

Committee As A Whole

Mission: "Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Committee As A Whole started at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 8, 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. MEETING COMPLIANCE

V.A. DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

V.B. OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.B.1. President ensures all can hear proceedings

V.C. PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

VIII. RECOGNITIONS BY BOARD

IX. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

IX.A. Lost Creek Presentation

JP Holys, Lost Creek Principal, presented activities, highlights, academic data, and events from Lost Creek Elementary.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

X.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

X.B. Meeting Minutes

X.C. Finance Reports

X.D. Staffing Reports

X.E. Professional Travel

XI. FOUNDATION REPORT

Nicole Anderson, Communications and Foundation Director reported the total for the year \$222,026.71; total for August \$10,999.79.

XII. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

XII.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

Teresa Hausmann shared information on the HAL and ESSA grants. She said the K-5 pilot teachers are preparing for the pilot. Mrs. Hausmann said that there were 401 teacher/principal touch points in August.

XII.B. Director of Special Education

Jason Harris, Director of Special Education gave a presentation on the MTSS Early Warning System. He shared the district thresholds: attendance, behavior, and grades. He gave a brief

explanation of how the reports are generated from Synergy that show what supports students may need.

XII.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

Sara Colford, Assistant Director of Student Services gave an update on grants that have been submitted and awarded funding CPS has received. Mrs. Colford shared information on practicum student requests and recruitment events.

XII.D. Director of Human Resources

Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Resources and Fiscal Support presented budget information. Mr. Schapmann shared balances for the 2025-2026 budget. He said that CPS will not be required to attend the pink postcard meeting.

XII.E. Director of Operations

Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Operations said the alternative education building project is progressing, they believe it may be completed by the end of February. CASSETTE House issues are being resolved. Mr. Kwapnioski said there are a few other projects being planned including a sewer line that needs to be investigated, a grease trap at Lost Creek that needs some work and the clean up that is being done at the 3rd avenue property.

XII.F. Superintendent

XIII. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XIV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XIV.A. School Fundraising Applications

XIV.B. Surplus Requests

XV. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XV.A. Discuss and take all necessary action on the Resolution calling for a special bond election in November of 2025

XV.B. Discoverer Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Approval

XVI. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XVII. BOARD SHARING

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board did not go into Executive Session.

XIX. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

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, September 8, 2025.

President

Secretary



Lost Creek Elementary

- Enrollment: 313
- EL %: 22
- SE%: 29
- F/R:%: 51
- Teachers: 30
- Certified Non-Teacher: 3

Classified: 25





AQUESTT DATA

*2024-25 available 11/26/2025

| Lost Creek Elementary School | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Year | State Classification |
| 2021-22 | Good |
| 2022-23 | Good |
| 2023-24 | Good |

LC NSCAS ELA % of Students Showing Proficiency

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Grade 4 | 28% | 34% |
| Grade 3 | 55% | 42% |
| | Spring 2023 | Spring 2024 |

LC NSCAS Math % of Students Showing Proficiency

| | | |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Grade 4 | 42% | 34% |
| Grade 3 | 43% | 55% |
| | Spring 2023 | Spring 2024 |



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|----------------|-----------|
| 2023-24 | 9% |
| 2022-23 | 10% |
| 2021-22 | 12% |

Chronic Absenteeism

Lost Creek Building WIG Draft

District Elementary Goal: 100% of CPS Elementary students will meet individual growth goals in reading measured by the DIBELS.

Lost Creek Eagles will grow from _____ to _____ in reading as measured by DIBELS Composite Score by May 2026.

September 26th-blanks filled in after Fall DIBELS Benchmark completed utilizing the “Goldilocks Formula.”

LC K-4 DIBELS % Proficient

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| 2024-25 | |
| Beginning | End |
| 56% | 62% |
| 2023-24 | |
| Beginning | End |
| 61% | 64% |

Principal Holys's Lost Creek Building WIG Lead Measures

Mr. Holys will ensure:

- **Lost Creek Teams and individuals will review and update their scoreboards multiple times a quarter to ensure we remain on the right track.**
- **Lost Creek Teams will implement WIN, MTSS and MClass systems with consistency and fidelity.**
- **BOOST will be utilized for literacy practice according to the grade level weekly recommendations.**

Scoreboards: My Cadence of Accountability in Development

- **Mr. Holys will ensure Lead Measures will be tracked on calendar scoreboard**
- **Mr. Holys will ensure Lag Measures will be tracked on a graph scoreboard(DIBELS benchmark data)**



Engagement and Connection

Staff Engagement

B.E.A.K. Awards
Would You Rather Board
Heart Challenge Duck Game
Rock Paper Scissors Tournament
S.t.a.f.f. Outings
Staff Appreciation Week

Family Engagement

Open House
Fall/Spring Conferences/Book Fair
Quarterly PTO Meetings
Cookies with Santa
Grandparent Days

Student Engagement

Morning Assembly
You Rocks!
S.O.A.R. Tickets
Student Council Activities
Talent Show
United Way 1¢ Campaign

Field Day
Music Concerts
Read Across America Week
Field Trips
Poppy's Pumpkin Patch
Kid's Heart Challenge
All School Assemblies

Committee As A Whole
Monday, August 11, 2025 5:45 PM Central

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Marv Zoucha: Present
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V.A. District Mission Statement

V.B. Open Meetings Act

V.C. Publication of Meeting Notice

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

VIII.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda
There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

VIII.B. Meeting Minutes

VIII.C. Finance Reports

Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Resources and Fiscal Support gave an overview of the financial reports. The auditors did some preliminary work to get the audit underway.

VIII.D. Staffing Reports

Mr. Schapmann shared information about Associated Staffing and their help with trying to find paras for CPS.

VIII.E. Professional Travel

Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

IX. FOUNDATION REPORT

The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Foundation Report, as submitted.

Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Theresa Seipel.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Total contribution for July \$40,265.19; FY 2025 total is \$211,026.92.

X. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

X.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning, shared information on the staff support and curriculum work that was completed for the 2024-2025 school year. Goals for the upcoming year include continuing to build strong relationships with staff, implementation of OpenSciEd curriculum and beginning the math pilot for K-5 classrooms. Mrs. Hausmann will be assisting with the implementation of the FrogStreet curriculum at preschool. This year will also consist of 4DX training for staff.

X.B. Director of Special Education

Jason Harris, Director of Special Education, shared good news on the recent NDE compliance report on CPS Special Education Programs. He shared the criteria, adding that hiring needed staff and the involvement of the principals were assets in the higher compliance score.

X.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

Sara Colford, Assistant Director of Student Services, said she is updating procedures for enrollment and in-district transfers. Writing grants for the After School Program. She said that the program closes at 5:30 PM this year. She is also spending time with staff to work on student chronic absenteeism.

X.D. Director of Human Resources

X.E. Director of Operations

Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Building/Grounds and Technology, said most of the safety projects are finished. The digital radio system will be implemented soon for improved communication.

X.F. Superintendent

Dr. Kay shared information on the 4DX training and the district's "WIG" goal, which is to improve student achievement by 5%.

XI. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

XII.A. Fundraising Applications

Motion to approve fundraisers Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XII.B. Surplus Requests

Motion to approve surplus items Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIII. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XIII.A. Resolution To Access Property Tax Authority

Motion to approve an increase to the school district's property tax request authority by up to an additional five percent, or other maximum amount as permitted by law, above the base growth. percentage. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Doug Molczyk.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIII.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to selecting the Construction Management at Risk method of construction delivery for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project under the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act.

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education for this School District should and does hereby select the Construction Management at Risk construction delivery method pursuant to the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act and Board policy for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project, generally to consist of an approximately 90,000 to 100,000 square foot building including general and specialty classrooms, office, gymnasium, kitchen and associated support spaces; and hereby delegates to and directs the Board President, Superintendent of Schools, or designee of either, along with selected legal counsel, to initiate and carry out all actions necessary to comply with the requirements of the Act, including but not limited to the development and issuance of a Request for Proposals for the position of Construction Management at Risk for the project; provided that letters of interest shall not be required. Board member

_____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:

_____. The following Board members voted against the same:

_____. The following Board members were absent or not voting:

_____. The above Motion, having been consented to by two-thirds (2/3rds) or more of the members of the Board of Education of this School District, 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 11th day of August 2025. PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71-0001, a/k/a COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY:

_____, President, Board of Education ATTEST:

_____, Secretary Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIII.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to adopting the Construction Management at Risk selection criteria and the evaluation point values for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project.

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education for this School District should and does hereby adopt and approve the Construction Manager at Risk selection criteria and evaluation weights for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project as follows: No. Selection Criteria Maximum Point Value 1 The financial resources of the construction manager to complete the project 2.5 2 The ability of the proposed personnel of the construction manager to perform 20 3 The character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience, and efficiency of the construction manager 20 4 The quality of performance on previous projects 20 5 The ability of the construction manager to perform within the time specified 10 6 The ability and resources of the construction manager to recruit qualified contractors for the Project 10 7 The construction manager's proposed efforts schedule and fee for the Project 15 8 The previous and existing compliance of the construction manager with laws relating to the contract 2.5 TOTAL (Not more than 100). 100 Board member

_____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:

_____. The following Board members voted against the same:

_____. The following Board members were absent or not voting:

_____. The above Motion having been consented to by a majority of the members of the Board of Education this School District, 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 11th day of August 2025. PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 71-0001, a/k/a COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY:

_____, President, Board of Education ATTEST:

_____, Secretary Passed with a motion by Doug

Molczyk and a second by Marv Zoucha.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea,
Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIII.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to appointing members to the Construction Management at Risk selection committee for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project.

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education for this School District should and does hereby appoint the following persons to the Construction Manager at Risk Selection Committee to evaluate the proposals received from firms in response to the Request for Proposals for a potential new grade 4-5 intermediate school facility project: (a) Member(s) of the School District's Board of Education: _____ (b) Member(s) of the School District's administration or staff: _____ Chester Kay, Superintendent of Schools _____ Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Operations (c) The School District's architect or engineer: _____ Jeff Chadwick, Clark & Enersen, or designee (d) Any person(s) having special expertise relevant to selection of a construction manager under the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act who is not employed by the School District, and who shall not be employed by or have a financial or other interest in a construction manager who has or may have a proposal being evaluated: _____ (e) A resident(s) of the territory served by the School District, other than an individual included in (a) through (d) above, who is not employed by the School District, and who shall not be employed by or have a financial or other interest in a construction manager who has or may have a proposal being evaluated: _____ Board member

_____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:

_____. The

following Board members voted against the same:

_____. The

following Board members were absent or not voting:

_____. The

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President, Board of Education ATTEST:

Secretary Passed with a motion by Doug

Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea,
Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Dr, Kay discussed the resolution. He said the use of a construction manager at risk only goes into effect if the bond is passed.

XIII.E. Second and Final Reading of Policy 410.04 Certificated Employee Unpaid Leave

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy 410.04 Certificated Employee Unpaid Leave, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XIV. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XV. BOARD SHARING

Board sharing saved for next week.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Board exited executive session at the request of the Board President at 7:25 pm.

XVII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Michael Jeffryes.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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.

President

Secretary

Regular Meeting
Monday, August 18, 2025 5:45 PM Central

Kramer Education Center
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Doug Molczyk: Present
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Douglas Willoughby: Present
Marv Zoucha: Present
Present: 6.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. Meeting Compliance

V.A. District Mission Statement

V.B. Open Meetings Act

Dr. Kay outlined that all board members are present legally, representing a quorum, and may vote. Board policies 204.08 and 204.09 establish that a majority of the votes cast determines if a motion passes or fails. The board follows Robert's Rules of Order.

V.C. Publication of Meeting Notice

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. RECOGNITIONS BY BOARD

The Board of Education recognized 2025 State Boys Golf Qualifiers Keaton Barnes and Bryce Brown, 2025 State Girls Tennis Medalists Alyn Estrada and Maria Oliva-Rumbaut, 2025 Nebraska USA Person of the Year Mr. Brian Brownlow CHS Assistant Wrestling Coach, Mr. Adam Whitmore who was named Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year, and Ashley De La Cruz Martin a CHS student who used her CPR skills learned in the Health Pathways Courses to save a person's life over the summer.

VIII. HEARINGS

VIII.A. Student Fees Policy 504.18, Regulation 504.18R1, and Exhibit 504.18E1

The hearing was opened at 6:10 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted. The hearing was closed at 6:20 pm.

VIII.B. Bullying Prevention Policy 504.20

The hearing was opened at 6:20 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted.
The hearing was closed at 6:30 pm.

VIII.C. Parent and Family Involvement Policy 1005.03, 1005.03R1 and Parental Relation Goals Policy 1005.02

The hearing was opened at 6:30 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted.
The hearing was closed at 6:40 pm.

VIII.D. Multicultural Education

The hearing was opened at 6:40 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted.
The hearing was closed at 6:50 pm.

VIII.E. Cell Phones and Other Electronic Communication Devices, Policy 504.11

The hearing was opened 6:50 pm. Policy reviewed. In discussion of this policy, it was stated that parents have been very supportive. Dave Hiebner, CHS Principal, shared the same plan that was in place last year. This year this is in statute and staff are contractually obligated to uphold the legislation. Phones are not allowed in instructional settings. This applies to staff as well. It must be modeled by adults. The hearing was closed at 7:00 pm.

VIII.F. Student Conduct Policy 504.03

The hearing was opened at 7:00 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted.
The hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

VIII.G. Compulsory Attendance Policy 503.01

The hearing was opened at 7:10 pm. Policies reviewed, and public comment was permitted.
The hearing was closed at 7:20 pm.

IX. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

X. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea,
Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.

Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

X.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

X.B. Finance Reports

X.C. Staffing Reports

X.D. Professional Travel

XI. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

XI.A. Discuss and approve board policies, exhibits, and updates, discussed during hearings held 8.18.25

XII. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XII.A. Surplus Request

Motion to approve the surplus request. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Michael Jeffryes.

Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

XII.B. Fundraising Application

Motion to approve the Fundraising Application. Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Michael Jeffryes.

Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

XII.C. Approve the bid to conduct a traffic study for CPS

Motion to approve Benesch to conduct a traffic study for CPS. Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Michael Jeffryes.

Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

Dr. Kay talked about the traffic study. We received 2 bids, with Benesch winning. He explained the process for choosing. Dr. also shared the timeline.

XII.D. Safety and Security Committee Approval

Motion to approve the Safety and Security Committee for 2025-2026. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.

Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

XIII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XIV. BOARD SHARING

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session 6:52 to discuss legal implications of current property Passed with a motion by Michael Jeffryes and a second by Theresa Seipel.

Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 3

Exited Executive Session I @ 7:20 PM

Motion to Enter Executive Session II for Personnel Issue @ 7:21 PM Mike Jeffryes, Marv Zoucha, Pass 3-0

Exited Executive Session II @ 7:35 PM

XVI. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Theresa Seipel.

Candace Becher: Abstain (With Conflict), Doug Molczyk: Abstain (With Conflict), Douglas Willoughby: Abstain (With Conflict), Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

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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

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffries: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea,
Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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Committee on American Civics Meeting
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Candace Becher: Absent
Michael Jeffries: Present
Doug Molczyk: Absent
Theresa Seipel: Present
Douglas Willoughby: Absent
Marv Zoucha: Present
Present: 3, Absent: 3.

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VI. COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN CIVICS MEETIN

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning, said that CPS District meets the four requirements. The committee is required to hold two meetings per year. This is the first one, the next meeting will include teachers coming forward with evidence. Mrs. Hausmann also shared that all the curriculum standards are met.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Marv Zoucha.
Candace Becher: Absent, Doug Molczyk: Absent, Douglas Willoughby: Absent, Michael Jeffries: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 3
The meeting adjourned at 5:39.

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| 8 | DESCRIPTION | BEGINNING BALANCE | MONTH TO DATE RECEIPTS | MONTH TO DATE EXPENDITURES | END OF MONTH BALANCE | YTD BALANCE PRIOR YEAR |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund | Attachment M4a | | | \$ 6,026,059.18 | | |
| | Attachment M5 (prior Bd Mtg) | | | \$ 511,304.31 | | |
| | Innerfund Loan to reimburse Admin Activity | | | | | |
| | Transfer to GP ICS Savings | | \$ (2,000,000.00) | | | |
| | Transfer from GP ICS Savings | | \$ 5,000,000.00 | | | |
| | Receipts GP checking | | \$ 739,596.16 | | | |
| | GENERAL FUND - GREAT PLAINS STATE BANK | \$ 9,488,138.84 | \$ 3,739,596.16 | \$ 6,537,363.49 | \$ 6,690,371.51 | \$ 6,898,792.49 |
| | Transfer to GP Checking | | \$ (5,000,000.00) | | | |
| | Transfer from GP Checking | | \$ 2,000,000.00 | | | |
| | Interest | | \$ 8,881.28 | | | |
| | GEN FUND - GP ICS SAVINGS | \$ 8,046,962.38 | \$ (2,991,118.72) | \$ - | \$ 5,055,843.66 | |
| | General Fund - Cash Balance | | | | \$ 11,746,215.17 | |
| Depr Fund | School District # 1 Gen Fund | | | \$ 3,196.00 | | |
| | Receipts | | \$ 2,622,650.00 | | | |
| | Interest | | \$ 3,052.97 | | | |
| | DEPRECIATION - GREAT PLAINS STATE BANK | \$ 912,076.47 | \$ 2,625,702.97 | \$ 3,196.00 | \$ 3,534,583.44 | \$ 1,645,603.80 |
| Temporary Funds -GF | PAYROLL - PINNACLE BANK | \$ 300,359.90 | \$ 3,436,637.67 | \$ 3,520,207.27 | \$ 216,790.30 | \$ 192,903.17 |
| | HSA/FSA - PINNACLE BANK | \$ 73,423.74 | \$ 13,958.77 | \$ 18,488.27 | \$ 68,894.24 | \$ 56,457.30 |
| Activities | Administration | \$ 720,062.06 | \$ 17,004.71 | \$ 40,505.97 | \$ 696,560.80 | \$ 442,894.32 |
| | Middle School | \$ 134,349.99 | \$ 46,239.10 | \$ 1,323.68 | \$ 179,265.41 | \$ 171,522.08 |
| | High School | \$ 652,310.11 | \$ 23,468.16 | \$ 34,564.91 | \$ 641,213.36 | \$ 618,023.09 |
| | ACTIVITY FUNDS - COLUMBUS BANK | \$ 1,506,722.16 | \$ 86,711.97 | \$ 76,394.56 | \$ 1,517,039.57 | \$ 1,232,439.49 |
| Nutrition Fund | Attachment M6 | | | \$ 67,714.27 | | |
| | Interest Income | | \$ 218.77 | | | |
| | State Reimbursement | | \$ 35,235.11 | | | |
| | Rct to Expenditures | | \$ - | | | |
| | Student/ Staff meals/ alacarte sales | | \$ 109,827.50 | | | |
| | NSF checks | | \$ (65.00) | | | |
| | NUTRITION FUND - CORNERSTONE BANK | \$ 49,800.09 | \$ 145,216.38 | \$ 67,714.27 | \$ 127,302.20 | \$ 333,747.20 |
| Bond Fund | | | | \$ - | | |
| | Platte County Treasurer | | \$ 75,189.17 | | | |
| | Butler County Treasurer | | \$ 56.30 | | | |
| | Polk County Treasurer | | | | | |
| | Investment Gain | | \$ 13,266.26 | | | |
| | BOND FUND - FNB | \$ 3,714,986.42 | \$ 88,511.73 | \$ - | \$ 3,803,498.15 | \$ 3,466,031.70 |
| Building Fund | Receipts | | \$ 19,798.60 | | | |
| | BLDG FUND - BANK OF THE VALLEY | \$ 685,050.57 | \$ 19,798.60 | \$ - | \$ 704,849.17 | \$ 308,459.91 |
| 12- Student Fees Fund | Receipts | | \$0.23 | | | |
| | STUDENT FEES FUND - ONE UNITED FEDERAL CREDIT UNION | \$13,240.33 | \$0.23 | \$0.00 | \$ 13,240.56 | |

Columbus Public Schools
General Fund Revenue Detail
August 31, 2025

| Account Number | Description | Budget | Month to Date | Year to Date | Balance | Percent |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|
| 01.1.01100.000.000 | Property Taxes | (\$26,625,735.00) | (\$236,016.49) | (\$21,002,647.97) | (\$5,623,087.03) | 78.88% |
| 01.1.01115.000.000 | Carline Taxes | (\$8,000.00) | \$0.00 | (\$16,019.35) | \$8,019.35 | 200.24% |
| 01.1.01120.000.000 | Public Power District Sales Ta | (\$850,000.00) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$850,000.00) | 0.00% |
| 01.1.01125.000.000 | Motor Vehicle Taxes | (\$2,345,000.00) | (\$206,294.13) | (\$2,425,734.82) | \$80,734.82 | 103.44% |
| 01.1.01323.000.000 | Tuition, SpEd School Age | (\$3,250.00) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$3,250.00) | 0.00% |
| 01.1.01510.000.000 | Interest on Investments | (\$15,000.00) | (\$22,810.69) | (\$226,297.77) | \$211,297.77 | 1508.65% |
| 01.1.01801.000.000 | CASP/Parent Fees | (\$35,000.00) | \$0.00 | (\$66,465.00) | \$31,465.00 | 189.90% |
| 01.1.01911.000.000 | Local License Fees | (\$25,000.00) | \$0.00 | (\$3,735.00) | (\$21,265.00) | 14.94% |
| 01.1.01925.000.000 | Grants from Private Sources | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$1,750.00) | \$1,750.00 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.01960.000.000 | Grants from Other Local Gov't | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$625.00) | \$625.00 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.01990.000.000 | Miscellaneous Local Receipts | (\$20,000.00) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$20,000.00) | 0.00% |
| 01.1.02110.000.000 | County Fines & License Fees | (\$150,000.00) | (\$17,090.60) | (\$217,952.30) | \$67,952.30 | 145.30% |
| 01.1.02230.000.000 | Technology Services | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$477.80) | \$477.80 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.03110.000.000 | State Aid | (\$16,417,109.00) | \$0.00 | (\$16,417,109.00) | \$0.00 | 100.00% |
| 01.1.03120.000.000 | SpEd Receipts from the State | (\$5,508,698.00) | \$0.00 | (\$6,298,731.00) | \$790,033.00 | 114.34% |
| 01.1.03130.000.000 | Homestead Exemption | \$0.00 | (\$197,486.12) | (\$1,189,751.53) | \$1,189,751.53 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.03131.000.000 | Property Tax Credit | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$8,505,024.73) | \$8,505,024.73 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.03180.000.000 | Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle | (\$18,000.00) | (\$15,091.84) | (\$69,659.28) | \$51,659.28 | 387.00% |
| 01.1.03300.000.000 | In Lieu of Taxes | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$44,904.53) | \$44,904.53 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.03301.000.000 | After School Program | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$3,396.73) | \$3,396.73 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.03400.000.000 | State Apportionment | (\$500,000.00) | \$0.00 | (\$1,581,893.90) | \$1,081,893.90 | 316.38% |
| 01.1.03535.000.000 | High Ability Learners Allocati | (\$25,599.00) | \$0.00 | (\$21,682.00) | (\$3,917.00) | 84.70% |
| 01.1.03540.000.000 | State Early Childhood Grant | (\$150,000.00) | \$0.00 | (\$258,368.00) | \$108,368.00 | 172.25% |
| 01.1.03541.000.000 | Early Childhood Endowment Gran | (\$164,500.00) | \$0.00 | (\$153,417.00) | (\$11,083.00) | 93.26% |
| 01.1.03590.000.000 | Opportunity Grant | \$0.00 | (\$2,350.00) | (\$7,188.80) | \$7,188.80 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.03599.000.000 | Education Quest College Access | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$18,469.09) | \$18,469.09 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.04505.000.000 | ESSA Title I Receipts | (\$781,419.00) | \$0.00 | (\$1,139,116.00) | \$357,697.00 | 145.78% |
| 01.1.04509.000.000 | ESSA Title II Receipts | (\$140,788.00) | \$0.00 | (\$199,305.00) | \$58,517.00 | 141.56% |
| 01.1.04510.000.000 | ESSA Title IV SSAE Grant | (\$38,872.00) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$38,872.00) | 0.00% |
| 01.1.04516.000.000 | IDEA Preschool Enrollment/Pove | (\$25,237.00) | \$0.00 | (\$25,203.00) | (\$34.00) | 99.87% |
| 01.1.04518.000.000 | IDEA Enrollment/Poverty Grant | (\$1,013,657.00) | \$0.00 | (\$897,931.00) | (\$115,726.00) | 88.58% |
| 01.1.04521.000.000 | IDEA Proportionate Share | (\$124,753.00) | \$0.00 | (\$129,582.00) | \$4,829.00 | 103.87% |
| 01.1.04525.000.000 | Carl Perkins Grants | (\$53,095.00) | \$0.00 | (\$32,326.00) | (\$20,769.00) | 60.88% |
| 01.1.04527.000.000 | ESSA Title III LEP Grant | (\$96,829.00) | \$0.00 | (\$176,765.00) | \$79,936.00 | 182.55% |
| 01.1.04528.000.000 | ESSA Title III Immigrant | (\$25,169.00) | \$0.00 | (\$23,421.00) | (\$1,748.00) | 93.05% |
| 01.1.04531.000.000 | ESSA Title IV Part B 21st Cent | (\$157,550.00) | \$0.00 | (\$211,620.00) | \$54,070.00 | 134.32% |
| 01.1.04708.000.000 | Medicaid in Public Schools/DS | (\$45,988.00) | (\$29,827.33) | (\$99,742.25) | \$53,754.25 | 216.89% |
| 01.1.04709.000.000 | Medicaid in Public Schools/MAC | \$0.00 | (\$12,883.55) | (\$47,615.95) | \$47,615.95 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.04969.000.000 | ESSA Title IV SSAE Grant | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$73,883.00) | \$73,883.00 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.04988.000.000 | ESSER - ELO/ASP | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$274,017.00) | \$274,017.00 | #DIV/0! |
| 01.1.04994.000.000 | HYC Grant (6994) | (\$14,230.00) | \$0.00 | (\$14,053.00) | (\$177.00) | 98.76% |
| 01.1.05301.000.000 | Insurance Claims | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$50,866.00) | \$50,866.00 | #DIV/0! |
| | | (\$55,378,478.00) | (\$739,850.75) | (\$61,926,746.80) | \$6,548,268.80 | 111.82% |
| | Transfers | | (\$3,000,000.00) | | | |
| | Reimbursements/Refunds | | (\$9,813.22) | | | |
| | Interest -other accounts | | \$10,067.81 | | | |
| | Total Revenue | | (\$3,739,596.16) | | | |

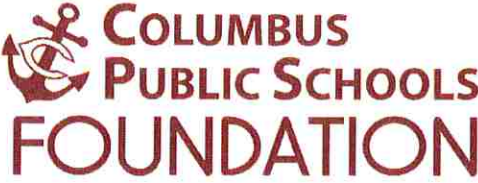
| Check Number | Vendor | Amount |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 20500 | SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-PAYROLL | \$3,390,438.47 |
| 20501 | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | \$196.71 |
| 20502 | CAPITAL ONE/WALMART | \$90.30 |
| 20503 | COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITY | \$889.84 |
| 20504 | EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS | \$2,404.63 |
| 20505 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | \$1,721.86 |
| 20506 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | \$529.30 |
| 20507 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | \$195.35 |
| 20508 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | \$654.81 |
| 20509 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | \$463.98 |
| 20510 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | \$335.65 |
| 20511 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | \$359.36 |
| 20512 | FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | \$74.06 |
| 20513 | JACKSON SERVICES INC. | \$200.99 |
| 20514 | ONE SOURCE | \$1,585.95 |
| 20515 | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | \$111.92 |
| 20516 | SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 DEPRECIATION | \$2,622,650.00 |
| 20517 | LEGACY 23 APARTMENTS | \$1,495.00 |
| 20518 | LEGACY 23 APARTMENTS | \$1,701.00 |
| | | <u>\$6,026,099.18</u> |
| | Void CK # 20497 previously reported | <u>-\$40.00</u> |
| | Total Expenditures | <u><u>\$6,026,059.18</u></u> |

Columbus Public Schools
Nutrition Fund Expenditures
August 2025

| Check Number | Payee | Amount |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3362 | ADVANCED FIRE & SAFETY | \$330.00 |
| 3363 | COLUMBUS ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY | \$50.00 |
| 3364 | GOEBEL, JENNIFER | \$380.85 |
| 3365 | PITNEY BOWES - RESERVE ACCOUNT | \$49.10 |
| 3366 | VERIZON WIRELESS | \$32.88 |
| 3367 | ADVANCED FIRE & SAFETY | \$258.36 |
| 3368 | ARNOLD, SHELBY | \$44.35 |
| 3369 | ELLIOTT, HEIDI | \$26.80 |
| 3370 | MERCHANT SERVICES | \$169.06 |
| 3371 | SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-PAYROLL | \$44,698.84 |
| 3372 | 5 STAR PUMPING SEPTIC SERVICES | \$1,300.00 |
| 3373 | COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITY | \$20.00 |
| 3374 | ESU #7 | \$104.68 |
| 3375 | LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS, INC | <u>\$20,249.35</u> |
| | Total Fund Expenditures | <u><u>\$67,714.27</u></u> |

Columbus Public Schools
 Summary of Cash Balances - QCPUF
 August 31, 2025

| M9_QCPF Aug 2025 Summary of Cash Balances | | | | | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | |
| M9 | DESCRIPTION | BEGINNING BALANCE | MONTH TO DATE RECEIPTS | MONTH TO DATE EXPENDITURES | END OF MONTH BALANCE | YTD BALANCE PRIOR YEAR | |
| | BCDM ARCHITECTS | | | \$ 3,277.98 | | | |
| | BLUECOR CONSTRUCTION | | | \$ 207,590.99 | | | |
| | CLARK & ENERSEN | | | \$ 6,925.65 | | | |
| | KUCERA PAINTING, INC | | | \$ 4,977.00 | | | |
| | NEBRASKA DOOR & WINDOW LLC | | | \$ 54,799.58 | | | |
| | SCHIEFFER SIGNS | | | \$ 1,820.00 | | | |
| | SCHOOL DISTRICT # 1 GEN FUND | | | \$ 1,091.09 | | | |
| QCPUF | T-C CEILINGS INC | | | \$ 6,250.00 | | | |
| | Receipts | | | | | | |
| | Transfers | | | | | | |
| | Interest | | \$ 13,567.17 | | | | |
| | QCPUF OPERATING -- COLUMBUS BANK | \$3,695,130.05 | \$ 13,567.17 | \$ 286,732.29 | \$ 3,421,964.93 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | BOK Financial | | | | | | |
| | Transfers | | | | | | |
| | Receipts | | \$ 14,331.48 | | | | |
| | Interest | | \$ 2,209.80 | | | | |
| | QCPUF BOND-- COLUMBUS BANK | \$ 599,488.55 | \$ 16,541.28 | \$ - | \$ 616,029.83 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | *Totals are the Operating and ICS Savings combined for each account | | | | | | |



COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

2410 16th Street, Suite A, P.O. Box 947, Columbus, NE 68602-0947 Phone: 402-563-7000, Ext. 13033 Fax: 402-563-7005

September 3, 2025

Mike Jeffryes
Board of Education
Columbus Public Schools

Dear President Jeffryes and Members of the Board:

The Foundation contributed the following items to Columbus Public Schools during the month of August. On behalf of the Board of Directors for the CPS Foundation and the officers of the thirteen umbrella organizations, we respectfully submit these items to the Board of Education for acceptance.

Foundation

\$946.14 - Columbus After School Program
\$1,933.47 - Para to Teacher Scholarship

\$641.19 - Academic Hall of Fame
\$1,500.00 - Judy Temme Scholarship

Band Boosters

\$140.45 - Band Camp Snacks
\$231.20 - Cheese/Hot Fudge Warmer
\$450.34 - Drum Major Academy
\$5,000.00 - Spring 2026 Band Trip

Centennial PAC

\$157.00 - Vinyl Banner

The total contributions for the month of August was \$10,999.79

The total contributions for the FY 2025 total is **\$222,026.71**

**CPS Foundation's fiscal year is January 1 through December 31.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nicole Anderson
Communication & Foundation Director



Columbus Public Schools

Date: 8/21/25

School Fundraising Application

Please submit this application to the building principal at least two weeks in advance of the proposed date of your money-raising project. Please read the eight guides on page two. They will help you in answering the questions below.

School: Columbus Middle School

Name: Celeste Ditter

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

(School/Group Name), submits the following plans for its money-earning project, and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

With approved documentation by our administration and the CPS Foundation, we plan to have Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

We will earn \$0 for the CMS Choir Program. The service project collects approx. \$5,000 - \$13

How will this money be used?

We will first connect with our local charity Holiday Spirit Coop and purchase needs and gifts fo

What are the proposed dates? November 17 - December 8

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.)

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No If yes, by whom?

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? Yes No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? Yes No

Principal's Signature Date 8/24/25

(for district use only)

Approved by _____ Date _____

Approved subject to the following conditions _____

GUIDES TO SCHOOL/GROUP FUND RAISING PROJECTS

A school/group's money-earning methods should reflect basic values. Whenever your school or group is planning a money-earning project, this checklist should serve as your guide. If you answer "Yes" to all the questions that follow, it is likely the project conforms to district standards and will be approved.

1. **Do you really need a fund raising project?**
There should be a real need for raising money based on your school's programs. Groups should not engage in money-earning projects merely because someone has offered an attractive plan. Remember that individual students are expected to earn their own way. The need should be beyond normal budget items covered by building budgets.
2. **If any contracts are to be signed, will they be signed by an individual without reference to the Columbus Public Schools or the Board of Education?**
Before any person in your school/group signs a contract, he/she must make sure the venture is legitimate and worthy. If a contract is signed, he/she is responsible. He/she may not sign on behalf of Columbus Public Schools nor may he bind the Board of Education without its written authorization. If you are not sure, check with the Director of Business.
3. **Will your fund raiser prevent promoters from trading on the name and goodwill of Columbus Public Schools?**
Because of the district's good reputation, customers rarely question the quality or price of products we sell.
4. **Will the fund raising activity uphold the good name of Columbus Public Schools? Does it comply with the district's policy on games of chance and gambling?**
All items sold or awarded in connection with a fund raising activity must not detract from the ideals and principles of Columbus Public Schools and its Board of Education. Holding a lottery with gross proceeds in excess of \$1,000, a raffle with gross proceeds in excess of \$5,000, or other games of chance is considered a violation of the district's policy on gambling. If you are not sure, check with the Director of Business/Human Relations.
5. **If a commercial product is to be sold, will it be sold on its own merits and without reference to the needs of Columbus Public Schools?**
All commercial products must sell on their own merits, not the benefit received by the school/group. The principle of value received is critical in choosing what to sell.
6. **If a commercial product is to be sold, will the fund raising activity comply with the intentions communicated by the fundraiser?**
Students must identify themselves by which group or school they represent and for what cause they are raising the money.
7. **Will the fund raising project avoid soliciting money or gifts?**
Columbus Public Schools students shall not be permitted to serve as solicitors of money for the Board of Education or district. No adults and students shall be permitted to serve as solicitors of money in support of personal gain.
8. **Does the fund raising activity avoid competition with other schools and other organizations such as the United Way?**
Check to make sure you are not in direct conflict with fund raising efforts of other schools or local agencies.

Cross Reference: 506.07 Fund Raising Activities
 506.50 School-Supporting Organizations

Exhibit

Columbus Public Schools

Approved: 09-17-12

Columbus, Nebraska



Columbus Public Schools

Date:

School Fundraising Application

Please submit this application to the building principal at least two weeks in advance of the proposed date of your money-raising project. Please read the eight guides on page two. They will help you in answering the questions below.

School: Centennial

Name: Luebbe

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

(School/Group Name), submits the following plans for its money-earning project, and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Candy cane sales by Student Council

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$500 per year

How will this money be used?

Families in need are identified and presents are purchased with parent permission

What are the proposed dates? December

Is this a recurring activity? Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.)

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

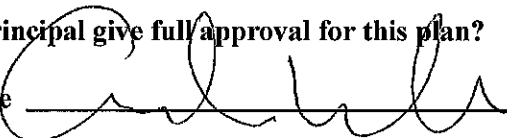
Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No *If yes, by whom?*

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? Yes No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? Yes No

Principal's Signature  Date 8/21/25

(for district use only)

Approved by _____ Date _____

Approved subject to the following conditions _____



Columbus Public Schools

Date:

School Fundraising Application

Please submit this application to the building principal **at least two weeks in advance** of the proposed date of your money-raising project. Please read the eight guides on page two. They will help you in answering the questions below.

School: Centennial

Name: Luebbe

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

(School/Group Name), submits the following plans for its money-earning project, and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Snack sales on Fridays by Student Council

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$500 per year

How will this money be used?

Special events (ex. Easter Egg hunt) and philanthropy (ex. Paws & Claws)

What are the proposed dates? Fridays

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) Snacks

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No **If yes, by whom?**

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? Yes No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? Yes No

Principal's Signature

Date

8/21/25

(for district use only)

Approved by _____ Date _____

Approved subject to the following conditions _____



Columbus Public Schools

Date:

School Fundraising Application

Please submit this application to the building principal **at least two weeks in advance** of the proposed date of your money-raising project. Please read the eight guides on page two. They will help you in answering the questions below.

School: Centennial

Name: Luebbe

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

(School/Group Name), submits the following plans for its money-earning project, and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Various Restaurant Night Fundraisers - ex. Runza, Godfather's, Sonic, Valentino's, DQ, etc. - PAC

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$200-400 per night - total of \$1000+ for year

How will this money be used?

Recess equipment, family nights, school supplies, field trips, classroom supplies, etc.

What are the proposed dates? Spread throught out the year

Is this a recurring activity? Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.)

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No If yes, by whom?

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? Yes No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? Yes No

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School: Centennial

Name: Luebbe

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

(School/Group Name), submits the following plans for its money-earning project, and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Club's Choice Cookie Dough Fundraiser - PAC

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$10000-12000

How will this money be used?

Recess equipment, family nights, school supplies, field trips, classroom supplies, etc.

What are the proposed dates? February-March

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.)

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project?

Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working?

Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants?

Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No *If yes, by whom?*

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings?

Yes No

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School: West Park Elementary

Name: WP PTO

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

We will be selling West Park T-Shirts to students and staff

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$300

How will this money be used?

This money will be used to finance West Park PTO activities and update playground equipment

What are the proposed dates? September 22-29

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) T-Shirts

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No **If yes, by whom?**

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School: West Park Elementary

Name: Paula Lawrence

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): Terrace Books—Blind Date With A Book

What is your school/group’s money-earning plan?

Families will have an opportunity to buy books from Terrace Books. Profits for books purchased will be donated to the West Park PTO

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

We estimate we will earn about \$1000

How will this money be used?

This money will go toward the purchase of Playground Equipment

What are the proposed dates? A Saturday in December

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) books

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Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

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School: West Park Elementary

Name: Paula Lawrence

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): Scholastic Book Fair

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Families will have an opportunity to buy books at the Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

We will earn about \$1000 in Scholastic Bucks

How will this money be used?

This money will be used to purchase books for the Library and Teacher Classrooms

What are the proposed dates? September 29th – October 2nd

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.) This Activity happens 1 time a year

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) cookie dough and frozen food items, candles, wrapping paper

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No **If yes, by whom?**

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School: West Park Elementary

Name: Paula Lawrence

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Pennies for Patients

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$500

How will this money be used?

We will donate this money to United Way for their Change Drive

What are the proposed dates? First Semester

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

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Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No If yes, by whom?

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Name: WP PTO

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): Club's Choice

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

We will be selling food items and candles from Club's Choice Fundraising Company

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$5,000 - \$6,000

How will this money be used?

This money will be used to finance West Park PTO activities and update playground equipment

What are the proposed dates? January 20th - February 3rd

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) T-Shirts

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No **If yes, by whom?**

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? Yes No

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School: West Park Elementary

Name: Paula Lawrence

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

We will host a family night at a local restaurant once a month. The restaurant will donate a portion of the profit to our building

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$1000

How will this money be used?

This money will be used to finance West Park PTO activities and Student Awards

What are the proposed dates?

September 12th-Runza, October-Pizza Ranch, March-Runza
Remaining months still need to be scheduled

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.) I will send the exact dates once we have the restaurants booked

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

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Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

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School: West Park Elementary

Name: Wendi Petersen

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

WP Student Council, submits the following plans for collecting food donations for the Columbus Food Pantry

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Food Drive

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

N/A

How will this money be used?

Food will be donated to the Food Pantry

What are the proposed dates? We will collect food either before Thanksgiving for first semester

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

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Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

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 506.50 School-Supporting Organizations

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Columbus Public Schools
Columbus, Nebraska



Columbus Public Schools

Date: 9/5/25

School Fundraising Application

Please submit this application to the building principal **at least two weeks in advance** of the proposed date of your money-raising project. Please read the eight guides on page two. They will help you in answering the questions below.

School: West Park Elementary

Name: Wendi Petersen

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Holiday Treat Sales—Student Council will sell treats before the West Park Christmas Movie

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$100-\$200

How will this money be used?

To fund Student Council activities

What are the proposed dates? Week of December 20th

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.)

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working? Yes No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants? Yes No

Are any contracts to be signed? Yes No **If yes, by whom?**

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings? Yes No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan? Yes No

Principal's Signature Paula Lawrence Date 9/5/25

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Approved by _____ Date _____

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School: West Park Elementary

Name: WP Student Council

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): N/A

What is your school/group's money-earning plan?

Student Council will sell scented pencils twice a month throughout the school year.

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$1000

How will this money be used?

Money is used for activities in school to support our students. We donate to places in our community, such as Holiday Spirit Coop or Paws and Claws, that students feel have a need.

What are the proposed dates? Twice a month throughout the year

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product? Tickets Product Neither

(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) T-Shirts

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project? Yes No

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A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0001 (COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA; AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0001 (COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Board of Education (the “**Board**”) of Platte County School District 0001 (Columbus Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “**District**”) hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The District is duly organized as a Class III school district under Sections 79-102 and 79-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, maintaining both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education and embracing territory having a population of more than 1,000 and less than 150,000 inhabitants.

(b) It is necessary that funds be provided for the purpose of paying the costs of making site preparations and constructing, furnishing and equipping a new intermediate school building and related facilities on property owned by the District, and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities (collectively, the “**Building Project**”).

(c) To pay the costs of the Project, it will be necessary for the District to issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Forty Three Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$43,650,000).

(d) A proposition for the issuance of bonds for such purposes has not been submitted to the electors of the District within six months preceding the date of the special election called by this Resolution.

Section 2. A special election (the “**Election**”) is hereby called and shall be held in the District on November 4, 2025, (the “**Election Date**”) at which election there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition:

“Shall Platte County School District 0001 (Columbus Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “**District**”) issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Forty Three Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$43,650,000), for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of making site preparations and constructing, furnishing and equipping a new intermediate school building and related facilities on property owned by the District, and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities of the District; such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education; and

“Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?”

The ballots to be voted on and cast at such election shall have printed thereon the foregoing proposition with the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” and “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following the proposition.

Qualified electors voting in favor of the proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” following such proposition, and qualified electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following such proposition.

Section 3. Notice of the Election shall be given by the District to the qualified electors of the District for at least 20 days prior to the Election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the Election, or as otherwise provided by law, such notice and sample ballot to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and the Secretary be and hereby is directed to cause such notice and sample ballot to be published.

Section 4. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Clerk of Platte County, Nebraska, serving as election commissioner, (the “**Election Commissioner**”) on or before September 12, 2025, which is the eighth Friday prior to the Election Date, who shall designate the polling places (if the Election Commissioner determines to hold an election at polling places), appoint the election officials and otherwise conduct the Election as provided by law. The District hereby agrees to reimburse the Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the Election.

Section 5. The form of ballot and form of notice for such bond election shall be in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as **Attachment I**, utilizing the appropriate provisions for an election held by mail or at polling places, as applicable, and with such other additions and changes determined appropriate by the Election Commissioner. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for such election and to do all other things and to take all other appropriate or necessary action in order to cause such proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as above provided.

Section 6. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the President and Secretary of the Board and the Superintendent are hereby authorized and directed to (a) cause the form of ballot and form of notice approved herein and attached hereto as **Attachment I** to be published in accordance with such laws, with such changes therein as such officials, in consultation with counsel to the District and bond counsel, deem necessary to conform to such laws, and (b) take all further actions necessary to comply with all publication and filing deadlines and other election procedures and requirements as may be necessary or proper to submit the proposition described in **Section 2** hereof to the qualified electors of the District on the Election Date.

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Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED: _____, 2025

**PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0001
(COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE
STATE OF NEBRASKA**

ATTEST:

By: _____
President

By: _____
Secretary

SAMPLE BALLOT

\$43,650,000

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

\$43,650,000

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Ballots for early voting may be obtained from the County Election Commissioner’s office.

By Mail Election

This election will be an election by mail. All registered voters residing within Platte County School District 0001 (Columbus Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska will receive their ballot by mail and therefore no polling places will be open for voting. Ballots will be mailed by the Election Commissioner not sooner than the 22nd day and not later than the 10th day before the election date of November 4, 2025 (between October 13, 2025, and October 25, 2025). Upon receipt of the official ballot, the registered voter shall mark it, seal the ballot in the identification envelope supplied with the ballot, sign the identification envelope, and comply with the instructions provided with the ballot.

Voter Registration Deadlines

The deadline to register to vote at an agency, online, with a deputy registrar, by mail or delivered by an agent is the third Friday before the election date (October 17, 2025). The deadline for in-person registration is the second Friday before the election date (October 24, 2025), by 6:00 p.m. at the County Election Commissioner's office for the County in which the voter lives. Any voter who changes information on a current registration or registers to vote after the ballots have been mailed but before such in-person registration deadline, will be given a ballot at the time of registration or change. Ballots for early voting may be obtained at the Election Commissioner's office of the County in which the voter lives.

Ballot Return Deadline

Voted ballots, sealed in the completed identification envelope and completed in accordance with the instructions provided with the ballot, must be delivered by mail, in person, or by an agent to the Election Commissioner. Ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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