

Special Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 12:00 PM

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



Minutes

1. **GPS Board of Education Information**

Absent: Brian Copsey, Matt Kautz, **Present:** Josh Lacy, John Maser, Greg Trautman, Tracy Wiese.

2. **Opening Procedures**

2.1. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Board President, Greg Trautman, at 12:01 p.m.

2.2. Roll Call

2.3. Open Meetings Act

3. **Reports and Discussions**

3.1. The Property Tax Request Authority - Stacy Rodriguez

Stacy Rodriguez presented to the Board. She discussed the LB 243 property tax request. We will know in June what our state aid is going to be for next year.

4. **Action Items**

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

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

5. **Public Comment: Policy 204.12**

6. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Memo

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

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

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

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

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

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May 19th, 2025

Gering Board of Education

Subject: Resignation from the Board of Education

Attn: President Trautman,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Copsey', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Brian Copsey