

School Board Agenda
June 8, 2026
Crawford High School Auditorium

- 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: Joe Vogel, JR Wasserburger, Don Edelman, Erin Norman, Stephen Mallery, and Jarrod Allen.

Administrators Present: Keri Homan and 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. Special Presentations:**
- 10. Minutes Approval:**
 - a. May 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026 regular board meeting.
- 11. Approval of Claims, Warrants, and Transfers:**
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the claims, warrants, transfers, and payroll disbursements effective June 15, 2026.
- 12. Student Reports:**
- 13. Staff Members Reports:**

14. Board Member Reports:

15. Principal's Report: Mr. Stetson

Enrollment:

PK	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Totals
13	3	8	6	14	12	8	4	16	13	18	11	12	19	157- May
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Preschool News:

- PK graduation went well. For some reason, the live stream didn't work. It did record it so that people could watch it afterwards.
- PK handbook should be ready for board approval at this month's meeting. Not too many changes.
- All home visits were completed by Mrs. Suchor prior to the end of the school year.

Elementary School News:

- End of the school year went well. We will tweak the awards ceremony as it ran over time (past the 12:30 pm dismissal). No one wanted everyone out of there at 12:30 than me! We will start it earlier next year, make sure all of the classes are there on time, and adjust how awards are handed out on my end to speed things up.
- Summer maintenance work is progressing well. Waxing of the floors has begun since the classroom carpets have been cleaned.
- Autumn Mader, Cassie Wulff, Amanda Dubs, and Tobie Underwood will be attending the DIBELS progress monitoring training in Scottsbluff and June 8th.

Junior/Senior High School News:

- As with the elementary school, the last few days of school went well for the Jr./Sr. High School students.
- Summer maintenance is also progressing well at the high school building too. The gym has been finished with regards to the fans, floor, and basketball safety mechanisms. The Commons and Alumni Hallway has been waxed. They are now on the third floor, working on floors.
- The Parent/Student Handbook has been updated and should be ready for your approval. No major changes were needed. Curriculum/Assessment:
 - The teachers did a great job of completing their respective curriculums before the end of the year. - Kiera, Keri, and I have set the dates for the CLI work with Kiera for next year. We actually did this a couple of months ago. We will also build in time where teachers will work on their curriculum without meeting with Kiera.

Staffing:

- All evaluations were completed and signed before anyone left for summer break.
- Cassie Wulff is taking the PRAXIS tomorrow (June 2nd). I will try to remember to ask her how she did.
- Trace will be taking his PRAZIS in July.
- All of the classified staff have indicated that they intend to return next year.

My Upcoming Meetings/Meetings Attended:

- Keri, Trace, Gavin, and I attended the Legal Update from Bobby Truhe on June 1st. As always, he is entertaining to listen to. It was also practical information for us to know. There wasn't anything new and earth shattering that we didn't already know.
- I attended an ADA compliance meeting last Tuesday in Scottsbluff. After talking to Keri, we should be okay. It's all about ensuring accessibility to people with disabilities for things like the school website, documents (that everyone can "read" or listen to them), and teacher websites.

Upcoming Activities: I have included the link to the sporting events calendar for Crawford:
[Crawford Public Schools Sports Calendar](#)

16. Superintendent Report: Mrs. Homan**a. Co-Op Coaching and Activity Sponsors:**

- We posted for outside interest for the remaining positions, Assistant Volleyball and Assistant Junior High Football. Trace Trainor and Barry Swisher will be finalizing staffing. They will also get input from Michelle Osmotherly for the Assistant Volleyball position.
- I am recommending that the coaching/sponsor salaries that were presented for discussion last month are approved for the Co-Op positions as well as the positions that are strictly Crawford Activities.
- Teresa McGinnis, Liz Baker, and myself have been working with Security First Bank to get an account set up for the Activities Co-Op. I am recommending that you approve the creation of this joint account. It will be created under Crawford Tax ID # since Teresa will be the Business Director for the Activity Co-Op. Both Crawford and Sioux County will be approving transferring of initial funds into this joint account at the June Board Meeting.
- Liz Baker, Trace Trainor, Barry Swisher, Matt Stetson and myself are working on the Activities Handbook to be presented for approval at the July Board Meeting. We want the handbook to be universal to the Co-Op Activities as well as the activities that each district has separately, in order to avoid confusion.

b. Fans for the Gym: The fans have been installed. Thank you to Jason Van Beek, Waldo Goff, and Jarrod Allen for their work on this project.

c. Gym Floors: The gym will remain closed from May 28-June 18, following the floor refinishing.

d. Jason Van Beek- Jason received orders for deployment, starting June 2 and lasting approximately 2 weeks. He is scheduled to be back on June 16.

e. Big Ideas Math: I am recommending the purchase of Big Ideas Math for grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. The proposed quote is for online and physical materials for one year. This resource is aligned to the Crawford Math Curriculum and has been recommended for approval by the CCC.

f. Website: I am recommending that we transition our website from Apptegy to Finalsity. Deron and I have visited with both companies in preparation for meeting requirements for ADA compliance. Finalsity will help us meet the requirements and it will save the district money over the next five years.

g. Board Policies and Updates: We will no longer be provided policy updates from Perry Law Firm or ESU #13. Instead, NASB will be taking this process over. We will have two options moving forward.

- 1- We can get access to SPARQ Online Publishing. This is a "full service" option and comes with training. This option is \$1750 Annually.

- 2- We can get access to the policy manual and updates. There will also be a schedule for policy review but we will manage everything in district. The annual cost for this option is \$1250.
 - I am recommending that we utilize SPARQ Online Publishing to manage the Policy Updates. This program already meets the requirements for ADA Accessibility. It will also make the updating process quicker and more efficient.
- h. **Meal Prices:** Kelsee Cover completed the PLE Tool Requirements to adjust our school lunch prices. As we have been in the past, our prices continue to be behind the weighted average. Kelsee provided a breakdown of our current prices compared to the NDE Suggested Average Price for Elementary and High School Lunches. She also showed the decline in the number of meals served last year compared to the year before and the loss in revenue because of the decline. There are multiple reasons for the decline, including decline in enrollment. Other factors will be evaluated and discussed with the cafeteria staff. The cost of food has also increased, making it necessary to increase meal prices. I am recommending a \$.15 increase to all meal prices. In addition, I think we should add a Deluxe Salad Bar option for adults, at the cost of an adult meal.
 - i. **Vehicle Pre-Approval:** We have the replacement of the Dodge Van scheduled for 2027-2028 in the long range plan. There have been several times it would have been beneficial to have a larger vehicle available to use for student transportation to activities. We have also had some mechanical issues with our Suburban and it has been in the shop a few times. While we are not actively looking for a vehicle, we have been contacted multiple times by Chadron Motors when they get a nine passenger vehicle with low miles. The vehicles go very quickly. We have also asked for trade value on the Dodge Van and it has gone down approximately \$500 in a month, due to additional miles. I am asking that if a larger vehicle with low miles comes in and meets Jason's inspection and expectations we could be pre-approved for up to \$35,000 to purchase a vehicle with a trade of the Dodge Van.
 - j. **Wellness Policy:** Kelsee Cover and I completed the Triennial Assessment of the Wellness Policy. It is included in the board packet. We will post the results on the website as well. This will meet the requirement of making the assessment results available to the public.
 - k. **Staff Trainings:** Each year, districts are required to provide training for staff. This year the Legislature has added that each school board needs to approve training to be "reasonable" in length. I have provided a list of required training for the year and the anticipated time each will take. There will be additional training provided for staff on various topics throughout the year, but this list is what is required and needs to be approved by the board.
 - l. **Annual Hearing Requirements:** As required by the Legislature, we are obligated to review certain policies and hold hearings each year. During the July Board Meeting, we will hold a hearing to review the following policies: Student Fees Policy 5416, Bullying Policy 5415 Parental Involvement Policy 6400, Student Discipline Policy 5101, and Attendance Policy 5008.
 - m. **Handbooks:** The K-12, Preschool, Certified Staff, and Classified Staff Handbooks have been edited and shared with the board for approval. I am recommending that these 4 handbooks are approved as presented and once edits have been accepted, I will align the Table of Contents for each handbook.
 - n. **2026-27 Classified Wages:** I am recommending hourly wage increases for the following classified staff for their previous experience. I have included an explanation of how the amounts were determined for each employee based on the review of application materials.

Teresa McGinnis, Julie Van Beek, Jason Van Beek, Carolyn Erixson, Sheryl Cozad, and Amanda Dubs.

17. Action Items:

- a. Approve the Coaching/Sponsor stipends for the Crawford/Sioux County Activity Positions and the Crawford Public Schools Coaches/Sponsors, as presented.**

Motion by_____, seconded by_____, to approve the Coaching/Sponsor stipends for the Crawford/Sioux County Activity Positions and the Crawford Public Schools Coaches/Sponsors, as presented.

- b. Approve the creation of County of Dawes School District 71 DBA Crawford/Sioux County Co-Op Activity Fund as a joint account at Security First Bank with Crawford Public Schools and Sioux County Public Schools. Signers on the account shall be Keri Homan, Liz Baker, Matt Stetson, Barry Swisher, Joe Vogel, and Judd Skavdahl. The tax ID # for Crawford Public Schools will be used for the joint account.**

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- c. Approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the Crawford Public Schools Activities Fund to the Crawford/Sioux County Activities Fund.**

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- d. Approve the purchase of Big Ideas Math for Kindergarten through Fifth Grade for one year, at the rate of \$4,210.80.**

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- e. Approve the transition to Finals site to provide website services for Crawford Public Schools, with a \$3500 set up fee and \$5000 annual fee for five years.**

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- f. Approve using SPARQ Online Publishing through NASB for \$1750 annually, to update and review board policies throughout the year.**

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve using SPARQ Online Publishing through NASB for \$1750 annually, to update and review board policies throughout the year.

- g. Approve a \$.15 increase to meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year, and add an option of a Deluxe Salad Bar at the price of a full adult meal.**

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve a \$.15 increase to meal prices for the 2026-2027 school year, and add an option of a Deluxe Salad Bar at the price of a full adult meal.

- h. Approve up to a \$35,000 vehicle pre-approval purchase with a trade-in of the Dodge Van, if a nine passenger vehicle with low miles is found and meets our needs and inspection.**

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve up to a \$35,000 vehicle pre-approval purchase with a trade-in of the Dodge Van, if a nine passenger vehicle with low miles is found and meets our needs and inspection.

- i. Approve the Resolution Approving Staff Trainings for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.**

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Resolution Approving Staff Trainings for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

- j. Approve the following handbooks: Parent-Student, Certified Staff, Classified Staff, and Preschool with recommended changes for the 2026-2027 school year.**

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following handbooks: Parent-Student, Certified Staff, Classified Staff, and Preschool with recommended changes for the 2026-2027 school year.

If additional changes are needed, then any or all of these handbooks can be tabled and approved at the July Board Meeting.

- k. Approve an increase to the hourly rate, based on previous experience, for the following employees, as presented: Jason Van Beek, Julie Van Beek, Teresa McGinnis, Amanda Dubs, Carolyn Erixson, and Sheryl Cozad.**

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18. Discussion Items:

- a. We do not have anyone running for the two School Board Positions that will be vacated. After talking with Marcia Herring, we probably need to start recruiting possible candidates to run as write-ins. The last day to submit a notarized affidavit and filing fee is October 23, 2026.

19. Information Items:

- a. The July Regular Board Meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Monday, July 13, 2026 in the auditorium.
- b. The Superintendent Evaluation Final Report will be completed at the July Board Meeting. Keri will start the self-evaluation process in June and individual board members will complete their evaluation June 18-June 28.
- c. Staff In-Service will be August 10-12.
- d. In January we discussed changing the August Board Meeting from Monday to Wednesday, August 12, 2026, due to Teresa McGinnis being out of town.
- e. The Back To School Bash will be held on August 12, 2026.
- f. The First Day of School will be August 13, 2026.

20. Meeting Adjourned: Time: _____

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn.