

Special Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 12:00 PM

Gering Public Schools - Central Office, 1519 10th St, Gering,
NE 69341



Agenda

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1. GPS Board of Education Information

The meeting agenda will be kept current and available for public inspection in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education at the Central Office during regular working hours.

District Vision: *Gering Public Schools provides a collaborative community, inspiring excellence and innovation in teaching and learning to empower student growth and leadership in school and life.*

District Mission: *Gering Public Schools exists to equip today's learners with the skills necessary to be tomorrow's leaders.*

The Open Meetings Act requires and the intention of the Board is that agenda items be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of matters to be considered at the meeting. The Board of Education releases its agenda well in advance of most meetings and desires that all interested persons are fully informed. Any interested person who has a question or needs clarification about the sufficiency of a descriptive item should contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

Agenda items are subject to reordering at the discretion of the board president. Board members may request specific agenda item(s) be moved to a different place on the agenda. Please attend the entire meeting to ensure you hear discussion on a particular agenda item.

2. Opening Procedures

2.1. Call to Order

The Board of Education reserves the right to enter into Executive Session for the protection of the public interest; or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if the individual has not requested a public meeting.

2.2. Roll Call

2.3. Open Meetings Act

Pursuant to Section 84-1412 of the Nebraska Statutes, the public is hereby informed that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted in the Board meeting room on the north wall.

Notice of this meeting was published in the Star Herald on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025.

3. **Reports and Discussions**

3.1. The Property Tax Request Authority - Stacy Rodriguez

4. **Action Items**

4.1. Discuss, consider, and take action regarding the approval of a Food Service Management Company.

4.2. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action regarding the resignation of School Board Member Brian Copsey.

5. **Public Comment: Policy 204.12**

6. **Adjourn**

Memo

To: Dr. Regan and the Board Of Education
From: Stacy Rodriguez, Director of Finance
Date: May 27, 2025
Re: Nutritional Services - FSMC

On May 19th, we received four (4) responses to our RFP of FSMCs that wish to operate our food service program: Sodexo, Taher, Oopa! and SFE. The committee of nine members who met on Wednesday May 21st which consisted of Dr. Regan, Stacy Rodriguez, John Weideman, Keaton Green, Lindsay McCay, David Ferrerya, Mario Chavez, Jesse Neugebauer, and Angela Morris to review the RFPs in detail.

The RFP establishes criteria that will be used to select our food service provider. The following are the points assigned to each vendor and the average of our two scores.

	<i>RFP</i>	Sodexo	Oopa!	Taher	SFE
Cost	20	11.6	16.2	17.3	18.6
Service Capability Plan	15	11.8	11.48	10.4	13.6
Experiences/References	10	8.2	8.1	10.4	13.6
Finance/Business Practices	5	3.5	4.4	3.33	4.4
Accounting and Reporting Systems	5	4	4	3.44	3.67
Personnel Management	15	12.11	12.11	9.88	13.22
Innovation	10	7.88	7.88	5.22	9.22
Promotion of School Food Service Program	5	3.88	3.89	3.1	5.1
Involvement of Students, Staff and Patrons	5	4	3.44	2.77	4.44
Menus 21 Days	10	6.88	7.22	5.77	8.55
Total	100	73.85	78.72	71.61	94.4

Recommendation: Authorize SFE, Inc. to be approved as the Food Service Management Company for Gering Public Schools for the 2025-26 school year (pending final approval of all contracts by Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services).

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May 19th, 2025

Gering Board of Education

Subject: Resignation from the Board of Education

Attn: President Trautman,

Please accept this letter as formal notification that I am resigning from my position on the Gering Public Schools Board of Education, effective May 25th, 2025.

My time on the board has been a period of significant growth for the District, overcoming challenges, and providing an outstanding education to our students, and I value the experience and insights I have gained.

However, due to changes in my business requiring more of my time, increased travel for work, the addition of two more grandchildren and the ability to visit them more regularly, I find that I am no longer able to dedicate the time and energy necessary to fulfill the duties of a Board member.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve the students, parents, and community of Gering Public Schools. I have been privileged to work alongside you, and I am proud of the progress we have made.

I wish the Board and the school district continued success in the future. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition. Please let me know how I can be of assistance during this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brian Copsey', written in a cursive style.

Brian Copsey