

**RAYMOND CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS - DISTRICT #55-0161**  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023  
- 6:00 PM  
RAYMOND CENTRAL JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL - MUSTANG ROOM  
1800 WEST AGNEW ROAD  
RAYMOND, NE 68428-9783

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Motion to Excuse Board Member's Absence
3. Open Meeting Law
4. District Mission Statement  
*The Raymond Central community is committed to providing a positive, challenging learning environment which prepares each individual to be a responsible citizen in an ever-changing society.*
5. Consent Agenda
  - 5.1. Regular Minutes of August 16, 2023 and Public Workshop/Special Board Meeting of August 30, 2023

## **Raymond Central Public Schools (District 0161) Board of Education Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Raymond Central Jr-Sr High School - Mustang Room

1800 West Agnew Road

Raymond, NE 68428-9783

**Present:** Mary Benes, Matt Blanchard, Brad Breitreutz, Cathy Burklund, Bill Lange, Derek Matulka. Also attending were: Lynn Johnson, Superintendent; Mark Smith, Jr-Sr High Principal; Tony Kobza, Activities Director/Asst Principal; Steve Rose, Elementary Principal; Deb Kruse, Asst Elementary Principal; and Amanda Coufal, SpEd Coordinator.

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Breitreutz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### Motion to Excuse Board Member's Absence

All members were present.

### Open Meeting Law

The audience was reminded that Open Meeting Laws would be followed.

### District Mission Statement

*The Raymond Central community is committed to providing a positive, challenging learning environment which prepares each individual to be a responsible citizen in an ever-changing society.*

### Consent Agenda

Motion by Lange, second by Matulka to approve the consent agenda as presented including the regular meeting minutes of July 12, 2023; July financial statement; and monthly bills. RCV 6-0. Motion carried.

### Regular Minutes of July 12, 2023

### Financial Statement/Report

### Monthly Bills

### Correspondence/Recognition

Thank you to the administrative team, teachers and support staff members for all of their hard work and preparation for the 2023-2024 school year. The grounds and facilities look awesome and the programs and plans are in place for another successful year for our learners.

### Public Forum

Dave Burklund addressed the Board regarding space at the Ceresco Elementary School.

### Reports

#### Administrative Reports

#### **Submitted by Mark Smith, Jr-Sr High School Principal**

#### **STAFFING:**

Teaching and classroom support roles are all filled for the start of the year. We have the people in place to do the important work of serving our students.

## HAPPENINGS:

We held our Back to School nights on August 8 and 9 from 4pm to 8pm. Students and families were able to pick up chromebooks, check schedules, turn in paperwork and forms, pick up yearbooks, and connect with the Booster Club.

We held a short informational presentation for 6-8th grade families on August 8. There were many more families in the gym than anticipated, but families were cooperative and the presentation was able to go on.

We collected feedback from families and staff to inform how to streamline these back to school nights for next fall.

## TEACHER/STAFF PREP:

New teachers reported on August 8. As part of their orientation to the district they were assigned an experienced mentor teacher. They will continue to receive support from their mentor teacher and administration throughout the school year.

All teachers reported August 10. Presentation specific to the 6-12 staff included:

- A short introduction of myself, my educational philosophy, and my values
- An overview of our objectives/goals for this year
- A brief introduction to our school-wide behavioral expectations
- A reminder/introduction of what our model to address academic and behavioral domains (MTSS and our new Advisory plan)
- A review of general staff expectations

## CURRICULUM:

- 6-8th grade ELA teachers worked with staff from ESU2 to plan use of new ELA curriculum on August 9.
- 6-12 Math teachers met with staff from ESU2 to work on aligning new math standards to the math curriculum on August 9.

## **Submitted by Tony Kobza, Asst Jr-Sr High School Principal/Athletic Director**

**AD Newsletter** - We began a weekly newsletter laying out the upcoming events as well as the successes from the previous week.

**Activities** - FBLA students attended the National Convention in Atlanta, GA over the Summer. FFA Parliamentary Procedure is practicing for Nationals in October. Speech attended the National Competition in Arizona.

**Athletics** - The weight room was well attended and based on end of year testing, we saw great strides and results from those that were part of the Summer program. Fall Sports season started on August 7 with competitions beginning on August 17 already!

**Facilities** - The indoor concession stand renovation is nearly complete. We are waiting on a couple supplies in order to finish it out but it looks great and the upgrades will be evident.

A TV was added on the wall outside the Mustang Room that will have games streaming for those in the line at concessions to be able to watch. An additional touch screen will be installed to replace the Senior Picture brackets that will be user friendly and easy to access.

Record boards for athletics should be completed by August 31. Those will be hung on the wall on each side of the trophy case outside the Mustang Room.

The tree piles have been burned and dirt work will begin on the softball/baseball practice area on the East side of the property.

Closets and storage have been organized in the gym and locker room areas. Needed cleaning and disposal occurred to provide a more organized and spacious storage area.

Coaches are currently completing three NFHS required trainings that must be completed once every

three years. We will also be holding CPR training on August 16 which must be completed every two years.

**Submitted by Steve Rose, Elementary Principal and Deb Kruse, Assistant Elementary Principal**

- Beginning of School
  - Many new teachers and new assignments that are being worked out
    - Cer K, 1st (Shae Wattjes), 3rd (Abby from 5th Grade), 5th (Makenna Jones) / Val 1st (Hannah Kring) / PE (Michael Lucas) / Music (Zac Ochsner) / Band (Melissa Graue)
- School Year Focus
  - Wit & Wisdom / Orton Gillingham Implementation
    - Teachers completed intensive training throughout the summer
      - 30 Hours of Orton Gillingham training (Foundational Skills)
      - 2 Days of Wit & Wisdom Implementation / Launch Training
      - PD will continue with structured PD days throughout the year to allow our teachers to collaborate with their grade-level teams and focus on the successful implementation of the curriculum and the use of data from the program assessments and evaluations.
  - School-wide Expectations
    - The teacher leadership team worked to complete lesson plans and presentations for staff and students to begin our year with "The Mustang Way" This will be our expectations on how to be "Safe, Responsible, and Respectful" throughout the school.
    - Teachers are expected to teach these expectations to students and all teachers / staff will use the common expectations and language to promote what it looks like to do things "The Mustang Way."
  - [Classroom Culture](#)
    - Mike Feit from ESU 2 will be guiding us through the Classroom Culture curriculum (District). There are online modules for teachers to complete and then teachers will meet with Mike to deepen understanding of the Five Principles of Classroom Culture promoted in the course (Consistent, Calm Behavior / Sustainable Routines / First Attention to Best Conduct / Scripted Interventions / Restorative Approaches)
  - Teacher Framework and Instructional Model
    - Teachers worked through a carousel activity to promote understanding and ask questions about our Evaluation Framework. This activity gave administrators data to use as we prepare to deliver professional development throughout the year around those criteria and begin work on a district instructional model over the next several years.

**Submitted by Amanda Coufal, Director of Special Education**

New Special Education Staff:

- [Johanna Jackson](#) has switched roles and will be joining our staff as one of the Middle School Special Education teachers. Johanna is going to be a great addition, has great ideas, and is already organized for the school year.
- [Shawn Semler](#) will be joining the special education staff as one of our High School Special Education teachers. He is energetic and excited to be back in the school setting.
- Para-educators:

- Maggie Suchy joins our staff and will be working primarily in the Life Skills room and the lead teacher for our transition program. She is going to help build a transition program by creating job skills in the work environment and carrying out life skills lessons. We are excited for what she will bring to RC.
- Allison Prorok and Nikki Haas have joined our preschool program. They are excited to work with our little ones and come to us with experience. They will do great things in our PK3 and PK4 programs.

Beginning of the Year Happenings:

- CPI recertification (nonviolent crisis intervention) training took place on August 8th. Ten staff members participated in the training. We now have 26 staff members that are certified for Raymond Central.
- Staff Training during Inservice Days:
  - I presented to the district about the important role that our paraeducators play in creating a partnership with teachers to help all students succeed while in the classroom.
  - All special education teachers met to discuss the upcoming school year.
  - Para Meeting - I had the chance to meet with all the paraeducators in the district, which doesn't always happen, so this time was valuable to us. Nurse Amanda also presented safety precautions such as asthma, use of the epipen, medications, etc.
  - New This Year: ParaEducator Handbook
  - Caitlin Roussan (school psychologist), Tasha Osten (MS/HS Counselor), and myself presented to the district an overview of the Student Assistance Team Process. Additional training will be conducted as the year progresses.

Superintendent's Report

Follow-up on board retreat and work with NASB to revise board goals and superintendent goals. I met with Kari Stephens, NASB, on Wednesday morning for an initial discussion on changes. A draft is attached for board review to consider the changed format and changes to indicators.

Curriculum and American Civics - We typically hold the first of our two scheduled meetings to receive public input during October. The policy committee will be meeting prior to the board meeting so we can either stay after the board meeting for a committee meeting or find another date/time.

Staffing Update - We will have a variety of long-term substitute positions to fill. We are currently looking for a long-term paraeducator at Valparaiso. The rate of pay for a substitute is \$15/hour.

Facility Update - The water heater at the Jr/Sr building has been repaired and fired up today. The burner, blower fan, flu pipe were replaced and the unit cleaned out. The new water heater for Valparaiso has been ordered but not received yet. Another heat pump at Valparaiso had the fan motor quit which is a \$1700 replacement cost.

Garage Sale - We receipted \$741 from the garage sale. Some of the items will be disposed of and we will use Facebook Marketplace to try to sell the kiln.

Transfer of monies to depreciation and employee benefit fund needs to be done before year end. Any transfers will be on the agenda for approval at the special board meeting on August 30th to allow for further development of the budget based on current valuations.

Current elementary enrollment:

	Valparaiso	Ceresco
Kdg	24	19
1 <sup>st</sup>	30	23
2 <sup>nd</sup>	23	20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	28	22

4 <sup>th</sup>	22	28
5 <sup>th</sup>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>
	149	143

## NASB Monthly Update

### NRCSA Update

#### Update on Superintendent Goals

*Goal 1: Develop a visible presence within the schools, the school community, and the state.*

*Goal 2: Foster a learning environment in which every student has the maximum opportunity to achieve academic excellence.*

*Goal 3: Continue the development of a 10 year facilities strategic plan for implementation that addresses maintenance and improvements for existing building assets and new construction.*

*Goal 4: Continue the development of safety and security practices for Raymond Central Public Schools.*

### Safety Report

#### Progress on safety items:

- Protective film installation started at the Jr/Sr high school on Thursday of last week. They will move to elementary buildings once completed here.
- The logo screen on doors and windows to prevent lines of sight from outside to inside has been installed at the Jr/Sr High School.
- Door access control at the Jr/Sr High school is in progress. The cabling is complete and the connection to the actual doors is slated to be completed in a few weeks.
- Check-in and check-out procedures are part of our daily expectations for staff and students.
- Student manifest lists are being used on bus routes and activity trips.
- Additional mental health support has been introduced across the district to include four (4) additional days of Licensed Mental Health Provider (LMPH) support.
- Navigator support program through ESU#2 which provides liaison support for homeless children and any children or family who need assistance with meeting basic needs such as shelter, food, utilities, clothing, etc.

#### Important Upcoming Dates:

**August 18 - FB/VB Scrimmage**

**August 28 - School Pictures for K-12 and PK4 M/W group**

**August 30 - Patron Budget Workshop and Special Board Meeting**

**September 5 - School Pictures for PK3 and PK4 T/Th groups**

**September 20 - NASB Area Meeting in Fremont**

**October 4-5 - Labor Relations Workshop in Lincoln**

### Technology Report

**Submitted by Jaxn Kobza, Technology Director**

#### Technology Projects

- Access Control for doors at HS campus is going to be under way and is hopefully going to be finished up early September.
- The Ceresco intercom will be replaced in the next few weeks.
- Electrical work is done in Val and Ceresco data closets

## Miscellaneous

- Cleaned out closets and recycled old computer/network equipment.

### Board Committee Reports

Curriculum & American Civics Committee (Burklund-chair, Lange, Matulka)

Facilities & Transportation Committee (Blanchard-chair, Burklund, Matulka)

Finance Committee (Blanchard-chair, Breitreutz, Burklund)

Negotiations Committee (Blanchard-chair, Benes, Lange)

Policy Committee (Breitreutz-chair, Benes, Lange)

### Old Business

Discuss and Consider future facility needs and options that are available for consideration

We had all six board members attend one of the two sub committee meetings that were held on August 9 and August 10. We discussed facility options to include:

1. Reconfigure existing elementaries to put grade alike together to create balanced classes, instructional and service equity at grade levels, and enhance instructional planning and delivery. Potentially K-2 and 3-6 configuration.
2. Reconfigure elementaries so that all 5-6 are at Valparaiso and leave primary grades at each respective building.
3. Eliminate one elementary to reduce our footprint for efficiency reasons and for enhanced instructional planning and delivery that ensures equitable opportunities.
4. Make necessary updates to elementary schools as necessary but focus on improvements to the 6-12 facilities.
5. Move additional grades out to the 6-12 facility so that it includes the intermediate grades of 4-6.
6. Move the 6th grade back to Valparaiso to get additional space that is needed at this Jr/Sr campus.

There are considerable upgrades needed at the elementaries and some of those items such as heat pumps, carpet, playgrounds, elevator, are costly. At the Jr-Sr High campus there are some necessary enhancements needed but a primary need is additional learning space. The Board will continue to discuss future facility needs and options that are best for all of our students.

### New Business

Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary to Approve Staff Resignation(s)

Motion by Matulka, second by Burklund to approve the resignation of Riley Haug, MS Science. RCV 6-0. Motion carried.

Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to approve the purchase and installation of two Daiken water pumps for Ceresco

Motion by Matulka, second by Burklund to approve the purchase and installation of two Daiken water pumps for the Ceresco school at a cost of \$23,989.00. RCV 6-0. Motion carried.

Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to approve a resolution commitment to enter into an interlocal agreement with other public entities to participate in the NASB All Lines Interlocal Cooperative Aggregate

Pool (otherwise referred to as ALICAP) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act for an initial period of three years

This resolution indicates that we agree to participate in this interlocal agreement and that our insurance will be handled by ALICAP for the next three years at least. The Finance Committee was given the comparative information and recommended the move to ALICAP.

1. The renewal premiums with EMC for the 2023-2024 school year are \$171,700 (up from \$166,696) as compared to the quote from ALICAP of \$146,017. Savings of \$25,683.
2. ALICAP property insurance deductible is lower at \$500 (compared to \$2,500 and \$25,000 for wind/hail).
3. Other lines have better coverage limits.
4. There is a possibility of getting annual dividend returns with ALICAP.

Motion by Benes, second by Lange to approve a resolution to enter into an interlocal agreement with other public entities to participate in the NASB All Lines Interlocal Cooperative Aggregate Pool (otherwise known as ALICAP) as authorized by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Act for an initial period of three years. RCV 6-0. Motion carried.

Discuss, Consider the approval of the additional property tax authority of 6% (\$673,645) which is afforded as a consideration through the new legislation

The additional 6% tax authority does not necessarily mean that the District will use the additional authority. It is important to note that we are approving this for future use if/when we lose state aid and for the continued ability to address facilities and large purchase needs. There are multiple reasons why voting to access it makes sense.

- Uncertainty of the legislature and funding in the next 2 years.
- If we don't ask for the additional authority, we could lose authority over time.
- Protects the Base Growth in the formula because it gets added to your base growth for future years.

Action will be taken on this topic at the August 30, 2023 Special Budget Meeting.

Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to approve changes to the Teacher Performance and Evaluation Model

Motion by Burklund, second by Matulka to approve changes to the Teacher Performance and Evaluation Model as presented. RCV 4-2 (No-Blanchard, Lange). Motion carried.

Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to consider giving a stipend to student teachers

Consideration of giving a stipend to student teachers was tabled at this time.

Next Regular Board Meeting

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Special Board Meeting and Patron Budget Workshop will be Wednesday, August 30.

Adjournment

Motion by Lange, second by Benes to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. RCV 6-0. Motion carried.

**Raymond Central Public Schools (District 0161) Board of Education Special Meeting**

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Raymond Central Jr-Sr High School - Mustang Room

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**Present:** Mary Benes, Matt Blanchard, Brad Breitreutz, Bill Lange, Derek Matulka, **Absent:** Cathy Burklund. Also attending was Superintendent Lynn Johnson.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Breitreutz called the Public Budget Workshop to order at 6:03 PM.

Motion to Excuse Board Member's Absence

Motion by Matulka, second by Benes to excuse the absence of Cathy Burklund. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

Open Meeting Law

The audience was reminded that Open Meeting Laws would be followed.

Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary action to approve a resolution that requires at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District to affirmatively vote to increase the School District's overall property tax request authority by up to an additional six percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law.

Motion by Matulka, second by Lange to approve a resolution that requires at least 70% of the Board of Education of this School District to affirmatively vote to increase the School District's overall property tax request authority by up to an additional 6% above the base percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to transfer \$400,000 to the Depreciation Fund for vehicle acquisition, textbook purchasing, building updates, and technology and transfer \$100,000 to Employee Benefit Funds for health insurance premiums.

Motion by Matulka, second by Breitreutz to transfer \$400,000 to the Depreciation Fund for vehicle acquisition, textbook purchasing, building updates, and technology; and transfer \$100,000 to Employee Benefit Funds for health insurance premiums. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Breitreutz, second by Matulka to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 PM. RCV 5-0. Motion carried.

## 5.2. Financial Statement/Report



**Raymond Central Public Schools**  
**General Fund Comparison to Previous Year**  
**August 2023**

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	8/1/2023 - 8/31/2023	8/1/2022 - 8/31/2022
Balance - Beginning of Month	\$3,901,845.92	\$2,984,591.63
Receipts	\$1,223,614.11	\$1,234,320.26
Interest Earned	\$6,243.08	\$1,714.53
Disbursements Outstanding Cks	<u>-\$1,580,075.59</u>	<u>-\$1,236,034.79</u>
Balance - End of Month	\$3,551,627.52	\$2,984,591.63



**Raymond Central Public Schools**  
**Financial Report 8/31/2023**

**GENERAL FUND**

Purpose: Pays day to day expenses for District

Funded by: Local Taxes, State/Fed Reimb. for SPED, State Aid, Title 1, other misc. grants

For RC: Salaries, benefits, educ expenses, technology, building and grounds maintenance, transportation

Cash Balance - August 1, 2023	\$3,901,845.92
August Receipts	\$1,229,857.19
August Disbursements	<u>-\$1,580,075.59</u>
Cash Balance - August 31, 2023	\$3,551,627.52

**LUNCH FUND**

Purpose: Pays all expenses for Hot Lunch program including kitchen payroll.

Funded by: Parent/Student/Staff payments for meals and State/Fed Reimb. for meals served.

For RC: Salaries, benefits for HL staff, food, milk, supplies, equipment, repairs associated with HL program.

Note: General Fund can transfer funds into HL account if needed. No transfers out of HL Fund.

Cash Balance - August 1, 2023	\$184,026.01
August Receipts	\$58,918.93
August Disbursements	<u>-\$28,561.59</u>
Cash Balance - August 31, 2023	\$214,383.35

**BUILDING/SINKING FUND**

Purpose: To acquire new sites, improve existing buildings, all new building/construction expenses.

Funded by: Local Taxes, sale of property.

For RC: Previously used for HVAC projects, new propane tank HS, pays property taxes on farmland south of HS.

Would also be used for construction.

Cash Balance - August 1, 2023	\$1,945,706.03
August Receipts	\$98,279.84
August Disbursements	<u>-\$438,400.64</u>
Cash Balance - August 31, 2023	\$1,605,585.23
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$1,248,433.90</u>
Combined Balance - August 31, 2023	\$2,854,019.13

**HIGH SCHOOL BOND FUND**

Purpose: Pay principal/interest on loans for new construction and additions.

Funded by: Local Taxes through a bond.

For RC: Used to pay interest/principal payts on 2009 HS Bond

Cash Balance - August 1, 2023	\$771,678.61
August Receipts	\$106,066.16
August Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>
Cash Balance - August 31, 2023	\$877,744.77

### DEPRECIATION FUND

Purpose: Pays to 'replace' not add. Fixing a roof, replacing a bus, upgrading systems.

Funded by: General Fund (GF) transfers at YE only with specific purpose identified.

For RC: In 8/2022, \$300,000.00 was transferred from the GF budget that was planned but not spent. This transfer was earmarked for truck/bus purchase, technology, safety upgrades and curric. materials.

Cash Balance - August 1, 2023	\$468,105.57
August Receipts	\$400,794.70
August Disbursements	<u>-\$2,000.00</u>
Cash Balance - August 31, 2023	\$866,900.27
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$1,248,433.00</u>
Combined Balance - August 31, 2023	\$2,115,333.27

### QUALIFIED CAPITAL PURPOSE UNDERTAKING FUND

Purpose: Pays for removal of environmental hazards (mold, asbestos) and reduction/removal of accesibility barriers in school buildings.

Funded by: Local taxes via tax levy.

For RC: Not used at this time.

Cash Balance - August 1, 2023	\$10,564.64
August Receipts	\$7.26
August Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>
Cash Balance - August 31, 2023	\$10,571.90

### EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND - UNEMPLOYMENT

Purpose: Part of the General Fund. Can be used to pay unemployment, benefits, early retirement

Funded by: General Fund transfers at YE only with specific purpose identified.

For RC: In 8/2022, \$100,000.00 was transferred from the GF earmarked to pay Admin Benefit costs during the 22-23SY.

Cash Balance - August 1, 2023	\$136,023.75
August Receipts	\$100,118.27
August Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>
Cash Balance - August 31, 2023	\$236,142.02
Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$16,466.97</u>
Combined Balance - August 31, 2023	\$252,608.99



**Raymond Central Public Schools**  
**General Fund Receipts August 2023**

<b>LANCASTER COUNTY TREASURER</b>	
<b>TAXES</b>	<b>1,034,411.07</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>	<b>23,304.06</b>
<b>FINES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>2,476.73</b>
<b>HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION</b>	<b>19,767.56</b>
<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT</b>	<b>33,895.26</b>
<b>SAUNDERS COUNTY TREASURER</b>	
<b>TAXES</b>	<b>36,654.32</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>	<b>18,048.11</b>
<b>FINES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>5,949.77</b>
<b>HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION</b>	<b>18,699.32</b>
<b>SEWARD COUNTY TREASURER</b>	
<b>TAXES</b>	<b>1,213.97</b>
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>	<b>404.20</b>
<b>FINES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>73.88</b>
<b>HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION</b>	<b>308.76</b>
<b>BUTLER COUNTY TREASURER</b>	
<b>MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES</b>	<b>3.53</b>
<b>FINES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>10.17</b>
<b>ESU RECEIPTS</b>	
<b>EIR GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$6,596.78</b>
<b>PRE K TUITION</b>	
<b>PRE K TUITION</b>	<b>\$2,940.00</b>
<b>RCPS HOT LUNCH FUND</b>	
<b>AUG. HOT LUNCH PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>	<b>18,656.62</b>
<b>JONES BANK</b>	
<b>GENERAL FUND INTEREST -AUG</b>	<b>\$6,243.08</b>
<b>NON REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>	
<b>Overpayment Refund - Nat'l Forensics</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,229,857.19</b>



AUGUST 2023	Percent of Year Completed		100.00%			
2022-2023 RECEIPTS		M-T-D	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	2022-2023	RECEIVED	RECEIVED	RECEIVED	% Received	% Received
ACCOUNT	ANTICIPATED	2022-2023	2022-2023	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2022
Property Taxes	\$8,135,208.00	\$1,072,279.36	\$7,115,051.08	\$7,006,061.00	87.46%	90.93%
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$450,000.00	\$41,759.90	\$551,460.86	\$500,365.90	122.55%	111.19%
Public Power Tax (5% Gross)	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$48,107.98	\$39,280.37	137.45%	98.20%
Carline Taxes	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,529.40	\$3,470.26	84.31%	115.68%
Other Tuition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.78	\$13.78	0.00%	0.00%
Interest	\$3,200.00	\$6,243.08	45,961.07	\$6,452.36	1436.28%	64.52%
Local License Fees	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,367.50	\$2,570.00	118.38%	214.17%
Other Local Receipts(Pre-K)	\$12,000.00	\$2,940.00	12,385.08	\$22,333.57	103.21%	446.67%
Fines & License Fees	\$30,000.00	\$8,510.55	\$38,571.68	\$35,572.78	128.57%	88.93%
ESU Receipts	\$7,000.00	\$6,596.78	13,149.74	\$9,791.47	187.85%	0.00%
State Aid	\$963,483.00	\$0.00	963,483.00	\$939,105.00	100.00%	100.00%
Special Education	\$490,000.00	\$0.00	543,323.00	\$525,434.00	110.88%	131.36%
Special Educ. Transportation	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$28,489.00	\$0.00	135.66%	0.00%
Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$38,775.64	\$227,694.74	\$211,814.31	100.00%	0.00%
High Ability Learners	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,909.00	\$6,041.00	98.48%	97.11%
Pro-Rate Motor Vehicles	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,954.68	\$19,249.94	83.08%	128.33%
State Apportionment	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$145,873.17	\$105,637.03	208.39%	80.49%
Relief to Property Tax Payers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$416,452.85	\$391,228.74	100.00%	0.00%
Other State Receipts	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%	6.67%
Personal Property Tax Credit	\$0.00	\$33,895.26	\$195,757.85	\$136,193.58	100.00%	100.00%
Title I Funds	\$27,000.00	\$0.00	\$55,839.00	\$41,010.00	206.81%	91.13%
Title II, Part A ESSA (NCLB)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,642.00	\$14,536.00	100.00%	100.00%
Other Federal Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$395,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
SPED IDEA Grant	\$123,000.00	\$0.00	\$163,149.00	\$136,984.00	132.64%	136.98%
Private Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,601.61	\$5,000.00	100.00%	27.78%
Carl Perkins	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$675.00	0.00%	16.88%
Other Non-Revenue Receipts	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$6,524.30	\$22,709.61	100.00%	100.00%
Ag Land Property Credit	\$0.00	\$0.00	115,839.52	\$114,239.86	100.00%	100.00%
ESSER (COVID-19) Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$512,383.00	0.00%	100.00%
Sale of Property	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,098.85	0.00%	0.00%
MIPS-Medicaid-Public Schools	\$9,400.00	\$0.00	\$34,753.68	\$13,311.56	369.72%	350.30%
TransferOther Fund/ Imprest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$132,014.58	100.00%	100.00%
Insurance Adjustments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,681.50	\$30,543.06	100.00%	100.00%
TOTAL	\$10,431,791.00	\$1,211,200.57	\$11,171,626.07	\$10,991,120.61	107.09%	110.17%
2022-2023 DISBUREMENTS		M-T-D	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	Y-T-D	Y-T-D
	2022-2023	DISBURSED	DISBURSED	DISBURSED	% Disbursed	% Disbursed
CATEGORY	BUDGET	2022-2023	2022-2023	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2022
Instructional Services	\$5,206,425.00	\$449,343.18	\$4,650,174.92	\$4,315,744.49	89.32%	93.02%
Special Education	\$1,996,647.00	\$119,364.41	1,665,129.57	\$1,535,612.58	83.40%	85.38%
Guidance	\$227,900.00	27,511.03	241,418.78	\$197,741.20	105.93%	99.15%
School Health Nurse	\$112,750.00	8,725.93	107,497.28	\$84,433.92	95.34%	91.33%
Safety & Security	\$52,151.00	7,707.50	33,242.92	\$26,290.12	63.74%	101.12%
Activities	\$95,020.00	\$7,765.98	\$99,079.38	\$85,405.75	104.27%	152.51%
Media, Audio Visual, Technology	\$710,125.00	\$79,730.30	\$690,220.73	\$658,472.39	97.20%	88.20%
General Admin (Supt/BOE/Legal)	\$428,800.00	\$25,753.70	\$346,757.59	\$378,688.22	80.87%	84.46%
School Administration (Principals)	\$762,100.00	169,626.98	782,082.16	\$692,302.55	102.62%	124.18%
Business	\$322,600.00	156,699.94	292,187.53	\$185,965.49	90.57%	267.84%
Operation of Plant	\$789,500.00	57,827.53	644,835.03	\$606,054.24	81.68%	94.03%
Maintenance of Plant	\$517,500.00	202,063.00	418,475.11	\$452,704.88	80.86%	82.51%
Pupil Transportation	\$536,549.00	\$164,346.09	429,524.76	\$274,154.90	80.05%	52.57%
Fed. Grants (PreK expenses)	\$129,975.00	\$9,719.48	\$120,643.28	\$192,501.11	92.82%	55.85%
Transfers	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$475,000.00	100.00%	633.33%
TOTAL	\$11,963,042.00	\$1,561,185.05	\$10,596,269.04	\$10,161,071.84	88.58%	88.17%
Cash Reserves in General Fund	\$1,939,135.00			\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL	\$13,902,177.00		\$10,596,269.04			



**Raymond Central Public Schools**  
**Student Activities Fund Balances August 2023**

<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
After School Club	2,387.13	0.00	0.00	2,387.13
Annual	9,034.80	3,240.00	60.00	12,214.80
AP Funds	45,239.69	0.00	0.00	45,239.69
APEX	369.05	0.00	0.00	369.05
ART CLUB	(21.76)	0.00	0.00	(21.76)
Athletics	181,927.51	93,739.34	18,707.84	256,959.01
Band	1,123.61	3.00	515.55	611.06
Band Trip	10,669.76	0.00	0.00	10,669.76
Baseball	518.09	0.00	0.00	518.09
Boys BB	2,269.49	40.00	678.91	1,630.58
Ceresco Book Fair	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.26
Ceresco Field Trips	2,994.32	0.00	0.00	2,994.32
Ceresco Fundraising	2,233.57	0.00	0.00	2,233.57
Ceresco Pop	59.09	0.00	0.00	59.09
Cheerleaders	3,417.96	4,057.86	517.92	6,957.90
Choir	14,443.76	0.00	0.00	14,443.76
Class 2024	(202.43)	0.00	0.00	(202.43)
Class 2025	91.78	0.00	0.00	91.78
Class 2028	3,008.33	0.00	0.00	3,008.33
Class 2029 Field Trip Funds C	1,566.36	0.00	0.00	1,566.36
Class 2030 Field Trip Funds C	3,056.11	0.00	0.00	3,056.11
Class 2031 Field Trip Funds C	2,003.66	0.00	0.00	2,003.66
Class 2031 Field Trip Funds V	1,852.33	0.00	0.00	1,852.33
Class 2032 Field Trip Funds C	1,420.87	0.00	0.00	1,420.87
Class 2032 Field Trip Funds V	1,339.63	0.00	0.00	1,339.63
Class 2033 Field Trip Funds C	891.33	0.00	0.00	891.33
Class 2033 Field Trip Funds V	798.90	0.00	0.00	798.90
Class 2035 Cer	83.38	0.00	0.00	83.38
Class 2035 Val	592.96	0.00	0.00	592.96
Class of 2026	205.18	0.00	0.00	205.18
Class of 2027	2,347.98	0.00	0.00	2,347.98
Class of 2034 C	650.73	0.00	0.00	650.73
Class of 2034 V	387.59	0.00	0.00	387.59
College Access Grant	1,485.42	0.00	235.29	1,250.13
Computer	54.67	0.00	0.00	54.67
Cross Country	1,721.56	103.00	0.00	1,824.56
Culinary Snack Cart	1,390.69	0.00	0.00	1,390.69
DI	4,614.68	0.00	0.00	4,614.68
Drama Act	2,077.34	0.00	0.00	2,077.34
Drill Team	(2,465.33)	1,371.00	60.00	(1,154.33)
Elem Fines	555.04	0.00	0.00	555.04
Elem Fundraising	3,817.57	0.00	648.42	3,169.15
Elem PE	2,167.50	0.00	0.00	2,167.50
Elem Pictures/Yearbook	3,026.72	0.00	0.00	3,026.72

<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Elem Prof Development	4,788.81	0.00	0.00	4,788.81
Elem Student Council	483.85	0.00	0.00	483.85
FBLA Act	1,379.68	768.00	126.00	2,021.68
FFA Act	16,501.27	1,205.00	1,482.02	16,224.25
Fines	2,394.58	0.00	0.00	2,394.58
Football	8,833.51	2,580.00	712.30	10,701.21
Girls BB	(738.26)	0.00	0.00	(738.26)
Golf Activity	1,068.91	0.00	0.00	1,068.91
HAL	59.66	0.00	0.00	59.66
Hot Lunch	347.63	0.00	0.00	347.63
HS Caring Shelves	4,656.02	0.00	0.00	4,656.02
HS Pop	858.91	1,041.00	0.00	1,899.91
HS Quiz Bowl	(224.10)	0.00	0.00	(224.10)
JH Boys BB	15.31	0.00	0.00	15.31
JH Football	489.51	0.00	0.00	489.51
JH Girls BB	372.93	0.00	0.00	372.93
JH Speech	1,516.45	0.00	0.00	1,516.45
JH Student Council	1,363.72	0.00	0.00	1,363.72
JH Track	436.01	150.90	0.00	586.91
JH Volleyball	1,015.38	0.00	0.00	1,015.38
JR Achievements	629.57	0.00	0.00	629.57
Kindness Acct	19,470.73	0.00	0.00	19,470.73
Library	1,856.23	0.00	0.00	1,856.23
Life Skills	2.41	0.00	0.00	2.41
Mock Trial	380.96	0.00	0.00	380.96
National Honor Society	649.27	0.00	0.00	649.27
Pre-Kindergarten	5,120.68	0.00	213.90	4,906.78
Professional Development	17,575.71	0.00	424.74	17,150.97
PTO	(1,670.90)	0.00	0.00	(1,670.90)
Rain Garden	459.50	0.00	0.00	459.50
RC Backpack	29,967.36	0.00	0.00	29,967.36
RC Blue Crew	17.13	0.00	0.00	17.13
RC Concessions	18,864.84	3,596.50	6,516.78	15,944.56
RC Foundation	24.00	119.85	0.00	143.85
Restitution	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00
Score Vision	8,401.64	2,000.00	0.00	10,401.64
Service Fees (Activity Acct)	2,384.72	1,857.43	168.95	4,073.20
Social Justice	194.12	0.00	0.00	194.12
Softball	6,993.72	1,977.34	1,761.63	7,209.43
Spanish Club	1,654.38	8.00	0.00	1,662.38
Speech	8,698.46	298.72	574.00	8,423.18
Spring Musical	3,808.27	0.00	1,620.38	2,187.89
Staff Inservice	854.92	0.00	0.00	854.92
'Stang Gang Student Section	(0.01)	0.00	0.00	(0.01)
Student Pop	631.30	0.00	0.00	631.30
Testing	3,915.23	36.00	0.00	3,951.23
Track	1,201.20	0.00	0.00	1,201.20
Val Book Fair	10,293.23	0.00	0.00	10,293.23

<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Val Field Trips	6,022.24	0.00	0.00	6,022.24
Val Fundraising	8,781.79	0.00	0.00	8,781.79
Val Pop	1,105.00	0.00	0.00	1,105.00
VolleyBall	8,580.84	2,595.00	59.50	11,116.34
Weight Room	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
Wrestling	(210.28)	0.00	0.00	(210.28)



**Raymond Central Public Schools**  
**Student Fees Fund Balances August 2023**

<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Activity Pass	14,585.00	8,636.00	0.00	23,221.00
Ag-Ed Labs	2,002.72	545.00	0.00	2,547.72
Art Class	1,104.43	1,750.00	0.00	2,854.43
Chromebooks	1,612.10	10,360.00	0.00	11,972.10
Computer Science	327.97	0.00	0.00	327.97
Drama	461.64	0.00	214.07	247.57
FBLA	252.09	25.00	0.00	277.09
FFA	1,288.58	50.00	0.00	1,338.58
Foods Class	2,617.00	1,550.00	0.00	4,167.00
Service Fees (Student Fees)	611.99	1,593.36	5.25	2,200.10
Skills USA	1,510.00	0.00	0.00	1,510.00
Speech	100.00	75.00	0.00	175.00
Sports Fees	11,245.22	6,160.00	0.00	17,405.22
Tech Ed	1,444.05	2,160.00	0.00	3,604.05

### 5.3. Monthly Bills



## Raymond Central Public Schools Bills Paid August 2023

### General Fund - Report of Bills Paid August 2023

	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	8/18/23	RCPS Dist. #161	August Payroll	\$677,355.55
2	08/31/2023	Rcps Depreciation Fund	YE Transfer to Depreciation Fund	400,000.00
3	08/29/2023	ALICAP	Insurance Premium 23-24	146,014.00
4	08/31/2023	RCPS Employee Benefit Fund	YE Transfer to Employee Benefit Fund	100,000.00
5	08/24/2023	RC Athletics	YE Transfer from GF to Athletics	75,000.00
6	08/16/2023	VIRCO	80 Stud Chairs,80 Stud Desks HS,PK table	23,358.69
7	08/29/2023	Grunwald Mech. Contractors	HS Water Heater Repair	19,004.25
8	08/08/2023	MCS	Custodial Supplies, all Locations	9,719.63
9	08/16/2023	Norris Public Power	Electricity HS	9,257.80
10	08/16/2023	Educational Design Solutions	MentalHealth Awareness License K-12	9,187.20
11	08/08/2023	Wolfe Construction Inc.	F&CS Room Repair	8,684.53
12	08/24/2023	Kidwell	4 Avigilon Cameras 2 C, 2 V	7,707.50
13	08/08/2023	Johnstone Supply	Annual Filter Order HS/C/V	6,119.46
14	08/16/2023	VIRCO	60 Student Chairs 5th V	5,802.60
15	08/16/2023	Great Minds	OnLine Training Elem Tchrs Wit/Wisdom	5,000.00
16	08/08/2023	Access Systems, Inc	Copiers July 2023	3,816.43
17	08/24/2023	Comforttechs	AC Repair Call Art Room- V	3,717.33
18	08/29/2023	Omaha Public Power Dist	Electricity C	3,229.91
19	08/16/2023	Butler Public Power District	Electricity V	2,881.70
20	08/08/2023	Comforttechs	AC Repair Calls V	2,815.00
21	08/24/2023	Access Systems, Inc	Copiers August 2023	2,357.52
22	08/24/2023	Educational Service Unit No. 5	Cloud Hosting (Power School) 23/24 SY	2,226.00
23	08/29/2023	Kiner Supply Company	HS Building Repair Supplies -Plumbing	1,637.55
24	08/08/2023	Pine Cove Consulting	Newline Board Demo Unit	1,599.00
25	08/24/2023	Electronic Contracting Company	Repairs Elec.Panel after storm 6/27/23HS	1,535.72
26	08/16/2023	Farmers Cooperative	Fix Leak on Propane Tank Venting C	1,350.78
27	08/24/2023	Kidwell	Remove/Reinstall Cameras Siding Repair	1,290.00
28	08/16/2023	Hampton Inn - Kearney	Admin Meeting TK,MS,AC	1,169.55
29	08/16/2023	Pine Cove Consulting	Veeam Backup Software Renewal	1,150.60
30	08/16/2023	Educational Service Unit #2	23-24 Independ. School Membership Fee	1,000.00
31	08/24/2023	PLTW	Elem Training Computer Tchr	950.00
32	08/16/2023	Educational Service Unit #2	Summer2023 Speech Services	923.99
33	08/08/2023	Flinn Science	Flammable/Acid cabinet- Science HS	867.00
34	08/08/2023	Flinn Science	Flammable and Acid storage cabinet	867.00
35	08/24/2023	Comforttechs	Replace Freeze Detection Switch (AC) V	849.66
36	08/08/2023	Scott Tvrdy	July Mowing C, V	800.00
37	08/16/2023	Home Depot Pro	Custodial /Maintenc. Supplies	797.51
38	08/16/2023	School District of Seward	Spch Services Non Public	794.02
39	08/16/2023	Saunders County Youth Services	Attendance Officer Assistance	717.00
40	08/29/2023	Typing.com LLC	On Line Typing License Computer lab	699.30
41	08/18/2023	US Bank	Racks for Storage 3 Athletics, 3 HS Bldg	696.24
42	08/16/2023	Ron's Rolloffs Inc.	Dumpster/Dump Fees HS	684.60
43	08/16/2023	Waste Connections Co	Garbage HS, V	652.27
44	08/16/2023	Nebraska Safety Center	Trans. Course GW	645.00
45	08/08/2023	Oak Valley Lumber Co	Building Maint Supplies	629.12
46	08/16/2023	Brooke L. Cheleen	July2023 SPED Physical Therapy	565.05
47	08/16/2023	Windstream	Phone HS, Fax	564.29

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48	08/29/2023	TK Elevator Corporation	Elevator Maintenance V, HS	550.02
49	08/18/2023	US Bank	Posters- No Firearms or Weapons	532.68
50	08/08/2023	Hampton Inn - Kearney	Admin Meeting DK and SR	519.80
51	08/16/2023	Pitney Bowes Bank Purchase Power	Postage HS	503.50
52	08/08/2023	Lincoln Journal Star Advertising	Publications	453.95
53	08/08/2023	Kiner Supply Company	HS Building Repair Supplies -Plumbing	447.93
54	08/08/2023	Liberty Lawn & Landscape	Lawn treatment HS	440.00
55	08/16/2023	Holiday Inn Kearney	Hotel- Admin Days Kearney BP	389.85
56	08/18/2023	US Bank	Wooden Play Kitchen for PK3	378.85
57	08/08/2023	KSB School Law PC LLO	Legal Service	375.00
58	08/16/2023	Wahoo-Wav.-Ashl. News	Publications	374.40
59	08/29/2023	Pioneer Printing Inc.	Posters HS	373.50
60	08/16/2023	Village Of Ceresco	Utilities C	362.98
61	08/24/2023	Saddleback Educational Publishing	SPED- Life Skills Curriculum	362.95
62	08/29/2023	Interstate All Battery Center	2 Batteries Bus 13	351.90
63	08/30/2023	Grant, Kevin	Shell for White Pickup	350.00
64	08/16/2023	NE Association of School Boards	Board Leadership Online Survey	350.00
65	08/18/2023	US Bank	8th Grade Science Curriculum	350.00
66	08/08/2023	Summit Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher Annual Inspect. V	319.00
67	08/08/2023	Home Depot Pro	Maint. Supplies	313.07
68	08/24/2023	WeatherCraft Co. Of Lincoln	Roof Repair HS	277.80
69	08/18/2023	US Bank	Classroom supplies 1st grade C	270.80
70	08/08/2023	Summit Fire Protection	Fire Alarm Semi-Annual Inspect. C	264.50
71	08/24/2023	NCSA	NASBO Memberships CR&PB	250.00
72	08/18/2023	US Bank	Add'l Shipping Fee- Return Printers C,V	250.00
73	08/08/2023	Summit Fire Protection	Fire Inspect HS	247.00
74	08/24/2023	J.W. Pepper	Sheet Music Choir	246.24
75	08/08/2023	Village Of Valparaiso	Utilities V	238.97
76	08/16/2023	Pinnacle Bank HSA FBO Nathan Sli	June/July 2023 HSA Contributions	233.92
77	08/08/2023	Poster Compliance Center	Labor Law Posters	224.85
78	08/08/2023	Intermedia.net, INC	Phone Service	215.87
79	08/08/2023	Perry Guthery Haase & Gessford	Legal Services	208.00
80	08/08/2023	Donald R. Prentice	Extermination Service	205.00
81	08/29/2023	Donald R. Prentice	Extermination Service	205.00
82	08/08/2023	Capital Arborist Tree Service, Inc	Tree Trimming-Val	200.00
83	08/29/2023	CompTIA + TestOut	Test Out Computer Lab Curriculum	198.00
84	08/24/2023	Council for Exceptional Children	Annual Membership Dues AC	195.00
85	08/24/2023	Kiner Supply Company	HS Building Repair Supplies -Plumbing	166.36
86	08/16/2023	School Specialty	SPED Supplies HS	162.50
87	08/16/2023	O' Reilly Auto Parts	Oil for Buses	154.07
88	08/24/2023	Beatrice High School	XC Invite 9/2/2023	150.00
89	08/24/2023	Newman Grove Public Schools	2023-2024 District 2 Dues - FFA	150.00
90	08/18/2023	US Bank	Fridge for Principal's office	147.68
91	08/18/2023	US Bank	Background checks	139.50
92	08/08/2023	Institute for Multi Sensory Educ.	IMSE Digital renewal subscription	125.00
93	08/16/2023	Educational Service Unit #2	Technology Support Mileage	113.97
94	08/16/2023	NCSA	Dues- BP	110.00
95	08/16/2023	William V. MacGill & Co	AED replacement pads	107.25
96	08/08/2023	Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	Welding Tank Rental	97.46
97	08/18/2023	US Bank	Classroom Supplies 5th Grade C	89.94
98	08/16/2023	Dannelly, Janet	Reimbursement Mileage 22-23SY	86.98
99	08/18/2023	US Bank	Pink Pass Books HS Office	86.24

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100 08/29/2023	SAVVAS Learning Company	Math Consumables C	81.00
101 08/29/2023	Menards Lincoln	Maint Supplies Buses	80.18
102 08/18/2023	US Bank	Classroom supplies 4th, Val	77.95
103 08/18/2023	US Bank	Classroom Supplies SPED HS	76.00
104 08/18/2023	US Bank	Books HS Social Studies	72.45
105 08/29/2023	Company Care	DOT Physical-MS	70.00
106 08/18/2023	US Bank	PowerStrip and Phone Cords HS	53.97
107 08/07/2023	ASI	Payflex Admin Fees	50.00
108 08/16/2023	J.W. Pepper	Band Sheet Music	50.00
109 08/18/2023	US Bank	Book: Principal's Guide to Special Educ	45.58
110 08/16/2023	School Specialty	Classroom Supplies 2nd, C	30.32
111 08/08/2023	School Specialty	Classroom Supplies 2nd, Val	27.75
112 08/18/2023	US Bank	Classroom Supplies SPED C	22.37
113 08/18/2023	US Bank	Lamination Film- Office HS	19.99
114 08/18/2023	US Bank	Mesh Wall File Organizer	19.99
115 08/08/2023	Trenhaile, Clair	Reimb Mileage July 2023	16.70
116 08/18/2023	US Bank	Science Storage Supplies HS	14.99
117 08/16/2023	US Bank	Amazon Fee. Canceled this card.	2.10

**Depreciation Fund - Report of Bills Paid August 2023**

<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 08/22/2023	Kidwell	July Progress Pamt - Door Access HS	2,000.00

**Hot Lunch Fund - Report of Bills Paid August 2023**

<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 8/18/23	RCPS Dist 161	Hot Lunch Staff August Payroll	18,656.62
2 08/16/2023	TechMasters Heating & Air	Install Garbage Disposal -Kitchen V	3,208.00
3 08/16/2023	Summit Fire Protection	Re-pipe Line for new Char Grill HS	1,868.50
4 08/29/2023	Cash-Wa Distributing	Food HS	1,585.50
5 08/16/2023	TechMasters Heating & Air	Recondition Char Broiler Kitchen HS	1,308.00
6 08/29/2023	TechMasters Heating & Air	Repair Freezer HS	753.68
7 08/16/2023	Green`s Furnace & Plumbing	AC Service Calls	608.72
8 08/16/2023	Summit Fire Protection	Inspect Fire Hoods Kitchens HS	229.50
9 08/31/2023	Hixson, Ashley	Hot Lunch Refund Nora & Charles	182.95
10 08/08/2023	Home Depot Pro	Kitchen Table HS	146.99
11 08/13/2023	RevTrak	Revtrak Fees Aug2023	13.13

**Building/Sinking Fund - Report of Bills Paid August 2023**

	<u>Check Date</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	08/22/2023	10 Men, LLC	3rd / Final Payt. HSDamage Repair Hail Claim	73,500.00
2	08/08/2023	JMA Roofing	Ceresco Roof Repair Rubber Coating Hail Cl	74,900.00
3	08/22/2023	Praire Mechanical Corporation	Repair Roof Piping HS Hail Claim	9,724.55
4	08/22/2023	Revolution Wraps	1 Way Window Decals HS 2nd /final payt	3,234.53
5	08/22/2023	Tint Revolution	Security Window Film HS	16,042.50
6	08/08/2023	Wolfe Construction Inc.	Recoat Val Stuco Damage- Hail Claim	67,613.00
7	08/08/2023	Wolfe Construction Inc.	C Roof/Gutters/Soffit Repair Hail Claim	193,386.06



## Raymond Central Public Schools Student Activities Fund Checks August 2023

<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Annual	08/24/2023	Marathon Printing	Yearbook Registration Software	60.00
Athletics	08/07/2023	BSN Sports	Girls Softball	697.10
Athletics	08/07/2023	Adison Kenning	Reimb. for NCA Registration	135.20
Athletics	08/16/2023	Cotton, Adrian	SB Triangular Umpire 8/17	210.00
Athletics	08/16/2023	Hansen, Sue	SB Triangular Umpire 8/17	210.00
Athletics	08/16/2023	Castillo, Eric	Scheduler's Fee Softball Umpires	100.00
Athletics	08/16/2023	rSchool Today (DWC)	Scheduling Software Renewal	900.00
Athletics	08/29/2023	Hauff Mid America Sports	Volleyball Jerseys	8,807.71
Athletics	08/30/2023	Auburn High School	Softball invite fee 9/2 tourney	120.00
Athletics	08/24/2023	KC AV	Wireless mMicrophone - Football Field	748.09
Athletics	08/24/2023	NE HS Sports Hall of Fame Foundation	Volleyball Jamboree gate	202.85
Athletics	08/24/2023	Nebraska Orthopaedic Center	2nd half athl. trainer support jul-dec.	3,255.00
Athletics	08/29/2023	Hansen, Sue	JV/Varsity Softball umpire 8/29	135.00
Athletics	08/29/2023	Sweeney, Jeffery	JV/Varsity Softball umpire 8/29	135.00
Athletics	08/29/2023	Black Squirrel Timing	Black Squirrel Timing - xc meet 9/28	825.10
Athletics	08/24/2023	Carlson, Curtis	Varsity FB Official 8/25	120.00
Athletics	08/24/2023	Enstrom, Branden	Varsity FB Official 8/25	120.00
Athletics	08/24/2023	Tejral, Austin	Varsity FB Official 8/25	120.00
Athletics	08/24/2023	Dueker, Aaron	VFB Assignor's Fee	100.00
Athletics	08/24/2023	Christensen, David	Varsity Softball Umpire 8/24	70.00
Athletics	08/24/2023	Castillo, Cutty Louis	Varsity Softball Umpire 8/24	70.00
Athletics	08/18/2023	US Bank	3 storage racks, athletics	696.23
Athletics	08/21/2023	Keeney, Paul	VB Jamboree official 8/21	120.00
Athletics	08/21/2023	Gubbels, Chuck	HS VB assignor's fee	100.00
Athletics	08/21/2023	Gubbels, Chuck	VB Jamboree Official 8/21	120.00
Athletics	08/24/2023	Stelzer, Brian	Varsity FB Official 8/25	120.00
Athletics	08/24/2023	Stecher, JJ	Varsity FB Official 8/25	120.00
Athletics	08/17/2023	Becker, Austin	8/18 FB Scrimmage Official	50.00
Athletics	08/17/2023	Smith, Adam	8/18 FB Scrimmage Official	50.00
Athletics	08/17/2023	Senters, Todd	8/18 FB Scrimmage Official	50.00
Athletics	08/17/2023	Hickson, Mark	8/18 FB Scrimmage Official	50.00
Athletics	08/18/2023	US Bank	TV Mount for Activities	39.99
Athletics	08/18/2023	US Bank	Pizzas for Concessions	110.57
Band	08/16/2023	Jim Krutz	Snares and Band Camp	337.50
Band	08/18/2023	US Bank	Marching Band Supplies	25.55
Band	08/29/2023	Bennington High School	Bennington Marching Competition	150.00
Band	08/29/2023	Graue, Melissa	CMB Exhibition Parking garage	2.50
Boys Basketball	08/17/2023	Duke Summer Basketball	Summer ball	600.00
Boys Basketball	08/18/2023	US Bank	Boys BB Supplies	78.91
Cheerleaders	08/16/2023	Varsity Spirit Fashion	Cheerleaders Uniforms	517.92
College Access Grant	08/18/2023	US Bank	Polaroid Film and Bulletin Board	63.73
College Access Grant	08/18/2023	US Bank	CAG Books for Polak	171.56
Dance Team	08/24/2023	Rivalry	Embroidery	60.00
Drama	08/24/2023	Nebraska Wesleyan	Costume Rental Musical	1,620.38
Elem Fundraising	08/18/2023	US Bank	"Mustang Way" Supplies	648.42
FBLA	08/29/2023	RC Concessions	7 pizzas for FBLA Meeting	126.00
FFA	08/07/2023	Rivalry	Jackets	525.00
FFA	08/16/2023	Shirts 101	Embroider	180.00
FFA	08/18/2023	US Bank	Fair FFA Supplies	52.12
FFA	08/24/2023	Rivalry	FFA Officer Apparel	684.00
FFA	08/29/2023	Del Gould Meat Co., Inc	Hamburgers for ffa	40.90
Football	08/18/2023	US Bank	Football Helmet Decals	370.60
Football	08/29/2023	Hauff Mid America Sports	Football Pads and Girdles	341.70
HS Student Council	08/24/2023	Complete Weddings and Events	Booking fee for DJ	300.00
PreKindergarten	08/16/2023	Really Good Stuff Inc.	Kindergarten Supplies V	183.95

<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PreKindergarten	08/18/2023	US Bank	Poetry book Kind. V	29.95
Professional Development	08/07/2023	Awards Unlimited Inc	Service Awards	166.50
Professional Development	08/18/2023	US Bank	Professional Development	258.24
RC Concessions	08/18/2023	US Bank	soft pretzels for concession stand	499.12
RC Concessions	08/18/2023	US Bank	Pizza boxes for conc. stand	54.27
RC Concessions	08/18/2023	US Bank	Nacho Cheese Sauce	230.38
RC Concessions	08/18/2023	US Bank	Soft Pretzels	249.56
RC Concessions	08/18/2023	US Bank	Conc Shelves, pizza oven supplies	439.89
RC Concessions	08/18/2023	US Bank	Hot Dog Roller for concession stand	579.20
RC Concessions	08/29/2023	Teammates of RC	Profit from 8/25 varsity fb conc.	604.95
RC Concessions	08/29/2023	Del Gould Meat Co., Inc	Hamburgers and Hot dogs for conc.	342.50
RC Concessions	08/24/2023	Super C	Pizzas for Concessions	414.00
RC Concessions	08/24/2023	Super C	Pizzas for concessions	540.00
RC Concessions	08/24/2023	Sysco Lincoln	Chips/napkins/popcorn rc conc.	233.16
RC Concessions	08/29/2023	RC Athletics	Profit from 8/25 varsity fb conc.	403.30
RC Concessions	08/24/2023	Ceresco Youth Ball Association	Popcorn Salt	20.00
RC Concessions	08/24/2023	Pepsi Cola Of Lincoln	Pop.water for concessions	157.10
RC Concessions	08/24/2023	Pepsi Cola Of Lincoln	Pop.water for concessions	1,037.35
RC Concessions	08/24/2023	RC Booster Club	Profit from Scrimmage conc. 8/18	460.50
RC Concessions	08/24/2023	Raymond Central Junior High Track	Profit from 8/21 jamboree conc.	150.90
RC Concessions	08/24/2023	RC Athletics	Profit from 8/21 jamboree conc.	100.60
Service Fees (Activity Acct)	08/18/2023	US Bank Prime Annual Fee	Service Fees (Activity Acct)	139.00
Service Fees (Activity Acct)	08/31/2023	RevTrak	Service Fees (Activity Acct)	29.95
Softball	08/16/2023	Freeman High School Softball	Freeman Softball Invite 8/19/2023	150.00
Softball	08/17/2023	BSN Sports	Softball	687.50
Softball	08/18/2023	US Bank	Softball Helmet Decals	94.20
Softball	08/18/2023	US Bank	7 Softball Bags	729.93
Softball	08/24/2023	Fillmore Central Athletic Department	SB: Fillmore Central Tourney Fee	100.00
Speech	08/16/2023	National Speech & Debate Assn	NSDA membership fees for both	574.00
Volleyball	08/07/2023	Hauff Mid America Sports	Volleyball scorebooks	59.50



**Raymond Central Public Schools  
Student Fees Fund Checks August 2023**

<u>Activity Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Service Fees (Student Fees)	08/31/2023	RevTrak	Service Fees (Student Fees)	5.25
Drama Stud. Fee	08/18/2023	US Bank	One Act Supplies	214.07

6. Correspondence/Recognition

7. Public Forum

8. Reports

8.1. Administrative Reports

September 2023 Board Report  
Mr. Steve Rose and Mrs. Deb Kruse  
Principal | Elementary

## Topics

- School Year Focus
  - Wit & Wisdom / Orton Gillingham Implementation
    - Teacher's met with rotating Subs on Thursday Aug, 24th to work on their first data analysis of the new curriculum resources.
      - [Caryn Zietlow](#) and [Sam Butler](#) lead this meeting to guide teachers in how the processes are going, working through questions and concerns and finding out how the data collections from the programs were proceeding.
  - School-wide Expectations
    - Each week our schools are focused on a different common area of the school and our morning announcers highlight those areas and speak to what it means to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible in those areas.
    - We continue to recognize students who exhibit our Mustang Way Expectations by handing out "Caught in the Act" tickets that students can put in their classroom jars for a chance at a drawing for prizes.
    - We held our first Mustang Assembly on 9.1.23 for the purpose of recognizing the hard work that staff and students have done to promote the expectations each day. We also used this time for teachers to recognize students who have gone above and beyond in the classroom and other areas of the school. The assembly was a huge hit with the students and they are truly excited about the culture we are building at our schools.
  - [Classroom Culture](#)
    - Continued...Mike Feit from ESU 2 will be guiding us through the Classroom Culture curriculum (District). There are online modules for teachers to complete and then teachers will meet with Mike to deepen understanding of the Five Principles of Classroom Culture promoted in the course (Consistent, Calm Behavior / Sustainable Routines / First Attention to Best Conduct / Scripted Interventions / Restorative Approaches)
  - Patriot Day:
    - On 9.11.23 our students met at the flagpole with a brief ceremony in observance of Patriot's Day. Abby Spangler also shared possible activities for teachers to use in the classroom to enhance the understanding of this event.
- Upcoming Dates / Events
  - 9.15.23 - All Day PD / Workday with ESU Support
  - 9.29.23 - Mustang Assembly

September 2023 AD Board Report  
Mr. Tony Kobza  
Assistant Principal/AD

### **AD Newsletter**

Here are the links to our weekly newsletter laying out the upcoming events as well as the successes from the previous week. Please take a look at them below with more in depth information:

[8/13/23](#)

[8/20/23](#)

[8/27/23](#)

[9/4/23](#)

### **Activities**

FFA participated in the State Fair as well as the Band. Conferences, competitions and other events are just getting started.

### **Athletics**

We are in full swing as the next three weeks are jam packed with home and away events for Junior High and High School teams. I am very proud of the coaches for the work they have put in to build relationships and help develop our students. I want to thank all of the administrators who have stepped up and helped with supervision during this busy stretch.

### **Facilities**

The indoor concession stand renovation is now complete.

A TV was added on the wall outside the Mustang Room that will have games streaming for those in the line at concessions to be able to watch. An additional touch screen will be installed to replace the Senior Picture brackets that will be user friendly and easy to access.

Record boards for athletics have been hung and look great.

Perpetual plaques have been completed for Activities, Band, Speech and Play Production to recognize annual winners. These match the Athlete of the Year Plaques.

Coaches are currently completing three NFHS required trainings that must be completed once every three years. We will also be holding CPR training on August 16th which must be completed every two years.

September Board Report  
Mrs. Amanda Coufal  
Special Education Director

### **Life Skills Happenings:**

- The life skill students are participating in specific Functional Skills during Advisory time. Thank you to Stacey Doan and our amazing para-educators who are making this possible for our students.
  - **Mail Monday:** students will practice writing letters and emails during this time to practice their communication and writing skills. Our non-verbal students will communicate through pictures. We have collaborated with Auburn Public School's life skills program and will start a pen-pal program with them.
  - **Tasty Tuesday:** Students will locate recipes, create a grocery list and make simple recipes to eat. They will then combine these recipes into their own cookbooks to take home at the end of the year.
  - **Wacky Wednesday:** Students will engage in social skills activities during this time such as playing games and participating in yoga.
  - **Treat Trolley Thursday:** Students will be available for staff to purchase treats from the Treat Trolley. Students will take inventory, sell items, count back change, etc.
  - **Friday Flowers:** Students will create bouquets of fake flowers for teachers to display in their classrooms for the week.



### **Transition Services (18-21 Program):**

- We currently have one student that is participating in our transition program. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's she attends Hands of Heartland in Lincoln, NE. On Tuesday and Thursday, she is in a work based learning environment. In the mornings, our student works at Driftwood Vet with her job coach, Maggie Suchy. Currently, she is

cleaning/power washing their pet resort facilities for the pets. Then she takes some of the dogs on 1-mile walks. She is enjoying this job opportunity and has been a great employee. In the afternoons, she and Maggie work on job applications, strengthening her communication skills while at her job site, rates her employability skills, and creates task boxes for our elementary students. A big shout out to Maggie for being instrumental in helping lead this program and to Driftwood Vet for their collaboration with Raymond Central.

**MDT/IEP Meetings:**

- School has started and so have MDT/IEP meetings for our students and parents. In the 18.5 days that school has been in session, our special education teachers have already held 16 meetings to update IEP's and prepare students for the new school year.

**New Staff:**

- We hired a substitute para-educator at Valparaiso while Aiden Cronin is on maternity leave. Jeni Vecht started with us and she has been a great addition to our staff!

## RC JR/SR HIGH PRINCIPAL REPORT – 09.08.2023

### STAFFING:

Teaching and classroom support roles are all filled for the start of the year. We have the people in place to do the important work of serving our students. We are getting individuals in place for some long-term sub needs later in the year.

### HAPPENINGS:

- Fall activities are in full swing.
- Our band traveled to Grand Island on 9/01 to perform at the Nebraska State Fair.
- Grades 6-8 will begin their fall NSCAS testing over the next couple of weeks.
- Grades 9-10 will begin their fall MAP testing over the next couple of weeks.
- 16 FFA students traveled to Central Community College in Columbus on 9/06.
- Tasha Osten has been into classes helping students utilize Naviance (our college, career, and life-readiness platform).

### TEACHER/STAFF PREP:

I have been in teacher classrooms multiple times in the last month. It has been great to see teachers and students engaged in the process of learning. I have specifically been gathering data on the use of Checks for Understanding during instruction. This information is informing the professional development we are providing teachers during the year.

Our professional development on 9/15 will consist of training around overall student engagement. Mike Feit from ESU 2 will be spending time on engaging students through classroom culture. Sam Butler from ESU 2 will provide some training for teachers on engaging students through intentional planning of instructional time (effective use of block schedule). Breanne Poston, Deb Kruse, and I will facilitate training for teachers on effective engagement practices during instruction. I am excited that the 6-12 professional learning is beginning to align with a district-wide model of professional learning and development.

### CURRICULUM:

- 6-8th grade ELA teachers will continue work with staff from ESU2 to plan use of the new ELA curriculum as part of their professional development on 9/15.
- While teachers are still working through the new ELA curriculum, they have commented that it has created a higher frequency of student engagement. The curriculum also has a focus on building student vocabulary.
- Staff from ESU 2 will be coming to do coaching walk-thrus as our math teachers implement new math standards. ESU 2 staff will also be providing some training for me to utilize the walk-thru and coaching process for our math teachers.

### OTHER:

- Tasha Osten and I attended a visit day at Southeast Community College on 8/31. SCC continues to grow and expand great offerings for our students both while they are still in high school and post-high school.
- Our school-wide expectations have begun to be implemented. Posters are up in classrooms, in hallways, restrooms, etc. The use of common language and common expectations will continue to be implemented. This is key to helping our students know and understand what is expected of them, and helps set the stage for our campus to be a safe and secure environment.
- The Middle School Coordinator role has already begun to make a positive impact on grades 6-8. Breanne has helped put together proactive plans for individual students, and worked collaboratively with teachers to find ways to build better relationships with students.
- Breanne has also played a key role in developing processes and resources for our MTSS teacher teams 6-12. These MTSS teams allow teachers time to be proactive with student academic, behavioral, or other concerns that begin to arise.

## 8.2. Technology Report

September Board Report  
Mr. Jaxn Kobza  
Technology Director

### Technology Projects

- Network rebuild is complete in Val and Ceresco.
- Access Control for doors at HS campus is going to be wrapped up at the end of september.
- The Ceresco Intercom system will be replaced Friday September 15th.
- Waiting on amplifiers for HS football field to finish the sound system. Was told mid november for the ones we originally ordered but KC AV is looking for other options to get this done sooner.

### Miscellaneous

- Teachers are loving the new interactive displays we got for a few of the Elementary classrooms.

### 8.3. Student Board Member - Rosalie Tvrdy

Hello, my name is Rosalie Tvrdy, and I am the Student Body President this year. I want to talk about the Student Council and what we are planning for Homecoming week. This year, we came up with the themed days of pajama day, decades day, dress like your favorite teacher day, twin day, and spirit day on Friday to get excited for the Homecoming football game. The Student Council pep rally committee is also planning the pep rallies this year, and we will have two. One on Monday to announce Homecoming Court and Mr. and Miss Mustang. The Homecoming Court and teachers (who are interested) will play one set of volleyball during this pep rally. At our pep rally on Friday, we will have the band play the School Song, and cheer and dance will perform their routines to this song. We will also recognize all fall sports, and the coaches of each sport will talk about their teams and how the seasons are going so far. We will also have an obstacle course for the Homecoming Court to do during this pep rally. Mrs. Polak will teach the Mr. and Miss Mustang candidates a dance, and they will also have to perform this dance at the pep rally. Throughout the week, the Mr. and Miss Mustang candidates will be scored based on how they dress for the themed days, and these scores, as well as their dance, will be considered for who wins the Mr. and Miss Mustang contest. The Student Council is also planning for the homecoming dance, and we have our decoration committees choosing decorations and talking with janitors to help set up decorations for the dance. We have also talked to Mr. Hackbart about building a backdrop for photos for the dance. The Student Council has been working hard preparing for homecoming, especially with Homecoming being a little bit earlier this year compared to last year. Another thing I wanted to talk about is the adjustment to the Red Zone/Green Zone for phones and head gear throughout the school. Students have adjusted well to these zones, and a lot of students are happier being able to wear hats during school, and this brings the energy up and the positivity up throughout the school.

## 8.4. Superintendent's Report



**RAYMOND CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Option Students In and Out**

	2023-24		2022-23		2021-22		2020-21		2019-20		2018-19		2017-18		2016-17		2015-16		2014-15	
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
K	7	5	7	8	8	7	4	4	6	3	6	7	4	6	4	11	2	7	3	8
1	7	9	7	8	4	3	5	3	7	7	3	6	3	14	3	6	3	7	3	9
2	8	8	6	4	4	3	7	7	4	5	3	14	2	7	2	9	3	10	5	5
3	8	3	5	2	6	8	6	5	3	13	3	7	1	7	4	12	5	5	5	11
4	6	4	4	9	5	4	2	11	3	5	1	7	4	12	6	4	3	10	4	6
5	4	9	6	6	3	13	5	5	2	9	3	13	6	3	4	11	5	5	3	4
6	7	8	2	10	7	5	6	12	9	7	8	4	5	12	5	5	2	5	4	8
7	3	11	9	6	8	11	11	5	12	8	6	12	5	6	5	5	4	8	9	8
8	9	4	11	12	15	6	17	6	4	14	6	7	5	5	5	8	9	8	6	11
9	12	15	12	8	19	6	0	14	6	10	11	9	7	10	10	7	8	13	4	8
10	12	11	17	10	3	16	10	12	10	13	8	12	14	9	8	13	3	8	9	4
11	15	7	6	18	12	10	11	12	10	14	11	14	8	13	4	6	10	4	4	10
12	9	17	11	11	12	11	10	12	9	12	8	13	5	9	10	5	5	9	1	7
Total	107	111	103	112	106	103	94	108	85	120	77	125	69	113	70	102	62	99	60	99
Difference	-4		-9		3		-14		-35		-48		-44		-32		-37		-39	

	2023-24		2022-23		2021-22		2020-21		2019-20		2018-19		2017-18		2016-17		2015-16		2014-15	
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
Ashland	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	2	1	2						
East Butler	17	12	16	13	14	10	14	6	16	8	12	5	17	3						
Fremont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0						
LPS	43	34	43	32	50	25	35	30	26	40	29	40	21	42						
Malcolm	4	39	1	40	2	37	4	39	3	39	2	38	0	33						
Mead	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	0						
Norris	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
OPS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Seward	2	4	3	5	1	4	2	5	2	5	1	5	1	5						
Wahoo	15	10	14	10	12	12	12	9	11	9	9	15	6	11						
Waverly	25	11	24	11	26	14	22	14	25	15	21	20	22	17						
Total	107	111	103	112	106	103	94	108	85	120	77	125	69	113	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### 8.4.1. NASB Monthly Update



## Monthly Update for your Board Meeting Agenda

### September 2023

Networking & Events  
Latest 'Board Notes' – Monthly Newsletter  
Annual Board Calendar Summary  
Government Relations & Advocacy  
This Month In ...  
Monthly Agenda Video Updates & NASB's Video Resources  
Contact Us



### Networking & Events ... Register Now

<https://members.nasbonline.org/events>

(www.NASBonline.org – Events)

*All Dates & Locations Tentative & Subject to Change*

#### Area Membership Meetings – Vision: Engaged

- Join us as we tour the state for training, recognition, networking, engagement and more. Vision and training session topics include: “Vision: Engaged - A Preview of the 2023 NASB Delegate Assembly, Program Review, and the Open Meetings Law.” “This Year, Everything but the Kitchen Sink (a policy overview).” “Effectively Engaging Your Community.” “Board Governance Essentials.” “Christmas Came Early: A look at the presents & coal the Legislature left us this year.” “ALICAP’s School Safety Pooling.” and “It’s That Time of Year! Time for the annual superintendent evaluation.”
- <https://members.nasbonline.org/events/area-membership-meetings>
  - August ... Valentine, Gering, York & North Platte
  - September 6 - Norfolk
  - September 13 - Kearney
  - September 19 - La Vista
  - September 20 - Fremont
  - September 27 - Nebraska City

**State Education Conference Registration Opens September 13<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**Labor Relations Conference – October 4-5 - Lincoln**

**New Board Member Workshop – November 1 - Kearney**

**State Education Conference – November 15-17 - CHI Health Center, Omaha**



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## "Annual Board Calendar Summary"

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### September Board Agenda Items

In addition to routine agenda items, time sensitive topics include:

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REVIEW**

- **Review the District Membership Report § 79-528.** On or before **October 15**, of each year, the superintendent of each school district shall file with the commissioner the fall school district membership report, which report shall include the number of children from birth through twenty years of age enrolled in the district on October 1 of a given school year. The report shall enumerate
  - students by grade level
  - school district levies and total assessed valuation for the current fiscal year
  - students enrolled in the district as option students, resident students enrolled in another district as option students, students enrolled in the district as open enrollment students, and resident students enrolled in another district as open enrollment students, and
  - such other information as the Commissioner of Education directs.

#### **BUDGET**

- **Negotiations contract dispute decision** (year of contract, if needed); Due September 15 § 48-818.01
- **Collective Bargaining Timeline.** On or before September 1 of the year preceding the contract year in question, the certificated and instructional employees' collective-bargaining agent shall request recognition as bargaining agent. The governing board shall respond to such request not later than the following October 1. § 48-818.01
- **Collective Bargaining Mediation Decision.** On or before September 15, the commission will render a decision on any contract dispute in regard to a non-agreed upon agreement that was due March 25. Negotiations board must respond to agent request; Due October 1 § 48-818.01
- **Elementary site allowance; calculation.** On or before October 15, each school district who qualifies for an elementary site allowance to submit the applicable form to the NDE. § 79-1007.15
- **Poverty Allowance Calculation.** Each school district shall designate a maximum poverty allowance on a form prescribed by the department on or before October 15, of the school fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the aid is being calculated. §79-1007.07

- **Limited English Proficiency Calculation Allowance.** Each school district shall designate a maximum limited English Limited Proficiency Allowance on or before October 15 of the school fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which aid is being calculated. §79-1007.09 The school district may decline to participate in the LEPA by providing NDE a maximum limited LEPA allowance of zero dollars on such form on or before October 15.

**\*\*Review the full September Agenda on page 32 of the 2023 NASB Board Meeting Guide & Annual Board Calendar.**

### **Board Retreat**

To support our members who did not have the opportunity to participate in the New Board Member Workshops consider a Board Retreat to engage with your newly elected board members as they continue to transition into their new role. Please contact Marcia Herring, NASB Director of Board Leadership at [mherring@NASBonline.org](mailto:mherring@NASBonline.org) or 402-817-0296 to schedule a board retreat or private sessions through Microsoft Teams to review the board role and responsibilities.

### **Upcoming NASB Board Leadership Events**

- **Board President Circle – October 18, 2023**
- **NASB New Board Member Workshop - Wednesday, November 1, 2023**  
Join the NASB Board Leadership Team in Kearney for the opportunity to engage newly elected board members who did not have the opportunity to attend the NASB New Board Member Workshop this past December 2022. We are also including an invitation to all newly appointed board members. The agenda will include discussion and review of best practice board governance, meeting protocols, committee work, policy, Open Meetings Law, scenarios, goal planning, superintendent evaluation, and more. Stay tuned for more information regarding the registration details.



## **Government Relations & Advocacy**

<https://members.nasbonline.org/government-relations>

(www.NASBonline.org – Government Relations)

This year’s Session is done, the work is not!

- Your NASB Legislation Committee met earlier this month to look over all proposals and priorities that now move forward to this year’s Delegate Assembly in November.
- Now is a great time to engage your lawmaker while they are in the district. Reach out if NASB can help you make a connection. Advocacy starts at home!
- Reminder, many bills passed this year will require a POLICY CHANGE by the board.

**Call Colby & Matt with questions any time!**



## **This Month In ...**

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To see a quick glimpse at the various items the NASB is involved in, check out pages 10 & 11 each month in the Board Notes newsletter for “This Month In ...”

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#### 8.4.2. NRCSA Monthly Update



# Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

*Member Update*

*September 7, 2023*



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# *NRCSA Calendar*

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## **NRCSA Events**

### **Southeast District Meeting**

October 3, 2023, 10:00 AM  
At the NCSA Building in Lincoln

### **Southwest District Meeting**

October 10, 2023, 1:30 PM (MT)  
At ESU 16 in Ogallala

### **South Central District Meeting**

October 11, 2023, 1:00 PM  
At ESU 11 in Holdrege

### **North Central District Meeting**

October 16, 2023, 10:00 AM  
In Ord, Location TBD

### **West District Meeting**

October 18, 2023, 1:00 PM (MT)  
At ESU 13 in Scottsbluff

### **Northeast District Meeting**

October 31, 2023, 11:00 AM  
At Wayne State College

### **NRCSA Legislative Forum**

February 20, 2024  
Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln

[More about this event](#)

### **NRCSA Spring Conference**

March 14 & 15, 2024  
Crowne Plaza & Younes North Convention Center in  
Kearney

[More about this event](#)

### **NRCSA Golf Tournament**

July 23, 2024  
Meadowlark Hills Golf Course in Kearney

[More about this event](#)

## **Committee Meetings**

### **NRCSA Committee Meetings**

November 14, 2023  
Via Zoom  
Times TBD

### **NRCSA Scholarship & Recognition Committee Meeting**

November 15, 2023, 11 AM  
CHI Center in Omaha  
Room TBD



## *NRCSA Search Service*

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**Please let Jack Moles know where superintendent vacancies occur, so that NRCSA Superintendent Search can make direct contact. We need to hear as soon as possible in anticipation of getting promotional materials specific to that board of education ready. It is critical that Board Presidents have the NRCSA contact information so that if they choose to consider a Superintendent Search Service, NRCSA is one they hopefully will consider.**

2023-24 Vacancies will appear after the application period opens

## *Other Vacancies*

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**No postings at this time**

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## *Buy, Sell, Trade*

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**NRCSA will share information with all of our members about items for sale.** This is a service that NRCSA enthusiastically provides—we can help to spread the word if you have any items for sale (or to give away). And the price for this service is great—FREE! If you have such items, please don't hesitate to contact us. Hopefully we can help!

### **Sandy Creek has furniture for Sale**

#### **TABLES**

- 9- Adjustable Kidney Tables
- 2- 2'x4' Wooden Tables
- 1- 4'x4' Wooden Table
- 3- 6' Round Wooden Tables
- 1- 4' Round Wooden Table
- 4- 5' Round Wooden Tables
- 9- Science Lab Tables
- 1- 3'x6' Table
- 5- 2'x5' Wooden Adjustable Tables
- 4- 2'6" x 5' Adjustable Wooden Tables

#### **DESKS**

- 80- Desks w/wooden tops and steel bottoms with 2 shelves on the right side (elementary student and possibly middle school student sized)
- 2- White Plastic Student Desks
- 37- Wooden Top and Steel Bottom 1-Shelf Desks (elementary student and possibly middle school student sized)
- 22- Hard Plastic Pink & White Student Desks
- 32- Wood Top and Plastic Maroon Seat Student Desks
- 13- Plastic Top and Seat Maroon Student Desks
- Multiple Wooden and Steel Teacher Desks

#### **CHAIRS & STOOLS**

- 5- Tan Office Chairs
- 6- Gray Office Chairs
- 2- Blue Office Chairs
- 1- Black Office Chair
- 5- 3' Plastic and Steel Stools
- 5- Adjustable Steel Stools
- 10- Blue Adult Plastic Chairs
- 7- Newer Blue Adult Plastic Chairs
- 10- Brown Adult Plastic Chairs
- 7- Maroon Adult Plastic Chairs
- 2- White Adult Plastic Chairs
- 58- Orange Adult Plastic Chairs
- 4- Lite Blue Adult Plastic Chairs
- 15- Tan Adult Plastic Chairs
- 15- Yellow Adult Plastic Chairs
- 5- Green Adult Plastic Chairs
- 2- Teal Adult Plastic Chairs

- 30- Hard Plastic Blue Chairs
- Over 30 Child (Preschool and lower elementary) chairs in assorted colors

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- 15- Sewing Machines
- 3- Pianos (2 Upright)
- 23- 4 Drawer File Cabinets
- 3- Steel AV Carts
- 4- 2 Drawer File Cabinets
- 4- Wooden Podiums

Below is a link to pictures of many of the items for sale.

#### **[Sandy Creek Furniture](#)**

If interested contact Matt Swartzendruber via email at:

**[mswartzendruber@southcentralusd.us](mailto:mswartzendruber@southcentralusd.us)**

Access the Members area of [www.nrcsa.net](http://www.nrcsa.net) anytime.

**Login: member Password: playground**

**Good luck to all as you embark on a new school year!** I have to admit I do still miss the excitement of a new year, with chances to grow on your successes or make tweaks on areas that need improving. Getting to know new staff and meet new students was always invigorating for me. I know that rural Nebraska schools are in excellent hands!

If there is anything that NRCSA can do to help you in these efforts please do not hesitate to contact me.

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**The annual NRCSA Membership Renewal/Drive is continuing.**

Annual Dues remain at \$850. Notices were sent on June 26 in time for July board meetings. We recently sent reminders to those who had not submitted renewals yet. Last year we had 220 school districts, ESU's, and State colleges and we are hoping to continue our annual growth. Thanks to you for being a member. This energizes our representation and advocacy for rural Nebraska, no matter who we are engaged with on education, legislation, or community issues. Without your support and involvement, there is less rural advocacy. Whether we like it or not, the outstate and rural population does not create a legislative majority anymore. Finding success, whether in passing, amending, or stopping legislation comes from membership, relationships, and focus. Thanks to your membership in NRCSA, rural is at the table and making a difference on behalf of our rural students, schools, and communities.

We have already received one new membership as Yutan has joined NRCSA for the 2023-24 school year. **Welcome CHIEFTAINS!**

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**The NRCSA District Meetings are coming up in October.** Executive Director Jack Moles will visit each of the six NRCSA districts to share information about NRCSA, as well as legislative information. The District Representatives, Jon Cerny (Northeast), Dale Hafer (North Central), Mo Hanks (West), Jane Davis (Southwest), Jon Davis (South Central), and Paul Sheffield (Southeast) will be sending out invitations as the time gets closer. One "tweak" to the invitations this year is that the invitations will also be sent to Board Presidents.

Dates are set currently for the meetings:

**Tuesday, Oct. 3:** Southeast District @ NCSA in Lincoln

**Tuesday, Oct. 10:** Southwest District @ ESU 16 in Ogallala

**Wednesday, Oct. 11:** South Central District @ ESU 11 in Holdrege

**Monday, Oct. 16:** North Central District @ Jubilee Catering in Ord

**Wednesday, Oct. 18:** West District @ ESU 13 in Scottsbluff

**Tuesday, Oct. 31:** Northeast District @ Wayne State College in Wayne

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**NRCSA is pleased to announce a partnership with New Leaf Teletherapy.** New Leaf provides mental health teletherapy services for both staff and students. I became very interested in this possibility especially in terms of staff services. I know our members are working hard to provide services for their students, but there does not appear to be that same capability

### **NRCSA Leadership**

Mark Lenihan, President.  
Wayne Community Schools

Dr. Dawn Lewis, Past President.  
Arlington Public Schools

Dr. Heather Nebesniak, Pres-Elect.  
Ord Public Schools

Chris Prosocki, Secretary.  
Southern School District # 1

### **District Representatives:**

Eugene Hanks, West  
Crawford Public Schools

Dale Hafer, North Central  
Ainsworth Community Schools

Dr. Jon Cerny, Northeast  
Bancroft-Rosalie Community Schs

Paul Sheffield, Southeast  
Exeter-Milligan Public Schools

Jon Davis, South Central  
Alma Public Schools

Jane Davis, Southwest  
Hershey Public Schools

### **Executive Director:**

Jack Moles

### **Lobbyists:**

Jon Edwards  
Trent P. Nowka  
Russell Westerhold

### **Legislative Co- Chairs:**

Dr. Jason Dolliver  
Pender Public Schools

Bryce Jorgenson  
Southern Valley Schools

### **Scholarship & Recognition Co Chairs:**

Tim Heckenlively,  
Falls City Public Schools

Jim Widdifield  
Minden Public Schools

when looking at staff services.

I look at this service as helping to bolster what your district is already doing, not to take the place of those efforts. I believe this can be a cost effective means of furthering your efforts.

NRCSA recently hosted three introductory Zoom meetings with Mark Goldman and Deb Romano of New Leaf to have them explain what the program would look like. Below you can access the slide show from those meetings, as well as a recording of one of the meetings.

[New Leaf PowerPoint Presentation](#)



[New Leaf Zoom Meeting](#) (recording)

If you would like to be in contact with Mark Goldman or Deb Romano, please feel free to call or email me and I can help make that happen.

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**Board of Education meeting visits.** Beginning in December, 2019, I started attending Board of Education meetings in member school districts/ESUs. Since then, I have attended 87 such meetings. I recently attended the Board meeting at East Butler on Wednesday, July 12, and Sidney and Potter-Dix on Monday, August 14. Upcoming plans to visit meetings include: Monday, Sept. 18 at Twin River, Monday, Oct. 9 at Dundy County, Monday, Oct. 16 at Morrill, Tuesday, Oct. 17 at ESU 13, and Monday, Dec. 11 at Pierce and Osmond. I have really enjoyed this and am willing to attend Board meetings when I can. I take a few minutes to cover NRCSA news and offerings, as well as some legislative news. When I am going to be in a specific area on Board meeting days I may send out a notice to near-by Superintendents to make an offer to visit. I'd like to be able to schedule two or three in the same evening if I can.

If you would be interested in me attending a future Board meeting, please contact me to start the arrangements. I would also be willing to "attend" your Board meetings via Zoom if you preferred. I would still only do one at a time but would be able to do several in the same evening. Let me know and we will try to make the connection.

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**The American Heart Association is committed to partnering with schools in rural Nebraska to improve the health of their communities. A few of these opportunities include:**

**Tobacco Free Schools.** Unfortunately, recent data reveals the ongoing challenges of youth tobacco use. The 2021 National Youth Tobacco Survey showed that: Approximately 2 million MS/HS students reported using e-cigarettes during the pandemic; nearly 85% of them used flavored tobacco products. More than 4 in 10 HS students and nearly 2 in 10 MS students who used e-cigarettes did so 2 out of 3 days and youth showed a strong brand preference.

Many schools have struggled to keep up with the continued innovation of the tobacco industry. To help address that, the American Heart Association created our Tobacco Free Schools Toolkit. The toolkit is designed to help schools update their policies so that now – and in the future – they will cover all products, people, and places while providing mechanisms that support students who are battling tobacco addiction. More information/resources are here.

**Improving Cardiac Response in Schools.** In the aftermath of a cardiac emergency -minutes matter. The Chain of Survival starts with those who are present and requires everyone to do their part. This is especially true in rural communities where EMS resources are often further away. We recently launched a series of new tools to help schools, youth sports, and other entities develop Cardiac Emergency Response Plans. These plans consider: access to functioning AED's, a strong base of CPR knowledge and training, as well as the identification of a response team and the annual practice of a cardiac emergency.

For questions about these or other initiatives, please reach out to Tim Nikolai, Sr. Rural Health Director, at Tim.Nikolai@heart.org.

A note from Mr. Nikolai:

*For those I have not met previously, I am the **American Heart Association's** lead for rural health in the Midwest Region, inclusive of your states. My role allows me to work collaboratively with all manner of organizations that are in a position to impact health in their communities – and schools are certainly near the top of that list.*

*There are many ways our organization has worked to collaborate with schools – supporting access to nutritious, affordable food, helping to address the ongoing challenges of vaping/tobacco use, and more. Today, though I'm focusing primarily on our resources to assist with cardiac readiness / cardiac emergency response planning.*

*Much of the country was watching – or has followed since – the **collapse of Buffalo Bills' safety, Damar Hamlin, on Monday Night Football**. Fortunately, Damar's story had a happy ending. Our goal is to maximize the opportunity for everyone to have a similar outcome should they experience a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. Most organizations will not have the resources that the NFL does to ensure player safety, but there is much that can be done, especially with proper planning.*

*Some data suggests that **nearly 1% of schools will be the site for an out of hospital cardiac arrest annually**. For a variety of reasons, rural areas are disproportionately impacted by both rates of cardiac arrest and poor outcomes. We know that prepared and equipped schools mean better outcomes for staff, students, visitors, and the communities that so often gather in school spaces.*

*We have recently built out/updated a variety of tools to assist schools – and other organizations – with their cardiac readiness. These include:*

- *Sample Cardiac Emergency Response Guidelines and Plans.*
- *A toolkit to maximize the impact of AED placement and implementation.*
- *Training and awareness tools to help with Hands-Only CPR knowledge for staff and students.*
- *A revamped, training site search feature, for coaches, nurses, and others who need CPR certification.*
- *In some cases, we may have – or be able to help secure – financial resources to help schools with purchasing/maintaining AEDs, CPR mannequins, etc. Hearing the scope of that need can help us secure additional resources, so please let us know!*

***Please let me know if you see an opportunity or need to dialogue about these resources further or share them with your member districts. I'm happy to assist with newsletter copy, join or host webinars, or other ideas that fit your standard means of communication.***

*Finally, at the risk of sharing too much – a few other notes I wanted to highlight.*

- *I've attached an invitation for our **Fall Educator Series**. Administrators/Educators from all districts are welcome to attend the sessions they are interested in. You'll see the one in November is on Cardiac Emergency Response Planning.*
- *Last year some 1300+ rural schools in the Midwest participated in our Kids Heart Challenge program. They raised life-saving money for our mission, earned PE equipment for their schools, and helped improve health knowledge in their community. Last year, tens of thousands of families learned Hands-Only CPR through the program.*
- *Thanks to the **Missouri Rural Health Association** for sharing our HeartCorps program on their home page. That opportunity exists for IA, KS, KY, MN, MO, NE, OH, and WI. Happy to chat more!*

**[American Heart Association Service Summary](#)**

**Due to the National Rural Education Association's national conference being the same week as the NASB/NASA Fall Conference in November, we will hold out committee meetings in a different manner this year.** I will be in Chattanooga, TN for the NREA Conference, thus I will not be available for the NRCSA committee meetings that we usually hold in conjunction with the Fall Conference in Omaha. On Tuesday, Nov. 14 I will meet with the Executive Committee, Legislative Committee, Closing the Achievement Gap Committee, and the Rural Teacher Committee via Zoom. The Scholarship and Recognitions Committee still plans to meet on Wednesday, Nov. 15. More information will be coming later to all of the committee members who are affected by this. Hopefully this is a one-year issue.

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**Southern Superintendent Chris Prosocki has shared a sample Superintendent Checklist that he uses.** I thought this was a great instrument, one that I wished I had available to me when I was in the Superintendency. It can be especially helpful as you head into the new school year! Thanks to Chris for sharing this! You can access the updated checklist here:

[\*\*Superintendent Check List\*\*](#)

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**The ESUCC and ESU 3 have shared a document which outlines all of the trainings and mandates that are required of districts.** The document, "School District Plans, Policies, and Annual Trainings Requirements", is a handy reminder for districts. Thanks to ESUCC Executive Director Kraig Lofquist and ESU 3 Administrator Dan Schnoes for developing and distributing this handy tool. The document may be accessed here:

[\*\*School District Plans, Policies, & Annual Trainings\*\*](#)

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**We urge you to consider making use of the NRCSA Partner OneCard** as a tool for you in managing school expenditures, both large and small. Certainly, the card can help reduce/eliminate any issues relative to unverified cash expenditures. You decide who uses it, can get cards for each of those users, keep all cards wherever you wish, determine the amount to load on each individual card, and how long the time frame of use is. It is a terrific management tool and clearly identifies each expenditure/name/date/amount. Whether small purchases or very large purchases, the card is a terrific tool. NRCSA owns the state contract, so liability for misuse falls to NRCSA, not the district user. We have only had three circumstances of fraud and all three have been the theft of the card number information, not any district employee misuse. For 2022-23, 97 districts/ESUs participated in the program. Great job by all participating districts in protecting the card and program! Don't forget, the NRCSA rebate from the transaction fee paid by businesses that choose to accept plastic is used for scholarship, awards, and special needs. For 2022-23, the rebate was almost \$29,000 to NRCSA, showing that use is increasing, and large purchases are being included. WIN, WIN, WIN!

If you are considering joining the program and need more information, please contact Jack Moles ([\*\*jmoles@nrca.net\*\*](mailto:jmoles@nrca.net)) or Jeff Bundy ([\*\*jbundy@nrca.net\*\*](mailto:jbundy@nrca.net)).

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**NRCSA wishes to share in the celebration of the special accomplishments and recognitions going on in our member schools and ESUs.**

**This month we celebrate:**

\* The Nebraska Department of Education awarded 101 Seals of Biliteracy to 71 Nebraska students. The Seal of Biliteracy honors high school students who have achieved a high level of proficiency in English and at least one other language. Among those honored were students from NRCSA-member schools, including: Alshlyn Simonson of Mullen (Spanish), Jadynd Anderson of Mullen (Spanish), Erika Massey of Mullen (Spanish), and Maxwell Penner of Aurora (Spanish).

\*During Volleyball Day in Nebraska in Memorial Stadium, several legendary high school coaches were named honorary coaches for the game. Many of these coaches have ties to NRCSA-member school districts including Steve Morgan (Ogallala), Jody Rhodes (Paxton), Bill Root (Giltner), Diane Rousee (Northwest), Dan Sorge (Shickley), Dennis Troester (Republican Valley [now part of Southwest], Southwest, and McCook), Jean Groth (Wisner-Pilger), and Jake Moore (started at Fairmont, which is now part of Fillmore Central).

**Join us for the Nebraska Educator Shortage Summit 2.0 in Kearney on October 25-26, 2023!**

The early registration rate of \$115 applies through June 30, and increases to \$150 on July 1.

The inaugural Summit in 2022 helped influence and impact key policy changes while leveling up best practices and now it is time to expand upon our initial success! Summit 2.0 will convene leading stakeholders from P-20 to address the challenges of the shortage of educators and educator pipeline. We will share ways to replicate best practices, innovate new strategies and use partnerships for local, regional and statewide success. Central to the Summit will be the use of data and collaboration in sharing information and promising practices. The Summit will bring together a wide range of perspectives to create successful solutions toward the common goal of ensuring Nebraska's students receive a world-class education.

Day one is a full day of interactive planning discussions, large group keynotes, and breakout sessions focused on recruitment, retention, best practices and other topics. Day two will focus on all areas of employment, Nebraska educator workforce initiatives and ends with a featured lunch panel of Teachers of the Year, teacher candidates and certified teachers.

Share Summit 2.0 information with your district educational stakeholders so they don't miss the chance to participate in this interactive event! For the latest updates, follow us on Twitter at @NACTE\_Summit.

Summit 2.0 is sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (NACTE) with support from a NDE Educator Pipeline Grant.

Rooms are available at the Fairfield Inn for a rate of \$139.95 while they last. We look forward to seeing you in Kearney this October!

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**NRCSA Federal Liaison Dr. Jon Habben and NRCSA Executive Director Jack Moles attended the National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium (NREAC) meeting in Washington DC on April 23-26.** NREAC is an extension of the National Rural Education Association. One day was filled with meetings with several officials on the Federal level.

On Tuesday, Dr. Habben and Jack met with Representative Adrian Smith, as well as with aides for Representative Mike Flood and Senator Deb Fischer. They shared NREAC legislative priorities and how these priorities affect Nebraska rural schools, with each of the offices.

A brief description of the six NREAC legislative priorities are as follows:

1. **EDUCATION FUNDING:** NREAC seeks preservation of critical federal funding for rural schools.
2. **REAP FUNDING:** NREAC urges Congress to increase funding to Title V, Part B of ESSA, the Rural Education Achievement Program, with a specific increase to the Rural Low-Income School Program. **(The responses you all provided to Jack’s survey helped to tell Nebraska’s story. Well done as he received over 100 responses from NRCSA districts.)**
3. **INFRASTRUCTURE:** NREAC supports efforts to ensure any infrastructure proposal in Congress must include funding for modernizing or maintaining rural school facilities.
4. **FOOD AND NUTRITION:** NREAC supports any effort to streamline processes and reduce the administrative burdens related to school meal programs.
5. **SCHOOL SAFETY:** NREAC supports flexible federal formula funding streams that channel resources to rural school districts for school safety that recognizes the geographic and economic challenges in rural communities.
6. **BROADBAND AND CONNECTIVITY:** NREAC believes access to high-speed internet is critical for providing equitable access to learning for students in rural schools. As such, NREAC strongly supports maintaining E-Rate as an element of the Universal Service Fund in its current funding structure.

**[NREAC Legislative Agenda](#)**



*L-R Dr. Jon Habben, Jack Moles, Congressman Adrian Smith.*

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**Last Spring, NRCSA announced the release of a new service!** After several months of discussing possibilities, NRCSA is now offering a Principal Search Service. This service will be patterned after our successful Superintendent Search Service. Two options will be available. Both options will involve NRCSA consultants recruiting candidates for the position. One option will involve the NRCSA consultant making background calls, while the reduced version of the service will place that role with the Superintendent. If you are interested in getting more information about the service now, please contact Jack. Here is a brochure outlining the service.

**[NRCSA Principal Search Brochure](#)**

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**An outstanding opportunity is available for rural districts or ESUs to “grow their own” School Psychologist.** I highly encourage someone in your school or ESU to apply for admission to the Prairie Nebraska Project through UNL.

With generous funding from the Behavioral Health and Education Center of Nebraska, the University of Nebraska Lincoln’s School Psychology program is recruiting 10 rural Nebraska residents to complete an Educational Specialist degree in School Psychology. The Prairie Nebraska project uses synchronous and asynchronous online instruction to deliver a program of study that is highly accessible for rural Nebraska residents. Students will be able to complete the training in their own community without having to relocate to Lincoln. Prairie Nebraska funds will pay for the trainees’ tuition and fees. Upon successful completion

of the program, Prairie Nebraska trainees will qualify for an endorsement towards a Nebraska Department of Education certificate in School Psychology.

Successful applicants to the Prairie Nebraska program will:

- Live and work in any Nebraska county excluding Douglas, Lancaster, Sarpy, Washington, or Cass Counties.
- Have a recommendation from an ESU or school administrator with a commitment by the school/ESU to provide the experiences and supervision that trainees will need to complete the program.
- Apply to and be accepted into the University of Nebraska Lincoln Educational Specialist program in School Psychology.

Due to restrictions associated with the ARPA funds, all project-funded activities must be completed by December 2025. Consequently, we will be recruiting very quickly – with review of applicants beginning on April 1, 2023 and continuing until the program is filled. Coursework and supervised practica will be tightly scheduled and offered one course at a time. Formal, synchronous courses and meetings will be scheduled outside of typical work hours (e.g., 5 PM or later) and will emphasize projects, assignments, and activities that have practical utility to prepare students for day-to-day practice as School Psychologists.

Interested applicants should email Beth Doll, [bdoll2@unl.edu](mailto:bdoll2@unl.edu) and include their:

- Name, email, and phone number
- Mailing address, including county of residence
- The school district or Educational Service Unit that is likely to provide their recommendation and commitment for supervised experiences

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### **New Collaboration Seeks to Address Principal Shortage and Strengthen Professional Development**

A new collaboration designed to address the shortage of future principals and strengthen professional development of current school leaders is underway. The project, entitled, Growth-Oriented Leadership Development (GOLD) is being coordinated by members of the UNL Department of Educational Administration, in partnership with NRCSA, NCSA, ESUs, and NDE.

“We’re seeking federal funds to develop current and future principals from within—a grow your own model, said Nick Pace, chair of the UNL Educational

Administration Department. Over the next several months, Pace says a team led by professors Jianguang Xia and Scott Sturgeon will be inviting districts to join the effort. The team is inviting approximately 60 schools to participate, with half receiving focused training while the other half continues its current efforts without the training. Districts not initially selected for the training group would be first in line for the next round of the program, if funded.

Districts interested in participating should watch for information through NRCSA updates, ESU superintendent meetings, or by contacting Pace, Xia, or Sturgeon.

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**NRCSA developed a corporate sponsorship/partnership program.** The program is designed to provide our corporate partners with more opportunities for contact with the decision makers in our member school districts, ESUs, and the colleges through increased exposure. Corporate partners are able to choose among three levels of sponsorship: Purple Ribbon Partners, Blue Ribbon Friends, and Red Ribbon Sponsors. Different forms of contact with our members are made available in each of the three levels.



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# Red Ribbon Friends



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**One of the benefits for our Purple Ribbon Partners is the opportunity to submit an article for the monthly Member Update.** This month we proudly recognize:

### **Wilkins Architecture**



Planning, maintaining and updating your facility can often times be a daunting task for many schools, even school districts that have dedicated facilities maintenance and operations staff. Maintaining and updating facilities for our rural schools is an especially daunting task as our schools are faced with limited resources for facilities maintenance and also limited availability of qualified individuals to maintain those facilities. Wilkins ADP has a long history of coming along side rural school districts as they navigate various issues and challenges that may present themselves: issues ranging from aging facilities, enrollment or program growth, or perhaps even enrollment decline/surplus space to various code and life safety issues. Addressing these facility issues should begin with a comprehensive facilities assessment. In the comprehensive facilities assessment our expert team of architects and consulting engineers review and inspect all aspects of your facilities from building envelope to structure, finishes, building systems and equipment, along with classroom utilization and programming to identify what issues may be present, identify where there are deficiencies and develop strategies for addressing these deficiencies and determining what the costs are to correct those deficiencies. This same team also helps school districts to prioritize the needs and solutions and set a path for moving forward and implementing those strategies.

A comprehensive facilities assessment is not typically a large cost and is a good use of district resources as you consider and determine the best course forward for using district resources on the larger cost items of construction and renovation projects. Our team at Wilkins ADP is focused on meeting the assessment, planning and facility design needs of rural schools across Nebraska. For more information please visit us at [WilkinsADP.com](http://WilkinsADP.com) or give us a call at (308) 237-5787.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

## Mitchell Public Schools



**Mascot:** Tigers

**Enrollment:** 625 students PK-12

**Location(s):** Mitchell, NE

**Interesting Fact:** Mitchell's student enrollment is nearly 1/3 option enrollment students.

**Superintendent:** Dr. Katherine Urbanek

### Principals

**Mr. Kirk Kuxhausen** (Elementary Principal), **Mr. Heath Peters** (High School Principal), **Mrs. Kaci Kearns** (AD/Dean of students), and **Mrs. Jennifer Splichal** (special services director)

### Board Members

**From Left to Right:**  
**Doug Keener** (Secretary), **Brad Helgerson** (Vice President), **Paul Pieper**, **Jeff Jenkins** (President), **Dustan Keener**, & **Mark Spencer**

*The pictures they are standing in front of is the Class of 2023 Mural. Each year the graduating glass designs, paints, and signs a section of the high school hallway wall. After 20 years, it is painted over so we never run out of room.*



## Programs

**Tiger Cub PreSchool:** This year we opened our nearly renovated PreK building. Opening over a dozen years ago, our PreK program has been a leader in successfully merging a NDE Public Preschool with Headstart programming. Originally our PreK served morning and afternoon half-day sessions, We expanded in 2022 to include a full-day offering as well. Our new building is former church just across the street from our elementary building. The renovation has improved the appearance of the community as everyone drives through our community.

**Tigers Committed:** Tigers Committed is a student-led group of students involved in activities and committed to being upstanding young citizens. Students hold elected positions and select new members annually. Students must be involved in at least two sports or activities, maintain a high GPA, and must model our key values of respect, responsibility, commitment, and determination. These high schools students are involved in activities with the elementary students including aiding in the kindergarten classrooms and organize fun alternatives on weekends to keep students busy and out of trouble.



**I would encourage districts to consider participating in the Academic Decathlon competition.**

Academic Decathlon is an activity that is dependent on students of different ability levels. A team is made up of students who are in the Honors (A average), Scholastic (B average), and Varsity (C average) levels. Students may move up, but they may not move down. The combined scores of the students in all 10 competition events are counted, thus each team member is very important. There is a defined course of study in each subject area each year. Subject areas are commonly Math, Language & Literature, Science, Social Science, Economics, Art, and Music which are covered in the Regional competition each year. At the State Competition, Speech, Interview, and Essay are added. There is a “theme” each year that many of the subject areas cover. The theme for 2022-23 was the American Revolution. The theme for 2023-24 will be “Technology and Humanity”. Regional competition takes place in January and State competition takes place in February. The school can decide how to prepare for the competitions. Some schools have teams that have practices in the evenings or after school. Some simply provide the students with materials to study prior to competitions. Other schools offer a class to prepare.

Quiz Bowls are wonderful and fun activities, but they do not have a defined course of study like the Academic Decathlon. I find the Decathlon to be the best academic competition that I have experienced. To me, it is based on true study and learning.

On a personal note, three of my four kids participated in Academic Decathlon through high school and between them they won thousands of dollars in scholarships as they were on teams that had success. I currently serve on the Nebraska Academic Decathlon Board of Directors. I have been very involved with this activity for many years and highly encourage you to consider adding it to your school. A new school can have its enrollment fee waived the first year and may receive free study materials.

If you have any questions or have a staff member who is interested, please feel free to contact me. You could also contact the State Director, Vicki Deniston-Reed at [dcthl.n.denistonreed@gmail.com](mailto:dcthl.n.denistonreed@gmail.com).

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**UNL Tuition Discount & GOLD Grant.**

We have a new tuition discount program aimed at better serving folks from rural districts who are seeking

school leadership degrees (MEd – principalship, EdD – superintendency) or endorsements. The program provides a 15% tuition discount for educators who serve in NRCSA member districts or are in an area classified by NCES as rural or town. We think this is a small but important step toward helping rural schools be intentional about growing their own leaders. If interested, please contact Dr. Nick Pace at [nick.pace@unl.edu](mailto:nick.pace@unl.edu)

**[Big Red Leader Website](#)**

**[Big Red Leadership Flyer](#)**

**In addition, invite your participation in a federal grant application aimed at helping Nebraska school districts. Led by the UNL Department of Educational Administration, the *Growth-Oriented Leadership Development (GOLD) Project* is a collaboration across NCSA, NRCSA, ESUCC, and NDE. Goals include:**

- Developing current and future leaders in a grow-your-own model
- Strengthening School Leadership
- Improving Principal and Teacher Retention

***GOLD Highlights:***

- A focus on local, building/district level context, not a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach
- Research-based content aligned with Marzano’s Balanced Leadership and other recent work
- Use of existing professional development structures led by credible leaders and coaches
- No additional costs or duties to ESUs or districts

***GOLD Includes:***

- Regular, large group professional development for the principal and 2-3 teacher leaders per building
- Small group coaching and facilitation provided by grant-funded coaches
- Application of material presented in sessions to local school improvement priorities and integration with the new NDE Nebraska Teacher and Principal Professional Standards (NTPPS)
- A stipend to participating schools to support implementation of GOLD dimensions and materials

To Learn More:

**<https://cehs.unl.edu/edad/gold-project/>**

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## **Chadron State College Special Education Para-to-Teacher Program Initiative.**

**Purpose:** This “Grow Your Own” Special Education Teacher program is designed to provide school districts with the opportunity to cultivate and participate in the training of their para-professionals who wish to continue their education to become special education teachers.

**Who:** Any individual who holds a minimum of an Associate’s Degree (or equivalent credit hours) from an accredited higher education institution, and who is employed as a para-professional within a school district. What: Chadron State will provide required course work and enrichment activities via online, face-to-face (via Zoom), and on the job experiential learning, leading to a Bachelor’s in Education Degree, and a Nebraska Teaching Certificate with an endorsement in Special Education (grades PK-12). With administrator input, program course work will be tailored to best fit your district practices and expectations. Each course will be offered in an 8-week format, with 12-13 credit hours to be completed each 16 week semester.

**How:** Program participants will be advised, monitored, and supported by CSC faculty/staff, and a CSC Education Program liaison is specifically assigned to facilitate their progress. District para-professionals may enter the program at any time in the academic year.

**When:** once participants reach their senior academic year they will embark on completing their capstone course work, via online and Zoom class sessions. This course work has been pared down considerably with the understanding and assumption that these student teachers will be learning “on-the-job”. For example, one section covers classroom management practices. Clearly, one can argue and attest that these student teacher interns are learning more about managing a classroom from being mentored by veteran teachers within your school, and observing them in action. This is the belief and learning approach embraced during this senior year. However, to ensure and assess concept learning, Chadron State faculty will be meeting with your student teacher cohort twice per week for 1.5 hours, via Zoom conferencing technology.

**Graduation:** At the completion of this program students/candidates graduate from Chadron State College, and apply for teaching licensure resulting in a valid initial teaching certificate with and endorsement in PK-12 Special Education. Chadron State’s education program is nationally and State accredited. As such, interstate certification reciprocity is not a problem.

## **Things for your consideration:**

1) To qualify for this program participants must hold at least an Associate’s Degree or the equivalent in college credit hours. *(CSC will work with those applicants to provide them with the needed coursework leading up to program entry).*

2) Districts must agree to maintain para-professional employment throughout the course of the program—including during the student teaching experience.

Please contact Dr. Adam Fette for more program information, at [afette@csc.edu](mailto:afette@csc.edu).

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## **The UNL Department of Educational Psychology has received a grant from the Swanson Foundation which allows them to offer mental health services to rural schools.**

From Dr. Michael Scheel, Chair of the UNL Department of Educational Psychology:

*The UNL Department of Educational Psychology would like to offer counseling and psychological services, as well as consultation services to the schools and communities of Southeast Nebraska. We run a mental health counseling and therapy clinic and we are offering counseling and consultation services to teachers, administrators, students, and community members of Southeast Nebraska. Services will be provided through remote and confidential means (i.e., Zoom conferencing). We are hoping that schools, families, and individuals contact us to schedule an appointment for a telehealth counseling or consultation session.*

*We have recently learned that a donor will support our work with individuals living in rural Southeast NE by paying all fees for services. Thus, whoever seeks out our services will simply have to indicate they live in Southeast Nebraska, and any services we provide will be paid for through the UNL Foundation. Individual, couple, and family counseling will be provided without financial expense. Additionally, we can provide teachers, school administrators, school counselors, and school social workers consultation services for students of their schools without charge.*

*We are very excited to enter a partnership with schools and communities of SE Nebraska to promote mental health and well-being. We are aware of the mental*

health counseling disparities that exist in Nebraska rural areas, and our department, our College of Education and Human Sciences, and UNL are highly interested in offering our expertise and resources with the goal of enhancing the well-being of SE Nebraska individuals, schools, and communities. We are a group comprised of licensed psychologists and psychology graduate students who regularly provide services through our clinic to the Lincoln community. We are seeking to reach beyond Lincoln to connect more with surrounding rural areas. We also are acutely aware of the importance of addressing mental health concerns right now as we all are experiencing the stress of going through the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Counseling and School Psychology Clinic is a training clinic in which graduate students in counseling and school psychology work with clients under the supervision of licensed psychologists. Services are available to all on a sliding scale. For clients from SE Nebraska communities, services will be paid for through UNL Foundation funds supplied by a donor who cares deeply about the welfare of schools and communities in SE Nebraska. Counseling services are offered to improve well-being, improve academic and behavioral issues, stabilize mood, manage stress, and improve life-adjustment issues.

For more information, please visit our clinic website:

<https://cehs.unl.edu/edpsych/clinic/>

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**A common theme from some of the decision makers on the state level is that “out of control” local spending is to blame for the property tax problem.** NRCSA, along with many other educational entities, maintains that we do not have a school spending issue, but instead have a school funding issue. Attached are two reports, one from NRCSA, the other from Open Sky, that discuss the myth of “out of control” school spending. It is my hope that administrators and Board of Education members will read, then use these reports to counter those claims. When you do please tell your district’s story as that is the most powerful way to get this message across.

[NRCSA Spending Study](#)

[A Look at School Spending in NE from Open Sky](#)

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## **SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH & PLANNING**

NRCSA has had a very successful year this year in assisting 14 Boards of Education in choosing their next Superintendent of Schools. This year we have been asked to assist Ansley Public Schools, Bruning-Davenport (interim), Educational Service Unit #16, Lakeview Community Schools, Louisville Public Schools, Medicine Valley Public Schools, North Bend Central Public Schools, Randolph Public Schools, Ravenna Public Schools, South Central Unified #5 (interim), Southwest Public Schools, Superior Public Schools (Interim), Tekamah-Herman Public Schools, and Thayer Central Public Schools in their searches for their next Superintendents. NRCSA was also selected to assist the NSAA Board of Directors in its search for the next Executive Director of the NSAA. We also assisted Thayer Central on a Principal search.

If your district finds a need to locate your next school leader, please be sure to keep the NRCSA Superintendent Search Service in mind. For more information you can contact Executive Director Jack Moles at [jmoles@nrdsa.net](mailto:jmoles@nrdsa.net) or by phone at 402-335-7732.

It is a common practice for many Boards of Education and the Superintendent to conduct short and long-term planning. NRCSA does provide a quality service using experienced consultants. If you are interested in more information, please contact Executive Director Jack Moles.



*SYRACUSE-DUNBAR-AVOCA used the NRCSA Planning Service in 2022. NRCSA Consultants Rob Hanger and Fred Helmink assisted the district with its planning.*

[NRCSA Search Service Experience](#)

[NRCSA Planning Support Brochure](#)

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The NREA Update provides some information on NREA Podcasts, public education issues, and the National Conference in Chattanooga TN, while the Grange newsletter provides additional Ag sector interests. While it is tempting to think and act along partisan lines, keep in mind that we have to work to succeed no matter which party holds which offices. We have to be in it for the very long term.

**From Dr. Jon Habben; NRCSA Federal Liaison:**

*From the National Grange Washington Overview:*

Thanks, Jon

*“Congress is still in recess until September 11. When lawmakers return, several big-ticket items will be on their agenda. The elephant-in-the-room issue will be funding the federal government for a new fiscal year which begins October 1. The Senate has cleared all their government funding bills out of the Appropriations Committee and sent them to the Senate floor for action for the first time since 2018. The House, on the other hand, this summer gave up trying to pass all its appropriations bills. Several conservative House members are seeking deeper cuts in spending. If the House fails to pass its appropriations bills in September, Congress will be faced with passing a continuing resolution to fund the federal government at current spending levels for several months. Otherwise, the government shuts down. Numerous farm bill authorizations also expire September 30. There is no way a new farm bill can make its way through Congress in September. That means Congress will need to extend the current farm bill for a period. Additional pressing legislation will be vying for consideration in both chambers this fall as well. For many of these bills, fall could be their last opportunity to muster a vote. Next year is an election year for the President, the Senate and the House. Bipartisan legislation will have the best chance of passage. Partisan legislation might pass the Senate but not the House and vice versa.”*

[Legislative Corps 9-1-23](#)

[NREA Weekly Update 9-1-23](#)

[The View from the Hill - 8/23](#)

The reason I have included this well-written summary from the Agricultural sector perspective is to demonstrate the overall impact of the coming months, including on public education, which is included in the Defense sector. There are twelve “sectors” in the overall appropriations bill that is through the Senate and stalled in the House. Without action by both houses and the likely Conference Committee to blend any differences before going to the President, there is no new fiscal year budget and the need for temporary funding is again required.

Available through the links at the end of this article, please find the Tara Thomas AASA Report, the NREA Update, and the National Grange From the Hill report.

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## *NRCSA Programs*

[New Leaf Teletherapy](#)

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8.4.3. Update on Superintendent Goals

*Goal 1: Develop a visible presence within the schools, the school community, and the state.*

*Goal 2: Foster a learning environment in which every student has the maximum opportunity to achieve academic excellence.*

*Goal 3: Continue the development of a 10 year facilities strategic plan for implementation that addresses maintenance and improvements for existing building assets and new construction.*

*Goal 4: Continue the development of safety and security practices for Raymond Central Public Schools.*

8.4.4. Safety Report

8.4.5. Important Upcoming Dates:

8.5. Facilities Report

8.6. Board Committee Reports

8.6.1. Curriculum & American Civics Committee (Burklund-chair, Lange, Matulka)

8.6.2. Facilities & Transportation Committee (Blanchard-chair, Burklund, Matulka)

8.6.3. Finance Committee (Blanchard-chair, Breitreutz, Burklund)

8.6.4. Negotiations Committee (Blanchard-chair, Benes, Lange)

8.6.5. Policy Committee (Breitreutz-chair, Benes, Lange)

9. Old Business

10. New Business

10.1. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve the 2023-24 budget

# NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Raymond Central Public Schools (550161) in Lancaster 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 13th day of September, 2023 at 6:00 o'clock, P.M., at Mustang Room, Raymond Jr/Sr High School 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	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	2021-2022 (1)	2022-2023 (2)	2023-2024 (3)			
General	\$ 10,043,040.00	\$ 11,854,985.00	\$ 12,377,397.00	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 5,861,159.00	\$ 8,198,220.00
Depreciation	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 125,600.00	\$ 1,841,186.00		\$ 1,841,186.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ 35,464.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 193,980.00	\$ -	\$ 193,980.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 416,505.00	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 576,955.00	\$ -	\$ 576,955.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 514,040.00	\$ 561,560.00	\$ 745,000.00	\$ -	\$ 745,000.00	
Bond	\$ 672,798.00	\$ 677,150.00	\$ 1,563,374.00	\$ -	\$ 871,224.00	\$ 699,141.00
Special Building	\$ 406,256.00	\$ 1,329,602.00	\$ 3,114,231.00		\$ 2,276,531.00	\$ 846,162.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,568.00	\$ -	\$ 10,568.00	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ 19,628.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 85,421.00	\$ -	\$ 85,421.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 12,164,731.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,126,897.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,508,112.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,462,024.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,743,523.00</b>

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ 699,141.00	\$ 9,044,382.00	\$ 9,743,523.00

## Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

Raymond Central Public Schools (550161) in Lancaster 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 13th day of, September 2023 at 6:00 o'clock P.M., at Mustang Room, Raymond Jr/Sr High School for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2022-2023	2023-2024	Change
Property Valuations	854,094,753	983,777,067	15%

### 2022-2023 Budget Information

### 2023-2024 Budget Information

Fund	2022-2023 Operating Budget	2022-2023 Property Tax Request	2022 Tax Rate	Property Tax Rate (2022-2023 Request Divided By 2023 Valuation)	2023-2024 Operating Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Property Tax Request	Proposed 2023 Tax Rate	Change in Tax Rate	Change in Operatin g Budget
<b>General Fund</b>	11,963,042.00	8,217,382.00	0.962116	0.835289	12,377,397.00	8,198,220.00	0.833341	-13%	3%
<b>Bond Fund(s) K - 12</b>	1,352,104.00	739,394.00	0.086242	0.075159	1,563,374.00	699,141.00	0.070827	-18%	16%
<b>Special Building Fund</b>	3,330,874.00	686,869.00	0.080421	0.069820	3,114,231.00	846,162.00	0.086012	7%	-7%
<b>Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund K - 12</b>	10,490.00		0.000000	0.000000	10,568.00	-	0.000000	#####	1%
<b>Total</b>	16,656,510.00	9,643,645.00	1.128779	0.980268	17,065,570.00	9,743,523.00	0.990180	-12%	2%

10.2. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Set System-Wide 2023-24 Property Tax Request for General Fund, Building Fund, and High School Bond Fund

# NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

Raymond Central Public Schools (550161) in Lancaster County, Nebraska

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FUNDS	Actual Disbursements & Transfers	Actual/Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	Budgeted Disbursements & Transfers	Necessary Cash Reserve (4)	Total Available Resources Before Property Taxes (5)	Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirement (7)
	2021-2022 (1)	2022-2023 (2)	2023-2024 (3)			
General	\$ 10,043,040.00	\$ 11,854,985.00	\$ 12,377,397.00	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 5,861,159.00	\$ 8,198,220.00
Depreciation	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 125,600.00	\$ 1,841,186.00		\$ 1,841,186.00	
Employee Benefit	\$ 35,464.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 193,980.00	\$ -	\$ 193,980.00	
Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Activities	\$ 416,505.00	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 576,955.00	\$ -	\$ 576,955.00	
School Nutrition	\$ 514,040.00	\$ 561,560.00	\$ 745,000.00	\$ -	\$ 745,000.00	
Bond	\$ 672,798.00	\$ 677,150.00	\$ 1,563,374.00	\$ -	\$ 871,224.00	\$ 699,141.00
Special Building	\$ 406,256.00	\$ 1,329,602.00	\$ 3,114,231.00		\$ 2,276,531.00	\$ 846,162.00
Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,568.00	\$ -	\$ 10,568.00	\$ -
Cooperative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Student Fee	\$ 19,628.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 85,421.00	\$ -	\$ 85,421.00	
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 12,164,731.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,126,897.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,508,112.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,462,024.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,743,523.00</b>

	Bond Purposes	Non-Bond Purposes	Total
Breakdown of Property Tax	\$ 699,141.00	\$ 9,044,382.00	\$ 9,743,523.00

## Notice of Special Hearing To Set Final Tax Request

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	2022-2023	2023-2024	Change
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10.3. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to approve the purchase of a minivan for special education

10.4. Discuss, Consider and Take Necessary Action to Approve Substitutes

11. Next Regular Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 11, 2023

12. Adjournment