2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

County-District #: 24-0020-000 **Class #: C-1**

Gothenburg Public Schools

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF

Dawson 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	$ -	$ 10,505,050.00	$ 10,505,050.00
Bond Fund(s) *[If More Than 1 Bond Fund - Total All Together]*	$ -		$ -
Special Building Fund	$ -	$ 434,343.00	$ 434,343.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	$ 350,464.88	$ -	$ 350,464.88
Total All Funds	$ 350,464.88	$ 10,939,393.00	$ 11,289,857.88

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

$ 2,115,000.00	Principal
$ 618,312.50	Interest
$ 2,733,312.50	**Total Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness**

Total Certified Valuation (All Counties) $ 1,168,215,070

*(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 # 24-0020-000
Gothenburg 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	3,119,789.00	9,805,767.00	10,400,000.00	20,205,767.00	2,603,609.00	16,102,158.00	18,705,767.00	1,500,000.00	20,205,767.00
Depreciation	1,026,861.00	1,800,000.00		1,800,000.00			1,800,000.00		1,800,000.00
Employee Benefit	37,362.00	179,727.00		179,727.00			179,727.00		179,727.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-		-
Activities	170,000.00	850,000.00		850,000.00			850,000.00		850,000.00
School Nutrition	285,472.00	900,000.00		900,000.00			900,000.00		900,000.00
Bond	-	-		-			-		-
Special Building	826,509.00	888,605.00	430,000.00	1,318,605.00			1,318,605.00		1,318,605.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	1,187,803.00	1,187,803.00	346,959.88	1,534,762.88			1,534,762.88		1,534,762.88
Cooperative	180,000.00	180,000.00		180,000.00			180,000.00		180,000.00
Student Fee	7,291.00	25,000.00		25,000.00			25,000.00		25,000.00
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS	6,841,087.00	15,816,902.00	11,176,959.88	26,993,861.88	2,603,609.00	16,102,158.00	25,493,861.88	1,500,000.00	26,993,861.88

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)	10,400,000.00		430,000.00	346,959.88
COUNTY TREASURER'S COMMISSION 1% OF TAXES COLLECTED (Line B)	105,050.00	-	4,343.00	3,505.00
TOTAL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Line A + Line B) (Line C)	10,505,050.00	-	434,343.00	350,464.88

CERTIFIED STATE AID	**MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES**
$ 1,433,445.00	**$ 500,000.00**

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2025			
1,247,915.60		165,301.80	

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	4,274,056.00	13,912,894.00	6,797,662.00	20,710,556.00	2,197,046.00	15,393,721.00	17,590,767.00	3,119,789.00
Depreciation	1,190,861.00	2,726,861.00		2,726,861.00			1,700,000.00	1,026,861.00
Employee Benefit	97,089.00	217,089.00		217,089.00			179,727.00	37,362.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	380,542.00	1,020,000.00		1,020,000.00			850,000.00	170,000.00
School Nutrition	385,472.00	1,185,472.00		1,185,472.00			900,000.00	285,472.00
Bond	683,114.00	688,254.00		688,254.00			688,254.00	-
Special Building	995,114.00	1,795,114.00	400,000.00	2,195,114.00			1,368,605.00	826,509.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	1,092,803.00	2,292,803.00	425,000.00	2,717,803.00			1,530,000.00	1,187,803.00
Cooperative	191,844.00	360,000.00		360,000.00			180,000.00	180,000.00
Student Fee	32,291.00	32,291.00		32,291.00			25,000.00	7,291.00
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TOTAL ALL FUNDS	9,323,186.00	24,230,778.00	7,622,662.00	31,853,440.00	2,197,046.00	15,393,721.00	25,012,353.00	6,841,087.00

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	
$	**490,000.00**

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	3,813,331.00	9,354,508.00	8,205,561.00	17,560,069.00	1,950,356.00	11,335,657.00	13,286,013.00	4,274,056.00
Depreciation	703,568.00	1,559,228.00		1,559,228.00			368,367.00	1,190,861.00
Employee Benefit	62,696.00	150,784.00		150,784.00			53,695.00	97,089.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	434,520.00	1,115,285.00		1,115,285.00			734,743.00	380,542.00
School Lunch	464,472.00	1,078,300.00		1,078,300.00			692,828.00	385,472.00
Bond	709,811.00	784,832.00	633,482.00	1,418,314.00			735,200.00	683,114.00
Special Building	875,929.00	936,945.00	386,669.00	1,323,614.00			328,500.00	995,114.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	-	2,117,009.00		2,117,009.00			1,024,206.00	1,092,803.00
Cooperative	90,006.00	191,844.00		191,844.00			-	191,844.00
Student Fee	24,731.00	32,291.00		32,291.00			-	32,291.00
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$ 7,179,064.00	17,321,026.00	9,225,712.00	26,546,738.00	1,950,356.00	11,335,657.00	17,223,552.00	9,323,186.00

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
$ 521,624.00

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

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

NAME	**Gothenburg Public Schools**
ADDRESS	**1322 Avenue I**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Gothenburg, NE 69138**
TELEPHONE	**(308) 537-3651**
WEBSITE	**www.gothenburgswedes.org**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Kyle Fornoff	Allison Jonas	Allison Jonas
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Superintendent	Superintendent
TELEPHONE	308-340-2694	(308) 537-3651	(308) 537-3651
EMAIL ADDRESS	fornoff.kyle@gmail.com	allison.jonas@goswedes.org	allison.jonas@goswedes.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

2025-2026 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Non-Bond Property Tax Request (1) $ 10,116,833.00
*(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)
6,355,601.00	/	1,055,651,596.00	=	0.60 %	(3)

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) 2.60 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) $ 263,037.66

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) **$ 10,379,870.66**
(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) $ 10,939,393.00
(Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required for All Other Purposes from Cover Page)

Property Tax Request exceeds allowable growth percentage. Political subdivision MUST complete the postcard notification requirements, and 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.

Instructions:

Lines 1-7 will automatically populate based on information entered on the "Basic Data Input" tab and other places of the budget.

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 your information to the County Assessor 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.

See Budget Form Instruction Manual for additional requirements related to the Joint Public Hearing and Postcard requirements.

SCHEDULE A GENERAL FUND LID EXCLUSIONS

County-District # 24-0020-000

Gothenburg 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**	$ 281,332.00
21	**Native American Impact Aid**	
22	**Total General Fund Lid Exclusions - To LC-2 Form** (Line 9 + Line 17 to 21)	$ 281,332.00

DO NOT ADD OR DELETE ROWS, OR MAKE ANY OTHER CHANGES TO THIS SCHEDULE

Gothenburg 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	10,505,050.00	-	434,343.00	350,464.88
2	**Exclusions:**				
3	Bonded indebtedness secured by a levy on property (Includes Co. Treasurer Comm.)	-	-		350,464.88
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)**	-	-	-	350,464.88
13	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement Subject to the Levy Limitation (Line 1 minus Line 12)	10,505,050.00	-	434,343.00	-
14	Assessed Valuation	1,168,215,070	1,168,215,070	1,168,215,070	1,168,215,070
15	Levy Subject to Limitation ((Line 13 / Line 14) x 100)	0.899239	0.000000	0.037180	0.000000
16	Total Levy for Compliance	0.936419			

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	$ 10,505,050.00	$ 1,168,215,070	0.899239
Special Building Fund	$ 434,343.00	$ 1,168,215,070	0.037180
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 1,168,215,070	0.000000
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 1,168,215,070	0.000000
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 1,168,215,070	0.000000
QCPUF Fund	$ 350,464.52	$ 1,168,215,070	0.030000
QCPUF Fund	$ -	$ 1,168,215,070	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,168,215,070	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,168,215,070	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,168,215,070	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,168,215,070	0.000000
	$ -	$ 1,168,215,070	0.000000
Total	$ 11,289,857.52		$ 0.966419

Superintendent Pay Transparency Notice—Proposed Contract (*Dr. Allison Jonas)*

Notice is hereby given that Gothenburg Public Schools has approval of a proposed superintendent employment contract/contract amendment on its agenda for the board meeting to be held on February 10th, 2025 at 6:00pm in the High School Media Center at Gothenburg Public Schools, Gothenburg, 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.)	**2**

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	$ 198,000.00	$ 396,000.00	**$ 594,000.00**
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)*			$ -
• *Cafeteria Plan Stipend*			$ -
• *Cash in lieu of insurance*			$ -
• *Employee's share of retirement, deferred compensation, FICA and Medicare **if paid by the district***			$ -
• *District's share of retirement, FICA and Medicare*	$ 34,705.04	$ 69,410.09	$ 104,115.13
• *IRS value of housing allowance*			$ -
• *IRS value of vehicle allowance*			$ -
• *Additional leave days*			$ -
• *Annuities*			$ -
• *Service credit purchase*			$ -
• *Association / Membership dues*	$ 2,150.00	$ 4,300.00	$ 6,450.00
• *Cell Phone/Internet reimbursement*	$ 1,200.00	$ 2,400.00	$ 3,600.00
• *Relocation reimbursement*			$ -
• *Travel allowance/reimbursement*	$ 12,000.00	$ 24,000.00	$ 36,000.00
• *Mileage Allowance*			$ -
• *Educational tuition assistance*			$ -
• *All other benefit costs not mentioned above*			$ -
Totals:	**$ 248,055.04**	**$ 496,110.09**	**$ 744,165.13**

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Gothenburg Public Schools — SUBDIVISION NAME

Dawson — COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)
City of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, NE and Gothenburg Memorial Health, Gothenburg, NE	7-1-2019 to indefinite	The public entiities fromed the Gothenburg Early Childhood Agency to support, consult and provide outreach for early childhood education.
Educational Service Unit 5	5/1/2025-5/30/2026	ESU 5 will provide 1 period of DL Spanish for the 2025-2026 school year
Gothenburg Impact Center Facilities Agency (City of Gothenburg & Gothenburg Public Schools)	10/18/2022 to indefinate	The purpose of this interlocal is to make efficient use of powers by enabling us to cooperate with the city on the basis of mutual advantage for the purpose of acquisition, construction, finance of facilities or services to benefit both the city and school.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 9-25-4

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

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

General Fund:	$	10,505,050.00
Bond Fund:	$	-
Special Building Fund:	$	434,343.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund:	$	350,464.88

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10.66 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 0.893116 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Gothenburg Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.966419 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Gothenburg Public Schools will increase (decrease) last year's budget by 1.93 percent.

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

Motion by Ryan Sukraw seconded by Becky Jobman to adopt Resolution # 9-25-4.

Voting yes were:	Voting no were:
Matt Dalrymple	
Lisa Brass	
Kyle Fornoff	
Kelly Terrell	
Becky Jobman	
Ryan Sukraw	

Dated this 24 day of September 2025

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Gothenburg Public Schools (24-0020-000) in Dawson 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 24 day of September, 2025 at 5:30 o'clock, P.M., at High School Media Center 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	$ 13,286,013.00	$ 17,590,767.00	$ 18,705,767.00	$ 1,500,000.00	$ 9,805,767.00	$ 10,505,050.00
Depreciation	$ 368,367.00	$ 1,700,000.00	$ 1,800,000.00		$ 1,800,000.00	
Employee Benefit	$ 53,695.00	$ 179,727.00	$ 179,727.00		$ 179,727.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 734,743.00	$ 850,000.00	$ 850,000.00		$ 850,000.00	
School Nutrition	$ 692,828.00	$ 900,000.00	$ 900,000.00		$ 900,000.00	
Bond	$ 735,200.00	$ 688,254.00	$ -		$ -	$ -
Special Building	$ 328,500.00	$ 1,368,605.00	$ 1,318,605.00		$ 888,605.00	$ 434,343.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ 1,024,206.00	$ 1,530,000.00	$ 1,534,762.88		$ 1,187,803.00	$ 350,464.88
Cooperative	$ -	$ 180,000.00	$ 180,000.00		$ 180,000.00	
Student Fee	$ -	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00		$ 25,000.00	
TOTALS	$ 17,223,552.00	$ 25,012,353.00	$ 25,493,861.88	$ 1,500,000.00	$ 15,816,902.00	$ 11,289,857.88

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 350,464.88	$ 10,939,393.00	$ 11,289,857.88

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

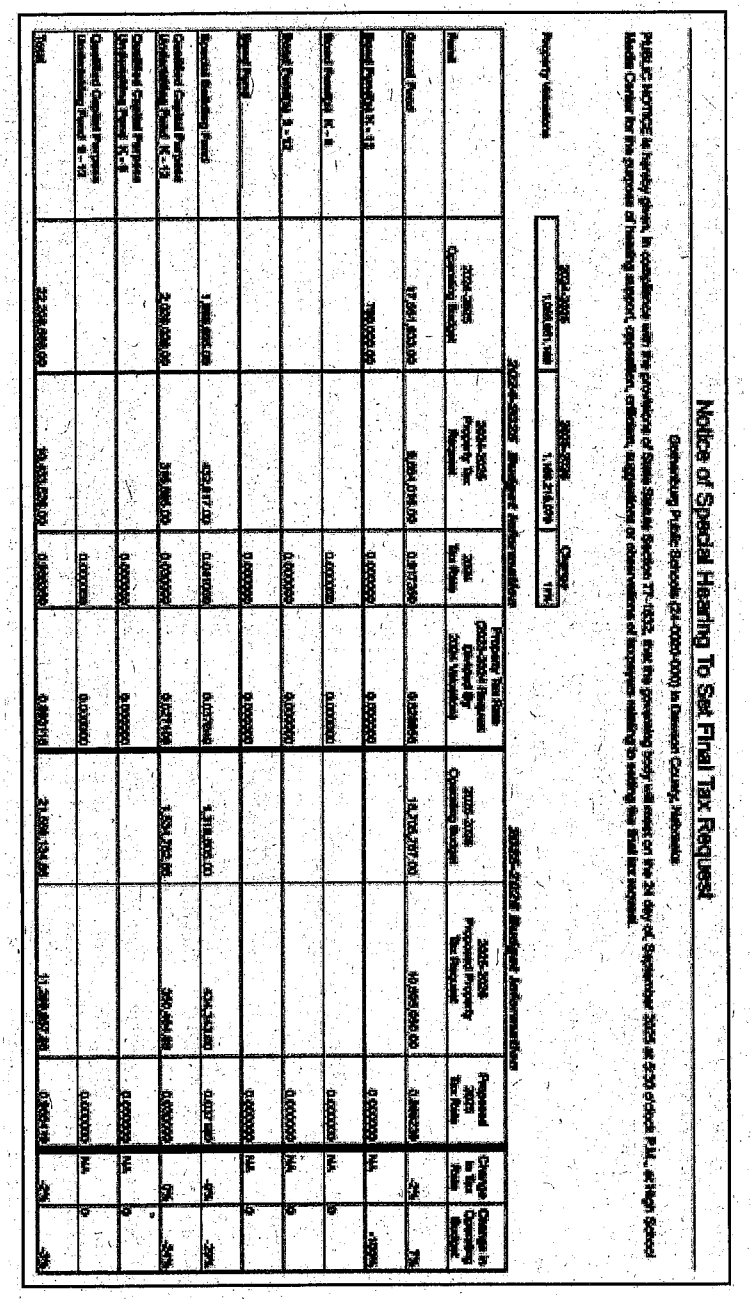
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	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuations	1,055,651,188	1,168,215,070	11%

	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	17,561,933.00	9,684,016.00	0.917350	0.828958	18,705,767.00	10,505,050.00	0.899239	-2%	7%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	750,000.00		0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	NA	-100%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	NA	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	NA	0
Bond Fund _____			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	NA	0
Special Building Fund	1,868,605.00	432,817.00	0.041000	0.037049	1,318,605.00	434,343.00	0.037180	-9%	-29%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	2,028,028.00	316,695.00	0.030000	0.027109	1,534,762.88	350,464.88	0.030000	0%	-24%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	NA	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	NA	0
Total	22,208,566.00	10,433,528.00	0.988350	0.893116	21,559,134.88	11,289,857.88	0.966419	-2%	-3%

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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

State of Nebraska

County of Dawson

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September 4, 2025
(dates)

Kelly Aden
(signature)

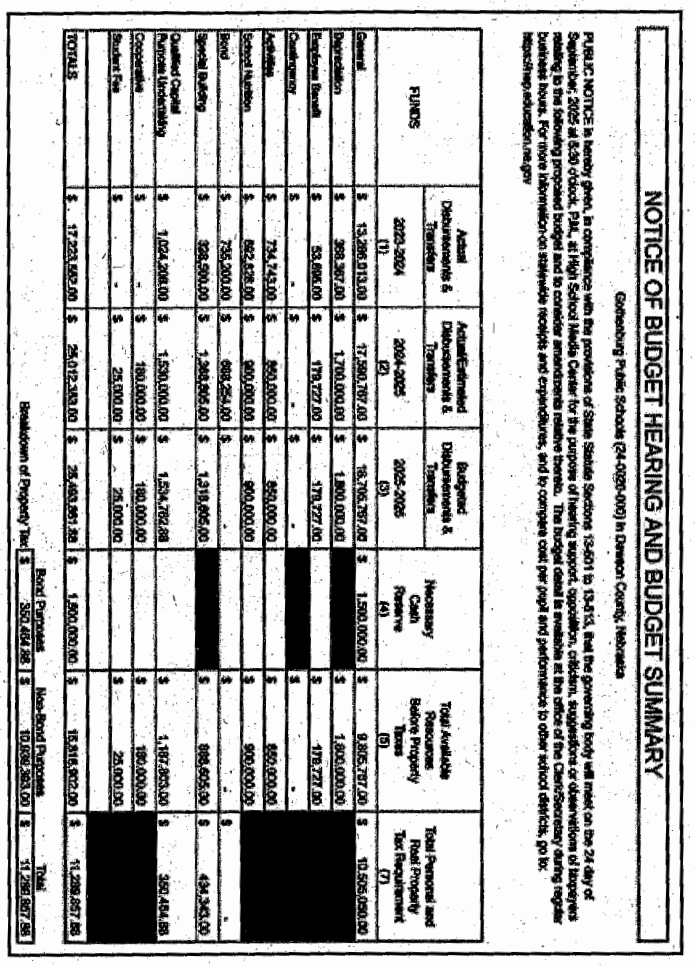
Subscribed to in my presence and sworn to before me this 5 day of September, 2025.

Makayla N. Franzen
Notary Public

Publication Fee $ 56.98

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
MAKAYLA N. FRANZEN
My Comm. Exp. July 14, 2029

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Gothenburg Public Schools (24-0020-000) in Dawson 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 24 day of September, 2025 at 8:30 o'clock, PM, at High School Media Center 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	$ 13,266,013.00	$ 17,580,787.00	$ 16,705,787.00	$ 1,500,000.00	$ 9,805,787.00	$ 10,505,050.00
Depreciation	$ 393,307.00	$ 1,700,000.00	$ 1,800,000.00		$ 1,800,000.00	
Employee Benefit	$ 55,695.00	$ 178,727.00	$ 178,727.00		$ 178,727.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 734,745.00	$ 850,000.00	$ 850,000.00		$ 850,000.00	
School Nutrition	$ 852,535.00	$ 900,000.00	$ 900,000.00		$ 900,000.00	
Bond	$ 735,200.00	$ 699,254.00	$ -		$ -	$ -
Special Building	$ 328,500.00	$ 1,368,805.00	$ 1,518,805.00		$ 998,805.00	$ 434,343.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ 1,024,208.00	$ 1,530,000.00	$ 1,534,769.88		$ 1,187,053.00	$ 350,484.88
Cooperative	$ -	$ 180,000.00	$ 180,000.00		$ 180,000.00	
Student Fee	$ -	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00		$ 25,000.00	
TOTALS	$ 17,223,453.00	$ 25,012,373.00	$ 25,493,951.88	$ 1,500,000.00	$ 15,816,972.00	$ 11,289,877.88

Breakdown of Property Tax	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Totals
	$ 350,484.88	$ 10,938,393.00	$ 11,289,877.88

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September 4, 2025
(dates)

Kelly Aden
(signature)

Subscribed to in my presence and sworn to before me this 5 day of September, 2025.

Makayla N. Franzen
Notary Public

Publication Fee $ 40.71

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
MAKAYLA N. FRANZEN
My Comm. Exp. July 14, 2029

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July 31, 2025
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Kelly Aden
(signature)

Subscribed to in my presence and sworn to before me this 5 day of August, 2025.

Makayla N. Franzen
Notary Public

Publication Fee $ 9.16

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MAKAYLA N. FRANZEN
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Notice

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING
NOTICE OF VOTE TO INCREASE BASE GROWTH PERCENTAGE USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY

The Gothenburg Public Schools Board of Education will meet on Monday, August 11th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center located within Gothenburg Public Schools for a regular board meeting. Among other topics to be discussed, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-3405, the Board will vote on whether to increase the school district's base growth percentage by up to six percent (6%). A copy of the agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the superintendent's office during normal business hours.

Kelly Terrell
Secretary

July 31, 2025
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CUSTER COUNTY COUNTY ASSESSOR OFFICIAL SEAL BROKEN BOW NE

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2025

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

TO: GOTHENBURG SCHOOL #20
C/O GOTHENBURG SUPERINTENDANT OF SCHOOLS
1322 AVE I
GOTHENBURG NE 69138

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF CUSTER

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]
GOTHENBURG SCHOOL 20	3	24-0020		98,739,725	555,424	89,505,766	0.62

** 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 ELISE TAYLOR, CUSTER 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.

Elise Taylor
(signature of county assessor)

AUG 14 2025
(date)

CC: County Clerk, CUSTER 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
3,464,405 Pers Prior
3,545,709 Pers Value
86,041,361 Real Prior
95,194,016 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2025

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

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

TO: **1322 AVE I**
GOTHENBURG NE 69138

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF DAWSON

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]
SCHOOL GOTHENBURG #20	3	24-0020	0	929,515,405	5,300,198	834,266,470	0.64

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I NIC VANCURA, DAWSON 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.

_____ _____
(signature of county assessor) *(date)*

CC: County Clerk, DAWSON 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 **56,387,890 Pers Prior** **777,878,580 Real Prior**
58,654,331 Pers Value **870,861,074 Real Value**

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

TAX YEAR 2025

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

To: GOTHENBURG 20

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NE

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
GOTHENBURG 20 GENERAL	3	24-0020		$139,959,940	$499,979	$131,879,360	0.37912%
GOTHENBURG 20 BLDG	3	24-0020		$139,959,940	$499,979	$131,879,360	0.37912%
GOTHENBURG 20 QCPUF FUND	3	24-0020		$139,959,940	$499,979	$131,879,360	0.37912%

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I , JULIE STENGER, Lincoln County, NE 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.

Julie Stenger

(signature of county assessor)

08/13/2025

(date)

CC: County Clerk, Lincoln County, NE County

CC: County Clerk where school district is headquartered, if different county, Lincoln County, NE County

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

COUNTY ASSESSOR SEAL LINCOLN COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2025 5:30 PM
Gothenburg High School Media Center
1322 Avenue I
Gothenburg, NE 69138

Gothenburg Public Schools is the cornerstone of a proud, passionate, and progressive community where students and staff thrive in a positive and innovative environment. We ensure the growth of all individuals by inspiring them to own and maximize their potential.

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Lisa Brass:	Present
Matt Dalrymple:	Present
Kyle Fornoff:	Present
Becky Jobman:	Present
Ryan Sukraw:	Present
Kelly Terrell:	Present

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approve the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Becky Jobman and a second by Lisa Brass.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

3. Budget Overview

Dr. Jonas reviewed the budget overview.

4. Hearings

4.1. Declare the Hearing Open

President Fornoff declared the meeting open at 5:32p.m.

4.2. 2025-2026 Budget Hearing

Dr. Jonas reviewed the budget hearing and tax request documents.

4.3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4.4. Declare hearing closed.

Hearing declared closed at 5:35pm.

5. Action Items

5.1. Consider the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget through Board Resolution.

Motion to adopt Board Resolution 9-25-3 to set the 2025-2026 Budget for District #20. Passed with a motion by Lisa Brass and a second by Matt Dalrymple.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

A signed copy of the board resolution 9-25-3 can be located here.

5.2. Consider the adoption of Board Resolution 9-25-4 to set the property tax request for 2025-2026.

Motion to adopt Board Resolution 9-25-4 to set the property tax request for District #20 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year Passed with a motion by Ryan Sukraw and a second by Becky Jobman.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

A signed copy of board resolution 9-25-4 can be located here.

6. Next Meeting

7. Adjournment

Motion to approve adjournment Passed with a motion by Becky Jobman and a second by Matt Dalrymple.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Meeting adjourned at 5:41p.m.

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2025 12:00 PM
Gothenburg High School Media Center
1322 Avenue I
Gothenburg, NE 69138

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Attendance Taken at 12:00 PM:

Present Board Members:

Lisa Brass:	Present
Matt Dalrymple:	Present
Kyle Fornoff:	Present
Becky Jobman:	Present
Ryan Sukraw:	Present
Kelly Terrell:	Present

Dr. Allison Jonas, Superintendent

Seth Ryker, Jr/Sr High Principal

Josi Floyd, Elementary Principal

Marc Maroczek, Activities Director & Assistant Jr/Sr High Principal

Maggie Tiller, Director of Teaching & Learning

Becky Vang, Business Manager

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

2. Swearing-In of New Board Member

Mr. Fornoff began by providing background on the appointment process for the board vacancy. He noted that Mr. Wyatt resigned in June after 18.5 years of service. Following this, the Executive Committee—comprised of Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Jobman, and Mr. Fornoff—chose to open a formal application process rather than make a virtual appointment.

The committee developed targeted questions to guide candidate evaluation, and the application remained open for approximately three weeks. After receiving three strong applications, each

committee member independently reviewed and evaluated the candidates, identifying strengths and areas of concern. The Executive Committee then reconvened and unanimously selected Mr. Ryan Sukraw to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Fornoff emphasized that while circumstances may change, the board remains committed to providing high-quality public education and supporting its staff and administrative team. He expressed confidence in Mr. Sukraw's ability to contribute to a cohesive and effective board.

Mr. Sukraw thanked the board for the opportunity to serve and expressed appreciation for being part of a successful and forward-moving district. He addressed the recent, last-minute decision regarding the change in his children's school enrollment, explaining it was made for personal reasons and in the best interest of his family. He acknowledged the timing and optics of the decision were not ideal but reiterated his strong support for the district and its staff, praising the positive experiences his family has had with teachers and administrators. He affirmed that his dedication to serving on the board remains unchanged.

Mr. Fornoff asked Dr. Jonas if she had any comments; she did not.

Mr. Fornoff then proceeded with the administration of the oath of office. Mr. Sukraw stood and read the oath aloud, affirming his commitment to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and Nebraska and to faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of his role on the Board of Education.

Following the oath, Mr. Fornoff congratulated and officially welcomed Mr. Sukraw to the board.

2.1. Review of Board/Superintendent Operating Protocol and Organizational Structure

Dr. Jonas provided an overview of two key governance documents: the district's Organizational Chart and the Board-Superintendent Operating Protocol. She noted that these are typically reviewed each January during the board's reorganization and were also recently discussed with Mr. Sukraw.

Dr. Jonas explained that the Organizational Chart outlines supervisory relationships within the district. While it does not include individual names, those can be found on the district calendar or located easily through the district's website. She emphasized that the visual format of the chart can be helpful for understanding the district's internal structure.

The second document reviewed was the Board-Superintendent Operating Protocol. This protocol outlines expectations and communication standards between the board and the superintendent. Dr. Jonas highlighted the key tenets:

1. Keep students at the center of all decisions.
2. Maintain transparency—no secrets or surprises.
3. Prioritize clear, open communication.
4. Follow the established chain of command.

5. Govern through policy.
6. Stay aligned with the district's strategic plan.
7. Set and oversee the district budget.
8. Manage personnel matters appropriately.
9. Conduct board meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.
10. Follow formal procedures for evaluations.

She summarized by stating that effective governance depends on strong alignment between the board and administration—working as a cohesive team with clear roles and a shared commitment to the best interests of students, staff, and the community. She emphasized that the board and administration should not operate in competition, but rather in partnership, striving to meet the needs of all learners.

Mr. Fornoff noted that no action was taken on this item and moved the meeting forward.

2.2. Review Chain of Command

Dr. Jonas provided a reminder regarding the district's Chain of Command protocol, noting that a recent policy update required it to be presented during the July meeting. She emphasized that the protocol is not intended to exclude anyone from the communication process, but rather to ensure that concerns are addressed by the individuals most equipped to respond—those closest to the issue.

She explained that when questions or concerns arise, it's most effective to begin with the individual directly involved, as they often have the most detailed and accurate information. This applies whether the concern is brought to a board member, principal, or other district staff.

Dr. Jonas also clarified that if the concern involves the person listed as the first point of contact, it is entirely appropriate to escalate the matter to the next level in the chain. The intent is not to create barriers, but to facilitate effective resolution by gathering the necessary context and facts from the appropriate sources.

Dr. Jonas asked if there were any questions regarding the protocol. Seeing none, Mr. Fornoff stated that the board would move on, with no action taken.

2.3. Discussion of Standing Committees for the remainder of 2025

Motion to approve the committee assignments as presented noting that positions can be modified by a majority vote of the board Passed with a motion by Becky Jobman and a second by Lisa Brass.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea

Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Dr. Jonas noted that the updated list of board committee assignments was shared at the previous meeting, with minor adjustments made to reflect Mr. Sukraw's recent appointment. She explained that committee roles had been shifted accordingly for the remainder of the year.

The document includes the full list of appointed representatives, along with the Executive Committee members—comprised of the board president, vice president, and secretary.

Dr. Jonas asked if there were any questions regarding the committee assignments. No questions were raised.

2.4. Distribution of Conflict of Interest Policies and Forms

Dr. Jonas reviewed the board's annual Conflict of Interest disclosure process, which is typically addressed in January. She noted that the relevant forms were included in the board's green folders and that she had previously discussed the process with Mr. Sukraw.

She explained that board members must disclose any potential conflicts of interest involving businesses in which they—or immediate family members—have a financial or leadership role (e.g., as partners, shareholders, LLC members, or officers), particularly if those businesses could benefit from board decisions.

In cases where a conflict is identified, the affected board member is expected to recuse themselves from discussion and voting on the related item. Dr. Jonas provided a common example: when banking matters arise, Board Member Mrs. Jobman steps away from the table due to a known conflict involving her place of employment.

She offered additional disclosure forms if needed and asked if there were any questions. Seeing none, Mr. Fornoff confirmed the board would move on with no action taken.

3. Approve the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Matt Dalrymple and a second by Kelly Terrell.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

4. Recognition of Visitors

4.1. Public Participation

No public participation.

5. Action Items

5.1. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Lisa Brass and a second by Ryan Sukraw.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

5.2. Surplus

Motion to authorize the sale or disposal of the specified items as presented Passed with a motion by Becky Jobman and a second by Lisa Brass.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Dr. Jonas explained the district's periodic process of identifying equipment, furniture, and materials that are no longer functional, safe, cost-effective to repair, or aligned with current instructional or operational needs. Surplusing such items allows for responsible disposal or repurposing, helps maintain efficient storage use, and ensures district resources are focused on supporting student learning and operations.

She noted that surplusing typically occurs in the spring as part of clearing out unneeded items. Recently, Mr. Johnson brought to her attention a vibraphone that had been replaced over the summer. Although initially uncertain if it met the criteria for surplus due to value, Dr. Jonas confirmed that a new vibraphone costs approximately $6,000, which qualifies it as a significant asset.

The board intends to surplus the vibraphone with the hope of finding a music enthusiast who can restore and care for the instrument.

Mr. Fornoff invited questions, and Mr. Dalrymple inquired about what a vibraphone is. Dr. Jonas responded that it is similar to a xylophone but with distinct characteristics.

5.3. Discuss and consider approval of the proposed slate of directors for the Impact Center Operating Board as chosen by the Gothenburg Impact Center Facilities Agency.

Motion to approve the slate of directors for the Impact Center Operating Board as presented
Passed with a motion by Kelly Terrell and a second by Becky Jobman.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Mr. Fornoff provided an overview of the Gothenburg Impact Center Facilities Agency, which is jointly represented by the city and the school district. One of the agency's responsibilities is to propose a slate of directors for the Impact Center Operating Board.

He outlined the Operating Board's primary duties, which include:

- Overseeing the organization's legal responsibilities
- Addressing long-range planning, loans, and program focus
- Establishing and monitoring policies and services
- Recommending officers for election
- Positively representing the organization and community
- Evaluating the executive director
- Providing financial oversight and stewardship
- Enlisting community and stakeholder support
- Ensuring fiscal responsibility with organizational assets

The proposed slate of at-large directors includes Alexandria Colwell, Helen Cool, and Kristi Kreuscher.

Mr. Fornoff invited Dr. Jonas to add any context from her recent participation in a related meeting. Dr. Jonas noted that this step aligns with the board's original planning efforts when the agency's structure was established. While it may appear procedural, board approval of the slate serves as a quality control measure to uphold expectations and outcomes within the facility.

Mr. Dalrymple inquired about how the directors representing the city, school, and community are selected. Dr. Jonas explained that each entity appoints its own representatives: the school board

appoints its representative directly, the city's appointments are handled by the city board (including Gary Greer), and she was uncertain about who made the hospital's appointment.

Following clarification, Mr. Fornoff restated that the board was approving the proposed slate of Alexandria Colwell, Helen Cool, and Kristi Kreuscher, and asked if there were any questions regarding the individuals. No questions were raised.

5.4. Discuss and consider approval of the 2025-2026 Gothenburg Public Schools Pandemic Preparedness Plan.

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Gothenburg Public Schools Pandemic Preparedness Plan as presented Passed with a motion by Ryan Sukraw and a second by Matt Dalrymple.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Dr. Jonas presented the updated version of the district's pandemic response plan. She explained that, now five years removed from the onset of COVID-19, the document has been retitled from the "COVID Reopening Plan" to a more general name reflecting broader pandemic preparedness. While the content remains largely unchanged, the name update reflects the ongoing need for readiness in the face of any future public health crises, not just COVID-19.

Dr. Jonas emphasized the importance of having a flexible plan that enables the district to respond quickly and effectively to emerging situations. She recommended the plan continue to be reviewed and approved annually, even if no substantive changes have been made, as is the case this year.

She also highlighted the section regarding student exclusion and readmittance. While prior guidance had been more restrictive, the current approach—based on recommendations from the CDC and school nurse Mrs. Haas—follows a simple guideline: if a student is sick, they should stay home. Specific symptoms that warrant exclusion include fever, a new or persistent cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or loss of taste or smell. Students may return once symptoms have resolved and they are fever-free. A doctor's note is encouraged when possible to ensure the absence is excused.

Dr. Jonas noted that students are allotted 10 excused sick days per year, and in most cases, absences due to illness fall well within that limit. She reassured the board that students who miss time due to illness will receive support in catching up on missed work and reiterated the district's ongoing priority to protect the health of both students and staff.

Mr. Fornoff asked if there were any questions. None were raised.

5.5. Discuss and consider approval of transfers to the Depreciation Fund, the Activities Fund, the Cooperative Fund, and the Employee Benefit Fund.

Motion to approve transfers to the Depreciation Fund, the Activities Fund, the Cooperative Fund, and the Employee Benefit Fund as presented Passed with a motion by Kelly Terrell and a second by Becky Jobman.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Dr. Jonas reviewed the district's year-end financial transfers, noting that August marks the final month of the fiscal year, with the new fiscal year beginning September 1. Each August, the district evaluates its financial position and determines whether funds should be transferred to specific accounts. While the targeted funds are built into the budget annually, the exact transfer amounts may be adjusted based on year-end financial conditions.

She outlined the following recommended transfers:

1. **Depreciation Fund** -
   This fund is reserved for the repair and replacement of major items such as vehicles and instructional equipment. Expenditures from this fund require board approval for full transparency. Dr. Jonas recommended a transfer of **$250,000**, which falls within the district's typical historical range of $150,000 to $600,000.

2. **Activities Fund** -
   Designed to support extracurricular programming, this fund covers essential expenses such as judges, referees, and event operations. Due to declining gate revenue and rising costs, consistent support is necessary. Dr. Jonas commended Mr. Mroczek for working diligently to manage the fund, successfully eliminating a $30,000 deficit this fiscal year. A transfer of **$75,000** was recommended, aligning with typical contributions in the past.

3. **Cooperative Fund** -
   Used for interlocal agreements, such as the partnership with the Impact Center, this fund ensures the district, as fiscal agent, can cover shared operational expenses. Dr. Jonas recommended a transfer of **$95,000** in preparation for the next scheduled payment, in accordance with a finance committee-established schedule.

4. **Employee Benefit Fund** -
   This pass-through account supports programs such as PayFlex, through which educators receive upfront flexible spending contributions. A transfer of **$35,000** was recommended to ensure sufficient funds are available when those initial payments are made in September.

Dr. Jonas confirmed that after reviewing current financials, the district has adequate resources to support all four recommended transfers, totaling **$455,000**.

Mr. Fornoff asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised.

5.6. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to adopt resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by up to six percent (6%).

Motion to adopt the resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by up to six percent (6%). Passed with a motion by Lisa Brass and a second by Matt Dalrymple.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Dr. Jonas provided an overview of the **Property Tax Request Authority**, a component of Nebraska's school funding structure, now in its third year of consistent use. She explained that this authority is determined by a complex formula that dictates how much a school district can request in property taxes. Importantly, school boards are allowed to **increase the base growth percentage**—a key part of that formula—by up to **6%** in districts of similar size.

She emphasized that **this discussion does not involve increasing taxes, levies, or the current tax request**. Instead, it pertains solely to granting the **authority** to consider using up to a 6% increase in the base growth percentage during budget planning. Any actual use of that authority would be determined later during the district's final budget workshop.

By Nebraska law, such authority requires approval by a **supermajority (at least 70%)** of the board. The motion presented would allow the board to consider, but not necessarily implement, a base growth percentage increase of up to 6% for the **2025-2026** budget.

Dr. Jonas also shared a visual comparison showing how **Gothenburg Public Schools' tax request has grown by 16%** over the past several years, while the **rate of inflation** during the same period has been **30%**. She noted this reflects the district's effective fiscal management within the constraints of the state's three "lid" limitations on school funding.

Mr. Fornoff voiced support, noting that Dr. Jonas and the Finance Committee do an excellent job of projecting financial needs, but that the **final numbers are often not available early enough** to plan with precision. He emphasized that this motion simply gives the district the **flexibility to adapt** as final budget data becomes available.

6. Policy & Procedure

6.1. Second reading of proposed new policies.

Motion to approve the proposed new policies as presented Passed with a motion by Kelly Terrell and a second by Becky Jobman.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Dr. Jonas noted that the three policies under review were previously presented at the July meeting and received **no feedback** since then. As a result, **no changes** have been made to the proposed language.

She confirmed the policies are **ready for board approval**, pending any final questions or discussion.

Mr. Fornoff asked if there were any questions from the board. **No questions were raised.**

6.2. Annual review of Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism Policy 5001.

Dr. Jonas reviewed the district's **annual attendance procedures**, noting that while **no board action** is required, the topic is revisited each August.

She reminded the board that **regular attendance is required**, but students who are sick should remain home. The attendance policy outlines expectations for consistent attendance and defines **excessive absenteeism**—which, under state statute, is triggered when a student accumulates **five unexcused absences** (or the equivalent) within a semester.

When this threshold is reached, the district is required to follow up with the student and family. Dr. Jonas noted that parents often receive a notification letter and may be surprised, especially if absences were for legitimate reasons like medical appointments. In those cases, if families provide **documentation from a medical professional**, the absences are reclassified as **excused**.

She encouraged families to **submit medical notes whenever possible** to ensure proper attendance records.

Mr. Fornoff asked if there were any questions. **No questions were raised**, and the board moved on **with no action taken**.

6.3. Second Reading of the 2025-2026 Activity Handbook

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Activities Handbook as presented Passed with a motion by Becky Jobman and a second by Ryan Sukraw.

Lisa Brass:	Yea

Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Dr. Jonas confirmed that **no additional feedback** was received following the **July board meeting**, and therefore, **no changes or updates** were made to the item presented.

Mr. Fornoff asked if there were any further questions from the board. **No questions were raised.**

6.4. Second Reading of the 2025-2026 Staff Handbook

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Staff Handbook as presented. Passed with a motion by Lisa Brass and a second by Matt Dalrymple.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

Dr. Jonas confirmed that **no additional feedback** had been received following the **July meeting**, so **no changes** were made to the item.

Mr. Fornoff asked if there was any feedback from the board. **None was provided.**

7. Reports

7.1. Board of Education Reports

Personnel Committee (Mr. Fornoff, Mrs. Terrell, Mrs. Brass)
Mr. Fornoff reported that the Personnel Committee met with Dr. Jonas the previous Monday to discuss personnel matters and prepare for the upcoming negotiation season, which begins in October. Topics included salary arrays and clarification on what is and isn't permissible during negotiations. He described the meeting as informative and a helpful refresher for all involved. Mrs. Brass added her appreciation, thanking Dr. Jonas for putting together the materials and noting this format was new this year and valuable.

Transportation and Facilities Committee (Mr. Dalrymple, Mrs. Jobman)
Mr. Dalrymple noted that the committee had **not met** since Mr. Wyatt's resignation.

Finance Committee (Mrs. Jobman, Mrs. Brass)
Mrs. Jobman stated that the committee did not hold a formal meeting, but received an email

update reviewing key budget areas. The update primarily covered the approved transfers and preparation for upcoming budget planning.

Committee on American Civics (Mrs. Terrell, Mr. Fornoff, Mr. Dalrymple)
Mrs. Terrell reported that the committee has **not met** since the last board meeting, but noted the second reading of a new policy has since been approved.

Policy Review Committee (Mrs. Terrell, Mr. Dalrymple, Mrs. Jobman)
Mrs. Terrell confirmed that the committee has not met.

7.2. Administrative Reports

See attached reports.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 8th at 6:00 PM with the Budget Q&A to precede that meeting at 5:30PM.

9. Adjournment

Motion to approve adjournment @ 12:57 PM. Passed with a motion by Becky Jobman and a second by Kelly Terrell.

Lisa Brass:	Yea
Matt Dalrymple:	Yea
Kyle Fornoff:	Yea
Becky Jobman:	Yea
Ryan Sukraw:	Yea
Kelly Terrell:	Yea

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District Name: GOTHENBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS
District Phone: (308)537-3651

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	15,302,476
Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority [Maximum Amount: $298,585]	A-355	298,585
Total Adjusted Budget Authority	A-361	15,601,061
Total Allowable Budget Authority	A-780	15,601,061

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	18,705,767
2025/26 Special Grant Funds List	B-110	219,765
2025/26 Special Education Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-120	2,603,609
2025/26 General Fund Lid Exclusions	B-130	281,332
Total Adjusted General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-140	15,601,061
2025/26 Unused Budget Authority	B-150	0

Total Unused Budget Authority		
2024/25 Total Unused Budget Authority	B-160	851,457
2025/26 General Fund Expenditure Growth	B-162	298,585
Adjusted Unused Budget Authority	B-165	552,872

2025/26 Unused Budget Authority	B-170	0
Total Unused Budget Authority (Carries forward into future school fiscal years)	B-175	552,872

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	6,547,018
2025/26 General Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	C-300	1,500,000
2025/26 Depreciation Fund Total Requirements	C-310	1,800,000
2025/26 Employee Benefit Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	C-320	0
Total Reserves	C-340	3,300,000

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	1,168,215,070

2025/26 Section D: Property Tax Request Authority

2025/26 Property Tax Request Authority	D-110	10,514,649
Did 70% of the School Board approve to exceed the Certified Property Tax Request Authority?	D-120	◉**Yes** ○**No**
Maximum Amount Allowed:	D-130	818,117
Enter the amount approved by the School Board.	D-140	818,117
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	11,332,766
2025/26 Property Tax Request General Fund	D-210	10,505,050
2025/26 Property Tax Request Special Building Fund	D-220	434,343
2025/26 Total Property Tax Request	D-230	10,939,393
2025/26 Unused Property Tax Request Authority	D-240	393,373
Total Property Tax reduced as a result of increased SPED & Foundation Aid.	D-310	1,800,000

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

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Special Grant Fund List

Return to LC2

Total Special Grant Funds	3.00	219,765

Save Grants **If you made any changes to the Special Grant Fund List, click here before returning to the LC2.**

Print Grants

*** Items denoted with a * must be approved by the State Board of Education. Email your request for approval of these items to:**
Kelsey Larsen at kelsey.larsen@nebraska.gov (mailto:kelsey.larsen@nebraska.gov)

Grant Description	Line	Amount
ACE/Cultural Connections	1.11	0
Adult Education - English Literacy/Civics Grants (WIOA Title II)	1.115	0
Adult Education & Family Literacy Act Grants (WIOA Title II)	1.12	0
Adult Education Volunteer Coordination Program (AEFLA)	1.125	0
Annenberg Foundation Grants (Rural Challenge)	1.13	0
ARP-HCY I & II	1.135	0
Artist-in-Schools/Communities Grants	1.14	0
Beyond School Bells Grant	1.145	0
Building Safe and Responsive Schools Grants	1.15	0
Career and Technical Education Grants (Carl Perkins)	1.155	0
Career and Technical Eduation Grants (State)	1.157	7,500
Career Pathway Advancement Project (CPAP)	1.16	0
Century Link/NETA Grants	1.165	0
Child Care & Development Fund	1.17	0
Clean School Bus FY22-26	1.175	0
Community 4 Kids Grant	1.18	0
Community Incentive Grants	1.185	0
Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant (CLSD)	1.187	0
Department of Justice STOP Violence Grant	1.19	0
Distance Learning Grants (Federal)	1.195	0
Early Childhood Education Endowment Program Ages Birth-3 (Sixpence) Grants	1.2	0
Early Childhood Education Program Ages 3-5 Grants	1.205	0
Early Intervention Act and IDEA Part C (Infants/Toddlers with Disabilities) Grants	1.21	0

Education Improvement Fund Grants (includes Distance Education Incentive Grants, Expanded Learning Opportunity Grants and Innovation Grants)	1.215	0
EducationQuest Foundation Community Grants	1.22	0
ESEA Title I Grants (includes Accountability, Support for Improvement, Disadvantaged, Migrant Education, and Neglected or Delinquent)	1.225	182,265
ESEA Title II Part A - Support Effective Instruction (Principal and Teacher Training and Recruiting/Class Size Reduction)	1.23	0
ESEA Title III Grants - Immigrant Education Grants	1.235	0
ESEA Title III Grants – Language Instruction for English Learners	1.24	0
ESEA Title IV Part A - Student Support & Academic Enrichment Grants	1.245	0
ESEA Title IV Part B - 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants	1.25	0
ESEA Title VI Grants - Rural and Low-Income (Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Grants)	1.255	0
ESEA Title VII Grants - Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education	1.26	0
ESEA Title IX – McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Grants	1.265	0
ESSERS III - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (CARES, CRRSA, ARP)	1.27	0
Forest Service Grants (Conservation Education)	1.275	0
Great Plains Communications Grants (Commitment to the Schools)	1.285	0
Head Start Grants	1.29	0
High Ability Learner Incentive Grants (Gifted)	1.295	0
High School Equivalency Assistance Act Grants (AEFLA)	1.3	0
IDEA Part B 611 & Sec 619 Flow-Through Grants (includes Base, Enrollment/Poverty, CEIS, CCEIS, and Proportionate)	1.305	0
Idea Part C - Planning Region Team	1.307	0

IDEA Special Education Discretionary Grants/Cooperative Agreements (including State Improvement Grants (SpDG/PBIS), Deaf-Blind Grants, Part B Sec 611 & Sec 619 State Set-Aside Grants/Cooperative Agreements, other Office of Special Education Program (OSEP) Grants/Cooperative Agreements, and Teacher Retention)	1.31	0
Immigrant Impact Education Grants	1.315	0
Improving Health & Education Outcomes for Young People	1.32	0
Indian Education Grants	1.325	0
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act/American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP)	1.33	0
Innovation in Education Program Grants (includes funds from USDE)	1.335	0
Johnson-O'Malley Grants	1.34	0
JROTC	1.345	0
Kiewit Foundation Grants	1.35	0
Magnet School Grants	1.355	0
Medicaid Administrative Activities in Public Schools (MAAPS)	1.36	0
Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	1.365	30,000
Mentoring for Success Grants	1.37	0
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	1.38	0
National Science Foundation Grants	1.385	0
NDEQ	1.39	0
NE Emerging Technologies Initiative-Pathways to STEM grant	1.395	0
NE Improving Student Health	1.4	0
NE Improving Student Health (CARES Act)	1.405	0
NE Youth Suicide Prevention 21	1.41	0
Nebraska Arts Council Grants	1.415	0
Nebraska Community Foundation/TeamMates Grants	1.42	0

Nebraska Environmental Trust Grants	1.425	0
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Grants (Conservation Education, Outdoor Classroom)	1.43	0
Nebraska Grant for School Emergency Management	1.435	0
Nebraska Humanities Grants	1.44	0
Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Grants	1.445	0
Nebraska STOP School Violence Prevention Training Program	1.45	0
Nebraska STOP School Violence Threat Assessment Program	1.455	0
Preschool Development Grant (PDG)	1.46	0
Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness & Resiliency in Education)	1.465	0
Refugee School Impact Grant	1.47	0
reVISION Action Grant	1.475	0
Safe Routes to Schools Grant	1.485	0
Save the Children Grant	1.49	0
School Climate Transformation Grant	1.495	0
School Health Program Grants	1.497	0
School Safety & Security Act	1.5	0
Smaller Learning Communities Program Grants	1.505	0
Statewide Longitudinal Data System	1.52	0
Stronger Connections Bipartisan Safer Community Grant	1.523	0
Summer Food Service Program	1.525	0
Supplemental Nutrition (CRRSA & ARP?)	1.53	0
Teaching American History (TAH) Grants	1.535	0
Technology Information Infrastructure Assistance Program Grants (U.S. Department of Commerce)	1.54	0
Textbook Loan Grants (Rule 4)	1.545	0

USDA Nutrition Service Grants	1.55	0
Vocational Rehabilitation Grants	1.555	0
Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant	1.557	0
Young Adult Tobacco Prevention	1.56	0

Exclusions listed below require State Board approval

Grant Description	Line	Amount
*Insurance Settlements	1.565	0
*Interfund Loans	1.57	0
*Reimbursements for Wards of the Court	1.575	0
*Short-Term Borrowings	1.58	0
*Special Supplementary Grants from City or County Governments	1.585	0
*Special Supplementary Grants from City or County Governments	1.59	0
*Special Supplementary Grants from Corporations, Foundations, or Other Private Interests	1.595	0
*Special Supplementary Grants from Corporations, Foundations, or Other Private Interests	1.6	0

Dawson County
Joint Public Hearing Report

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-1633, a joint public hearing was held on September 22, 2025 at 6:05 P.M at the Central Community College, Opportunity Center, 1501 Plum Creek Parkway, Lexington, Room 204.

Notice of the Joint Public Hearing was provided by:

1. Postcard mailed to all affected property taxpayers by the County Assessor on September 8, 2025.
2. Publication in the Lexington Clipper-Herald on September 13, 2025.
3. Notice posted on the home page of the County's website on September 8, 2025.

Note: Website notice only required if County population is more than 10,000

The following political subdivision representatives were present at the hearing and gave a brief presentation on their political subdivision's intent to increase their property tax request by more than the allowable growth percentage and the effect of such request on their budget.

Political Subdivision	Designated Representative Name	Real Growth Value	Real Growth Percentage	Tax Request increase above Allowable Growth Percentage
Cozad Community Schools	Dr. Dan Endorf	$5,419,867.00	0.54%	$300,877.44
Dawson County	Bill Stewart	35,539,950.00	0.84%	$997,521.84
Gothenburg Public Schools	Dr. Allison Jonas	$6,355,601.00	0.60%	$559,522.34
SEM Schools	Ben Wright	$1,234,994.00	0.28%	$478,029.95

Additionally, the following individuals spoke at the joint public hearing and provided their input on the proposed property tax requests.

Name	Address	Organization Represented *(if applicable)*
Ron Honeysette	1622 Avenue F, Gothenburg, NE 69138	
Vic Larson	75334 Hwy 21, Cozad, NE 69130	

Note: Address requirement may be waived to protect the security of the individual

38 Total individuals who signed in to attend the Joint Public Hearing

After all members of the public present were given a reasonable amount of time to provide their input on the proposed property tax requests, the hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

Dated this 25th day of September, 2025.

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Michaela Arndt, Dawson County Clerk