Amended 7/13/2026

2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

County-District #: 71-0001-000 Class #: 3

Columbus Public Schools

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF

Platte 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	$ -	$ 26,894,682.00	$ 26,894,682.00
Bond Fund(s) *[If More Than 1 Bond Fund - Total All Together]*	$ 3,669,164.00		$ 3,669,164.00
Special Building Fund	$ -	$ 1,947,049.00	$ 1,947,049.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	$ 859,778.00	$ -	$ 859,778.00
Total All Funds	$ 4,528,942.00	$ 28,841,731.00	$ 33,370,673.00

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of September 1, 2025

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

$ 53,255,000.00	Principal
$ 8,126,304.00	Interest
$ 61,381,304.00	**Total Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness**

Total Certified Valuation (All Counties) $ 3,076,960,669

*(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?

[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 9-30-2025

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

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BUDGET STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF TAX

County-District # 71-0001-000
Columbus 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	17,869,773.00	48,975,659.00	26,625,735.00	75,601,394.00	10,824,561.00	52,038,126.00	62,862,687.00	12,738,707.00	75,601,394.00
Depreciation	1,876,965.00	1,876,965.00		1,876,965.00			1,876,965.00		1,876,965.00
Employee Benefit	-	165,000.00		165,000.00			165,000.00	-	165,000.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-		-
Activities	1,441,417.00	2,528,251.00		2,528,251.00			2,528,251.00	-	2,528,251.00
School Nutrition	83,690.00	3,458,895.00		3,458,895.00			3,458,895.00	-	3,458,895.00
Bond	5,582,321.00	5,582,321.00	3,632,472.00	9,214,793.00			3,632,472.00	5,582,321.00	9,214,793.00
Special Building	703,208.00	703,208.00	1,927,579.00	2,630,787.00			2,630,787.00		2,630,787.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	4,006,696.00	4,006,696.00	851,180.00	4,857,876.00			4,857,876.00	-	4,857,876.00
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-	-
Student Fee	-	588,000.00		588,000.00			588,000.00	-	588,000.00
				-					-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	31,564,070.00	67,884,995.00	33,036,966.00	100,921,961.00	10,824,561.00	52,038,126.00	82,600,933.00	18,321,028.00	100,921,961.00

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	3,632,472.00	1,927,579.00	851,180.00
COUNTY TREASURER'S COMMISSION 1% OF TAXES COLLECTED (Line B)	268,947.00	36,692.00	19,470.00	8,598.00
TOTAL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Line A + Line B) (Line C)	26,894,682.00	3,669,164.00	1,947,049.00	859,778.00

CERTIFIED STATE AID	MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES
$ 18,156,653.00	$ 2,345,000.00

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2025			
178,698.00	55,823.00	7,032.00	40,067.00

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	17,869,773.00	48,975,659.00	26,625,735.00	75,601,394.00	10,824,561.00	52,038,126.00	62,862,687.00	12,738,707.00	75,601,394.00
Depreciation	1,876,965.00	1,876,965.00		1,876,965.00			1,876,965.00		1,876,965.00
Employee Benefit	-			-			-	-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-		-
Activities	1,441,417.00	2,528,251.00		2,528,251.00			2,528,251.00	-	2,528,251.00
School Nutrition	83,690.00	3,458,895.00		3,458,895.00			3,458,895.00	-	3,458,895.00
Bond	5,582,321.00	5,582,321.00	3,632,472.00	9,214,793.00			3,632,472.00	5,582,321.00	9,214,793.00
Special Building	703,208.00	703,208.00	1,927,579.00	2,630,787.00			2,630,787.00		2,630,787.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	4,006,696.00	4,006,696.00	851,180.00	4,857,876.00			4,857,876.00	-	4,857,876.00
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-	-
Student Fee	-	588,000.00		588,000.00			588,000.00	-	588,000.00
				-					-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	31,564,070.00	67,719,995.00	33,036,966.00	100,756,961.00	10,824,561.00	52,038,126.00	82,435,933.00	18,321,028.00	100,756,961.00

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	3,632,472.00	1,927,579.00	851,180.00
COUNTY TREASURER'S COMMISSION 1% OF TAXES COLLECTED (Line B)	268,947.00	36,692.00	19,470.00	8,598.00
TOTAL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Line A + Line B) (Line C)	26,894,682.00	3,669,164.00	1,947,049.00	859,778.00

CERTIFIED STATE AID	MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES
$ 18,156,653.00	$ 2,345,000.00

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2025

178,698.00	55,823.00	7,032.00	40,067.00

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	15,208,732.00	56,567,721.00	18,120,710.00	74,688,431.00	9,933,548.00	46,885,110.00	56,818,658.00	17,869,773.00
Depreciation	1,345,604.00	2,383,687.00		2,383,687.00			506,722.00	1,876,965.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	1,468,814.00	2,662,220.00		2,662,220.00			1,220,803.00	1,441,417.00
School Nutrition	633,747.00	3,090,062.00		3,090,062.00			3,006,372.00	83,690.00
Bond	4,543,505.00	5,561,372.00	3,631,823.00	9,193,195.00			3,610,874.00	5,582,321.00
Special Building	633,184.00	1,404,936.00	1,065,000.00	2,469,936.00			1,766,728.00	703,208.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	6,994,599.00	353,637.00	7,348,236.00			3,341,540.00	4,006,696.00
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-
Student Fee	-	12,640.00		12,640.00			12,640.00	-
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	23,833,586.00	78,677,237.00	23,171,170.00	101,848,407.00	9,933,548.00	46,885,110.00	70,284,337.00	31,564,070.00

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	
$	2,219,441.00

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	10,235,358.00	44,582,251.00	24,615,915.00	69,198,166.00	8,513,899.00	45,475,535.00	53,989,434.00	15,208,732.00
Depreciation	1,638,710.00	2,218,287.00		2,218,287.00			872,683.00	1,345,604.00
Employee Benefit	-	-		-			-	-
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	2,054,221.00	3,415,648.00		3,415,648.00			1,946,834.00	1,468,814.00
School Lunch	806,305.00	3,515,642.00		3,515,642.00			2,881,895.00	633,747.00
Bond	4,160,463.00	4,807,886.00	3,347,723.00	8,155,609.00			3,612,104.00	4,543,505.00
Special Building	539,513.00	937,199.00	999,960.00	1,937,159.00			1,303,975.00	633,184.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	-	-	-			-	-
Cooperative	-	-		-			-	-
Student Fee	-	-		-			-	-
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$ 19,434,570.00	59,476,913.00	28,963,598.00	88,440,511.00	8,513,899.00	45,475,535.00	64,606,925.00	23,833,586.00

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	
$	2,368,060.00

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

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

NAME	**Columbus Public Schools**
ADDRESS	**2410 16th St Ste A**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Columbus, NE 68601**
TELEPHONE	**402-563-7000**
WEBSITE	**ww.columbuspublicscohols.org**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Mr. Michael Jeffryes	Dr. Chip Kay	Mr. Jason Schapmann
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Superintendent	Director of HR/Finance
TELEPHONE	402-563-7000	402-563-7000	402-563-7000
EMAIL ADDRESS	jeffryesm@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
- [ ] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [X] Preparer

Columbus Public Schools

2025-2026 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Non-Bond Property Tax Request (1) $ 28,837,975.00
*(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)
31,449,705.00	/	2,878,738,113.00	=	1.09 %	(3)

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) 3.09 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) $ 891,093.43

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) **$ 29,729,068.43**
(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) $ 28,841,731.00
(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.

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Columbus Public Schools — **Platte**

SUBDIVISION NAME — 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

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Columbus Public Schools	Platte
SUBDIVISION NAME	COUNTY

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

Platte County School District #1

Columbus Public Schools 71-0001

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE NAME

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State
P.O. Box 94608,
Lincoln, NE 68509
www.sos.nebraska.gov

PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT: Neb. Rev. Stat. §87-219 "Every duplicate of the registration of a trade name shall be published by the applicant once in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city or village where the business is to be located, or, if there is no newspaper in the city or village, in some newspaper of general circulation in the county. Proof of such publication shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State within forty-five days from the date of registration in the office of the Secretary of State. **If proof of publication is not filed with the Secretary of State within the forty-five days, the registration shall be canceled by the Secretary of State."**

Trade Name Platte County School District #1; Columbus Public Schools 71-0001

Name of Applicant Columbus Public Schools, Jason Schapmann

Address 2410 16th St Ste A (street address) Columbus (city) NE (state) 68601 (zip)

Applicant is

- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Partnership
- ☑ Other (specify) School District
- ☐ Corporation
- ☐ Limited Liability Partnership
- ☐ Limited Liability Company
- ☐ Limited Partnership

If other than an Individual, state under whose laws' entity was formed: Nebraska

Date of first use of name in Nebraska 1926

General nature of business Public education

Signature of Applicant or Legal Representative

Jason Schapmann
Printed Name of Applicant or Legal Representative

Please Note:
Registration of a trade name with the State of Nebraska does not guarantee that a similar name has not been registered nationally with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. To check national availability go to: http://www.uspto.gov/main/trademarks.htm

Registration Expires 10 years from date of filing

Make check payable to: Nebraska Secretary of State

SEE SECOND PAGE FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICE OF A TRADE NAME

FILING FEE: $110 (In-Office) / $100 (Online)

Revised 07/01/2021 Neb. Rev. Stat. §87-210

Trade Name Publication

The following are the statutory requirements for publishing notice of your Trade Name:

1) You are required by law to publish one legal notice in a newspaper stating you have registered a Trade Name with the Secretary of State's Office. The newspaper must have a general circulation in the city or village where the business is to be located or if there is no newspaper in the city or village, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

2) As soon as you have received the duplicate copy of the filed Trade Name application back from the Secretary of State's office, we suggest that you immediately take this duplicate copy of your application to the newspaper so that the newspaper has the exact information to publish the required legal notice of the Trade Name.

3) You should verify that the information in the legal notice is an exact duplicate of the information on the Trade Name application, either by double-checking the notice the day it is published in the newspaper or by asking the newspaper for a proof of the notice prior to publication. If the legal notice was published with incorrect or incomplete information, you will need to re-publish the legal notice again, as soon as possible, so that you are still able to get proof of the publication from the newspaper to the Secretary of State's Office filed properly within the statutory 45 day timeframe.

4) After the newspaper has published the legal notice, the newspaper will provide a notarized Affidavit of Publication.

NOTE: The Affidavit must be filed with the Secretary of State's office **within 45 days of the date of registration** of the Trade Name with the Secretary of State's office.

You may wish to verify with the newspaper whether they will send the Affidavit of Publication directly to our office or to you**. It is your responsibility to insure that the Affidavit is filed within the 45 day timeframe allowed by law.**

If the Affidavit is not received by the Secretary of State's office within 45 days of the filed registration of the Trade Name, the registration shall be canceled by the Secretary of State per Neb. Rev. Stat. §87-219.

There is NO fee to file the proof of publication with the Secretary of State's Office.

The Affidavit of Publication may be filed free of charge online at
https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-edocs/

Or, you may mail it to:

Secretary of State's Office
Business Services Division (Corporations)
P.O. Box 94608
Lincoln, NE 68509

SCHEDULE A GENERAL FUND LID EXCLUSIONS

County-District # 71-0001-000

Columbus 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**	$ 279,890.00
20	**Retirement Contribution Increase**	$ 1,068,538.00
21	**Native American Impact Aid**	
22	**Total General Fund Lid Exclusions - To LC-2 Form** (Line 9 + Line 17 to 21)	$ 1,348,428.00

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	3,669,164.00	1,947,049.00	859,778.00
2	**Exclusions:**				
3	Bonded indebtedness secured by a levy on property (Includes Co. Treasurer Comm.)	-	3,669,164.00		859,778.00
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)**	-	3,669,164.00	-	859,778.00
13	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement Subject to the Levy Limitation (Line 1 minus Line 12)	26,894,682.00	-	1,947,049.00	-
14	Assessed Valuation	3,076,960,669	3,076,960,669	3,076,960,669	3,076,960,669
15	Levy Subject to Limitation ((Line 13 / Line 14) x 100)	0.874066	0.000000	0.063278	0.000000
16	Total Levy for Compliance	0.937344			

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	$ 26,894,682.00	$ 3,076,960,669	0.874066
Special Building Fund	$ 1,947,049.00	$ 3,076,960,669	0.063278
Bond Fund	$ 3,669,164.00	$ 3,032,786,714	0.120983
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 3,076,960,669	0.000000
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 3,076,960,669	0.000000
QCPUF Fund	$ 859,778.00	$ 3,076,960,669	0.027942
QCPUF Fund	$ -	$ 3,076,960,669	0.000000
	$ -	$ 3,076,960,669	0.000000
	$ -	$ 3,076,960,669	0.000000
	$ -	$ 3,076,960,669	0.000000
	$ -	$ 3,076,960,669	0.000000
	$ -	$ 3,076,960,669	0.000000
Total	$ 33,370,673.00		$ 1.086269

Must agree to Cover

Superintendent Pay Transparency Notice—Proposed Contract Chester Kay

Notice is hereby given that Columbus Public Schools has approval of a proposed superintendent employment contract/contract amendment on its agenda for the board meeting to be held on June 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm at thekramer Education Center Conference Room Room at 2410 16th St Suite A in Columbus, 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.) 1

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	$ 229,000.00	$ 229,000.00	**$ 458,000.00**
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)*	$ 29,784.00	$ 29,784.00	$ 59,568.00
•*Insurances (Life)*	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 3,000.00
• *Employer Paid Vision*	$ 240.00	$ 240.00	$ 480.00
•*Insurance (LTD)*	$ 1,005.00	$ 1,005.00	$ 2,010.00
• *Employee's share of retirement, deferred compensation, FICA and Medicare* ***if paid by the district***			$ -
• *District's share of retirement, FICA and Medicare*	$ 40,835.75	$ 40,835.75	$ 81,671.50
• *IRS value of housing allowance*			$ -
• *IRS value of vehicle allowance*			$ -
• *Additional leave days*			$ -
• *Annuities 403(b)*	$ 14,920.00	$ 14,920.00	$ 29,840.00
• *Service credit purchase*			$ -
• *Association / Membership dues*	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,000.00
• *Cell Phone/Internet reimbursement*	$ 1,800.00	$ 1,800.00	$ 3,600.00
• *Relocation reimbursement*			$ -
• *Travel allowance/reimbursement*	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00	$ 12,000.00
• *Mileage Allowance*			$ -
• *Educational tuition assistance*			$ -
• *All other benefit costs not mentioned above*			$ -
Totals:	**$ 326,084.75**	**$ 326,084.75**	**$ 652,169.50**

Schedule D

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 26 - 2

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 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund:	$ 26,894,682.00
Bond Fund:	$ 3,669,164.00
Special Building Fund:	$ 1,947,049.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund:	$ 859,778.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 6.89 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 1.056447 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Columbus Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 1.086269 per $100 of assessed value.

5. ENTER PRIOR YEAR BUDGET OF DISBURSEMENTS AND TRANSFERS IN COLUMN P

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

Motion by Candace Becher, seconded by Theresa Seipel to adopt Resolution # 26 - 2.

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

Dated this 15 day of September, 2025

Board Secretary

*** Proof of Publication ***

Newspaper: COLUMBUS TELEGRAM

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
County of Platte) SS.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PO BOX 947

COLUMBUS, NE 68602

ORDER NUMBER 1263044

Joe Vollee, 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: 09/11/2025

TOTAL AD COST:	59.36
FILED ON:	9/11/2025

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 11th day of Sept, 2025

Michelle Notary Public

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

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Columbus Public Schools (71-0001-000) 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 the15th day of September, 2025 at 5:30.P.M.at the AdministratAdministration Building 2410 16th St Columbus, NE 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	$ 53,989,434.00	$ 56,818,658.00	$ 62,862,687.00	$ 12,738,707.00	$ 48,975,659.00	$ 26,894,682.00
Depreciation	$ 872,683.00	$ 506,722.00	$ 1,876,965.00		$ 1,876,965.00	
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 1,946,834.00	$ 1,220,803.00	$ 2,528,251.00	$ -	$ 2,528,251.00	
School Nutrition	$ 2,881,895.00	$ 3,006,372.00	$ 3,458,895.00	$ -	$ 3,458,895.00	
Bond	$ 3,612,104.00	$ 3,610,874.00	$ 3,632,472.00	$ 5,582,321.00	$ 5,582,321.00	$ 3,669,164.00
Special Building	$ 1,303,975.00	$ 1,766,728.00	$ 2,630,787.00		$ 703,208.00	$ 1,947,049.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ -	$ 3,341,540.00	$ 4,857,876.00	$ -	$ 4,006,696.00	$ 859,778.00
Cooperative	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
Student Fee	$ -	$ 12,640.00	$ 588,000.00	$ -	$ 588,000.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 64,606,925.00	$ 70,284,337.00	$ 82,435,933.00	$ 18,321,028.00	$ 67,719,995.00	$ 33,370,673.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 4,528,942.00	$ 28,841,731.00	$ 33,370,673.00

*** Proof of Publication ***

Newspaper: COLUMBUS TELEGRAM

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
County of Platte) SS.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PO BOX 947
COLUMBUS, NE 68602

ORDER NUMBER: 1262416

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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: 09/04/2025

TOTAL AD COST:	69.20
FILED ON:	9/4/2025

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 4th day of Sept, 2025

Michelle L Greeley Notary Public

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

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Columbus Public Schools (71-0001-000) 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 15th day of September 2025 at 5:45 P.M., at the Administration Building 2410 16th St Columbus, NE 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	2,878,738,113	3,076,960,669	7%
Bond Valuation	2,834,808,815	3,032,786,714	7%

	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	56,820,227.00	26,894,682.00	0.934252	0.874066	62,862,687.00	26,894,682.00	0.874066	-6%	11%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	3,631,823.00	3,668,508.00	0.127435	0.119225	3,632,472.00	3,669,164.00	0.120983	-5%	0%
Special Building Fund	1,683,279.00	1,085,859.00	0.037720	0.035290	2,630,787.00	1,947,049.00	0.063278	68%	56%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	848,860.00	857,434.00	0.029785	0.027866	4,857,876.00	859,778.00	0.027942	-6%	472%
Total	62,984,189.00	32,506,483.00	1.129192	1.056447	73,983,822.00	33,370,673.00	1.086269	-4%	17%

Committee As A Whole

Mission:"Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Committee As A Wholestarted at 5:45 PMon Monday, August 11, 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. Meeting Compliance

V.A. District Mission Statement

V.B. Open Meetings Act

V.C. Publication of Meeting Notice

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

VIII.B. Meeting Minutes

VIII.C. Finance Reports

Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Resources and Fiscal Support gave an overview of the financial reports. The auditors did some preliminary work to get the audit underway.

VIII.D. Staffing Reports

Mr. Schapmann shared information about Associated Staffing and their help with trying to find paras for CPS.

VIII.E. Professional Travel
Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

IX. FOUNDATION REPORT
The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Foundation Report, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Total contribution for July $40,265.19; FY 2025 total is $211,026.92.

X. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

X.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning, shared information on the staff support and curriculum work that was completed for the 2024-2025 school year. Goals for the upcoming year include continuing to build strong relationships with staff, implementation of OpenSciEd curriculum and beginning the math pilot for K-5 classrooms. Mrs. Hausmann will be assisting with the implementation of the FrogStreet curriculum at preschool. This year will also consist of 4DX training for staff.

X.B. Director of Special Education

Jason Harris, Director of Special Education, shared good news on the recent NDE compliance report on CPS Special Education Programs. He shared the criteria, adding that hiring needed staff and the involvement of the principals were assets in the higher compliance score.

X.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

Sara Colford, Assistant Director of Student Services, said she is updating procedures for enrollment and in-district transfers. Writing grants for the After School Program. She said that the program closes at 5:30 PM this year. She is also spending time with staff to work on student chronic absenteeism.

X.D. Director of Human Resources

X.E. Director of Operations

Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Building/Grounds and Technology, said most of the safety projects are finished. The digital radio system will be implemented soon for improved communication.

X.F. Superintendent

Dr. Kay shared information on the 4DX training and the district's "WIG" goal, which is to improve student achievement by 5%.

XI. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XII.A. Fundraising Applications
Motion to approve fundraisers 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, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XII.B. Surplus Requests
Motion to approve surplus items Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XIII. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XIII.A. 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 Douglas Willoughby and a second by Doug Molczyk.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XIII.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to selecting the Construction Management at Risk method of construction delivery for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act.
MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education for this School District should and does hereby select the Construction Management at Risk construction delivery method pursuant to the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act and Board policy for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project, generally to consist of an approximately 90,000 to 100,000 square foot building including general and specialty classrooms, office, gymnasium, kitchen and associated support spaces; and hereby delegates to and directs the Board President, Superintendent of Schools, or designee of either, along with selected legal counsel, to initiate and carry out all actions necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act, including but not limited to the development and issuance of a Request for Proposals for the position of Construction Management at Risk for the project; provided that letters of interest shall not be required. Board member _____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:

_____. The following Board members voted against the same:

_____. The following Board members were absent or not voting:

_____. The above Motion, having been consented to by two-thirds (2/3rds) or more of the members of the Board of

Education of this School District, 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 11th day of August 2025. PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71-0001, a/k/a COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY: _____ President, Board of Education ATTEST: _____ Secretary 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

XIII.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to adopting the Construction Management at Risk selection criteria and the evaluation point values for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project.

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education for this School District should and does hereby adopt and approve the Construction Manager at Risk selection criteria and evaluation weights for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project as follows: No. Selection Criteria Maximum Point Value 1 The financial resources of the construction manager to complete the project 2.5 2 The ability of the proposed personnel of the construction manager to perform 20 3 The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the construction manager 20 4 The quality of performance on previous projects 20 5 The ability of the construction manager to perform within the time specified 10 6 The ability and resources of the construction manager to recruit qualified contractors for the Project 10 7 The construction manager's proposed efforts schedule and fee for the Project 15 8 The previous and existing compliance of the construction manager with laws relating to the contract 2.5 TOTAL (Not more than 100). 100 Board member _____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:
_____. The following Board members voted against the same:
_____. The following Board members were absent or not voting:
_____. The above Motion having been consented to by a majority of the members of the Board of Education this School District, 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 11th day of August 2025. PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71-0001, a/k/a COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY: _____ President, Board of Education ATTEST: _____ Secretary Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XIII.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to appointing members to the Construction Management at Risk selection committee for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project.

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education for this School District should and does hereby appoint the following persons to the Construction Manager at Risk Selection Committee to evaluate the proposals received from firms in response to the Request for Proposals for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project: (a) Member(s) of the School District's Board of Education: â€¢ â€¢ â€¢ (b) Member(s) of the School District's administration or staff: â€¢ Chester Kay, Superintendent of Schools â€¢ Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Operations (c) The School District's

architect or engineer: â€¢ Jeff Chadwick, Clark & Enersen, or designee (d) Any person(s) having special expertise relevant to selection of a construction manager under the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act who is not employed by the School District, and who shall not be employed by or have a financial or other interest in a construction manager who has or may have a proposal being evaluated: â€¢ (e) A resident(s) of the territory served by the School District, other than an individual included in (a) through (d) above, who is not employed by the School District, and who shall not be employed by or have a financial or other interest in a construction manager who has or may have a proposal being evaluated: â€¢ Board member _____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:

_____. The following Board members voted against the same:

_____. The following Board members were absent or not voting:

_____. The above Motion having been consented to by a majority of the members of the Board of Education this School District, 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 11th day of August 2025. PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71-0001, a/k/a COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY: _____ President, Board of Education ATTEST: _____ Secretary Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Dr, Kay discussed the resolution. He said the use of a construction manager at risk only goes into effect if the bond is passed.

XIII.E. Second and Final Reading of Policy 410.04 Certificated Employee Unpaid Leave
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy 410.04 Certificated Employee Unpaid Leave, 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, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XIV. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XV. BOARD SHARING
Board sharing saved for next week.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
The Board exited executive session at the request of the Board President at 7:25 pm.

XVII. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Michael Jeffryes.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: 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, August 11, 2025.

President

Secretary

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Legislature enacted several measures this past legislative session, including LB 243, to adjust public school district revenue and finances; and,

WHEREAS, LB 243 generally limits a public school district's property tax request authority, subject to limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, LB 243 includes an exception to generally 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 no more than ten thousand students may increase its tax request by 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 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 Section 5 of 2023 Neb. Law 243, 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 Doug Willoughby 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: Candace Becher, Michael Jeffryes, Doug Molczyk, Theresa Seipel, Douglas Willoughby, Mary Zoucha.

The following members voted against the same: ~~_____~~.

The following members were absent or not voting: ~~_____~~.

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 11 day of August, 2025.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

_____
Secretary

THE COLUMBUS Telegram

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

The Columbus Telegram
1254 27th Ave., Columbus, NE 68601
(402) 564-2741

State of Florida, County of Broward, ss:

I, Ankit Sachdeva, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am an agent of Column Software, PBC, duly appointed and authorized agent of the Publisher 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 bonafide 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.

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Ankit Sachdeva

Agent

VERIFICATION

State of Florida
County of Broward

Signed or attested before me on this: 08/08/2025

S Smith

Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

NOTICE OF THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Notice is hereby given that the COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE MEETING of Columbus Public Schools Board of Education will be held on MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025, at 5:45 pm, at Kramer Education Center, 2510 16 th Street, Suite A, (Please use the west doors) Columbus, Nebraska. 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
August 7, 2025
COL-NE-800978 ZNEZ

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS
TAX YEAR 2025

{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	3,015,676,265

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)

8-14-25
(date)

CC: County Clerk, PLATTE 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
152,696,745 Pers Prior
152,515,838 Pers Value
2,666,862,368 Real Prior
2,863,160,427 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2025

{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	Real Growth Value *	School District Prior Year Total Property Valuation	Real Growth Percentage [a]
COLUMBUS 1	3	71-0001	0	3,060,198,450	31,365,640	2,863,814,711	1.10

** 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 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)

8-14-25
(date)

CC: County Clerk,PLATTE 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
152,951,713 Pers Prior
152,710,843 Pers Value
2,710,862,998 Real Prior
2,907,487,607 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS
TAX YEAR 2025

{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	1,700,960

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)

8-15-25
(date)

CC: County Clerk POLK 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

0 Pers Prior
0 Pers Value
1,512,335 Real Prior
1,700,960 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2025

{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	Real Growth Value *	School District Prior Year Total Property Valuation	Real Growth Percentage [a]
COLUMBUS #1	3	71-0001		1,700,960	0	1,512,335	0.00

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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)

8-15-25
(date)

CC: County Clerk POLK 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

0 Pers Prior
0 Pers Value
1,512,335 Real Prior
1,700,960 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS
TAX YEAR 2025
{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 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	15,409,489

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)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025
(date)

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

316,890 Pers Prior
311,355 Pers Value

13,420,477 Real Prior
15,098,134 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2025

{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	Real Growth Value *	School District Prior Year Total Property Valuation	Real Growth Percentage [a]
COLUMBUS 1	3	71-0001		15,061,259	84,065	13,411,067	0.63

** 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.*

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VICKIE DONOGHUE
(signature of county assessor)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025
(date)

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

316,890 Pers Prior
311,355 Pers Value
13,094,177 Real Prior
14,749,904 Real Value

Regular Meeting
Monday, September 15, 2025 6:00 PM
Kramer Education Center
2410 16th Street, Suite A
Columbus, NE 68601

I. Board President

II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD
Chip Kay

III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS
Motion to excuse board members. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Board President

V. MEETING COMPLIANCE

V.A. DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT
Mike Jeffryes
Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success

V.B. OPEN MEETINGS ACT
Board President
At each meeting, the public body must make available at least one copy of the current Open Meetings Act in the meeting room, accessible to the public.

V.B.1. President ensures all can hear proceedings
Board President

V.C. PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE
The Open Meetings Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-1407 through 84-1414) mandates that public bodies provide reasonable advance publicized notice of their meetings. This notice must include the time and place of the meeting and be given by a method designated by the public body and recorded in its minutes.

Meeting notice(s) was published in the Columbus Telegram, online on the Columbus Public Schools website, and at the Kramer Education Center on September 4, 2025.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT
Board President

Any resident or non-resident of Columbus Public Schools, District #1 is welcome to address the Board of Education at this time on items pertaining to education and/or the operation of the District. Individual comments will be limited to 3 minutes for each participant. However, the Board President has the authority to specify the total amount of time available for public comment. The board requires any member of the public desiring to address the body to identify himself or herself, their address, and the name of any organization represented by such person. Questions relating to employees of the District will not be permitted and should be referred to the Superintendent at another time. It is the intent of the Board to listen and not act upon or engage any comments or content. At this time, are there any comments from the public? (Reference: Board Policy 204.12)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

VII.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda
Board President
There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

VII.B. Meeting Minutes
Board President

VII.C. Finance Reports
Jason Schapmann

VII.D. Staffing Reports

VII.E. Professional Travel
Motion to approve the consent agenda 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

VIII. FOUNDATION REPORT
The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Foundation Report, as submitted. 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

IX. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

IX.A. Director of Teaching and Learning
Teresa Hausmann
No Updates.

IX.B. Director of Special Education
Jason Harris
No Updates.

IX.C. Assistant Director for Student Services
Sara Colford
No Updates.

IX.D. Director of Human Resources
Jason Schapmann
No Updates.

IX.E. Director of Operations
Leonard Kwapnioski

IX.F. Superintendent
Chip Kay
Chip Kay, Superintendent, shared information about upcoming events. He talked about the Community Committees plan for getting information out regarding the bond ballet. Dr. Kay said the building bids are due by September 16 at 2pm.
He shared the air testing report. Dr. Kay introduced the facility condition index protocol we will start using to prioritize projects for building maintenance and repair. A committee will be created for this program. Dr. Kay thanked some of our community partners for the school supplies that were donated. The 4DX Leadership training plan was laid out.

X. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XII. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XII.A. 2025-2026 Budget Approval
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the 2025-2026 budget, as submitted.
Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

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

XII.B. Resolution to set the property tax request

XII.F. First Reading of Policy 706.01 Purchasing Procedures
Chip Kay
The superintendent recommends that the board approve the First Reading of Policy 706.01 Purchasing Procedures, as submitted. 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

Some of the amounts on this policy changed to match Policy 706.03 Bidding Procedures, Dr. Kay said.

XIII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XIV. BOARD SHARING

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Board President

The Board will go into Closed Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Discussion shall be confined to these issues. This action is consistent with applicable state law; i.e., Nebraska Revised Statue 84-1410. Reissue, 1981,and with Board Policy 204.06 and is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and such individual has not requested a public meeting.

The board did not go into Executive Session.

XVI. ADJOURN
Board President
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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Board President

Board Secretary

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

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	49,798,632
Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority [Maximum Amount: $891,066]	A-355	891,066
Total Adjusted Budget Authority	A-361	50,689,698
Total Allowable Budget Authority	A-780	50,689,698

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

MAKE SURE THE SPREADSHEET IS CLOSED BEFORE YOU UPLOAD.

Browse... No file selected.

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	62,862,687
2025/26 Special Grant Funds List	B-110	0
2025/26 Special Education Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-120	10,824,561
2025/26 General Fund Lid Exclusions	B-130	1,348,428
Total Adjusted General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-140	50,689,698
2025/26 Unused Budget Authority	B-150	0

Total Unused Budget Authority		
2024/25 Total Unused Budget Authority	B-160	29,122,454

2025/26 Unused Property Tax Request Authority	D-240	106,800
Total Property Tax reduced as a result of increased SPED & Foundation Aid.	D-310	11,850,263

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

Jason Schapmann <schapmannj@discoverers.org>

2025/26 LC-2 has been received by NDE

1 message

kelsey.larsen@nebraska.gov <kelsey.larsen@nebraska.gov> Tue, Sep 23, 2025 at 10:56 AM
To: schapmannj@discoverers.org

District Number: **71-0001-000**

Fiscal Year: **20252026**

The 2025/26 LC-2 for the school district has been received by the Nebraska Department of Education.

If you have questions regarding the submission of the LC-2 using the NDE Portal, please contact the NDE Help Desk at 888-285-0556 or ADVISERHelp@nebraskacloud.org.

If you have questions regarding the information contained in the LC-2, please contact: Stephanie DeGroot at stephanie.degroot@nebraska.gov or Kelsey Larsen at kelsey.larsen@nebraska.gov

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that the Board of Education of Columbus Public Schools in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 13th day of July, 2026 at 5:00 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 and expending $165,000 from the General Fund to the Employee Benefits Fund with no change in taxation.

Proposed Budget Amendment

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)
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ 165,000.00	$ -	$ 165,000.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	

Original Approved Budget

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)
Employee Benefit	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	

July 9. 2026

*** Proof of Publication ***

State of Nebraska)
Platte County) SS.

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PO BOX 947
COLUMBUS, NE 68602

ORDER NUMBER 1284655

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she/he is a Clerk of the Columbus Telegram, a legal newspaper, having a bona fide subscription list and circulation of more than thee thousand copies weekly; that said newspaper is published in whole or in part in an office maintained in Columbus, in said county; that the whole of the printed matter therein is in the English language; that same has been published for more than fifty-two consecutive weeks immediately prior to the first date of publication stated in this affidavit; that the advertisement, or notice, a true and correct printed copy of which is hereto attached was printed in each, and in all of each of the regular editions, (and not in supplement) of said paper for successive weeks, more particularly stated as follows;

Section: Class Legals
Category: 0099 LEGALS
PUBLISHED ON: 07/09/2026

TOTAL AD COST:	34.76
FILED ON:	7/14/2026

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

July 14, 2026

Michelle L Greeley Notary Public

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

Amended Budget Hearing

Mission:"Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Amended Budget Hearing started at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 13, 2026. The meeting was held at:

Kramer Education Center
Room 135
2410 16th Street, Suite A
Columbus, NE 68601

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS
Motion to excuse Mike Jeffryes and Doug Molczyk, board members. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

IV. MEETING COMPLIANCE

IV.A. DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

IV.B. OPEN MEETINGS ACT

IV.B.1. President ensures all can hear proceedings

IV.C. PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. Hearing to Adopt the Amended Budget

Mr. Jason Schapmann discussed the need to amend the budget for the purpose of utilizing the Employee Benefit Fund.

VII. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: 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, July 13, 2026.

_____ _____

Regular Meeting

Mission:"Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Regular Meetingstarted at 6:30 PMon Monday, July 13, 2026. The meeting was held at

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS
Motion to excuse board members. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MEETING COMPLIANCE

V.A. DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

V.B. OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.B.1. President ensures all can hear proceedings

V.C. PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

VIII. RECOGNITIONS BY BOARD

IX. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

X. CONSENT AGENDA
Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

X.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda
Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

X.B. Meeting Minutes

X.C. Finance Reports

X.D. Staffing Reports

X.E. Professional Travel

XI. FOUNDATION REPORT
The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Foundation Report, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XII. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

XII.A. Director of Special Education

XII.B. Director of Communications Report

XII.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

XII.D. Director of Human Resources

XII.E. Director of Operations

XII.F. Director of Teaching and Learning

XII.G. Superintendent

XIII. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIV.A. CHS Out of State Band Trip Request

XIV.B. Secondary Grading Policy

XV. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XV.A. Discuss and take action on Board Policies by Section

XV.A.1. Second Reading of Board Policy Changes for Section 200
Motion to approve the Second Reading of Board Policies in Section 200. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XV.A.2. Second Reading of Board Policy Changes for Section 400
Motion to approve the Second Reading of Board Policies in Section 400. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XV.A.3. Second Reading of Board Policy Changes for Section 500
Motion to approve the Second Reading of Board Policies in Section 500. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XV.A.4. Second Reading of Board Policy Changes for Section 600
Motion to approve the Second Reading of Board Policies in Section 600. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XV.A.5. Second Reading of Board Policy Changes for Section 700
Motion to approve the Second Reading of Board Policies in Section 700. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XV.A.6. Second Reading of Board Policy Changes for Section 1000
Motion to approve the Second Reading of Board Policies in Section 1000. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XV.B. Adopt the 25-26 Amended Budget
Motion to Adopt the 25-26 Amended Budget. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Douglas Willoughby.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XV.C. Approve Early Graduation Request
Motion to approve the Early Graduation Request. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XV.D. Approve BlazerWorks Provider Agreement for 2026-2027
Motion Approve BlazerWorks Provider Agreement for 2026-2027. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XV.E. Approval of Fundraising Applications
Motion to approve the Fundraising Applications. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Candace Becher.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XVI. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XVII. BOARD SHARING

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIX. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Theresa Seipel.
Candace Becher: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: 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, July 13, 2026.

President

Secretary