a timeline for the process.

XV.B. Hello Hero Contract for 2025-2026

Jason Harris, Director of Special Education, shared information about this contract. This is a service CPS has been using for online caseworkers. Consultation is included. The price has not increased.

XV.C. Solient Health-Blazerworks Contract for 2025-2026
Mr. Harris said this contract is for the staffing of special education consultants. This company uses multiple recruiters.

XV.D. Surplus Requests
Surplus property has an activity chair listed. Mr. Harris said that this was purchased for a specific student. The student's family wants to purchase it for a fair selling price.

XV.E. CSD Contract-Music Therapy
This contract is for music therapy. Special education uses this specifically for autistic students with music therapy listed in their IEP as an educational support.

XV.F. B. Madden SLP Sub Contract for 2025-2026
This contract is to cover a planned staff maternity leave.

XV.G. ServiceMaster Contract for 2025-2026

The ServiceMaster contract shows an increased amount of square footage. They provide all their own materials. Monthly payment.

XV.H. Fundraising Applications

XV.I. Prek Frogstreet Proposal

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning, talked about the PreK Frogstreet curriculum. She said they visited David City and Bellwood to watch teachers use the curriculum. They really loved the STEAM activities, students could be very creative. It offers hands-on kits. This curriculum covers all the standards. Mrs. Hausmann said this program is allowed with the grant funding we receive.

XV.J. 2025-2026 Projected Classified, Professional Hybrid, and Food Service Staffing Costs

XVI. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XVI.A. Approval of the amended budget.
Motion to approve the amended budget, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XVI.B. CPS Option Resolution
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Option Resolution, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Dr. Kay shared the information on closing new option enrollment based on capacity in each grade, building, and program. This does not impact resident students or students already enrolled in CPS by option-enrollment.

XVI.C. OpenSciEd Proposal
Motion to approve the adoption of OpenSci Ed Curriculum Passed with a motion by Michael Jeffryes and a second by Theresa Seipel.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XVI.D. Review and Accept Bid for Non-Traditional Learning and Support Center Project
To approve the bid by BD Construction of Columbus with an change order to remove all RFP sections 26, 27, and 28 related to electrical, data, and security. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Bids were accepted a couple of weeks ago. There was a substantially lower bid. The RFP was written very specifically for the electrical. Because of cost and detail, it was requested to pull that part out and bid for the electrical separately. B-D is listed as the lowest bid.

XVII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XVIII. BOARD SHARING
The board collectively thanked all for their hard work. Enjoy the summer.

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Exited Executive Session ended at 7:29.

XX. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, May 12, 2025.

President

Secretary

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Tracy Underwood, being duly sworn, deposes and says she/he is a Clerk of the Columbus Telegram, a legal newspaper printed and published daily Tuesday-Saturday in Platte County, State of Nebraska and of general circulation in Platte County; that said newspaper has a bona fide circulation published within said county for more than 52 successive weeks immediately prior to the first date of the published notice, and is produced in an office maintained at the place of publication.

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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 2025

Michelle L Greeley Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
MICHELLE L. GREELEY
My Comm. Exp. June 7, 2028

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 12th day of May, 2025 at 5:20 o'clock, P.M., at Kramer Education Center, Room 171 for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget amendment of transferring $1,081,894 to depreciation from the additional state apportionment revenue.

Proposed Budget Amendment

	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
FUNDS	2022-2023 (1)	2023-2024 (2)	2024-2025 (3)			
General	$ 51,387,207.00	$ 53,891,433.00	$ 56,820,227.00	$ 12,770,099.00	$ 42,964,591.00	$ 26,894,682.00
TOTALS	$ 67,222,253.00	$ 64,503,979.00	$ 69,760,760.00	$ 17,304,388.00	$ 54,883,730.00	$ 32,506,483.00
				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
			Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 3,668,508.00	$ 28,837,975.00	$ 32,506,483.00

Original Approved Budget

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FUNDS	2022-2023 (1)	2023-2024 (2)	2024-2025 (3)			
General	$ 51,387,207.00	$ 53,891,433.00	$ 55,854,181.00	$ 12,770,099.00	$ 41,998,525.00	$ 26,894,682.00
TOTALS	$ 67,222,253.00	$ 64,503,979.00	$ 68,794,694.00	$ 17,304,388.00	$ 53,917,664.00	$ 32,506,483.00
				Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
			Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 3,668,508.00	$ 28,837,975.00	$ 32,506,483.00

May 8, 2025 ZNEZ

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Edmar Corachia

Agent



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State of Florida
County of Broward

Signed or attested before me on this: 06/05/2025

Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

Special Hearing May 12, 2025
Columbus Public Schools Board of Education Special Hearing started at 5:20 PM on Monday, May 12, 2025. The meeting was held at Kramer Education Center, 2410 16th Street, Suite A, Columbus, NE 68601
CALL TO ORDER

Candace Becher:	Present
Michael Jeffryes:	Present
Doug Molczyk:	Present
Theresa Seipel:	Present
Douglas Willoughby:	Present
Marv Zoucha:	Present

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT
President ensures all can hear proceedings
PUBLIC COMMENT
Receive public comment, discuss and consider the amended 2025-2026 budget.
Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

June 3, 2025
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