

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

The Central City Board of Education met at 8:00 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 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, Chuck Homolka, Brent Kennedy, Lisa Wagner, and Brett Zikmund. Also present: Jeff Jensen, Superintendent; Absent: None.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Homolka, 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 \$4,605,935.60 as of February 28, 2026.

The high school activities fund account disclosed a balance on February 28, 2026 of \$317,811.69, middle school activity fund disclosed a balance of \$18,914.43, and the elementary activity fund disclosed a balance of \$19,692.86. The cafeteria account disclosed a balance of -\$614.29

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 Heins, to approve the consent agenda action items, which include minutes from February 16, 2026, financial review of funds, and March claims with the exception of claim #38130. 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 #38130. Motion carried 5-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Abstain: Heins. Absent: None.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Homolka, to revise Board Policy #3027, School Business Hours. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The Board Reviewed policies 3028, 3029, 3038, and 3039 with no changes.

It was moved by Kennedy, seconded by Zikmund, to revise Board Policy #5002.1, Part-Time Students. 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 retirement of Dee Tlustos, 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 Heins, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the resignation of Calvert Switzer, Band, 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 Zikmund, to approve the contract of Libby Troester, 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 Kennedy, to approve the contract of John Bobby Jacobs, Band, 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 Kennedy, to recognize the CCEA as the Collective Bargaining Unit for the 2027-2028 Certified Staff Negotiations. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

It was moved by Homolka, seconded by Kennedy, to approve Summer School Plans to include fifteen days for the elementary, credit recovery, and extended school year for designated students. 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 ESU 7 Extra Services Contract. 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 the resignation of Sara Huebert, 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 Heins, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the resignation of Troy Huebert, Physical Education, 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 Zikmund, to approve the contract of Rachel Christenson, Elementary, for the 2026-2027 School Year. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

The Board discussed, with no action, the NSAA Undue Influence Committee and Enrollment Projections, Growth, and Future Classifications.

It was moved by Buhlke, seconded by Kennedy, to set a Board Work Session for April 13th at 8:00pm in the Runza Suite. 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 regular board meeting for April 20, 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 Heins, to recognize: Kristen Burbach and Richelle Bankole and their preschool teams, the Girls Basketball Team for Qualifying for the State Tournament, State Wrestling Qualifiers of Maci Peters (3rd Place), Keleigh Gonzalez (6th Place), Ace Schweitzer (Champion), Bow Brandenburg, Braiden Williams-Varley, Quinn Jensen (6th Place), Parker Zikmund (4th Place), Preston Burbach (6th Place), Colbyn Peters (5th Place), and Parker Santin and Veterans' of the Community Jodi Johnson and Deb Myer. Motion carried 6-0. Ayes: Buhlke, Heins, Homolka, Kennedy, Wagner, and Zikmund. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 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 March 16, 2026. Dated this 16th day of March, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Heins, Board Secretary