

MINUTES OF THE  
CENTRAL CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 16, 2026

The Central City Board of Education met at 8:00 p.m., on Monday, February 16, 2026 in the Central City High School Conference Room at 1510 28<sup>th</sup> Street in Central City, NE 68826.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Kennedy, 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.

Service Unit Seven provided an update regarding services provided to the District. The CTE team provided an update to the Board, regarding programming, what is offered to students, and the tremendous opportunities that are provided to students.

The school district treasurer's financial report disclosed a reconciled unencumbered balance of \$4,552,059 as of January 31, 2026.

The high school activities fund account disclosed a balance on January 31, 2026 of \$322,427.11, middle school activity fund disclosed a balance of \$19,923.03, and the elementary activity fund disclosed a balance of \$18,371.38 The cafeteria account disclosed a balance of \$9,681.83.

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Kennedy, 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 Kennedy, seconded by Zikmund, to approve the consent agenda action items, which include minutes from January 19, 2026, financial review of funds, and February claims with the exception of claim #38071. 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 claim #38701. Motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Abstain: Heins. Absent: None.

The Board Reviewed policies 3020, 3021, 3022, 3024, and 3025 with no changes.

It was moved by Heins, seconded by Homolka, to offer 2026 Summer Drivers Education at the rate of \$275 for resident students, \$315 for non-resident students, and pay instructors \$24/hour. 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 mileage reimbursement rate at .70/mile for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Heins, seconded by Buhlke, to set the substitute teacher rate at \$155 per day for the 2026-2027 school year. 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 approve the NASB Membership for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Homolka, to approve the concrete bid from Rathman-Manning for parking lot work to be done north of the football field. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Heins, seconded by Kennedy, to approve summer 2026 Summer Maintenance Facility Projects. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Heins, to approve Administrative Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Homolka, to approve the resignation of Haden Held, Elementary, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 School Year. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Heins, to approve the resignation of Chelle Gillan, High School Science, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 School Year. 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 contract of Hayley Royle, High School Math, for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Homolka, to approve the contract of Christine Hecht, High School Science, for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Heins, to approve the Resignation of Mira Liebig, SPED, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 School Year. 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 approve the contract of Samantha Kistler, Elementary, for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Heins, seconded by Buhlke, to approve the contract of Stephanie Elder, SPED, for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Dates will be sent out for the Building Committee to meet to discuss summer maintenance projects. Working to create a work session for March.

It was moved by Heins, seconded by Kennedy, to set regular board meeting for March 16, 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 Kennedy, to recognize: Scott Mallam, Kelly McHargue, Mindy Riebel and Bailee Hohensee for hosting student teachers this semester, Boys Wrestling for their State Dual Runner-Up finish in Class C, and Girls Basketball for their Conference Championship. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.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 February 16, 2026. Dated this 16th day of February, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Heins, Board Secretary

**REQUEST TO SPEAK DURING PUBLIC COMMENT**

NAME	ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS