

**Special Board of Education Work
Session**

Monday, June 1, 2026 12:00 PM

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



Minutes

1. GPS Board of Education Information

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

2. Opening Procedures

2.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Tracy Wiese, at 12:00 p.m.

2.2. Roll Call

2.3. Open Meetings Act

3. Reports and Discussions

3.1. District Strategic Plan Update: #4 Operational Excellence - Dr. Nicole Regan

Dr. Regan presented an overview of the work the district has undertaken over the past two years in preparation for the proposed middle school bond project. She highlighted the extensive planning process, which has included touring other school facilities, gathering feedback from staff and community members, and evaluating the district's long-term facility needs. Dr. Regan also shared that the district has partnered with Sampson as its Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R) to help guide the project through the planning and construction phases.

Jennifer Sibal then provided an update on lessons learned from the district's previous bond attempt. She discussed the ongoing efforts to "reimagine" Gering Middle School, including extensive feedback that has shaped the project's direction. Based on feedback and further analysis, adjustments have been made to reduce the building's square footage, resulting in a reduction in overall project costs.

Cody Wickham of D.A. Davidson presented information on the financial aspects of the proposed bond. He reviewed the projected impact of the bond over the next 25 years and explained a new option to take a portion of the bond and leverage existing funding which would be levy-neutral. Cody also discussed potential lease-purchase opportunities that could provide additional flexibility in funding future facility improvements.

4. Action Items

5. Public Comment: Policy 204.12

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.