

Board of Education Special Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 11:30 AM

District Administration Building Technology Room, 300 S. Washington St.,
Lexington, NE 68850-0890

Cindy Benjamin: Present
Travis Maloley: Present
Garth Mins: Present
Roger Reutlinger: Present
Sandra Reyes: Present
Larry Steinberger: Present
Larry Steinberger: Absent

1. Call to order and notice of meeting

2. Flag salute

3. Open Meetings Act

4. Roll call

5. Excuse absent board members

Action(s):

Motion to excuse Larry Steinberger. Passed with a motion by Cindy Benjamin and a second by Travis Maloley.

Voting Detail:

Cindy Benjamin: Yea
Travis Maloley: Yea
Garth Mins: Yea
Roger Reutlinger: Yea
Sandra Reyes: Yea
Larry Steinberger: Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Public comments

7. Discuss, consider, and take action on the superintendent interview process

8. Discuss and consider applicants to the superintendent position

9. Discuss, consider, and select superintendent candidates for interviews (Closed session possible)

Action(s):

Motion to enter into closed session to evaluate the job performance of a candidate with the closed session being necessary to prevent the needless injury to the candidate's reputation and the candidate has not requested a public meeting (Time: 12:12 PM) Passed with a motion by Travis Maloley and a second by Cindy Benjamin.

Voting Detail:

Cindy Benjamin: Yea
Travis Maloley: Yea
Garth Mins: Yea
Roger Reutlinger: Yea
Sandra Reyes: Yea
Larry Steinberger: Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
Motion to return to open session (Time: 12:20 PM)
Passed with a motion by Travis Maloley and a second by Cindy Benjamin.

Voting Detail:

Cindy Benjamin: Yea
Travis Maloley: Yea
Garth Mins: Yea
Roger Reutlinger: Yea
Sandra Reyes: Yea
Larry Steinberger: Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
Motion to have NASB invite candidates Barry McFarland, Joél Ruybalid, and John Whetzal to interview for the superintendent position. Passed with a motion by Travis Maloley and a second by Cindy Benjamin.

Voting Detail:

Cindy Benjamin: Yea
Travis Maloley: Yea
Garth Mins: Yea
Roger Reutlinger: Yea
Sandra Reyes: Yea
Larry Steinberger: Absent

Voting Summary: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10. **Meeting adjourned at 12:46 PM.**

Board Secretary

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK:
This is the portion of the meeting when members of the public may speak to the board about matters of public concern.

- **Getting Started:** When you have been recognized, please identify yourself, including an address and the name of any organization you represent. The board may waive the address requirement to protect the security of the individual.
- **Time Limit:** The board will generally allow a total of 30 minutes for the presentation of all public comments. Individuals may speak only one time, and must limit comments to around 5 minutes. If there are more than 6 individuals who wish to address the board, the 30 minutes will be divided equally between the number of speakers. These time limits may be changed by a majority vote of the board members in attendance to extend the time for a specific item or speaker.
- **Personnel or Student Topic:** If you are planning to speak about a personnel or a student matter involving an individual, please understand that the district has a complaint policy and/or procedures to resolve such complaints and concerns. The Board requests that you follow the policy and procedures before addressing these matters with the Board. Be advised that comments made about individuals during public comments are not protected against claims of libel or defamation arising from those comments.
- **No Board Response or Action.** To ensure there is no violation of the Open Meetings Act, board members will generally not answer, reply to, or engage in any discussion of the questions or comments made at the meeting in which public comments are received. The board will not act on any matter unless it is on the published agenda.
- **General Rules:** This is a public meeting for the conduct of business. Comments from the audience while others are speaking will not be tolerated. Lewd, obscene, profane, slanderous, threatening and hostile conduct or statements and fighting words (words whose mere utterance entails a call to violence) will not be tolerated.