

CUSTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 15
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. | Gym Lobby

Attendance:

Members of the Board:

Chairman: Mr. Toby Abel

Vice-Chairman: Mr. Bryan Buller

Mrs. Anna Hein

Mr. Kasey Keith

Mrs. Sara Stieg

Administration:

Superintendent: Michael Flamm

District Clerk/Business Manager: Adriana Mayorga-Sturdivant

Guests:

Kaycee Mothershead

RJ Mothershead

Tichelle Ickes

Haley Gasvoda

Brandyn Gasvoda

Sabrina Green

Loree Benjamin

Darryl Dooley

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Establishment of Quorum

The Budget Meeting of the Custer Public School Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 24, 2026. A quorum was established with all trustees present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Correspondence

No correspondence was presented.

3. Public Comment

Mr. RJ Mothershead addressed the Board regarding the athletic co-op and football scheduling, including the location and number of home games.

Mr. Abel explained that scheduling decisions fall under the authority of the respective co-op boards and are outside the direct purview of the local Board. Proposed changes to co-op policies, procedures, or agreements should first be presented at the co-op level before being forwarded to the

local boards for approval, as applicable. The process and locations for posting co-op meeting notices were also discussed.

No additional public comment was received.

4. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Hein motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buller. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Reports

a. Superintendent

Mr. Flamm presented his Superintendent Report with Mr. Darryl Dooley.

Mr. Dooley shared the condition of the track equipment storage shed. Options included repairing the existing structure or purchasing a shipping container. Estimated costs, available storage space, site preparation, protection from pests and weather, and storage needs were discussed. The administration will continue researching options and pricing.

An update was provided regarding work on the Crows' nest. Plexiglass was discussed as an option for enclosing portions of the structure while allowing ventilation and future replacement. The Board also discussed installing a safety bar or gate with a lock at the ladder/stair access in response to a prior insurance recommendation.

Mr. Flamm reported that the cruiser had been inspected and may require additional evaluation for a possible refrigerant leak.

Mr. Flamm discussed concerns with the District's phone system and communication capabilities, particularly in areas where cellular service is limited or unavailable. The Board discussed the safety benefits of adding phones and/or PA capabilities in the gym and weight room areas. A vendor was scheduled to evaluate the existing system and potential options.

Mr. Flamm reported that he was continuing to obtain a color version of the teacher master agreement showing proposed changes so the Board could accurately review the document.

b. Activities Director

No separate Activities Director report was presented.

6. Business

a. Junior Class Cleaning Fundraiser

Junior class representatives presented their plan for cleaning following home events. The class developed a family cleaning schedule, anticipated approximately six individuals cleaning per event, and created a list of duties required for each event to be considered fully cleaned. The students requested that the cleaning fundraiser payment be increased from \$25 to \$50 per home event.

Mrs. Hein made the motion to increase the class cleaning fundraiser payment from \$25 to \$50 per home event. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stieg. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

b. Approve or Deny New Out-of-District Student Applications

The Board reviewed an out-of-district student application.

Mr. Buller made the motion to approve the out-of-district student application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Keith. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

c. Approve Strom & Associates Auditor Contract

The Board reviewed a summary of the proposed Strom & Associates auditor contract. Ms. Mayorga-Sturdivant explained that the contract was comparable to the previous agreement, with a change in the maximum number of hours available. The additional hours provide time for the auditors to work directly with the Business Manager during the audit process and are billed based on actual time used.

Mrs. Stieg made the motion to approve the Strom & Associates auditor contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buller. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

d. Approve FY26 Trustee Financial Summary (TFS)

The Board reviewed the FY26 Trustee Financial Summary. Administration explained that several year-end corrections remained, including allocation of interest among accounts and the proper classification of approximately \$31,000.

Administration explained that although the current TFS appeared to show the General Fund approximately \$19,000 over budget, the identified correction would result in an approximately \$12,000 positive position. Ending cash balances were also reviewed, and administration clarified that the District had not exceeded its available funds.

The Board discussed the need to pursue grant opportunities for larger District projects and potential grant-writing resources.

Mr. Buller made the motion to approve the FY26 Trustee Financial Summary as presented. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

e. Approve FY27 Budget

The Board reviewed the proposed FY27 budget. The Business Manager advised the Board that she wanted the District's consultant to review the budget prior to finalization due to the complexity of the budget and TFS process. The consultant was scheduled to meet with administration the following morning.

The Board discussed the deadline for budget approval and the importance of ensuring that no significant errors or decreases were identified prior to finalization.

Mr. Keith made the motion to approve the FY27 budget pending potential changes following the consultant's review. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stieg. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

7. Good of the Order

The Board discussed the Superintendent evaluation schedule. The District typically conducts informal evaluations in the fall and spring, with the formal evaluation occurring in January. The fall informal evaluation was planned for October.

The Board also discussed cleanliness of District vehicles. Coaches, drivers, teachers, and other supervisors using District vehicles are expected to ensure vehicles are cleaned following use. Previous cleaning performed as a BPA fundraiser was discussed, along with the need to reinforce expectations for those using District vehicles.

The next regular Board meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

8. Recess

The Board recessed the meeting at 6:40pm until the following day to allow the FY27 budget to be reviewed and finalized.

August 25, 2026 – Continuation of Budget Meeting

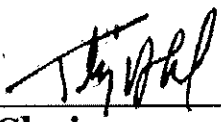
The Board reconvened virtually at 6:12 p.m. on August 25, 2026, with a quorum present.

The Board reviewed the FY27 Budget following the consultant's review. No changes requiring additional Board action were identified, and the FY27 Budget remained approved pursuant to the Board's August 24, 2026 motion.

Adjournment

The meeting was formally adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Attest:



Board Chair

9/16/2026

Date



Clerk

9/16/2026

Date