2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

County-District #: 34-0015 Class #: III

Beatrice Public Schools

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF

Gage County

This budget is for the Period SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 through AUGUST 31, 2026

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	$ -	$ 14,682,949.00	$ 14,682,949.00
Bond Fund(s) *[If More Than 1 Bond Fund - Total All Together]*	$ -		$ -
Special Building Fund	$ -	$ 2,222,222.00	$ 2,222,222.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	$ 464,646.00	$ -	$ 464,646.00
Total All Funds	$ 464,646.00	$ 16,905,171.00	$ 17,369,817.00

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of September 1, 2025
(Include Bond Fund(s) and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund)

$ 1,680,000.00	Principal
$ 13,468.00	Interest
$ 1,693,468.00	**Total Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness**

Total Certified Valuation (All Counties) $ 1,903,405,982

*(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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[ ] YES [x] 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 9-30-2025

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

BUDGET STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF TAX

County-District # 34-0015
Beatrice Public Schools

2025-2026 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	8,564,039.00	20,243,797.00	14,536,120.00	34,779,917.00	7,850,000.00	26,929,917.00	34,779,917.00	-	34,779,917.00
Depreciation	1,334,705.00	1,684,705.00		1,684,705.00			1,684,705.00		1,684,705.00
Employee Benefit	146,107.00	146,107.00		146,107.00			146,107.00	-	146,107.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-		-
Activities	623,187.00	1,168,187.00		1,168,187.00			1,168,187.00	-	1,168,187.00
School Nutrition	423,387.00	1,720,387.00		1,720,387.00			1,720,387.00	-	1,720,387.00
Bond	-	-	-	-			-	-	-
Special Building	2,850,804.00	3,355,954.00	2,200,000.00	5,555,954.00			5,555,954.00		5,555,954.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	1,833,647.00	1,859,642.00	460,000.00	2,319,642.00			2,319,642.00	-	2,319,642.00
Cooperative	916.00	48,916.00		48,916.00			48,916.00	-	48,916.00
Student Fee	24,983.00	38,183.00		38,183.00			38,183.00	-	38,183.00
				-					-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	15,801,775.00	30,265,878.00	17,196,120.00	47,461,998.00	7,850,000.00	26,929,917.00	47,461,998.00	-	47,461,998.00

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)	14,536,120.00	-	2,200,000.00	460,000.00
COUNTY TREASURER'S COMMISSION 1% OF TAXES COLLECTED (Line B)	146,829.00	-	22,222.00	4,646.00
TOTAL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Line A + Line B) (Line C)	14,682,949.00	-	2,222,222.00	464,646.00

CERTIFIED STATE AID	**MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES**
$ 4,947,581.00	**$ 1,200,000.00**

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2025			
1,464,039.00	-	475,000.00	89,000.00

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Beatrice Public Schools

2024-2025 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	9,763,705.00	23,300,039.00	13,000,000.00	36,300,039.00	6,050,000.00	21,686,000.00	27,736,000.00	8,564,039.00
Depreciation	1,944,705.00	2,009,705.00		2,009,705.00			675,000.00	1,334,705.00
Employee Benefit	147,037.00	154,537.00		154,537.00			8,430.00	146,107.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	643,187.00	1,473,187.00		1,473,187.00			850,000.00	623,187.00
School Nutrition	648,085.00	1,960,887.00		1,960,887.00			1,537,500.00	423,387.00
Bond	-	-	-	-			-	-
Special Building	4,070,654.00	5,350,804.00	2,000,000.00	7,350,804.00			4,500,000.00	2,850,804.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	1,658,771.00	1,764,822.00	350,000.00	2,114,822.00			281,175.00	1,833,647.00
Cooperative	(9,084.00)	95,916.00		95,916.00			95,000.00	916.00
Student Fee	31,483.00	44,983.00		44,983.00			20,000.00	24,983.00
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	18,898,543.00	36,154,880.00	15,350,000.00	51,504,880.00	6,050,000.00	21,686,000.00	35,703,105.00	15,801,775.00

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	
$	1,275,000.00

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2023-2024 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	10,378,925.00	27,261,961.00	12,021,219.00	39,283,180.00	5,616,657.00	23,902,818.00	29,519,475.00	9,763,705.00
Depreciation	2,053,555.00	2,357,249.00		2,357,249.00			412,544.00	1,944,705.00
Employee Benefit	140,745.00	149,103.00		149,103.00			2,066.00	147,037.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	539,073.00	1,388,118.00		1,388,118.00			744,931.00	643,187.00
School Lunch	647,158.00	2,180,147.00		2,180,147.00			1,532,062.00	648,085.00
Bond	-	-	-	-			-	-
Special Building	2,807,445.00	6,872,479.00	1,890,033.00	8,762,512.00			4,691,858.00	4,070,654.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	1,479,379.00	1,624,874.00	310,260.00	1,935,134.00			276,363.00	1,658,771.00
Cooperative	(16,487.00)	63,650.00		63,650.00			72,734.00	(9,084.00)
Student Fee	52,439.00	64,026.00		64,026.00			32,543.00	31,483.00
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$ 18,082,232.00	41,961,607.00	14,221,512.00	56,183,119.00	5,616,657.00	23,902,818.00	37,284,576.00	18,898,543.00

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	
$	1,316,915.00

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

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

NAME	**Jason Alexander**
ADDRESS	**320 N 5th Street**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Beatrice 68310**
TELEPHONE	**402-223-1500**
WEBSITE	

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Eric Trusty	Jason Alexander	Jason Alexander
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Superintendent	Superintendent
TELEPHONE	402-223-1500	402-223-1500	402-223-1500
EMAIL ADDRESS		jalexander@bpsnebr.org	jalexander@bpsnebr.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
- [x] Preparer

Beatrice Public Schools

2025-2026 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Non-Bond Property Tax Request (1) $ 16,489,640.00
*(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

2025 Real Growth Value per Assessor	/	Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation per Assessor	=		(3)
8,741,746.00	/	1,692,887,532.00	=	0.52 %	(3)

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) 2.52 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) $ 415,538.93

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) **$ 16,905,178.93**
(Without needing to attend Joint Public Hearing, or be included on postcard notification)

ACTUAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

2025-2026 ACTUAL Non-Bond Property Tax Request (7) $ 16,905,171.00
(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.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Beatrice Public Schools (34-0015) in Gage 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 8th day of September, 2025 at 5:40 o'clock, PM, at BPS District Office Board Room 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://nep.education.ne.gov

FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2023-2024 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2025-2026 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	$ 29,519,475.00	$ 27,736,000.00	$ 34,779,917.00	$ -	$ 20,243,797.00	$ 14,682,949.00
Depreciation	$ 412,544.00	$ 675,000.00	$ 1,684,705.00		$ 1,684,705.00	
Employee Benefit	$ 2,066.00	$ 8,430.00	$ 146,107.00	$ -	$ 146,107.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 744,931.00	$ 850,000.00	$ 1,168,187.00	$ -	$ 1,168,187.00	
School Nutrition	$ 1,532,062.00	$ 1,537,500.00	$ 1,720,387.00	$ -	$ 1,720,387.00	
Bond	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Special Building	$ 4,691,858.00	$ 4,500,000.00	$ 5,555,954.00		$ 3,355,954.00	$ 2,222,222.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ 276,363.00	$ 281,175.00	$ 2,319,642.00	$ -	$ 1,859,642.00	$ 464,646.00
Cooperative	$ 72,734.00	$ 95,000.00	$ 48,916.00	$ -	$ 48,916.00	
Student Fee	$ 32,543.00	$ 20,000.00	$ 38,183.00	$ -	$ 38,183.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 37,284,576.00	$ 35,703,105.00	$ 47,461,998.00	$ -	$ 30,265,878.00	$ 17,369,817.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 464,646.00	$ 16,905,171.00	$ 17,369,817.00

SCHEDULE A GENERAL FUND LID EXCLUSIONS

County-District # 34-0015

Beatrice Public Schools

Line No.		2025-2026 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**	
20	**Retirement Contribution Increase**	
21	**Native American Impact Aid**	
22	**Total General Fund Lid Exclusions - To LC-2 Form** (Line 9 + Line 17 to 21)	$ -

Beatrice 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	14,682,949.00	-	2,222,222.00	464,646.00
2	**Exclusions:**				
3	Bonded indebtedness secured by a levy on property (Includes Co. Treasurer Comm.)	-	-		464,646.00
4	Judgments not paid by liability insurance	-			
5					
6	Voluntary termination agreements with certificated Teachers 9/1/17 and after	-			
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12	**Total Exclusions (Line 3 + Line 11)**	-	-	-	464,646.00
13	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement Subject to the Levy Limitation (Line 1 minus Line 12)	14,682,949.00	-	2,222,222.00	-
14	Assessed Valuation	1,903,405,982	1,903,405,982	1,903,405,982	1,903,405,982
15	Levy Subject to Limitation ((Line 13 / Line 14) x 100)	0.771404	0.000000	0.116750	0.000000
16	Total Levy for Compliance	0.888154			

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 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	$ 14,682,949.00	$ 1,903,405,982	0.771404
Special Building Fund	$ 2,222,222.00	$ 1,903,405,982	0.116750
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
QCPUF Fund	$ 464,646.00	$ 1,903,405,982	0.024411
QCPUF Fund	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,903,405,982	0.000000
Total	$ 17,369,817.00		$ 0.912565

Must agree to Cover

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

Notice is hereby given that __Beatrice_____Schools has approval of a proposed superintendent employment contract/contract amendment on its agenda for the board meeting to be held on __December __9_, 20_24__ at _6__ am/pm at the _District Board Office_____ Room in _Beatrice____, Nebraska.

After the 2025/26 school year, how many years remain on the contract:
(Column F must be completed if additional years remain on contract.)

Enter Years Remaining on Contract Here

The estimated costs to the district for the 2025/26 year and future years are listed below:

	2025/26 Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits	Future Base Pay, Additional Compensation & Benefits per Contract	TOTAL CONTRACT COST
Base Pay for the Total FTE	$ 200,000.00		**$ 200,000.00**
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)*	$ 10,400.00		$ 10,400.00
• *Cafeteria Plan Stipend*			$ -
• *Cash in lieu of insurance*			$ -
• *Employee's share of retirement, deferred compensation, FICA and Medicare* ***if paid by the district***	$ 16,000.00		$ 16,000.00
• *District's share of retirement, FICA and Medicare*	$ 15,300.00		$ 15,300.00
• *IRS value of housing allowance*			$ -
• *IRS value of vehicle allowance*			$ -
• *Additional leave days*			$ -
• *Annuities*			$ -
• *Service credit purchase*			$ -
• *Association / Membership dues*	$ 2,400.00		$ 2,400.00
• *Cell Phone/Internet reimbursement*	$ 1,200.00		$ 1,200.00
• *Relocation reimbursement*			$ -
• *Travel allowance/reimbursement*			$ -
• *Mileage Allowance*	$ 2,400.00		$ 2,400.00
• *Educational tuition assistance*			$ -
• *All other benefit costs not mentioned above*			$ -
Totals:	**$ 247,700.00**	**$ -**	**$ 247,700.00**

Schedule D

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 25-26

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Beatrice 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 Beatrice Public Schools resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	$ 14,682,949.00
Bond Fund:	$ -
Special Building Fund:	$ 2,222,222.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund:	$ 464,646.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 12.44 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 0.888071 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Beatrice Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.912565 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Beatrice Public Schools will increase ~~(decrease)~~ last year's budget by 8.72 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Doris Martin, seconded by Eric Book to adopt Resolution # 25-26.

Voting yes were:	Voting no were:
Eric Book	
Marrissa Centeno	
Erin Hamilton	
Doris Martin	
Charles Riedesel	
Eric Trusty	
Brandon Vetrovsky	

Dated this 8th day of Sept, 2025

NOTE 1: If you need separate levies for separate funds your resolution should identify the tax request by fund. #1 should be modified to identify each fund that has a tax levy

NOTE 2: This sample resolution is intended solely to assist political subdivisions. It is not a required form. Each political subdivision is responsible for ensuring the resolution is accurate and complies with all requirements set forth in the State Statutes

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FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers 2023-2024 (1)	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers 2024-2025 (2)	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers 2025-2026 (3)	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
General	$ 29,519,475.00	$ 27,736,000.00	$ 34,779,917.00	$ -	$ 20,243,797.00	$ 14,682,949.00
Depreciation	$ 412,544.00	$ 675,000.00	$ 1,684,705.00		$ 1,684,705.00	
Employee Benefit	$ 2,066.00	$ 8,430.00	$ 146,107.00	$ -	$ 146,107.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 744,931.00	$ 850,000.00	$ 1,168,187.00	$ -	$ 1,168,187.00	
School Nutrition	$ 1,532,062.00	$ 1,537,500.00	$ 1,720,387.00	$ -	$ 1,720,387.00	
Bond	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Special Building	$ 4,691,858.00	$ 4,500,000.00	$ 5,555,954.00		$ 3,355,954.00	$ 2,222,222.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ 276,363.00	$ 281,175.00	$ 2,319,642.00	$ -	$ 1,859,642.00	$ 464,646.00
Cooperative	$ 72,734.00	$ 95,000.00	$ 48,916.00	$ -	$ 48,916.00	
Student Fee	$ 32,543.00	$ 20,000.00	$ 38,183.00	$ -	$ 38,183.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 37,284,576.00	$ 35,703,105.00	$ 47,461,998.00	$ -	$ 30,265,878.00	$ 17,369,817.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 464,646.00	$ 16,905,171.00	$ 17,369,817.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Beatrice Public Schools (34-0015) in Gage 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 8th day of, September 2025 at 5:50 o'clock PM, at BPS District Office Board Room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuations	1,692,887,532	1,903,405,982	12%

	2024-2025 Budget Information				***2025-2026 Budget Information***				
Fund	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Property Tax Request	2024 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2023-2024 Request **Divided By** 2024 Valuation)	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	32,770,256.00	14,329,044.00	0.846426	0.752811	34,779,917.00	14,682,949.00	0.771404	-9%	6%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
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
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Special Building Fund	4,028,136.00	2,180,596.00	0.128809	0.114563	5,555,954.00	2,222,222.00	0.116750	-9%	38%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	2,310,559.00	393,939.00	0.023270	0.020697	2,319,642.00	464,646.00	0.024411	5%	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	39,108,951.00	16,903,579.00	0.998506	0.888071	42,655,513.00	17,369,817.00	0.912565	-9%	9%

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Beatrice Public Schools — SUBDIVISION NAME

Gage — COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)
ESU #5	2021-2025	Southeast Nebraska Education Agency
City of Beatrice	9-1-25 to 9-1-26	Curriculum and Staff Development Inservice and Education
City of Beatrice	9-1-25 to 9-1-26	Provide Coordinator of Teammates Program
City of Beatrice	9-1-25 to 9-1-26	Shared Cost of School Resource Officers
City of Beatirice and Gage County	9-1-25 to 9-1-26	Share Cost for Substance abuse programs (MAPS)
Head Start	9-1-25 to 9-1-26	Shared Operation of Preschool Program
NASB ALICAP	9-1-25 to 9-1-26	Pooled Insurance and NJUMP
Auburn, Centurea, Grand Island, Boone Central Public Schools	9-1-25 to 9-1-26	Innovation Grant
ESU#5, Conestoga, Wymore, Southern School Disricts	9-1-25 to 9-1-26	Shared Technology Purchases and Bond Underwriting

*** Proof of Publication ***

State of Nebraska)
Gage County) SS.

BEATRICE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
320 N 5TH
BEATRICE NE 68310

ORDER NUMBER 1262409

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she/he is a Clerk of the Beatrice Daily Sun, a legal newspaper printed, published and having a general circulation in the County of Gage and State of Nebraska, and that the attached printed notice was published in said newspaper and that said newspaper is the legal newspaper under the statues of the State of Nebraska.

The above facts are within my personal knowledge and are further verified by my personal inspection of each notice in each of said issues.

Clerk of the Beatrice Daily Sun

Signature Marie Silfer Date 9/12/25

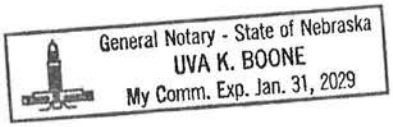
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County Board proclaims Big Give Gage Day

ROB SCHLOTTERBECK
Daily Sun editor

The Gage County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation for Big Give Gage, which is taking place on Sept. 11.

Declaring it Big Give Gage Day, the proclamation encourages "all citizens of Gage County to recognize the tradition of philanthropy as it continues to improve and enhance the lives of all by promoting the common good."

"This will be our seventh year," said Don Vetrovsky, president of the Gage County Foundation. "And in the past six years, we have raised a little more than $2 million for nonprofit agencies in Gage County."

"I am so proud of this county," he told the supervisors, "of how it bonds together on that one day, of all the giving that we receive for all the number of different agencies. We started out seven years ago with 42 agencies, and today we're up to 82 that will be on the list that you can get on ... biggivegage.org."

This year's goal for the event is $500,000.

Vetrovsky thanked the board for the proclamation and its support.

"Contact your family members, contact your friends friends, contact friends ... we need numbers," he said.

In other action:

* The board tabled a motion by Supervisor Rex Adams to temporarily put a hold on awarding Visitor Improvement Grants.

Staffing changes have left the Beatrice Area Chamber of Commerce without a tourism director, and Adams was concerned about what not having someone in that position meant for the process of grant applications.

"It's not fair to these organizations to apply for something without the proper channels to go through," he said. He added he wanted to wait until organizational structures were in place for grant applicants.



ROB SCHLOTTERBECK, DAILY SUN

Don Vetrovsky (from left), chairman of the Gage County Foundation, holds the Big Give Gage Day proclamation after he received it Wednesday from Erich Tiemann, chairman of the Gage County Board of Supervisors, along with Greg Leach of the foundation's board.

Supervisor Gary Lytle made the motion to table the hold.

"I don't disagree with going your way," he said to Adams, "but I also don't want to see good projects get held up because we get in the way."

"I don't necessarily see an issue putting, like, a temporary hold," said Supervisor Emily Haxby, who seconded Adams' motion. "I mean, even if we put a hold on today ... it doesn't hurt anything."

"If there's an application out right now, two weeks isn't gonna kill it ...," Adams said, "to maybe get some clarity ... a couple weeks to try to set some things in motion."

Lytle's motion to table Adams' motion for two weeks passed 7-0.

* In an effort to get some clarity on the tourism director situation and other issues, the board voted to send a three-person delegation to the next Beatrice City Council meeting.

Board Chairman Erich Tiemann said it was aimed at making sure the board and the council knew what the other was thinking.

"My thought process was, we get ... an opinion from the entire City Council so we know where everyone's at, at least that day," he said.

"The mayor and I have talked multiple times on this," Tiemann said later. "We want to work together with the city. City wants to work together with county. We just need to figure out where everything stands, and that way we can make intelligent moves."

Because of the possibility of negotiations, Lytle asked if that meant a closed session would be needed. Tiemann said he thought they should leave that decision to Mayor Bob Morgan, since it's a city meeting.

After the motion passed unanimously, Tiemann said the delegation would be himself, Rick Clabaugh and Adams. Tiemann and Clabaugh are both former members of the City Council.

* As part of its general agenda, the board called for bids for snow removal for 2025-26 at the courthouse, the Gage County Sheriff's Office and Jail, the Veterans Service Office, the former bus stop location and county parking lots. Bidders must already be engaged in that type of work and be able to demonstrate their ability to provide equipment and labor to meet the bid specifications. Bids will be opened at the board's Sept. 17 meeting.

Reach the writer at rschlotterbeck@beatricedailysun.com.

Crete business owner seeks legislative seat

CHRIS DUNKER
Lincoln Journal Star

A businesswoman and attorney from Crete with experience in economic development will seek the District 32 seat in the Nebraska Legislature next year.

Shay Smith, a registered nonpartisan and self-described "proud independent," announced her candidacy to replace the term-limited Sen. Tom Brandt on Wednesday.

"We all want a Nebraska where hardworking people can afford to support their families," Smith said. "As a small business owner, nonprofit leader, and community leader, I have worked tirelessly to redevelop main streets, revitalize public spaces, and bring economic investments to Southeast Nebraska.

"I'm running to continue getting things done for our state in the Legislature," she added.

A native of Paxton, Smith attended Doane University in Crete and was the first in her family to graduate from college. She later earned a law degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, before returning to Saline County to start a law practice where she helps individuals and businesses file tax returns.

Smith has also long been involved in community and economic development projects, according to her campaign announcement. She wrote Crete's economic development plan and worked with city and community leaders, as well as voters, to get it implemented.

The program has helped revitalize Crete's city pool, supported new and existing businesses, and funded new housing developments, her campaign said. Smith also helped secure a state grant to reopen the Isis Theater in Crete in 2024.

If elected, Smith said her priorities include addressing high taxes, supporting high-quality education, health care costs and access limitations, and "keeping Nebraska land ownership right here at home."

"The rising costs of everyday goods, child care, health care and prescription drugs, and housing are out of control and threatening our way of life," Smith said. "I understand how to build economic opportunity and cut costs."

Smith said she would also "do the hard work of balancing budgets and controlling spending without threatening the schools and medical facilities" that serve as the backbone of Nebraska's rural communities.

Smith's entry into the District 32 race follows the announcement of Mark Schoenrock, a Republican and U.S. Army veteran from Fairbury who currently serves on the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY

FOR THE PUBLIC

Bargain Box Sack Sale: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Bargain Box Thrift Store, 506 Court St. All proceeds benefit Mosaic.

Burwood Books/Mother to Mother Ministry: Will have story time at 10 a.m. for children in preschool through kindergarten. Call 402-223-6042 for more information.

Beatrice Farmers Market: 4-6:30 p.m., 318 N. Sixth St.

Senior Center Jam: dinner, 5 p.m.; jam, 5:30. Beatrice Senior Center, 101 N. 25th St.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church (use west entrance), 321 N. Fifth St.

Beatrice Undergrounders Narcotics Anonymous: 8:15 p.m. in the basement of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located at 19th and Garfield streets.

FRIDAY

FOR THE PUBLIC

Bargain Box Sack Sale: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Bargain Box Thrift Store, 506 Court St. All proceeds benefit Mosaic.

Wymore Community Coffee: 10 a.m., Park Lodge (sponsored by Speidell Monuments). To host a coffee, contact Gloria Henderson at 402-645-8058.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: noon and 7 p.m., Assembly of God, Fairbury.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 6 p.m., Summit Street Church, 1220 Summit St. (use west entrance).

Beatrice Guardian Angels: 8 p.m. at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located at 19th and Garfield streets.

Guardian Angels Narcotics Anonymous: 8-9 p.m. in the basement of Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 19th and Garfield streets.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 8 p.m., St. James Catholic Church, Cortland.

SENIOR DINERS

NOON MEALS

BEATRICE SENIOR CENTER

Address: 101 N. 25th St.
Phone: 402-223-3055.

Contact the center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday for noon meals.

For those ages 60 and over, the suggested contribution is $6. For those under age 60, the suggested contribution is $9. Make reservations the day before.

Catered evening meal the fourth Thursday each month at 5:30 p.m. Call 402-223-3055 for reservations.

Menu:

Monday: creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots.

Tuesday: roast pork, seasoned carrots, dressing, kraut/tomatoes.

Wednesday: beef stew (meat, potatoes, vegetables), biscuit.

Thursday: porcupine meatballs, scalloped potatoes, green beans.

Friday: loaded baked potatoes, vegetable salad.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Beatrice Public Schools (84-0015) in Gage County Nebraska

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Employee Benefit	$ 7,056.00	$ 8,430.00	$ 148,107.00	$ -	$ 148,107.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 744,831.00	$ 850,000.00	$ 1,168,187.00	$ -	$ 1,168,187.00	
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Bond	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Special Building	$ 4,691,585.00	$ 4,500,000.00	$ 5,555,954.00		$ 2,555,954.00	$ 2,222,222.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ 700,353.00	$ 281,175.00	$ 2,210,649.00	$ -	$ 1,850,649.00	$ 414,046.00
Cooperative	$ 72,734.00	$ 85,000.00	$ 48,916.00	$ -	$ 48,916.00	
Student Fee	$ 32,543.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 38,183.00	$ -	$ 38,183.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 37,784,376.00	$ 38,703,105.00	$ 47,461,996.00	$ -	$ 30,265,876.00	$ 17,369,817.00

	Rate Purposes	Non-Rate Purposes	Total
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	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuation	$ 1,642,887,128	$ 1,703,405,962	3.7%

Fund	2024-2025 Operating Budget	2024-2025 Property Tax Request	2024 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2024-2025 Request Divided By 2024 Valuation)	2025-2026 Operating Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2025 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operating Budget
General Fund	32,779,256.00	11,329,044.00	0.689405	0.771841	34,779,917.00	14,482,349.00	0.771424	-0.1	6%
Bond Fund(s) K-12			0.000000	0.000000	-	-	0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
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	4,628,135.00	2,180,500.00	0.126808	0.141453	5,555,954.00	2,222,222.00	0.115750	-0.1	38%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	2,910,579.00	165,359.00	0.010121	0.010067	2,910,649.00	464,646.00	0.024411	0.1	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	40,318,970.00	16,208,503.00	0.990504	0.986987	43,650,520.00	17,369,817.00	0.972585	-1%	8%

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Board of Education Budget Hearing
Monday, September 8, 2025 5:40 PM Central

Administration Building- Board Room
320 N 5th St
Beatrice, NE 68310

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. 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 attendance of the public.

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Absent: Eric Book, **Present:** Marrissa Centeno, Erin Hamilton, Doris Martin, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Mr. Trusty, President of the Board of Education, called the budget hearing to order at 5:40 PM in the Administration Building Board Room. At the beginning of the meeting, the chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the west wall of the meeting room.

2. Approval of the Agenda

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Brandon Vetrovsky.
Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Information

3.1. 2025-2026 Budget Hearing

Mr. Alexander used a slide show to highlight the budget information for the Board. The presentation included the goals of the budget cycle, student enrollment trends, TEEOSA, state aid data, valuation data, and the district's historical revenue and expenditure data. He shared the projected future increase in expenditures for the district over the 2025-2026 budget year. He broke down the expenditures and revenues side of the budget and shared that the general fund budget is balanced at $34,779,917. He added that state aid is down this year.

4. Public Forum/Comment

No one spoke at this time.

5. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Brandon Vetrovsky.
Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The hearing adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary

Dr. Jacinda Nicol
Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

9/23/25
Date

DRAFT

Board of Education Property Tax Hearing
Monday, September 8, 2025 5:50 PM Central

Administration Building- Board Room
320 N 5th St
Beatrice, NE 68310

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Absent: Eric Book, **Present:** Marrissa Centeno, Erin Hamilton, Doris Martin, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 6, Absent: 1.

Mr. Trusty, President of the Board of Education, called the property tax hearing to order at 5:54 PM in the Administration Building Board Room. At the beginning of the meeting, the chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the west wall of the meeting room.

2. Approval of the Agenda

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Brandon Vetrovsky.
Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Information

3.1. 2025-2026 Property Tax Hearing

Eric Book entered the meeting.

Mr. Alexander shared the school district valuation figure as certified and provided by the county assessor on August 20th. He noted that real growth is down significantly. The district's tax levy history was shared. Next, he shared the proposed tax levies with Board members. The total proposed tax levy is $.912565 which is down approximately 9% from the previous tax rate. The overall budget is increasing by approximately 9%, which is largely due to the CSLD grant.

4. Public Forum/Comment

No one spoke at this time.

5. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.
Eric Book: Yea, Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary.

Dr. Jacki Nid
Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

9/23/25
Date

DRAFT

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 8, 2025 6:00 PM Central

Administration Building- Board Room
320 N 5th St
Beatrice, NE 68310

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Present: Eric Book, Marrissa Centeno, Erin Hamilton, Doris Martin, Charles Riedesel, Eric Trusty, Brandon Vetrovsky. Present: 7.

Mr. Trusty, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM in the Administration Building Board Room. At the beginning of the meeting, the chairperson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the west wall of the meeting room.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Oath of Office to New Student Member- Brooke Gleason

Mr. Alexander administered the oath of office to the new student rep, Brooke Gleason.

4. Consent Agenda

Martin presented the following items on the consent agenda:

4.1. Approval of the agenda as submitted

4.2. Approval of minutes of the regular Board of Education meeting on August 11, 2025

4.3. Approval of the proposed accounts for payment

4.4. Approval of budgetary receipts and expenditures for August 2025

4.5. Approval of Committee of the Whole Minutes- August 25, 2025

4.6. Approval of Option Students: To Wilber-Clatonia- Dalton Sin- Gr. 10; To Lewiston- Kashtyn Spunaugle- Gr. K; From Freeman- Ruthie Fritzen- Gr. 11, Marlie Fritzen- Gr. 7, Kate Fritzen- Gr. 6;

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the consent agenda as presented passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.
Eric Book: Yea, Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

5. Outstanding Recognition

5.1. Employee of the Month

Mrs. Timmerman recognized Cierra Beranek, kindergarten teacher, as the September Employee of the Month. Those nominating Ms. Beranek stated that she makes a lasting difference in students' lives by creating a classroom where every child feels valued, supported, and eager to learn. She strengthens the school environment through professionalism, kindness, and collaboration. Ms. Beranek is always open to feedback and willing to try new approaches as she keeps her focus on what is best for kids.

6. Information

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6.1. Student Update

Brooke Gleason shared that high five Friday's have kicked off at the elementary building. The middle school has sorted all students and staff into their houses for the yearly house competition. This year a new wrinkle has been added where houses will decide if they want to play for house points or a game of chance during competitions. Fall sports have kicked off at the middle school also. This week is Homecoming Week at the high school so students have been busy decorating hallways and boosting school spirit.

6.2. Board Reports

6.2.1. Committee of the Whole

Martin reported that the Committee of the Whole meeting was held on August 25, 2025 with all board members present. The following topics were discussed: district strategic plan update (Dr. Nielsen), 2025-2026 budget preview (Mr. Alexander) and policy 5413 student interviews (Mr. Alexander). No one spoke during public forum. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

6.2.2. STANCE Report

No report given as the group has not met yet.

7. Public Forum/Comments

No one spoke at this time.

8. Discussion

8.1. 1st Reading of Policy 5413 Student Interviews

Mr. Alexander shared that this came at the request of local officials and that it offers a layer of protection for staff. Specifically, the section referring to child abuse or neglect is what is being revised.

9. Action

9.1. Approval of estimate to repair outside freezer at Beatrice High School

Dr. Nielsen noted that the outdoor condensing unit needs replaced at the high school. Beatrice Mechanical noted that the unit also has significant hail damage that has accrued over time. The cost to replace the unit is $27,450.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the estimate to repair the outside freezer at Beatrice High School passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.
Eric Book: Yea, Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.2. Repayment of Interfund Borrow

Mr. Alexander reminded the Board that at the end of the elementary building project, the general fund lent the building fund just over $2 million. He noted that this is the district's first repayment back to the general fund and that we will continue to make additional payments as we are able.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve a repayment of $50,000 from the building fund to the general fund in accordance with the Interfund Borrowing Resolution (passed on June 10, 2024) passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.
Eric Book: Yea, Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.3. Approval of the 2025-2026 budget

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2025-2026 budget as presented in the budget hearing passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.
Eric Book: Yea, Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.4. Approval of the 2025-2026 property tax request

Martin read resolution number 25-26.

Mr. Alexander noted that the budget going up is due to the CLSD grant.

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 approve the 2025-2026 property tax request with the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at $14,682,949 which equates to a .771404 tax rate; the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at $2,222,222 which equates to a .116750 tax rate; and the Tax Request for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund should be, and hereby is set at $464,646 which equates to a .024411 tax rate passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.
Eric Book: Yea, Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10. Administrators' Report

10.1. Superintendent Report

Mr. Alexander shared that the budget will be submitted by the end of the month as required by state statute.

11. Notification of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be October 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Administration Building. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be September 22, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the Administration Building. An agenda for the meeting, which shall be kept continually current, is readily available for public inspection at the Superintendent's office during normal business hours.

12. Adjournment

I move that the Board of Education of District #15 adjourn passed with a motion by Doris Martin and a second by Eric Book.
Eric Book: Yea, Marrissa Centeno: Yea, Erin Hamilton: Yea, Doris Martin: Yea, Charles Riedesel: Yea, Eric Trusty: Yea, Brandon Vetrovsky: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Fairbanks, Recording Secretary.

D. Fairbanks

Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent

9/23/25

Date

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CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2025
{certification required on or before August 20th of each year}

BEATRICE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO: 320 N 5TH ST
BEATRICE NE 68310-0000

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF GAGE

Name of School District	Class of School	Base School Code	Unified/ Learning Comm. Code	School District Taxable Value	Real Growth Value *	School District Prior Year Total Property Valuation	Real Growth Percentage [a]
SCH 15 BEATRICE	3	34-0015		1,903,405,982	8,741,746	1,692,887,532	0.52

** Real Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1631 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

[a] Real Growth Percentage is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1631 and is equal to the school district's Real Growth Value divided by the school district's total property valuation from the prior year.

I PATRICIA MILLIGAN, GAGE 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.

Patricia Milligan
(signature of county assessor)

August 18, 2025
(date)

COUNTY ASSESSOR Seal GAGE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

- ***Reminders to School District:*** *1) A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document and 2) Property Tax Request excludes the amount of principal or interest on bonds issued or authorized to be issued by a school district.* Laws 2023, LB727, § 49.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only

148,552,050 Pers Prior
146,033,717 Pers Value
1,544,335,482 Real Prior
1,757,372,265 Real Value

District Number: 34-0015-000
District Name: BEATRICE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
District Phone: (402)223-1500

Instructions (https://www.education.ne.gov/fos/budgeting-school-district/)

Checklist

2025/26 Section A: Calculation of Total Allowable Budget Authority

Certified Budget Authority	A-101	26,414,512
Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority [Maximum Amount: $515,405]	A-355	515,405
Total Adjusted Budget Authority	A-361	26,929,917
Total Allowable Budget Authority	A-780	26,929,917

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

Anytime the budget data is updated, you must click Recalculate LC-2 and Save LC-2 or changes will be lost.

Recalculate LC-2 Save LC-2

2025/26 Section B: General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers and Unused Budget Authority

2025/26 General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-100	34,779,917
2025/26 Special Grant Funds List	B-110	0
2025/26 Special Education Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-120	7,850,000
2025/26 General Fund Lid Exclusions	B-130	0
Total Adjusted General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-140	26,929,917
2025/26 Unused Budget Authority	B-150	0

Total Unused Budget Authority

2024/25 Total Unused Budget Authority	B-160	7,893,349
2025/26 General Fund Expenditure Growth	B-162	515,405
Adjusted Unused Budget Authority	B-165	7,377,944

2025/26 Unused Budget Authority	B-170	0
Total Unused Budget Authority (Carries forward into future school fiscal years)	B-175	7,377,944

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

2025/26 Section C: Allowable Reserves and Total Reserves

2025/26 Applicable Allowable Reserve Percentage	C-170	35.00
2025/26 Total Allowable Reserves	C-180	12,172,971
2025/26 General Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	C-300	0
2025/26 Depreciation Fund Total Requirements	C-310	1,684,705
2025/26 Employee Benefit Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	C-320	0
Total Reserves	C-340	1,684,705

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	1,903,405,982

2025/26 Section D: Property Tax Request Authority

2025/26 Property Tax Request Authority	D-110	18,452,368
Did 70% of the School Board approve to exceed the Certified Property Tax Request Authority?	D-120	○Yes ◉No
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	18,452,368
2025/26 Property Tax Request General Fund	D-210	14,682,949
2025/26 Property Tax Request Special Building Fund	D-220	2,222,222
2025/26 Total Property Tax Request	D-230	16,905,171
2025/26 Unused Property Tax Request Authority	D-240	1,547,197
Total Property Tax reduced as a result of increased SPED & Foundation Aid.	D-310	1,547,000

Recalculates LC-2 after making changes — Recalculate LC-2

Saves a copy of the LC-2 without submitting to NDE *(Must save before moving to next page)*	Save LC-2
Submit completed LC-2 to NDE. Upload your Budget Documentation on the next screen. Mailed or emailed budgets will not be accepted by NDE.	District Approval
Logout of LC-2 system *(If you logout without saving and/or submitting your data, changes will be lost.)*	Logout