

School Board Agenda
September 14, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Flex Room- Crawford Public Schools

- 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: N/A**
- 10. Minutes Approval:**
 - a. August 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
 - b. August 27, 2026 Board Workshop**
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2026 Board Workshop.
 - c. September 2, 2026 Board Workshop**
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2026 Board Workshop.

11. Approval of Claims, Warrants, and Transfers:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the claims, warrants, transfers, and payroll disbursements, effective September 15, 2026.

12. Student Reports: N/A We will resume reports again starting in Oct.

13. Staff Members Reports: N/A We will resume reports again starting in Oct.

14. Board Member Reports:

a. JR and Joe- NASB Membership Meeting-

15. Principal's Report: Mr. Stetson

Shout-Outs/Hats-Off/Thank You's: To all of our staff members for stepping up during the last couple of weeks. Mrs. McKillip for doing an excellent job coordinating Homecoming week.

Enrollment:

PK	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Totals
14	3	8	7	14	13	10	4	17	13	19	9	13	19	163- Sept. 2025
11	8	2	8	6	12	9	8	5	15	13	19	9	11	136- Sept. 2026

I have included enrollment numbers that are current and September of 2025.

Preschool News:

- Mrs. Suchor and her student students are working hard on mastering colors, shapes, numbers, and letters. She is also working ahead, preparing for her maternity leave with regards to GOLD Curriculum. She found out that the NDE does not require winter progress monitoring, which will make things easier on her substitute.

Elementary School News:

- Update on the \$10,000 CW-FIT grant. Mrs. Connell and Ms. Knapp are taking part in the grant. They received their iPad for recording, which they get to keep. Permission sheets were sent home to the parents asking to be recorded.
- Moni Hourt has set up the Fort Robinson field trip for Sept. 17th. It will feature different activities than last year. It will include more interactive activities than last year. Moni has also taken it upon herself to include all of the state standards that the field trip will address.
- School pictures are on September 15th.
- All K-12 students had the opportunity to visit the travelling Vietnam Wall. Their behavior was exemplary and served as a great learning experience for them.
- Homecoming week finished with a K-12 Herds BBQ/activities. I am also looking to restructure Herds. I am sending out a survey to the staff seeking their ideas and input.

- Most of our paraprofessionals and Mr. Rojas will be taking part in CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) training. This is designed to de-escalate students in order to prevent further behaviors. It also includes restraint training in the event de-escalation does not resolve the student's behavior.

Junior/Senior High School News:

- Homecoming week is over. It was very busy and was well coordinated by Mrs. McKillip.
- Mr. Kackmeister's History Day students delivered excellent presentations during the Vietnam Wall ceremony.
- FFA: Six or seven students will attend the District Range Judging competition in Sidney on Tuesday, September 15th. Sioux County is not sending anyone, so Mrs. Lambert has been asked to drive the students to Sidney in a Suburban.
- All certified teachers, along with Keri and I, sat through our first Teach Like a Champion training on September 4th. The main topic was engaging students in meaningful learning where students are engaged in deeper thinking over a longer period of time. There will be three more training sessions throughout the year with the possibility of continuing it next year as well.

Curriculum/Assessment:

- No updates as we have not met about curriculum. The first workday for teachers will take place on September 18th. Keri and I will meet with Kiera that day. Teachers will work on curriculum that day.

Staffing:

- The district is searching for an E-Sports sponsor and a One Acts sponsor.
- The district is searching for an elementary secretary and a high school paraprofessional.

My Upcoming Meetings/Meetings Attended:

- I attended an MTSS conference in Sidney on September 8th.

Upcoming Activities:

I have included the link to the sporting events calendar for Crawford and the Crawford/Sioux County Activities Cooperative.

<https://gobound.com/ne/schools/crawford/calendar?includePractices=false&v=list&date=2026-08-06>

16. Superintendent Report: Mrs. Homan

a. Policy Update:

- Policy 1110 ("Bulletin Boards"): LB 429 added new requirements for "equal access" to teachers by professional organizations and teacher associations. Policy 1110 has been updated to ensure that qualifying organizations and associations are granted such access under the new law.
- Policy 3560 ("Records Management and Disposition"): LB 596 updated references in the record retention laws to better reflect current technology and electronic storage capabilities. Policy 3560 has been updated to reflect these changes.
- Policy 5004 ("Full-time and Part-time Enrollment"): LB 937 refined the part-time enrollment statutes to provide greater flexibility for students participating in national and state activities, such as FFA. Policy 5004 has been updated accordingly.
- Policy 5005 ("Student Residence, Admission and Contracting for Educational Services"): LB 937 imposes a new requirement that school districts may not disenroll a student who is the subject of a DHHS investigation. Under this new law, if DHHS notifies a school district that a student may be the victim of abuse or neglect, the district cannot

facilitate a student's withdrawal or transfer to a different school. If a parent or guardian attempts to withdraw or transfer the student during this period, the district must notify DHHS. Policy 5005 incorporates these changes.

- Policy 5006 ("Option Enrollment"): LB 653 amended the option enrollment statutes by requiring the "automatic" acceptance of siblings of option students currently enrolled in a district. Policy 5006 has been updated to reflect this new requirement. Over the next few months, schools should evaluate their option enrollment program and practices to account for these new obligations, as well as review and update option enrollment forms.
- Appendix to Policy 5006 ("Option Resolution"): Similar to the changes made in Policy 5006, the Option Resolution has been updated to reflect the change in LB 653 that removes capacity limitations for option siblings. After this is approved, we can approve the resolution for capacity.
- Policy 5205 ("Graduation"): Last year, LB 296 amended Nebraska's graduation statute to provide an exception for students who, at some point during their high school career, were under the supervision of a juvenile court. Policy 5205 incorporates this new statutory exception into the graduation criteria.
- Policy 8130 ("Annual Organizational Meeting"): LB 596 allows each board to
- designate the method by which they will give advanced public notice of board meetings. The method must be noted in the meeting minutes. At the annual organizational meeting, each board should approve (and note in the minutes) the designated method of giving notice, such as on the district's website or posting in conspicuous places within the District.
- Policy 8342 ("Designated Method of Giving Notice of Meetings"): LB 596 amends the Open Meetings Act's notice requirements. Previously, notices of board meetings were required to be published in the newspaper, with several exceptions. Now, notices of regular meetings only need to be published four times per year. Schools that wish to continue publishing monthly notices in the newspaper are free to continue doing so. But for those schools that do not want to be tied to a newspaper each month, notices of the regular meeting schedule need only be published four times a year.
- Policy 3130 ("Purchasing Policies"): The Purchasing Policy is important to ensure that Boards have oversight of large purchases in the District, while affording the administration the flexibility to make smaller purchases when needed. However, Policy 3130 does not delineate between purchasing products and expending district funds for ongoing service or renewals previously approved (such as utility bills, insurance renewals, and so forth). To better address the distinctions between these scenarios, each Board may consider updating Policy 3130.

b. Setting the Option Capacity:

Each year we are required to set the capacity for option enrollment.

c. Assessments:

- Kindergarten-8th Grade will start MAPs Testing September 14-25.
- Kindergarten-6th Grade will start DIBELS Testing September September 21-October 2.

d. Surplus Items:

There are 3 booths/tables that were in the Commons Area. They were taken out during the summer cleaning and there is not a place to store them, nor is there a need for them at the school. I am recommending that we share the sale of the booths/tables on Facebook and after a day, they are sold to the 3 highest bidders. There were also two Promethean Boards that became surplus items when we upgraded technology in the district. These items have been donated to the Fire Hall and the Catholic Church. Both of these entities had a need for them and also do a lot to support the school.

e. One Acts/eSports Sponsors:

At this time we have not had luck finding anyone fully committed to coaching One Acts or eSports for the year. We have had some interest in helping but no one can commit to a full schedule of the seasons. One Act season is getting closer and we would need to have rosters submitted to NSAA asap. A script would also need to be chosen asap. I would like the board to have discussion on this item so I know if we should assign the duty or make a decision to not participate in One Acts this year. The same would be true for eSports, although this would be easier to assign as we have someone outside the school interested in helping and Mr. Trainor would help as well. Due to schedules, it would not be a full schedule but students would still be able to participate in some competitions and practice.

f. Graduation Date:

We have a few students who have asked Mr. Stetson about the possibility of changing the date of graduation. There is a rodeo that weekend that they would like to attend. I am suggesting that the board has discussion on this topic and gives guidance to administration if they want us to get input from all senior families so a decision can be made in the future or if we will keep the graduation date as it is scheduled on the school calendar.

g. Website:

The new website is officially up and running. Several staff members are continuing to update it. We are learning more each day- Gavin Peitzmeier has actually jumped in and been a tremendous help.

h. Annual Audit:

Just a reminder, Dana F. Cole sent us the Letter of Engagement for the 2025-2026 Audit which is scheduled for October 5, 2026.

17. Action Items:

a. Approve advertising and selling 3 booths/tables on the School FaceBook Page.

Motion by_____, seconded by_____, to approve advertising and selling 3 booths/tables on the School FaceBook Page.

b. Approve policy updates as presented for policies 1110, 3560, 5004, 5005, 5006, Appendix to Policy 5006, 5205, 8130, 8342,3130.

Motion by_____, seconded by_____, to approve the policy updates as presented for policies 1110, 3560, 5004, 5005, 5006, Appendix to Policy 5006, 5205, 8130, 8342, 3130.

c. Approve Option Enrollment Capacity Limits for the 2027-2028 school year.

Motion by_____, seconded by_____, to approve the Option Enrollment Capacity Limits for the 2027-2028 school year.

18. Discussion Items:

a. Graduation Date-

b. Date for Budget Hearing and Tax Hearing-

- September 23, 2026 or September 28, 2026
- What time works for everyone?

c. One Acts/eSports Sponsors-

19. Information Items:

- a. The Joint Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Chadron High School Auditorium.
- b. The October Board Meeting will be on October 12, 2026. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Flex Room at Crawford Public Schools.
 - We will have the following reports:
 - 1. Trace Trainor- Fall Sports and Activities
 - 2. Madison Suchor- Preschool

20. Meeting Adjourned: Time: _____

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn.