

**Scottsbluff Board of Education Special Meeting**

Thursday, August 28, 2025 5:00 PM

Scottsbluff Public Schools District Office

2617 College Park

Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Mark Lang: Present  
Beth Merrigan: Present  
Robert Polk: Present  
Scott Reisig: Present  
Tory Schwartz: Absent  
Paul Snyder: Present

1. Opening Procedures

1.a. Call to Order

The Special Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President Scott Reisig.

1.b. Roll Call

1.c. Excuse Absent Member(s)

Motion to excuse absent member Tory Schwartz Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Paul Snyder.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Open Meetings Law

This meeting was held in accordance to the Open Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published in the Star-Herald on Saturday, August 23, 2025 and on the Scottsbluff Public Schools website on Friday, August 22, 2025.

4. Consent Agenda

4.a. Adopt Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda Passed with a motion by Beth Merrigan and a second by Robert Polk.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

5. End-of-Year Expenditures

5.a. Expenditures without Douglas, Kelly, Ost diek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C and Tree Monkeys LLC: \$4,315,449.64

Motion to approve the expenditures without Douglas, Kelly, Ost diek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C. and Tree Monkeys LLC for the amount of \$4,315,449.64 Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

5.b. Douglas, Kelly, Ost diek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C. Expenditures: \$810.75

Motion to approve the expenditures for Douglas, Kelly, Ostdiek, Snyder, Ossian and Vogl, P.C for the amount of \$810.75 Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Robert Polk.

Paul Snyder: Abstain (With Conflict), Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea

5.c. Tree Monkeys LLC Expenditures: \$1,750.00

Motion to approve the expenditures for Tree Monkeys LLC for the amount of \$1,750.00 Passed with a motion by Paul Snyder and a second by Mark Lang.

Robert Polk: Abstain (With Conflict), Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

6. Public Comment - a total of 120 minutes will be allotted (no more than 5 minutes per speaker).

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Board of Education.

7. New Business

7.a. Recognition of Scottsbluff Education Association as the 2026-2027 & 2027-2028

Certified Bargaining Agent

Motion to approve Scottsbluff Education Association (SEA) as the bargaining agent for the non-supervisory certificated staff for negotiations for the 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 school years. Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Beth Merrigan.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.b. Vehicle Purchase

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chrysler Pacifica AWD for \$47,000 from Reganis Auto Center. Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.c. Contract with Axtell Community Schools

Motion to authorize the District to sign an agreement with Axtell Community Schools for the educational programming for the student residing at Mosaic for the 2025-2026 school year. Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.d. Second Step Adoption

Motion to adopt Second Step for a five-year renewal for Kindergarten through Fifth grade for a total of \$50,010. Passed with a motion by Beth Merrigan and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

7.e. Approval of From Phonics to Reading Purchase

Motion to approve the purchase of the From Phonics to Reading program for the amount of \$62,692.53. Passed with a motion by Mark Lang and a second by Beth Merrigan.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder: Yea

8. Adjournment

The Special Board of Education Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Robert Polk and a second by Mark Lang.

Mark Lang: Yea, Beth Merrigan: Yea, Robert Polk: Yea, Scott Reisig: Yea, Paul Snyder:  
Yea

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Board of Education for the School District of Scottsbluff, in the county of Scotts Bluff, in the State of Nebraska, will be held at 5:00 P.M. Thursday, August 28, 2025, at the Scottsbluff Public Schools District Office, 2617 College Park, Scottsbluff, NE 69361.

The meeting agenda, kept continuously current, will be available for inspection on the Scottsbluff Public Schools website, [www.sbps.net](http://www.sbps.net). Agenda items may be subject to Closed Session. Agenda items are subject to change up until 24 hours prior to the meeting. Sequence of the agenda may be adjusted; please attend the entire meeting.

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Fund	Vendor	Description	Amount
01	A & O Grant Consulting	SERVICES	\$ 1,700.00
	Alarm Security Technicians	SERVICES	\$ 205.00
	Albany County Football Officials Assoc.	SERVICES	\$ 775.00
	Allo Communications	UTILITIES	\$ 12,847.96
	Andrews, Amber	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 123.52
	Avila, Jeffrey A	SERVICES	\$ 185.00
	Baker, Brandon Michael	SERVICES	\$ 682.50
	Barge, Cody	SERVICES	\$ 85.00
	Benzel, Lukas R	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 40.00
	Blomenkamp, Spencer	SERVICES	\$ 85.00
	Bluffs Facility Solutions	SUPPLIES	\$ 463.56
	Buchammer, Mark	SERVICES	\$ 85.00
	C W D Cash Wa Distributing Co Inc	SUPPLIES	\$ 93.67
	Carlson, Marianne	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 174.00
	Carrera, Robert (Hank)	SERVICES	\$ 260.00
	CDW Government Inc	COMPUTER HARDWARE	\$ 1,608.20
	Century Business Products, Inc.	SERVICES	\$ 7,168.84
	Chimney Rock Public Power Dist	UTILITIES	\$ 386.49
	City of Scottsbluff	UTILITIES	\$ 24,841.89
	Cline Williams LLP	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 500.00
	Column Software, PBC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 23.45
	Creative Sites, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,740.00
	Crossroads Music LLC	REPAIRS	\$ 120.00
	Culligan of Scottsbluff	SUPPLIES	\$ 114.50
	Cutting Edge Curriculum, (CEC), Inc.	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 2,100.00
	Damarco Solutions	DUES & FEES	\$ 459.00
	Davis, David A.	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 200.00
	Dennis Supply Company	SUPPLIES	\$ 265.68
	Discount Magazine Subscription Services	SUPPLIES	\$ 402.78
	Douglas, Kelly and Ostdiek, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 810.75
	Downey, Lisa L	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 127.12
	Duncan, Darren	SERVICES	\$ 85.00
	Dunn, Jeff	SERVICES	\$ 85.00
	Durbin, Mary	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 89.25
	Eakes Office Solutions	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 17,616.66
	Educational Service Unit #13 9800	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 4,100.80
	Erdman, Craig	SERVICES	\$ 85.00
	ESU Coordinating Council	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 5,905.04
	Fisher, Haydan	SERVICES	\$ 630.00
	Floyd's Sales And Service	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,504.62
	Fogle, Michael M	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 100.59
	Follett Content Solutions, LLC	LIBRARY BOOKS	\$ 1,657.69
	G & G Properties LLC	SERVICES	\$ 200.00
	GE Money Bank/Amazon	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$ 7,502.93
	Greater Nebraska Superintendents Assoc.	DUES & FEES	\$ 250.00
	Harris, Adam	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 207.41
	HM Recievables Co LLC	SUPPLIES	\$ 6,072.60
	Holiday Inn Kearney	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$ 3,778.65
	Hugen, Hillari	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 48.58
	Hurt, Whitney	SERVICES	\$ 260.00
	INA Alert, Inc	SUPPLIES	\$ 3,060.22
	Inteconnex LLC	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,006.14
	Joseph M Sanfelippo	SERVICES	\$ 12,500.00
	Kaseya US LLC dba Backupify LLC	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 1,699.95
	Kaul, Kelli	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 25.90
	Kemling-Horner, Wendy Jo	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 80.00
	Krantz, Jourdan	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 415.00
	Krystal Rodriguez	REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 897.74
	Lakeshore Learning Materials	SUPPLIES	\$ 9,931.45
	LanguageUSA, Inc.	SERVICES	\$ 4,470.00

Lawayne Klein	LEASE	\$	1,300.00
Marshall, Tyler B	SERVICES	\$	85.00
Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$	149.50
Mechanical Sales, Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$	344.40
Menards	SUPPLIES	\$	191.24
Michael K Marshall dba Marshall Memo	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	260.00
Moreno, Pete	SERVICES	\$	85.00
N A S B Alicap	INSURANCE	\$	806,976.00
n2y, LLC	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$	16,696.48
Nebraska Council Of School Admin	DUES & FEES	\$	5,041.00
Nebraska Machinery Co	SUPPLIES	\$	667.12
Nebraska Public Health & Environmental L	SERVICES	\$	179.00
Nebraska Public Power District	UTILITIES	\$	56,115.92
Nebraska Safety Center	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	250.00
Northwest Pipe Fittings, Inc Of Scottsbl	SUPPLIES	\$	24.73
P & G Enterprises	SUPPLIES	\$	59.91
Pepsi-Cola Of Alliance	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	166.80
Perry, Guthery, Haas, Gessford P.C., Llo	LEGAL SERVICES	\$	814.00
Petersen, Meghan	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	1,257.76
Petitt, James A	SERVICES	\$	75.00
Petty Cash-Student Services	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	150.00
PFM Financial Services LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	47,159.77
Platte River Glass	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$	300.00
Price, Melissa L	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	480.00
Print Express	SUPPLIES	\$	415.40
Pro Overhead Door	SERVICES	\$	859.50
Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	2,000.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	LEASE	\$	535.42
Rapid Fire Protection	SERVICES	\$	298.00
Raptor Technologies, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$	5,830.00
Realityworks, Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$	4,842.39
Reganis Auto Center	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$	2,908.30
Regional Care Inc	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	495.00
Rein, Andrea	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	1,603.05
Rutt's Heating & Air Conditioning	SERVICES	\$	4,673.00
Salinas, Sarah Elizabeth	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	39.90
Sandberg Implement Inc	SUPPLIES	\$	545.65
Sauer, Chelsea J	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	135.59
Savvas Learning Company LLC	TEXTBOOKS	\$	2,490.00
Scholastic	SUPPLIES	\$	38.00
Scholastic Magazines	TEXTBOOKS	\$	3,622.70
School Outfitters	SUPPLIES	\$	1,151.82
Schultz, Amanda	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	48.30
Scottsbluff Public Schools Depr	DEPRECIATION TRANSFER	\$	1,500,000.00
Shaggy Buffalo Carwash LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	35.00
Skelcher, Betsy Elizabeth	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	147.30
Snowie Shaved Ice	SUPPLIES	\$	105.00
Sodexo Operations, LLC	SERVICES	\$	5,724.85
Spic & Span Cleaners	SUPPLIES	\$	2,197.25
Staman, Jenise M	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	73.43
State Industiral Products	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	829.15
Stodola, Alicia	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	48.30
Stolen, Whitney	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	126.90
Teeple, Caroline	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	47.60
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation	SERVICES	\$	970.32
Time Clock Plus/Data Management, Inc.	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$	8,693.75
Todd, James	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	480.00
Toof, Alan	SERVICES	\$	260.00
Trane U.S. Inc	SERVICES	\$	1,861.00
Tree Monkeys LLC	SERVICES	\$	1,750.00
True, Reagan	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	480.00
Twin City Hardware Company Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$	429.52

	Twin City Roofing Sheet Metal Inc.	SERVICES	\$	3,265.00
	Verizon Connect	SUPPLIES	\$	150.55
	Verizon Wireless	COMMUNICATIONS	\$	1,597.80
	Vistabeam	COMMUNICATIONS	\$	300.00
	Waste Connection Of Ne, Inc.	UTILITIES	\$	529.00
	Westco Western Cooperative Co.	SUPPLIES	\$	38.38
	Western Nebraska Community College - Sco	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	4,464.08
	Western Psychological Services	SUPPLIES	\$	1,698.00
	Willems, David A	SERVICES	\$	260.00
	Wilson Language Training Corp	SUPPLIES	\$	770.00
	Wilson, Jami	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	52.50
	Winkler, Taylor Charles	SERVICES	\$	225.00
	Winsupply Scottsbluff NE Co	SUPPLIES	\$	8,244.54
	WPCI	SERVICES	\$	65.00
	Y M C A	SERVICES	\$	62.00
				<b>Fund Total</b>
02	Absolute Painting	SERVICES	\$	14,956.53
	Anderson & Shaw Construction, Inc.	SERVICES	\$	439,835.32
	Avalis Wayfinding Solutions	SUPPLIES	\$	3,879.00
	Churchich Recreation Equipment, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$	383.56
	City of Gering	SERVICES	\$	235.43
	Crescent Electric Supply	SERVICES	\$	2,213.30
	Dutton-Lainson Company	SUPPLIES	\$	2,837.00
	JEO Consulting Group, Inc	SERVICES	\$	2,198.75
	Morfords Decorating Center Inc.	SERVICES	\$	8,550.00
	Panhandle Dynamic Inc	SUPPLIES	\$	505.00
	PFM Financial Services LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$	1,787.58
	Sherwin Williams Co	SUPPLIES	\$	352.60
	Twin City Hardware Company Inc.	SUPPLIES	\$	11,955.22
				<b>Fund Total</b>
03	Dennis Supply Company	SUPPLIES	\$	16.81
	Douglas Equipment	EQUIPMENT	\$	16,790.24
	Eakes Office Solutions	SUPPLIES	\$	7,334.13
	Metcalf, Amanda Kay	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	0.40
	Parsley, Matthew Robert	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	9.60
	Petty Cash-Cafeteria	PETTY CASH	\$	600.00
	Pittman, Andrew	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	5.85
	Ronda Roth	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	8.00
	Sodexo Operations, LLC	SERVICES	\$	6,600.31
	Valentine, Sara M	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	0.75
	Weidaman, Lori R	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	28.30
	Wright, Bert T.	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	1.00
				<b>Fund Total</b>
04	Kansas City Audio-Visual Inc.	SERVICES	\$	63,042.12
	Pipe Works Plumbing, LLC	SERVICES	\$	37,500.00
				<b>Fund Total</b>
05	Anderson, Rebekah	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	352.00
	Awards Unlimited Inc	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	731.45
	C W D Cash Wa Distributing Co Inc	SUPPLIES	\$	4,807.38
	Converse County School District #1	DUES & FEES	\$	350.00
	Ecsell Sports LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	4,165.00
	Foral, Leslie	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	250.00
	GE Money Bank/Amazon	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	821.90
	Hampton Inn & Suites	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$	1,635.48
	Heritage High School	DUES & FEES	\$	350.00
	ImPACT Applications, Inc.	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	800.00
	Jostens - NEFF Company	SUPPLIES	\$	41.90
	Lexington Public Schools	DUES & FEES	\$	100.00

Logoz	SUPPLIES	\$	1,554.00
Marketing Consultants	SUPPLIES	\$	300.00
Mathcounts Registration	DUES & FEES	\$	280.00
Nebraska Education Rising	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	313.52
Pepsi-Cola Of Alliance	SUPPLIES	\$	2,601.35
Petty Cash - Bluffs Middle School	PETTY CASH	\$	50.00
PFM Financial Services LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	11,285.42
Scottsbluff Screenprinting	SUPPLIES	\$	760.00
Sidney High School	DUES & FEES	\$	75.00
Snowie Shaved Ice	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$	188.00
Southeast Community College Area	DUES & FEES	\$	1,000.00
University of Nebraska - Lincoln	DUES & FEES	\$	500.00
Wild Roots Greenhouse and Market, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$	359.70

**Fund Total**

06	Absolute Painting	SERVICES	\$	10,475.00
	All Star Customs	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$	1,979.50
	Anderson & Shaw Construction, Inc.	SERVICES	\$	484,289.27
	Bluffs Facility Solutions	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$	55.97
	Carlson, Marianne	REIMBURSEMENT	\$	18.00
	City of Gering	UTILITIES	\$	1,254.02
	Creative Sites, LLC	SUPPLIES	\$	13,340.00
	Eakes Office Solutions	SUPPLIES	\$	5,955.68
	Electrical Engineering & Equip Co.	SERVICES	\$	978.37
	Fisher Well Service	SERVICES	\$	7,662.00
	GE Money Bank/Amazon	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$	24.99
	Improve Your Space Renovations	SERVICES	\$	8,823.00
	JEO Consulting Group, Inc	SERVICES	\$	6,012.50
	Lighthouse Electrical Contractors, LLC	SERVICES	\$	4,652.62
	Lux AVL Inc.	SERVICES	\$	112,111.54
	Marketing Consultants	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$	332.80
	PFM Financial Services LLC	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$	5,177.22
	RAKA	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$	1,021.09
	Rapid Fire Protection	SERVICES	\$	10,936.52
	School Specialty	SUPPLIES	\$	310,915.91
	Scottsbluff Landscaping	SERVICES	\$	1,825.02

**Fund Total**

07	AGParts Worldwide, Inc	SUPPLIES	\$	479.00
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**Fund Total**

08	Air Evac EMS, Inc	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	6.00
	Nebraska Dept of Labor Unemploy	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	4,430.00
	Regional Care Inc	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	8,260.40

**Fund Total**

09	PFM Financial Services LLC	FUEL	\$	413.07
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**Fund Total**

**August 2025 Total**





\$ 2,661,282.00

\$ 489,689.29

\$ 31,395.39

\$ 100,542.12

\$ 33,672.10

\$ 987,841.02

\$ 479.00

\$ 12,696.40

\$ 413.07

**\$ 4,318,010.39**

# Scottsbluff

Education Association

March 11, 2025

Mr. Scott Reisig  
Scottsbluff Public School  
Board of Education  
1722 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Dear Mr. Reisig:

The Scottsbluff Education Association requests that the Board of Education of the Scottsbluff Public Schools take action to recognize Scottsbluff Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for the district's non-supervisory certificated staff for the 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 contract years.

Please direct your response to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Anne Schmall  
President/Lead Negotiator  
Scottsbluff Education Association

# Memo

**To:** Dr. Andrew Dick and Scottsbluff Board of Education  
**From:** Marianne Carlson, Executive Director of Finance  
**Date:** August 28, 2025  
**Re:** Vehicle Purchase

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Based on a review of the District's vehicles and their usage, the District issued a Request for Information (RFI) to add two additional vehicles to the fleet for use by our students and staff. The vehicles requested were a minivan and an 8-passenger full-size van. The RFI was sent to local dealerships as well as to dealerships that we have purchased vehicles from in the past. At this time, we have received information for the minivan that was listed within the RFI.

Reganis Auto Center has submitted a proposal for a 2026 Chrysler Pacifica AWD for \$47,000. Upon approval, Reganis will order the vehicle, and it will take approximately 8-10 weeks to be delivered.

**Motion:** Approve the purchase of a 2026 Chrysler Pacifica AWD for \$47,000 from Reganis Auto Center.

**Dr. Wendy  
Kemling-Horner  
Executive Director of  
Student Services**

# Memo

To: Dr. Andrew Dick & Board of Education  
CC: Marianne Carlson  
From: Dr. Wendy Kemling-Horner  
Date: August 28, 2025  
Re: Contract with Axtell Community Schools

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We have a student residing at Mosaic and attending Axtell Community Schools. As per Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-215, when a residential setting does not maintain an interim program school or an approved or accredited school, the school district in which the residential setting is located and the school district in which a student resided prior to being placed in such residential setting are both required to enter into a contract for the education of such student. Upon entering into the contract, all legal responsibility for the education of the student is transferred to the school district in which the residential setting is located and the school district in which the student resided prior to the placement is responsible for paying for the educational component. Therefore, Axtell is required to contract with Scottsbluff Public Schools for the education of our student who is residing at Mosaic.

**Recommendation:** Motion to authorize the district to sign an agreement with Axtell Community Schools for the educational programming for the student residing at Mosaic for the 2025-2026 school year. The amount of the contract for this school year is \$7,500 per month for a total of \$90,000.

The services will be paid with special education funds which are reimbursed by the state at 80%.

# Memo

**To:** Dr. Andrew Dick, Scottsbluff Board of Education  
**From:** Dr. Wendy Kemling-Horner, Executive Director of Student Services  
**Date:** August 28, 2025  
**Re:** Second Step Adoption

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**Rationale:**

We have been utilizing Second Step for the last several years. Second Step is planning on increasing their prices in October, so we wanted to renew prior to the cost increase.

The Second Step program which is utilized in our preschool and elementary schools strengthens human skills which are the building blocks students need to achieve goals, overcome obstacles, and form meaningful relationships. These are essential for academic achievement, workforce readiness, digital well-being, and conflict management.

The Second Step program for the elementary schools is online and continues to have regular updates to the videos and pictures. As the world changes around our students, the program adapts to those changes.

**Recommendation:**

We recommend adopting Second Step at the elementary for a five-year renewal for Kindergarten through Fifth grade in all of our elementary schools.

**Total \$50,010**

**The renewal will be purchased through our School-Based Mental Health Grant.**



# MEMO

<b>To:</b>	Dr. Andrew Dick and Scottsbluff Board of Education
<b>From:</b>	Mike Mason, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction
<b>Date:</b>	August 28, 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Approval of the <i>From Phonics to Reading</i> Purchase

## **Rationale**

This memo seeks the Board of Education's approval to purchase the *From Phonics to Reading* program as part of the Nebraska Comprehensive Literacy State Development (CLSD) Grant. *From Phonics to Reading* is a comprehensive program designed to build foundational phonics skills and seamlessly transition students into fluent reading through engaging and systematic instruction. The program will be used as an intervention for students in Grades K-6.

## **Recommendation**

We recommend that the Board approve the purchase of the *From Phonics to Reading* program in the amount of \$62,692.53.

## **Funding**

Funding for the *From Phonics to Reading* program will come from the CLSD Grant.