

School Board Agenda
August 11, 2025

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order: Time: _____

2. Announcement of Open Meeting Act Posting:

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

4. District Mission: Crawford Public Schools in partnership with our parents and community, are committed to challenging our students to develop ownership in their own education and empower each student to become resourceful, respectful, and responsible citizens.

5. District Vision: Graduates of Crawford Public Schools will become lifelong learners with the ability to be successful in life.

6. Roll Call:

Board members present: JR Wasserburger, Joe Vogel, Don Edelman, Erin Norman, Steve Mallery, and Jarrod Allen.

Administrators Present: Keri Homan, Matt Stetson

Excusing a board member (if necessary)

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to excuse _____ from the meeting.

7. Agenda Approval:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the agenda.

8. Public Comment:

9. Minutes Approval:

a. July 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2025 regular board meeting.

10. Approval of Claims, Warrants, and Transfers:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the claims, warrants, transfers, and payroll disbursements excluding Jarrod Allen effective August 15, 2025.

11. Approval of Claims to Jarrod Allen:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the claims to Jarrod Allen for \$3846.34.

12. Student Report: None

13. Staff Member Report: None

14. Board Member Reports: None

15. Principal's Report: Mr. Stetson

16. Superintendent Report: Mrs. Homan

- a. Policy Review Second Read:** The following policies are new and will require two readings. The first reading was in July and this will be the second and final reading. I am recommending approval of the following policies and form.
- **5201x – Request to Repeat Grade Form:** Last year, the Legislature adopted a new law (§ 79-2,161) that allows parents to require their student to repeat a grade if the student qualifies under the statutory criteria. To apply to repeat a grade, a parent must submit a form prescribed by NDE. We have updated the new statutory reference to Policy 5201 and added that form as Policy 5201x.
 - **5507 – Foster Care Student Transportation:** NDE audits have frequently requested information about the District's foster care transportation. The Every Student Succeeds Act only requires a school district to have "procedures" (not requiring board approval). However, given the confusion and ease of having a formal board policy in these audits, we have prepared Policy 5507 to memorialize a school district's foster care transportation requirements.
 - **6113 – Electronic Communication Devices and Cell Phones:** For the same reasons listed in the changes to Policy 5101, LB 140's cell phone requirements have been added to this new policy.
 - **6931 – Behavior Intervention:** Two years ago, the Legislature passed LB 1329 which, in part, required each school to adopt a policy on "behavioral intervention, behavioral management, classroom management, and removal of a student from a classroom in school." The Legislature directed the State Board of Education to develop a "model policy" reflecting the new policy's requirements. By August 1, 2025, each school must adopt a policy "consistent with or comparable to the model policy." This policy will now be a requirement for accreditation by NDE. To ensure compliance with this new accreditation requirement, our Policy 6931 largely mirrors the State Board's model policy.
- b. Dana F. Cole:** This is the company doing this year's audit. They contacted Teresa to let her know that the audit will take place on September 16, 17, and 18.
- c. Coaches Handbook:** Trace Trainor compiled a Coaches Handbook. He worked with other AD's as well as Mr. Stetson and Mrs. Homan. I am recommending that you approve the Coaches Handbook to be used during the 2025-2026 school year.
- d. LB-243 Resolution to Maximize use of Revenue:** I need to begin by emphasizing that this is NOT a Levy Increase, but does allow us the option to access additional revenue. If the Board does approve a levy increase in September, then this helps us with stability in the future; however, if the board does not approve a levy increase, then, under current law, the access to this additional revenue will carry over to next year. That could also change before next year. Therefore, I am recommending that the board approve this resolution to provide flexibility in helping Crawford Public Schools achieve financial stability. Carl Deitz is highly recommending that we pass this resolution.
- e. NASB Regional Meeting:** The Regional Meeting is August 20 in Gering. Do any Board Members know if they will be attending on the 20th and/or if they will be using school transportation. I will already be in Scottsbluff so I will meet you at the Gering Civic Center.

This is a discussion item later in the agenda. I received an email letting me know that Erin and Joe will be recognized for moving up a level in Awards of Achievement.

Erin Norman
Joseph Vogel

Point Award - Level I
Point Award - Level II

- f. **CLI Curriculum Work:** Kiera Strecker, our consultant with CLI, was in the district August 6th-8th. She worked with Science, Music, and Art for two days and Math, ELA, Ag, Tech, and ITE on Friday. She was very complimentary to the hard work and effort our teachers are putting toward this work.
- g. **Transfer of Funds:** Before the end of our fiscal year, we will need to transfer some funds from our general account to a couple other accounts. I am recommending that you transfer \$15,000 from the general fund to the nutrition fund and \$45,000 from the general fund to the activities fund.
- h. **Insurance:** Last year Mr. Hanks contacted Alicap for an estimate/quote and was told that the time to get the quote would be in September. We are currently using EMC and the policy renews in November so we will need to have information to make a decision at the October Board Meeting. I need to know if you want me to pursue a quote from Alicap so you can compare Alicap and EMC and make a decision on insurance carriers. I will add this to the discussion items.
- i. **Possibility of a Joint Public Hearing:** It is possible that we would need to go to a Joint Public Hearing again. We will not have our final valuations until later in August and that will give us a better idea of what the budget will look like. I called the County Clerk to find out more information and was told that I need to call Monday because Cheryl Feist was out of the office but they thought our meeting (if needed) was scheduled for September 22, in Crawford, at the Community Building. If this is the case, we would need to have a special meeting after this date to approve the budget so it can be submitted to the state by September 30.

17. Action Items:

- a. **Approve the New Policies/Form on the second reading: 5201x, 5507, 6113, and 6931.**
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the above stated policies/form on the second reading: 5201x, 5507, 6113, and 6931.
- b. **Approve the 2025-2026 Crawford Coaches Handbook:**
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the 2025-2026 Crawford Coaches Handbook.
- c. **Approve the Transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Nutrition Fund:**
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the transfer of \$15,000 from the general fund to the nutrition fund.
- d. **Approve the Transfer of \$45,000 from the General Fund to the Activities Fund**
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the transfer of \$45,000 from the general fund to the activities fund.

- e. **Approve the resolution to maximize the revenue use by Crawford Public Schools allowable by LB-243.**

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the resolution to maximize the revenue use by Crawford Public Schools allowable by LB-243.

18. Discussion Item:

- a. **NASB Area Membership Meeting:** The meeting will be Wednesday, August 20th, in Gering. Registration will start at 4:30 p.m. Keri Homan will be in Scottsbluff for a meeting and can meet any board members who are interested in attending. The registration deadline for this meeting is August 13.
- b. **Insurance:** Would the board like to have a quote from Alicap as an insurance carrier to compare with EMC? If so, I will start compiling the information that will be needed.
- c. **Superintendent Evaluation:** Several different options of Superintendent Evaluation Tools were recently shared. This may be a good time to evaluate if we want to update our evaluation tool or keep the one that is currently being used.
- d. **Goals:** With a new superintendent and newer board members, this is a good time to discuss possible goals for the 2025-2026 school year.
- e. **Tentative Date for September Special Board Meeting:** Discussion and input on a tentative date or dates for a special board meeting. If there is a Joint Public Meeting on September 22nd, I would recommend having a special board meeting on September 23rd or September 24th, which would give me a week to submit the final budget to NDE and the State of Nebraska.

19. Information Items:

- a. The Back to School Bash, Open House, and Parent Meetings will be Tuesday, August 12th.
- b. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 13th. It is a 12:30 dismissal.
- c. The September Board Meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 8, 2025 in the DL Building.

20. Meeting Adjourned: Time: _____

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn.