

MINUTES OF THE
CENTRAL CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 13, 2026

The Central City Board of Education met at 8:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 in the Central City High School Conference Room at 1510 28th Street in Central City, NE 68826.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call showed the following members present: Brian Buhlke, Aaron Heins, Brent Kennedy, Lisa Wagner, and Brett Zikmund. Chuck Homolka arrived at 8:01pm. Also present: Jeff Jensen, Superintendent; Absent: None.

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Heins, that it is hereby determined that this meeting was preceded by advanced notice by publishing in the Republican Nonpareil and by posting notices at the Superintendent's Office, Merrick County Courthouse and City Hall Office and is hereby declared to be duly convened in open session and a copy of the agenda is posted in the Superintendent's Office. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The school district treasurer's financial report disclosed a reconciled unencumbered balance of \$5,108,001.83 as of April 30, 2026.

The high school activities fund account disclosed a balance on April 30, 2026 of \$263,490.93, middle school activity fund disclosed a balance of \$19,129.04, and the elementary activity fund disclosed a balance of \$19,751.57. The cafeteria account disclosed a balance of -\$9,498.96.

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Zikmund, to approve the agenda of the meeting. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the consent agenda action items, which include minutes from April 20, 2026, financial review of funds, and May claims with the exception of claim #38273. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Buhlke, to approve claim #38273. Motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Abstain: Heins. Absent: None.

The Board Reviewed policies 3055, 3058, 3059, and 3076 with no changes.

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Kennedy, to approve a contract with CMBA Architects for Building Improvements. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The Board discussed, with no action, the annual Multi-Culturalism Review and the Ethanol Valuation Settlement by the County Impact.

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Kennedy, to set a SPECIAL Board Meeting for Tuesday, June 9th, 2026 at Noon to discuss, consider, and take any necessary action to process payment requested by Merrick County in the amount of up to \$406,489.85 for their settlement with the Green Plains Ethanol plant and their protest of valuation with the Merrick County for the tax years of 2021 through 2025. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Zikmund, to set the Americanism Committee for June 15th, 2026 at 7:50p.m. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Homolka, seconded by Heins, to set regular board meeting for June 15th, 2026 at 8:00p.m. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Zikmund, to recognize: Sarah Cover and the PTO for their incredible support, Kaylee Fuelberth for her many different SPED leadership roles she has taken this year, Dee Tlustos and Sandy Abbott best wishes on their retirements and their dedication to kids, Veterans' of the Community Kent Booth & Dave Dickinson, Central City/Centura Kernels for qualifying for their 6th straight State Baseball tournament, State Track Qualifiers (state results and individuals will be provided in June). Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Central City Board of Education, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes is a true and correct representation of the meeting of the Central City Board of Education held in open session on May 13, 2026. Dated this 13th day of May, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Heins, Board Secretary