2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

County-District #: 10-0007 **Class #: III**

Kearney Public Schools

TO THE COUNTY BOARD AND COUNTY CLERK OF

Buffalo 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	$ -	$ 45,353,535.00	$ 45,353,535.00
Bond Fund(s) *[If More Than 1 Bond Fund - Total All Together]*	$ 7,070,707.00		$ 7,070,707.00
Special Building Fund	$ -	$ 6,008,972.00	$ 6,008,972.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund	$ 1,263,965.00	$ -	$ 1,263,965.00
Total All Funds	$ 8,334,672.00	$ 51,362,507.00	$ 59,697,179.00

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

$ 94,220,000.00	Principal
$ 13,000,659.00	Interest
$ 107,220,659.00	**Total Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness**

Total Certified Valuation (All Counties) $ 5,564,057,578

*(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 # 10-0007
Kearney 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	27,859,794.00	55,861,710.00	44,900,000.00	100,761,710.00	12,942,500.00	70,929,892.00	83,872,392.00	16,889,318.00	100,761,710.00
Depreciation	-	-		-			-		-
Employee Benefit	48,081.00	48,081.00		48,081.00			48,081.00	-	48,081.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-		-
Activities	364,955.00	4,500,000.00		4,500,000.00			4,500,000.00	-	4,500,000.00
School Nutrition	1,530,581.00	5,068,263.00		5,068,263.00			5,068,263.00	-	5,068,263.00
Bond	10,975,848.00	11,119,848.00	7,000,000.00	18,119,848.00			18,119,848.00	-	18,119,848.00
Special Building	13,811,349.00	13,820,349.00	5,948,882.00	19,769,231.00			19,769,231.00		19,769,231.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	5,217,490.00	5,695,290.00	1,251,325.00	6,946,615.00			6,946,615.00	-	6,946,615.00
Cooperative	77,285.00	327,285.00		327,285.00			327,285.00	-	327,285.00
Student Fee	370,381.00	570,381.00		570,381.00			570,381.00	-	570,381.00
				-					-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	60,255,764.00	97,011,207.00	59,100,207.00	156,111,414.00	12,942,500.00	70,929,892.00	139,222,096.00	16,889,318.00	156,111,414.00

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)	44,900,000.00	7,000,000.00	5,948,882.00	1,251,325.00
COUNTY TREASURER'S COMMISSION 1% OF TAXES COLLECTED (Line B)	453,535.00	70,707.00	60,090.00	12,640.00
TOTAL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAXES (Line A + Line B) (Line C)	45,353,535.00	7,070,707.00	6,008,972.00	1,263,965.00

CERTIFIED STATE AID	**MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES**
$ 9,869,846.00	**$ 3,500,000.00**

COUNTY TREASURER'S BALANCE, 9-1-2025			
10,750,000.00	2,000,000.00	335,000.00	380,000.00

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	29,135,751.00	72,010,926.00	35,000,000.00	107,010,926.00	11,836,230.00	67,314,902.00	79,151,132.00	27,859,794.00
Depreciation	223,261.00	223,261.00		223,261.00			223,261.00	-
Employee Benefit	48,081.00	48,081.00		48,081.00			-	48,081.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	1,709,489.00	4,174,200.00		4,174,200.00			3,809,245.00	364,955.00
School Nutrition	2,340,509.00	5,878,191.00		5,878,191.00			4,347,610.00	1,530,581.00
Bond	10,571,848.00	11,375,848.00	7,000,000.00	18,375,848.00			7,400,000.00	10,975,848.00
Special Building	2,051,029.00	15,966,614.00	2,717,335.00	18,683,949.00			4,872,600.00	13,811,349.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	9,515,130.00	10,502,715.00	1,067,725.00	11,570,440.00			6,352,950.00	5,217,490.00
Cooperative	23,387.00	397,901.00		397,901.00			320,616.00	77,285.00
Student Fee	350,981.00	559,309.00		559,309.00			188,928.00	370,381.00
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	55,969,466.00	121,137,046.00	45,785,060.00	166,922,106.00	11,836,230.00	67,314,902.00	106,666,342.00	60,255,764.00

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	
$	**3,500,000.00**

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	27,033,505.00	61,139,696.00	41,741,635.00	102,881,331.00	9,912,438.00	63,833,142.00	73,745,580.00	29,135,751.00
Depreciation	1,076,197.00	1,325,870.00		1,325,870.00			1,102,609.00	223,261.00
Employee Benefit	323,878.00	329,855.00		329,855.00			281,774.00	48,081.00
Contingency	-	-		-			-	-
Activities	2,679,878.00	5,439,272.00		5,439,272.00			3,729,783.00	1,709,489.00
School Lunch	2,787,009.00	6,528,541.00		6,528,541.00			4,188,032.00	2,340,509.00
Bond	10,080,340.00	10,968,268.00	6,965,152.00	17,933,420.00			7,361,572.00	10,571,848.00
Special Building	1,914,685.00	2,050,646.00	900,274.00	2,950,920.00			899,891.00	2,051,029.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	10,549,850.00	11,945,906.00	1,270,541.00	13,216,447.00			3,701,317.00	9,515,130.00
Cooperative	130,685.00	704,252.00		704,252.00			680,865.00	23,387.00
Student Fee	287,578.00	576,309.00		576,309.00			225,328.00	350,981.00
				-				-
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$ 56,863,605.00	101,008,615.00	50,877,602.00	151,886,217.00	9,912,438.00	63,833,142.00	95,916,751.00	55,969,466.00

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	
$	**3,947,049.00**

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

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

NAME	**Kearney Public Schools**
ADDRESS	**320 W 24th St**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Kearney, NE 68845**
TELEPHONE	**308-698-8000**
WEBSITE	**://www.kearneypublicschools.org/**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Mr. John Icenogle	Dr. Jason Mundorf	Meagan Kershner
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Board President	Superintendent	Director of Finance
TELEPHONE	308-698-8000	308-698-8000	308-698-8004
EMAIL ADDRESS	johicenogle@kearneycats.com	jasmundorf@kearneycats.com	meakershner@kearneycats.com

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

Kearney Public Schools

2025-2026 ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE COMPUTATION FORM

CALCULATION OF ALLOWABLE GROWTH PERCENTAGE

Prior Year Non-Bond Property Tax Request (1) $ 48,846,893.00
*(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

159,264,180.00	/	5,058,072,189.00	=	3.15 %	(3)
2025 Real Growth Value per Assessor		Prior Year Total Real Property Valuation per Assessor			

Total Allowable Growth Percentage Increase (Line 2 + Line 3) (4) 5.15 %

Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Property Tax Request (Line 1 x Line 4) (5) $ 2,515,614.99

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX REQUEST (Line 1 + Line 5) (6) **$ 51,362,507.99**
(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) $ 51,362,507.00
(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

Kearney Public Schools — SUBDIVISION NAME

Buffalo — COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)
City of Kearney	8/8/08-indefinite	Vehicle Gasoline Purchasing Agreement
City of Kearney	8/1/07-indefinite	School Resource Officers
CCC	ongoing	Educational Services
ESU 10	ongoing	Educational Services
UNK and City of Kearney	2022-2032	Use of Athletic Facilities
UNK	ongoing	Educational Services

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

Kearney Public Schools	**Buffalo**
SUBDIVISION NAME	COUNTY

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

SCHEDULE A GENERAL FUND LID EXCLUSIONS

County-District # 10-0007

Kearney 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**	$ 1,842,260.00
21	**Native American Impact Aid**	
22	**Total General Fund Lid Exclusions - To LC-2 Form** (Line 9 + Line 17 to 21)	$ 1,842,260.00

Kearney 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	45,353,535.00	7,070,707.00	6,008,972.00	1,263,965.00
2	**Exclusions:**				
3	Bonded indebtedness secured by a levy on property (Includes Co. Treasurer Comm.)	-	7,070,707.00		1,263,965.00
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)**	-	7,070,707.00	-	1,263,965.00
13	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement Subject to the Levy Limitation (Line 1 minus Line 12)	45,353,535.00	-	6,008,972.00	-
14	Assessed Valuation	5,564,057,578	5,564,057,578	5,564,057,578	5,564,057,578
15	Levy Subject to Limitation ((Line 13 / Line 14) x 100)	0.815116	0.000000	0.107996	0.000000
16	Total Levy for Compliance	0.923112			

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	$ 45,353,535.00	$ 5,564,057,578	0.815116
Special Building Fund	$ 6,008,972.00	$ 5,564,057,578	0.107996
Bond Fund	$ 7,070,707.00	$ 5,564,057,578	0.127078
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 5,564,057,578	0.000000
Bond Fund	$ -	$ 5,564,057,578	0.000000
QCPUF Fund	$ 1,263,965.00	$ 5,564,057,578	0.022717
QCPUF Fund	$ -	$ 5,564,057,578	0.000000
	$ -	$ 5,564,057,578	0.000000
	$ -	$ 5,564,057,578	0.000000
	$ -	$ 5,564,057,578	0.000000
	$ -	$ 5,564,057,578	0.000000
	$ -	$ 5,564,057,578	0.000000
Total	$ 59,697,179.00		$ 1.072907

Must agree to Cover

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

Superintendent Pay Transparency Notice—Proposed Contract (Dr. Jason Mundorf)

Notice is hereby given that Kearney Public Schools has approval of a proposed superintendent employment contract/contract amendment on its agenda for the board meeting to be held on December 10, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Central Office 2nd Floor Board Room in Kearney, 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	$ 268,000.00	$ 542,000.00	**$ 810,000.00**
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)*	$ 29,523.72	$ 59,047.44	$ 88,571.16
• *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*	$ 35,993.60	$ 72,559.00	$ 108,552.60
• *IRS value of housing allowance*			$ -
• *IRS value of vehicle allowance*			$ -
• *Additional leave days*			$ -
• *Annuities*			$ -
• *Service credit purchase*			$ -
• *Association / Membership dues*			$ -
• *Cell Phone/Internet reimbursement*			$ -
• *Relocation reimbursement*			$ -
• *Travel allowance/reimbursement*			$ -
• *Mileage Allowance*			$ -
• *Educational tuition assistance*			$ -
• *All other benefit costs not mentioned above*	$ 10,307.69	$ 20,846.15	$ 31,153.84
Totals:	**$ 343,825.01**	**$ 694,452.59**	**$ 1,038,277.60**

Schedule D

KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
320 W. 24TH STREET • KEARNEY, NE 68845 PHONE 308-698-8000 • KEARNEYPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the Kearney Public Schools passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

The Governing Body of the Kearney Public Schools resolves that:

1. The 2025-2026 property tax request will be set at $59,697,179. The General Fund tax request is $45,353,535.00, the Building Fund tax request is $6,008,972.00, the Bond Fund tax request is $7,070,707.00, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund tax request is $1,263,965.00.

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 10 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 $1.038634 per $100 of assessed value.

4. The Kearney Public Schools proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be $1.072907 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Kearney Public Schools will decrease last year's by 2.98 percent.

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

Motion by **Drew Blessing**, seconded by **Paul Hazard** to adopt this Resolution.

Voting yes: **Drew Blessing, Paul Hazard, Amanda Smallcomb, Niki Deeds, John Icenogle**

Voting no: _____ Absent: **Amy Barth**

Dated this 8th day of September, 2025

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Kearney Public Schools (10-0007) in Buffalo County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 8th day of September, 2025 at 5:30 P.M., in the 2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building, 320 W 24th Street, Kearney, NE 68845 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	$ 73,745,580.00	$ 79,151,132.00	$ 83,872,392.00	$ 16,889,318.00	$ 55,861,710.00	$ 45,353,535.00
Depreciation	$ 1,102,609.00	$ 223,261.00	$ -		$ -	
Employee Benefit	$ 281,774.00	$ -	$ 48,081.00	$ -	$ 48,081.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 3,729,783.00	$ 3,809,245.00	$ 4,500,000.00	$ -	$ 4,500,000.00	
School Nutrition	$ 4,188,032.00	$ 4,347,610.00	$ 5,068,263.00	$ -	$ 5,068,263.00	
Bond	$ 7,361,572.00	$ 7,400,000.00	$ 18,119,848.00	$ -	$ 11,119,848.00	$ 7,070,707.00
Special Building	$ 899,891.00	$ 4,872,600.00	$ 19,769,231.00		$ 13,820,349.00	$ 6,008,972.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ 3,701,317.00	$ 6,352,950.00	$ 6,946,615.00	$ -	$ 5,695,290.00	$ 1,263,965.00
Cooperative	$ 680,865.00	$ 320,616.00	$ 327,285.00	$ -	$ 327,285.00	
Student Fee	$ 225,328.00	$ 188,928.00	$ 570,381.00	$ -	$ 570,381.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
TOTALS	$ 95,916,751.00	$ 106,666,342.00	$ 139,222,096.00	$ 16,889,318.00	$ 97,011,207.00	$ 59,697,179.00

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	$ 8,334,672.00	$ 51,362,507.00	$ 59,697,179.00

Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Kearney Public Schools (10-0007) in Buffalo County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 8th day of, September 2025 immediately following the budget hearing, in the 2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building, 320 W 24th Street, Kearney, NE 68845 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	5,058,072,189	5,564,057,578	10%

	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	82,822,585.00	43,356,559.00	0.857176	0.779226	83,872,392.00	45,353,535.00	0.815116	-5%	1%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	17,801,474.00	7,448,348.00	0.147257	0.133865	18,119,848.00	7,070,707.00	0.127078	-14%	2%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund _____			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	19,361,897.00	5,490,334.00	0.108546	0.098675	19,769,231.00	6,008,972.00	0.107996	-1%	2%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	12,564,466.00	1,494,949.00	0.029556	0.026868	6,946,615.00	1,263,965.00	0.022717	-23%	-45%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	132,550,422.00	57,790,190.00	1.142534	1.038634	128,708,086.00	59,697,179.00	1.072907	-6%	-3%

*** Proof of Publication ***

Newspaper: KEARNEY HUB

STATE OF NEBRASKA
County of Platte) SS.

KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
320 W 24TH ST
KEARNEY, NE 68845

ORDER NUMBER: 1262333

The undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, says that he/she is employed by the KEARNEY HUB, a legal newspaper printed and published in Kearney, in Buffalo County, Nebraska, and of general circulation in Buffalo County, Nebraska, and as such has charge of the records and files of the KEARNEY HUB, and affiant knows of his/her own personal knowledge that said newspaper has a bonafide circulation of more than 500 copies of each issue, has been published at Kearney, Nebraska, for more than 52 weeks successively prior to the first publication of the annexed printed notice, and is a legal newspaper under the statutes of the State of Nebraska; that the annexed printed notice was published on the dates listed below.

Section: Main

Category: 0099 LEGALS

PUBLISHED ON: 09/04/2025

TOTAL AD COST: $107.52

FILED ON: 09/04/2025

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 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 BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Kearney Public Schools (10-0007) in Buffalo County, Nebraska

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 8th day of September, 2025 at 5:30 P.M., in the 2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building, 320 W 24th Street, Kearney, NE 68845 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	$ 73,745,580.00	$ 79,151,132.00	$ 83,872,392.00	$ 16,889,318.00	$ 55,861,710.00	$ 45,353,535.00
Depreciation	$ 1,102,609.00	$ 223,261.00	$ -		$ -	
Employee Benefit	$ 281,774.00	$ -	$ 48,081.00	$ -	$ 48,081.00	
Contingency	$ -	$ -	$ -		$ -	
Activities	$ 3,729,783.00	$ 3,809,245.00	$ 4,500,000.00	$ -	$ 4,500,000.00	
School Nutrition	$ 4,188,032.00	$ 4,347,610.00	$ 5,068,263.00	$ -	$ 5,068,263.00	
Bond	$ 7,361,572.00	$ 7,400,000.00	$ 18,119,848.00	$ -	$ 11,119,848.00	$ 7,070,707.00
Special Building	$ 899,891.00	$ 4,872,600.00	$ 19,769,231.00		$ 13,820,349.00	$ 6,008,972.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	$ 3,701,317.00	$ 6,352,950.00	$ 6,946,615.00	$ -	$ 5,695,290.00	$ 1,263,965.00
Cooperative	$ 680,865.00	$ 320,616.00	$ 327,285.00	$ -	$ 327,285.00	
Student Fee	$ 225,328.00	$ 188,928.00	$ 570,381.00	$ -	$ 570,381.00	
	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	
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Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

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	2024-2025	2025-2026	Change
Property Valuations	5,058,072,189	5,564,057,578	10%

	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	82,822,585.00	42,922,994.00	0.848604	0.771433	83,872,392.00	45,353,535.00	0.815116	-4%	1%
Bond Fund(s) K - 12	17,801,474.00	7,373,865.00	0.145784	0.132527	18,119,848.00	7,070,707.00	0.127078	-13%	2%
Bond Fund(s) K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund(s) 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Bond Fund			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Special Building Fund	19,361,897.00	5,435,431.00	0.107461	0.097688	19,769,231.00	6,008,972.00	0.107996	0%	2%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12	12,564,466.00	1,480,000.00	0.029260	0.026599	6,946,615.00	1,263,965.00	0.022717	-22%	-45%
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 8			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund 9 - 12			0.000000	0.000000			0.000000	#DIV/0!	0
Total	132,550,422.00	57,212,290.00	1.131109	1.028247	128,708,086.00	59,697,179.00	1.072907	-5%	-3%

Sept. 4, 2025 ZNEZ

*** Proof of Publication ***

State of Nebraska)
County of Buffalo) SS.

KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Accounts Payable
320 W 24TH ST
KEARNEY, NE 68845

ORDER NUMBER 1262334

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, says that he/she is an employee of The KEARNEY HUB, a daily newspaper printed in whole and published in its entirety at its office maintained in Kearney, in said county and of general circulation therein and been published for more than 52 weeks in said county prior to the first publication of the annexed notice and has a bona fide circulation of more than 300 copies, and that the notice, a true copy of which is hereto annexed, was published in said paper as follows:

KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a regular, public meeting of the Board of Education of School District #7, of the City of Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025, immediately following the Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request, in the 2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building, 320 W 24th Street, Kearney, NE 68845.

The agenda for the regular, public meeting of the Board of Education, which is kept continually current, is available at the Administrative Offices of the Kearney Public Schools, 320 West 24th St., Kearney, NE 68845, during normal business hours; or may be accessed electronically through Sparq Meetings on the Kearney Public Schools website at www.kearneypublicschools.org on September 4, 2025.
Sept. 4, 2025 ZNEZ

Section: Class Legals
Category: 0099 LEGALS
PUBLISHED ON: 09/04/2025

TOTAL AD COST: 13.63
FILED ON: 9/4/2025

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 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

Kearney Hub

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Kearney Hub
13 East 22nd St, Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2152

State of Florida, County of Orange, 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 Kearney Hub, a daily newspaper printed in whole and published in its entirety at its office maintained in Kearney, County of Buffalo and State of Nebraska, and of general circulation therein and been published for more than 52 weeks of said county prior to the first publication of the annexed notice and has a bonafied circulation of more than 300 copies, and that the notice, a true copy of which is hereto annexed, was published in said paper as follows:

Publication Dates:
- Jul 3, 2025

Notice ID: m8KWrFpbYtvHaNweSJk9
Notice Name: Special Notice

Publication Fee: $9.40

Ankit Sachdeva

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Agent

JESSICA GORDON-THOMPSON
Notary Public - State of Florida
Commission # HH301656
Expires on August 17, 2026

VERIFICATION

State of Florida
County of Orange

Signed or attested before me on this: 07/04/2025

_____
Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

Special Notice
NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of Section 5 of 2023 Neb. Laws 243, that the Board of Education for Kearney Public Schools will meet on the 14th day of July, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the KPS Central Office Board Room 2nd Floor, 320 W. 24 th St, Kearney, Nebraska to discuss, consider and possibly vote to approve an increase to the school district's property tax request authority by up to an additional five percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage.
July 3, 2025
COL-NE-1101124 ZNEZ

Kearney Hub

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Kearney Hub
13 East 22nd St, Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2152

State of Florida, County of Orange, ss:

I, Anjana Bhadoriya, 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 Kearney Hub, a daily newspaper printed in whole and published in its entirety at its office maintained in Kearney, County of Buffalo and State of Nebraska, and of general circulation therein and been published for more than 52 weeks of said county prior to the first publication of the annexed notice and has a bonafied circulation of more than 300 copies, and that the notice, a true copy of which is hereto annexed, was published in said paper as follows:

Publication Dates:
- Jul 12, 2025

Notice ID: PndYiq27ZrfDoLW91OE1
Notice Name: Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Notice

Publication Fee: $14.10

Anjana Bhadoriya

Agent

JESSICA GORDON-THOMPSON
Notary Public - State of Florida
Commission # HH301656
Expires on August 17, 2026

VERIFICATION

State of Florida
County of Orange

Signed or attested before me on this: 07/15/2025

Notary Public

Notarized remotely online using communication technology via Proof.

Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Notice

KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing and regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District #7, of the City of Kearney, Buffalo County, Nebraska, will be held on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building, 320 W 24th Street, Kearney, NE 68845.

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July 12, 2025
COL-NE-1101155 ZNEZ

KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: PUBLIC NOTICE

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Please publish in the July 12, 2025 edition of the Hub.

Please bill public notice advertisement to:

Meagan Kershner, Director of Finance
Kearney Public Schools
320 West 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68845-5331

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2025

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

TO: KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & PERSONAL
310 W 24TH ST
KEARNEY, NE 68845

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BUFFALO

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]
KEARNEY 7	3	10-0007		5,389,698,090	157,061,397	4,893,529,906	3.21

** 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 ROY MEUSCH, BUFFALO 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) 8-18-25 *(date)*

CC: County Clerk, BUFFALO 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
264,067,922 Pers Prior
356,522,842 Pers Value
4,629,461,984 Real Prior
5,033,175,248 Real Value

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

TO: KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & PERSONAL
310 W 24TH ST
KEARNEY, NE 68845

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BUFFALO

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
KEARNEY SD 7 BOND (2009)		10-0007	5,389,127,930

I ROY MEUSCH, BUFFALO 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.

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264,067,922 Pers Prior
356,522,842 Pers Value
4,628,912,444 Real Prior
5,032,605,088 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS
TAX YEAR 2025

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

KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & PERSONAL
TO: 310 W 24TH ST
KEARNEY, NE 68845

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BUFFALO

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
KEARNEY SD 7 BOND (2013)		10-0007	5,389,698,090

I ROY MEUSCH, BUFFALO 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)

8-18-25
(date)

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CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS
TAX YEAR 2025

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

TO: KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
310 WEST 24TH
KEARNEY, NE 68847

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KEARNEY

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]
KEARNEY SCHOOL	3	10-0007		139,781,383	2,202,783	134,529,481	1.64

** 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 JENNIFER PITTNER, KEARNEY 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.

Jennifer Pittner
(signature of county assessor)

COUNTY OF KEARNEY ASSESSOR MINDEN, NEBRASKA

8-15-25
(date)

CC: County Clerk, KEARNEY 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
6,854,768 Pers Prior
8,969,871 Pers Value
127,674,713 Real Prior
130,811,512 Real Value

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

TO: KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
310 WEST 24TH
KEARNEY, NE 68847

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KEARNEY

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
KEARNEY BOND 2013		10-0007	139,781,383

I JENNIFER PITTNER, KEARNEY 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.

Jennifer Pittner
(signature of county assessor)

COUNTY OF KEARNEY ASSESSOR MINDEN, NEBRASKA

8-15-25
(date)

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

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

TO: KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
310 WEST 24TH
KEARNEY, NE 68847

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF KEARNEY

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
KEARNEY BOND 2009		10-0007	139,781,383

I JENNIFER PITTNER, KEARNEY 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.

Jennifer Pittner
(signature of county assessor)

COUNTY OF KEARNEY ASSESSOR MINDEN, NEBRASKA

8-15-25
(date)

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

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

TO: KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
310 WEST 24TH ST
KEARNEY, NE 68847

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PHELPS

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
KEARNEY 7B BOND 2009		10-0007	34,578,105

I LARISSA DAVENPORT, PHELPS 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) 8-14-25 *(date)*

PHELPS COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICIAL SEAL HOLDREGE NE

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

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Assessor's Use Only

159,427 Pers Prior
110,331 Pers Value

29,853,375 Real Prior
34,467,774 Real Value

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

TO: KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
310 WEST 24TH ST
KEARNEY, NE 68847

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PHELPS

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
KEARNEY 7B BOND 2013		10-0007	34,578,105

I LARISSA DAVENPORT, PHELPS 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.

Larissa Davenport
(signature of county assessor)

8-14-25
(date)

PHELPS COUNTY COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICIAL SEAL HOLDREGE, NE

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TAX YEAR 2025

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

TO: KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
% CHRIS NELSON
310 WEST 24TH
KEARNEY, NE 68847

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF PHELPS

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]
KEARNEY SCH DIST 7B	3	10-0007	0	34,578,105	0	30,012,802	0.00

** 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 LARISSA DAVENPORT, PHELPS 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.

Larissa Davenport
(signature of county assessor)

8-14-25
(date)

PHELPS COUNTY COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICIAL SEAL NEBRASKA

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Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM
2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building
320 W 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

1. **Public Hearing for Additional Property Tax Request Authority**

1.A. Convene Hearing

- Hearing convened at 5:30 PM.

1.B. Presentation, Discussion and Public Input

- Meagan Kerschner, Director of Finance, presented information requesting access to the district's additional property tax request authority by up to an additional 5%, or other maximum as permitted by law, above the base growth percentage.

1.C. Close Hearing

2. **Routine Business**

2.A. **Call to Order**
President Icenogle called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

2.B. **Open Meetings Act Announcement**

2.C. **Board Meeting Decorum Expectations**

2.D. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2.E. **Roll Call**
Attendance Taken at 5:37 PM.

Amy Barth:	Present
Drew Blessing:	Present
Niki Deeds:	Present
Paul Hazard:	Present
John Icenogle:	Present
Amanda Smallcomb:	Present

2.E.I. Excuse Absent Board Member

2.F. **Approval of the Agenda**
Move to approve the agenda for the meeting, as presented. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Drew Blessing, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. **Recognitions**

3.A. Recognition of the Kearney High School Girls Basketball Team and Head Coach Drew Danielson for Receiving the 2024-2025 Nebraska Coaches Association Academic Excellence Award

- Drew Danielson, Kearney High School Girls Basketball Coach, reported that this year they had a really special team and receiving this award is a testament to the culture that is being built.

3.B. Recognition of Head Coach Nate Polacek and the Kearney High School Girls Track Individual State Champions and Runners-Up

- Nate Polacek, Kearney High Girls Track Coach mentioned that this was a great team to coach. There were over 100 girls on the team, and they put a lot of time and effort into this season, and many of them provided great leadership. Coach Polacek introduced Abigail Burger and Kyah Hazard, who spoke about their season and their plans for the future.

3.C. Recognition of Kearney High School FFA 2025 National Qualifiers

- Sheridan Swotek, Kearney High School Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, introduced Josh Hamilton, Mackinzey Brennan, Jazmin Recroft and Rachel Covert, who all qualified for nationals, and Hudson Dellevoet, the 2025-2026 Kearney FFA President. Ms. Swotek acknowledged all the time and effort outside the classroom that it takes to qualify for nationals. The students must first qualify for the state competition and win their category in order to advance to nationals. They compete against 19 other schools at the state level and hundreds of other students at nationals. She added that she is not only excited and proud of them for their achievement and composition, but also how they have grown as leaders.

4. **Presentations**

4.A. KHS Report on the Class of 2025 Academic and Scholarship Achievements

- Mr. Jeff Ganz, Kearney High School Principal, expressed his gratitude to the KHS Counseling Office, the administrative team, and all staff at both KHS and the Hanny Arram Center for Success for their efforts in making the 2025 graduation ceremony a success. He shared that 390 students fulfilled all graduation requirements this year. The Class of 2025 contributed more than 8,000 hours of community service, earned $5.3 million in scholarships, and 76 students achieved a GPA of 4.0 or higher.

4.B. Construction Update

- Kent Cordes with BD Construction gave an update on all the construction projects finishing up and continuing throughout the district.

4.C. Middle School Enrollment Overview

- Superintendent Jason Mundorf shared projected enrollment figures for the middle schools over the coming years. He emphasized that the district has reached a point where it must begin making decisions to balance student numbers between Horizon and Sunrise Middle Schools. Mr. Clint Edwards, Director of 6-12 Education, noted that while many options are available, the key will be determining the best plan to serve the community.

5. **Public Participation/Comment**

6. **Board Reports**

6.A. Kearney Public Schools Foundation Report

- Mrs. Smallcomb reported on various KPS Foundation achievements throughout the year. *(The summary is attached to the agenda).*

7. **Consent Agenda**
Move to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7.A. Approval of Minutes of the June 9, 2025, Regular Meeting; the June 16, 2025, Summer Special Retreat Meeting; the July 9, 2025, Board Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education

7.B. Approval of the July 2025 Claims

7.C. Approval of the July 2025 Financial Reports

7.D. Approval of Kearney High School FBLA National Fall Leadership Conference Trip, November 6-9, 2025 in Phoenix, Arizona

7.E. Authorize the Superintendent or His/Her Designee to Dispose of All Obsolete Furniture, Books, Materials, and Equipment in the Most Favorable Manner to the District in Accordance with All Laws, Rules, and Regulations Pertaining to Such Disposition, for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.F. Designate Mr. Jason Mundorf as the Authorized Representative of the Kearney Public Schools to Sign All Claims and Forms for All Federal Programs for the 2025-2026 School Year

7.G. Designate Shelia Sanford and Meagan Kershner as the Authorized Representatives of the Kearney Public Schools to Sign All Claims for Reimbursement, as Well as All Federal, State, and Local Information Pertaining to the School Food Service Program, for the 2025-2026 School Year.

7.H. Approval of the 2025-2026 KPS Handbooks and School Guidebooks

8. **Regular Agenda - Personnel**

8.A. Acceptance of Resignation
Move to accept, with regret, the resignation as presented. This motion, made by Paul Hazard and seconded by Niki Deeds, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.B. Approval of the Employment of Certificated Staff
Move to employ the certificated staff at Kearney Public Schools for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented. This motion, made by Drew Blessing and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.C. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to approve the Resolution to Cancel the Employment Contract of Jill Hadwiger
Move to approve the Resolution to Cancel the Employment Contract of Jill Hadwiger. This motion, made by Drew Blessing and seconded by Amy Barth, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9. **Regular Agenda - Business**

9.A. Second and Final Reading Approval of New and Revised Board Policies

- Mr. Mundorf reviewed the new and revised board policies that were previously discussed.

Move to approve the second and final reading of new and revised board policies, as presented. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Paul Hazard, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.B. First Reading Approval of New and Revised Board Policies

- Mr. Mundorf mentioned that he met with the Board policy committee, and they reviewed all the recommended policy changes based on new state statutes from Perry Law Firm. The changes were also reviewed during this month's Committee meeting.

Move to approve the first reading of new and revised board policies, as presented. This motion, made by Amanda Smallcomb and seconded by Drew Blessing, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.C. Approve a Proposed Temporary Easement Requested by Kearney Regional Medical Center for the Expansion of 6th Avenue Near the Southeast Corner of Land Owned by Kearney Public Schools

- Mr. Mundorf explained that Kearney Regional Hospital is requesting an extension of 6th Avenue westward to the KPS property line. The proposed easement would provide a turnaround area for vehicles where the road currently ends. He clarified that this extension would involve no cost or liability for the district.

Move to approve the proposed temporary easement, requested by Kearney Regional Medical Center for the expansion of 6th Avenue near the southeast corner of land owned by Kearney Public Schools, as presented. This motion, made by Niki Deeds and seconded by Paul Hazard, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.D. Discuss, Consider and Take Possible Action to Increase the District's Overall Property Tax Request Authority Up to an Additional 5% or Other Maximum as Permitted by Law, Above the Base Growth Percentage

- It was noted that the approval of the additional property tax request authority is essential due to the unknown status of legislative negotiations at this time, so that the district will have access to the funds should they be required in preparing the 2025-2026
  budget.

Move to adopt the resolution to increase the school district's overall property tax request authority by up to an additional 5% above the base growth percentage, and authorize and direct the Superintendent or designee to take any action to ensure that the school district's overall property tax request complies with LB243. This motion, made by Paul Hazard and seconded by Amy Barth, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10. **Regular Agenda - Miscellaneous**

11. **Next Meeting**

12. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Drew Blessing, Passed.
Amy Barth: Yea, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Notice of Meeting
This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on July 12, 2025; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

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Drew Blessing, Secretary

Public Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Kearney Public Schools Board of Education
Monday, September 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM
2nd Floor Staff Development Room, Administration Building
320 W 24th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

1. **Annual Budget Hearing**

1.A. Convene Hearing

- Hearing convened at 5:30 PM.

1.B. Discussion and Public Input

- Meagan Kershner, Kearney Public Schools Director of Finance, presented the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year: Kearney Public Schools General Fund Budget in the amount of $83,872,392; the Special Building Fund Budget in the amount of $19,769,231; the Bond Fund Budget in the amount of $18,119,848; the Employee Benefit Fund Budget in the amount of $48,081; the Activity Fund Budget in the amount of $4,500,000; the School Nutrition Fund Budget in the amount of $5,068,263; the Student Fee Fund Budget in the amount of $570,381; the Cooperative Fund Budget in the amount of $327,285; and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund Budget in the amount of $6,946,615.
- Mrs. Kershner explained the budget authority, which is certified by the state and limited to $66 million, excluding special education expenses. State aid history was reviewed, showing an almost $90,000 increase, which is insufficient to cover the cost of a teacher with benefits and retirement. Certified property tax authority was discussed, with a total revenue cap of $51 million, increased by $3.6 million to $54.6 million. The assessed valuation has increased drastically over the last three years, with a 10% increase in the current year. Other factors include a continued rise in special education and EL students, current and future building needs, and staffing costs. The proposed budget shows an increase over 2024-2025 spending, with the biggest increase in the special building fund. The tax levy is expected to decrease by almost seven cents. This would be the second year in a row with a decrease of more than five cents. Key points to remember include a budget authority increase by $2.9 million, total compensation increase over $3.7 million, and allowable growth of 5.15%. Our cash on hand will decrease because we will use some of it with this budget. This budget does not require attendance at the Joint Public Hearing.
- Board members thanked Mrs. Kershner for all the information she provided and emphasized the need to keep pace with the district's growth.

1.C. Close Hearing

2. **Final Property Tax Request Hearing**

2.A. Convene Hearing

2.B. Discussion and Public Input

- Mrs. Kershner discussed the allowable growth percentage, with 3.15% being real growth and 2% being base percentage increase. The prior tax requests from 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 were reviewed, showing an increase of 3.4%. The proposed tax request allows the district to stay within the allowable growth percentage due to a healthy cash reserve. The proposed tax request amounts to $51,362,507, with a decreasing tax rate and operating budget.
- President Icenogle mentioned that the Board appreciates the time and effort put into presenting the budget options and the conservative approach to tax dollars.

2.C. Close Hearing

3. **Routine Business**

3.A. **Call to Order**
President Icenogle called the meeting to order at 5:41 PM.

3.B. **Open Meetings Act Announcement**
This is an open, public meeting of the Kearney Public Schools Board of Education, and a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in this room.

3.C. **Board Meeting Decorum Expectations**

3.D. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3.E. **Roll Call**
Attendance Taken at 5:43 PM.

Amy Barth:	Absent
Drew Blessing:	Present
Niki Deeds:	Present
Paul Hazard:	Present
John Icenogle:	Present
Amanda Smallcomb:	Present

3.E.I. Excuse Absent Board Member
Move to excuse absent Board member Amy Barth from the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Drew Blessing, Passed.
Amy Barth: Absent, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3.F. **Approval of the Agenda**
Move to approve the agenda for the meeting, as presented. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Drew Blessing, Passed.
Amy Barth: Absent, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4. **Recognitions**

4.A. Recognition of the KHS Boys Soccer Team and Coach Scott Steinbrook for Receiving the Academic Excellence Award and the National Team Academic Award

- Kearney High School Boys Soccer Coach, Scott Steinbrook highlighted the achievements of the soccer team, including a 3.65 overall team GPA and six seniors who are now attending college. There was incredible senior leadership on and off the field. 14 players earned either all-conference or all-state academic recognition. Andrew Petzet is returning this year, who is also being recognized tonight for his involvement in band, which is a unique example of our students who excel in the arts and athletics.
- Mr. Steinbrook added that he is very proud of the accomplishments of the team and the returning players who contributed positively to the team GPA.

4.B. Recognition of Kearney High School Student Andrew Petzet for Marching with the Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps who Placed 10th in the World Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana

- Kearney High School Band Teacher, Nathan LeFeber, introduced Andrew Petzet and recognized him for his achievements with the Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps, placing 10th in the World Championships. Mr. LeFeber added that in his 20 years of teaching, he has never had a student compete at this high of a level.
- Andrew explained the process of auditioning and being contracted for the program. His contract ended in August, but he received an email last week offering him an auto-contract for this year. He is currently undecided if he will participate again for a second year.
- Board members congratulated Andrew and complemented him for being involved in multiple actives while maintaining a fantastic GPA.

5. **Presentations**

5.A. Presentation from Stephanie Green, Kearney High School Librarian, and Jake Oertle, Kearney High School Business Teacher on the KHS Class Intercom Program

- Stephanie Green, Kearney High School Librarian, and Jake Oertle, Kearney High School Business Teacher presented information about the KHS Class Intercom program, a student-led, teacher-moderated social media platform.
- The program started in 2022, with two different brands: Kearney High School and Kearney Bearcats.
- The Kearney High School content includes science experiments, classroom activities, field trips, and fun videos, with a focus on student engagement. The Kearney Bearcats social media highlight KHS athletics.
- Metrics show the program's reach, with 5.4 million views and 764,000 individual people reached, and 113,000 interactions on Facebook alone.
- The goals for the program include offering a dedicated social media marketing class at KHS and expanding the program to the middle schools.

5.B. Presentation from Sergeant J.C. Small with the Kearney Police Department on the 2024-2025 Annual SRO Update

- Sergeant J.C. Small of the Kearney Police Department provided an update on the SRO program, highlighting the district's comprehensive safety measures. The district works with multiple agencies for multi-jurisdictional responses in case of emergencies.
- Building safety audits are conducted internally, and threat assessment teams are in place at both the building and district levels.
- The SRO program focuses on education and counseling, with 286 reports in the last year, 77% of which were resolved without criminal consequences.
- Kearney Police Department is committed to finding the right person to serve as the 4th SRO for Kearney Public Schools.

5.C. Construction Update

- Kent Cordes with BD Construction gave an update on the construction projects continuing throughout the district.

6. **Public Participation/Comment**

- Patrons addressed the Board.

7. **Board Reports**

8. **Consent Agenda**
Move to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. This motion, made by Paul Hazard and seconded by Amanda Smallcomb, Passed.
Amy Barth: Absent, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8.A. Approval of Minutes of the August 11, 2025, Regular Meeting, the August 25, 2025, Special Budget Retreat Meeting and the September 3, 2025, Board Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education

8.B. Approval of the September 2025 Claims

8.C. Approval of the September Financial Reports

8.D. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Ozark Raider Meet, September 26-27, 2025 in Marshfield, Missouri

8.E. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Waynesville Raider Meet, October 3-4, 2025 in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

8.F. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Smith-Cotton Raider Meet, October 10-11, 2025 in Sedalia, Missouri

8.G. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Air Capitol Raider Meet, October 17-18, 2025 in Wichita, Kansas

8.H. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Truman Raider Meet, April 17-18, 2026 in Independence, Missouri

8.I. Approval of Kearney High School JROTC Trip to the Black Hills Raider Meet, April 24-25, 2026 in Rapid City, South Dakota

9. **Regular Agenda - Personnel**

10. **Regular Agenda - Business**

10.A. Adoption of Budgets for the Kearney Public Schools for the 2025-2026 School Year

- President Icenogle mentioned that the budget was discussed thoroughly at the September 3, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting and many questions were answered at that time.

Move to adopt the Kearney Public Schools General Fund Budget in the amount of $83,872,392; the Special Building Fund Budget in the amount of $19,769,231; the Bond Fund Budget in the amount of $18,119,848; the Employee Benefit Fund Budget in the amount of $48,081; the Activity Fund Budget in the amount of $4,500,000; the School Nutrition Fund Budget in the amount of $5,068,263; the Student Fee Fund Budget in the amount of $570,381; the Cooperative Fund Budget in the amount of $327,285; and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund Budget in the amount of $6,946,615, for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Amanda Smallcomb and seconded by Niki Deeds, Passed.
Amy Barth: Absent, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10.B. Approval of Property Tax Requests for the 2025-2026 School Year
Move to approve the Resolution to set the property tax request for the General Fund be set at $45,353,535; the Bond Fund be set at $7,070,707; the Special Building Fund be set at $6,008,972 and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund be set at $1,263,965 with the total property tax request be set at $59,697,179, for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Drew Blessing and seconded by Paul Hazard, Passed.
Amy Barth: Absent, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. **Regular Agenda - Miscellaneous**

11.A. First Reading Approval of Revised Board Policy

- Superintendent Mundorf explained the need to update Board Policy 3290 Internal Controls, due to legal guidance from the school attorney and the Nebraska Department of Education, which requires usual and customary rates for travel expenses under federal grants. Dr. Mundorf also clarified that all KPS professional development expenses under Title II-A are generally paid from the general fund, not federal grants.

Move to approve the first reading of revised board policy 3290 Internal Controls, as presented. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Niki Deeds, Passed.
Amy Barth: Absent, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. **Next Meeting**

13. **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.

Move to adjourn the meeting. This motion, made by John Icenogle and seconded by Drew Blessing, Passed.
Amy Barth: Absent, Drew Blessing: Yea, Niki Deeds: Yea, Paul Hazard: Yea, John Icenogle: Yea, Amanda Smallcomb: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Notice of Meeting
This meeting was publicized in the Kearney Hub on September 4, 2025; radio stations KGFW and KKPR; and KSNB and KHGI T.V.

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Drew Blessing, Secretary

NDE 03-056
Revised 6/2025

District Number: 10-0007-000
District Name: KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
District Phone: (308)698-8000

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	64,776,201
Access to Prior Year's Unused Budget Authority [Maximum Amount: $1,263,926]	A-355	1,263,926
Total Adjusted Budget Authority	A-361	66,040,127
2025/26 Early Childhood Education Grant Exclusion	A-772	133,250
Total Allowable Budget Authority	A-780	66,173,377

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

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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	83,872,392
2025/26 Special Grant Funds List	B-110	2,914,255
2025/26 Special Education Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-120	12,942,500
2025/26 General Fund Lid Exclusions	B-130	1,842,260
Total Adjusted General Fund Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	B-140	66,173,377
2025/26 Unused Budget Authority	B-150	0

Total Unused Budget Authority		
2024/25 Total Unused Budget Authority	B-160	47,891,063
2025/26 General Fund Expenditure Growth	B-162	1,263,926

Adjusted Unused Budget Authority	B-165	46,627,137
2025/26 Unused Budget Authority	B-170	0
Total Unused Budget Authority (Carries forward into future school fiscal years)	B-175	46,627,137

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	25.00
2025/26 Total Allowable Reserves	C-180	20,968,098
2025/26 General Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	C-300	16,889,318
2025/26 Depreciation Fund Total Requirements	C-310	0
2025/26 Employee Benefit Fund Necessary Cash Reserve	C-320	0
Total Reserves	C-340	16,889,318

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	5,564,057,578

2025/26 Section D: Property Tax Request Authority

2025/26 Property Tax Request Authority	D-110	50,997,949
Did 70% of the School Board approve to exceed the Certified Property Tax Request Authority?	D-120	◉Yes ○No
Maximum Amount Allowed:	D-130	3,633,082
Enter the amount approved by the School Board.	D-140	3,633,082
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	54,631,031
2025/26 Property Tax Request General Fund	D-210	45,353,535
2025/26 Property Tax Request Special Building Fund	D-220	6,008,972
2025/26 Total Property Tax Request	D-230	51,362,507
2025/26 Unused Property Tax Request Authority	D-240	3,268,524

Total Property Tax reduced as a result of increased SPED & Foundation Aid.	D-310	2,250,000

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	2,914,255

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	61,062
Career and Technical Eduation Grants (State)	1.157	28,725
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	896,562
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	1,006,242
ESEA Title II Part A - Support Effective Instruction (Principal and Teacher Training and Recruiting/Class Size Reduction)	1.23	162,967
ESEA Title III Grants - Immigrant Education Grants	1.235	0
ESEA Title III Grants – Language Instruction for English Learners	1.24	26,030
ESEA Title IV Part A - Student Support & Academic Enrichment Grants	1.245	69,419
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	110,248
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	250,000
Kiewit Foundation Grants	1.35	0
Magnet School Grants	1.355	0
Medicaid Administrative Activities in Public Schools (MAAPS)	1.36	250,000
Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS)	1.365	28,000
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	25,000
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