

## Hearing

**Mission:** "Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Hearing started at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 11, 2025. The meeting was held at Kramer Education Center  
2410 16th Street, Suite A  
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher: Present

Michael Jeffryes: Present

Doug Molczyk: Present

Theresa Seipel: Present

Douglas Willoughby: Present

Marv Zoucha: Present

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD
- III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.A. President ensures all can hear proceedings

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VII.A. Resolution To Access Property Tax Authority

Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Resources and Fiscal Support reported at the hearing. Mr. Schapmann presented the 25-26 budget and requested the board access the full amount of property tax authority under state statute. The projected increase in tax asking is \$0 for the General Fund and 2.6% overall in tax asking for funds covered under the Property Tax Authority.

VIII. ADJOURN

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, August 11, 2025.

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President

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Secretary

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Nebraska Legislature enacted several measures this past legislative session, including LB 243, to adjust public school district revenue and finances; and,

**WHEREAS**, LB 243 generally limits a public school district’s property tax request authority, subject to limited exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, LB 243 includes an exception to generally allow a school district to otherwise exceed the default property tax request authority if at least seventy percent of the Board of Education votes in favor of the increased request; and

**WHEREAS**, a Board of Education of a school district with an average daily membership of no more than ten thousand students may increase its tax request by an additional five percent above the base growth percentage; and

**WHEREAS**, the average daily membership of Platte County School District Number 71-0001, a/k/a Columbus Public Schools (the “School District”) is no more than ten thousand students; and

**WHEREAS**, due to rising enrollment, student and staffing needs, and the need to maintain its budgetary obligations, the Board of Education of the School District hereby desires to increase its base growth percentage by up to an additional five percent or other maximum amount as permitted by law; and;

**WHEREAS**, public notice of this possible increase was published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the School District at least one week prior to this Board meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, pursuant to Section 5 of 2023 Neb. Law 243, at least seventy percent of the Board of Education of this School District affirmatively votes to increase to the School District’s overall property tax request authority by an additional five percent above the base growth percentage, or other maximum amount as permitted by law. The Superintendent or designee is hereby authorized and directed to take any action consistent with this Resolution to ensure that the School District’s overall property tax request complies with this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution having been read in its entirety, Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved for their passage and adoption. Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded same. After discussion and on roll call vote the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

The following members voted against the same:

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The following members were absent or not voting:

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The above Resolution having been consented to by at least seventy percent of the Members of the Board of Education, it was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings law.

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2025.

**COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
President

**ATTEST:**  
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Secretary