

Bruning-Davenport Unified School

District #85-2001

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Unified Board Meeting
Davenport, Nebraska
Monday, October 12, 2026 – 7:30 PM

DRAFT AGENDA

- I. Call meeting to order
The board meeting was posted in the Hebron Register and on the Bruning-Davenport website
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Excuse Board Members' Absences
- V. Recognize Open Meetings Law
- VI. Public Forum
Guests may address the board and may be limited to 5 minutes.
- VII. Consent Agenda
Agenda
Minutes of August 26th and September 21, 2026 Unified Board Meeting
Treasurer's Report
October Bills
- VIII. Principals' Reports
- IX. President's Report
- X. Superintendent's Report
- XI. Financial Report
- XII. Action Items.
A) Approve National FFA Convention trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, October 21-24, 2026.
- XIII. Executive Session –
- XIV. Adjourn – Next Meeting – Monday, November 9, at 7:30 PM in Bruning, Nebraska

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on August 26, 2026. Pursuant to laws and notices posted on the school website and also published in The Hebron Journal-Register on August 19, 2026, all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Jerry Baysinger called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM. Unified members present were Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, and Trey Strong. Local board members present were Baxter Beals, Tony Norder, Ryne Philippi, Lon Schoenholz, and Derek Shaner. Superintendent Kelly Lampe and Erika Brinegar were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Trey Strong, to approve the absence of Unified Members Aaron Oltmans and Brad Williams. (Roll Call Vote 4-0)

President Baysinger recognized the Open Meetings Act.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, August 13, 2026, Unified Board meeting minutes, and the August End-of-Year claims. Strong moved, seconded by Ryan Miller, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote (4-0)

Action Items: (All motions require a roll call vote and all are carried 4-0 unless noted.)

- A. Krehnke moved, seconded by Strong, to approve the transfer of \$66,000 from the General Fund to the Bruning Activity Fund.
- B. Strong moved, seconded by Miller, to approve the transfer of \$23,000 from the General Fund to the Davenport Activity Fund.
- C. Miller moved, seconded by Krehnke, to approve the transfer of \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Depreciation Fund

Discussion Items:

- A. 2026-2027 Budget
 - a. It was suggested to move forward with a .0772 Building Fund tax rate, .3819 General Fund tax rate for an overall .4591 Rate.

Strong moved, seconded by Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

President Jerry Baysinger called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:25 PM on September 21, 2026. Superintendent Kelly Lampe presented the Proposed Budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Discussion was held explaining the General Fund operating budget increase and the Special Building Fund Tax ask increase. Members of the public spoke. The consensus was to adopt the original Budget as presented. Brad Williams moved, seconded by Trey Strong, to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 7:55 PM. (Roll Call Vote 6-0)

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – The Unified Board of Education met in Bruning on September 21, 2026. Pursuant to laws and notices posted on the Bruning-Davenport School’s website and also published in The Hebron Journal-Register on September 16, 2026, all proceedings were taken while the meeting was open to the public.

President Jerry Baysinger called the meeting to order at 7:56 PM. Unified members present were Sarah Krehnke, Ryan Miller, Aaron Oltmans, Trey Strong, and Brad Williams. Local board members present were Baxter Beals, Tony Norder, Ryne Philippi, Lon Schoenholz, and Derek Shaner. Superintendent Kelly Lampe, Principal Melinda Kerwood, Erika Brinegar, and Beth Ardissono were also present.

Baysinger welcomed all guests, recognized the Open Meetings Act, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Consent Agenda included the agenda, minutes of the August 13, 2026, Unified Board meeting, Treasurer’s Report, and the September claims. Sarah Krehnke moved, seconded by Brad Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote (6-0)

Principal Kerwood’s Report – Davenport students have gone on field trips to the Big Red Sawmill in Palmyra, the State Fair, and Ag Venture Day – Our external visit is coming up on October 14 and 15th.

Principal Kowalski’s Report – High School will be going to Arbor Day Farm on October 7th for Strom Strong – 39 students are out for one-act – BD is hosting District One-Act on December 1st at Davenport; there will be no school for students – Homecoming is September 25th at Bruning.

President’s report – trying to speak to the county commission about roads – looking at future dates with Shickley

Action Items: (All motions require a roll call vote and all are carried 6-0 unless noted.)

- A. Ryan Miller moved, seconded by Trey Strong, to approve the sale of the 2006 Chevrolet Van.
- B. Williams moved, seconded by Strong, to increase the Base Growth Percentage up to 7%, used to determine Property Tax Request Authority.
- C. Krehnke moved, seconded by Strong, to adopt the tax levy request at \$0.3819 per \$100.00 of assessed value for the General Fund and \$0.077238 per \$100 assessed value for the Building Fund - for a total of \$0.459186.
- D. Williams moved, seconded by Strong, to adopt the 2026-2027 Budget as presented.

President Baysinger adjourned the meeting at 8:28 PM.

Erika Brinegar, Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT
BRUNING-DAVENPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 2026

Beginning Funds Available:

Cornerstone Bank	456,258.46
Cornerstone Bank - Payflex	12,006.98
Cornerstone Bank - REAP	25,323.74
Certificates of Deposit	582,358.38
Davenport Transition Fund	5,000.00
Bruning Transition Fund	5,000.00
	<u>5,000.00</u>

Total beginning funds available \$ 1,085,947.56

Receipts for Month :

Local taxes - Clay County	5,934.98
Local taxes - Fillmore County	94,332.05
Local taxes - Nuckolls County	123,300.83
Local taxes - Thayer County	292,308.43
Transportation from Other Districts	12,872.97
Interest on Investments	1,075.25
ESU	2,586.89
State Aid	31,241.00
Title I	23,919.00
Title II, Part A	6,051.00
Title IV	10,000.00
	<u>10,000.00</u>

Total receipts 603,622.40

Beginning balance plus receipts 1,689,569.96

Less: Expenditures for the month 456,116.04

Ending fund balance \$ 1,233,453.92

Represented by:

Cornerstone Bank	613,657.93
Cornerstone Bank - Payflex	12,738.16
Cornerstone Bank - REAP	25,323.74
Certificates of Deposit	582,358.38
Davenport Transition Fund	5,000.00
Bruning Transition Fund	5,000.00
Amount Due to Other Agencies	(10,624.29)
	<u>(10,624.29)</u>

\$ 1,233,453.92

Other District Funds:

Bruning Unemployment Fund	5,294.72
Davenport Depreciation Fund	898,227.37
Bruning Activity Fund	353,028.81
Davenport Activity Fund	215,171.28
Coordsen Scholarship	2,530.40
Novak Scholarship Fund	62,563.29
Nutrition Fund	280,519.81
Bruning Building Fund	442,558.30
Davenport Building Fund	674,806.59
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Total Other District Funds \$ 2,934,700.57

		GENERAL FUND BILLS				
		10/12/26				
9943	Ameritas Life Insurance	455.44		22710	Journey Ed.com, Inc.	500.00
9944	Ameritas Life Insurance (10 Month)	85.82		22711	Junior Library Guild	2,582.00
9945	Cornerstone Bank/Direct Deposit	7,293.03		22712	KSB School Law, PC, LLO	402.50
9946	Internal Revenue Service	59,433.94		22713	Leak Specialists, Inc.	2,125.00
9947	Nebraska Department of Revenue	7,866.91		22714	Lightbox Learning Inc.	1,651.00
9948	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	38,355.90		22715	Madison National Life Co, Inc.	12.57
9950	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	469.83		22716	Madison National Life Ins. Co. Inc.	265.35
22667	Accelerated Receivables Solutions	450.42		22717	Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc.	45.50
22668	AFLAC	187.72		22718	McGraw Hill School Education LLC	1,472.91
22669	AFLAC (10 Month)	148.24		22719	Mid American Research	1,374.14
22670	American Funds Service Company	200.00		22719	Mierau & Co.	745.00
22671	Blue Cross Blue Shield	85,242.68		22720	Momar, Inc.	1,028.11
22672	Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	459.66		22721	Noel Lawn Care	957.63
22673	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	550.00		22722	Norris Public Power District	3,720.77
22674	Payflex Account #304734	1,600.00		22723	Nutrien Ag Solutions	1,071.46
22675	Ashli Czekai	65.00		22724	Omnify Benefits	75.00
22676	Audra Loontjer	65.00		22725	Orkin	235.07
22677	Benjamin Lindsay	40.00		22726	Peru State College	900.00
22678	Black Hills Energy	2,235.00		22727	Planbook, Inc.	396.00
22679	Bowman Electric, LLC	4,042.30		22728	Premier	123.11
22680	Bruning Grocery Inc	251.27		22729	Protex Central, Inc.	563.50
22681	Bruning Lumber Co.	435.33		22730	Rasmussen Mechanical Services	2,408.14
22682	Bruning Transition Fund	1,894.68		22731	Really Good Stuff, Inc.	104.97
22683	Burton Enterprises, LLC	39.00		22732	Scholastic, Inc.	87.16
22684	Cash-Wa Distributing	412.93		22733	Straight Line Motor Works	3999.27
22685	Cavapa Construction, LLC	588.00		22734	Sysco Lincoln	132.30
22686	Clay County Clerk	14.40		22735	The Goodheart-Wilcox Publisher	985.44
22687	Connor Poppe	65.00		22736	The Hebron Journal Register	835.59
22688	Curriculum Associates LLC	303.60		22737	Toni Szydlo	125.00
22689	DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	321.20		22738	University of Nebraska-Kearney	250.00
22690	Davenport Building Supply	283.17		22739	US Bank	3,043.52
22691	Davenport Transition Fund	105.06		22740	Victory Too Graphics	683.50
22692	Dietze Music House	72.90		22741	Village of Bruning	888.08
22693	Diversified Safety Compliance	100.00		22742	Village of Davenport	4,136.11
22694	EcoLab Food Safety	218.93		22743	Village Uniform	359.80
22695	EdClub Inc	234.90		22744	Voyager Sopris Learning	146.30
22696	Educational Service Unit #5	30,177.97		22745	VVS Inc-Canteen	213.86
22697	Ernie Williamson Music Repair Shop	664.00		22746	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	351.71
22698	ESU Coordinating Council	9,168.69		22747	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	1,392.40
22699	Fiber Platform, LLC	1,394.45		22748	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	434.21
22700	Filewave (USA) Inc	98.00		22749	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	55.35
22701	Fillmore County Clerk	134.54		22750	Western Oil II LLC	4,127.06
22702	Flood Communications of Beatrice	311.00		22751	Woodcraft	232.97
22703	Galaway's Garage	25.00		22752	Woodward's Disposal Service Inc	65.00
22704	Galyen Energy Supply	1,786.60		22753	XTL US Inc	960.00
22705	Geneva Building Supply	175.00		22754	York Elementary School	250.00
22706	Go Physical Therapy	1,307.68				
22707	Heartland Roofing Consultants	978.75			Payable Checks	307,600.70
22708	Hebron Plumbing	170.00			Payroll	210,732.17
22709	HMH Education	107.40			Total	518,332.87

Mrs. Kowalski's Principal's Report:
Bruning-Davenport USD
October 12, 2026

–October 10 In-Service

We had teacher in-service in Davenport on Oct. 9th. We had committee meetings and grade level meetings, and got prepared for our external visit. Several teachers left after lunch to head to the BDS football game at Newman Grove.

–External Visit

A team of professional educators will be coming to visit on October 14-15. They will be visiting both buildings, and then at the end of the day on October 15, they will give us their commendations and recommendations in a short presentation. We will be having an evening meal at RW's West on October 14th, with the social hour starting at 5:00. All school board members are welcome to attend.

	Name (District)	Position	Phone	Email
Team Leader	Bristol Wenzl (Auburn)	Elementary Principal	402-274-7166	bristol.wenzl@apsbulldogs.org
Member	Craig Taylor (Logan View)	Superintendent	402-654-3317 402-212-4574	ctaylor@loganview.org
Member	Leslie McIntosh (Syracuse)	Middle School Principal	402-269-7187	lmcintosh@sdarockets.org
Member	Erin Trusty (ESU4)	Regional Literacy Coach	402-223-9446	etrusty@esu4.net
Member	Morgan Cole (ESU3)	Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator	402-213-7804	mcole@esu3.org

--Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences were on Thursday, Oct. 8th in Davenport. Everything went very well.

–Transportation Issues

- Monday, October 5 - The bus going from Bruning to Carleton after school broke down on at the stop sign at the Hwy 81 intersection. Mr. K and I had to stand outside the bus and help direct traffic until Jerry was able to bring the Bruning kids from Davenport, so we could transfer the students from Mr. K's bus to Jerry's bus to go back to Carleton and then Davenport.
- Wednesday, October 7 - The coach bus, with all of the high school students and staff, took a wrong turn coming home from Nebraska City, which made them late back to the Bruning site. Jerry had to bring the Bruning kids from Davenport to Bruning, and then the Davenport kids got on that bus (thankfully, the high school kids were back by then) to head back to Davenport.

–Elementary Events

- The K-1st grade will be taking a field trip to the Helgoth's Pumpkin Patch on Oct. 28.
- The PreK-1st Grade will walk uptown with their Halloween costumes on Oct.31 to the businesses and then come back to the school and walk through the high school.

–High School Field Trip

The high school went on a field trip to the Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska City on Wednesday, Oct. 7th. The field trip focused on the characteristics and traits they are learning in their Storm Strong groups. Other than taking a wrong turn on their way home to make them late, it sounds like they had a fantastic time!

Upcoming Events:

- CRC VB Tournament - Oct. 17, 19-20
 - BDS is #4 seed - will play at 1:45 at the York Auditorium
- FB Playoffs Round 1 - Oct. 30
- NO SCHOOL Fall Break - Oct. 30
- VB Subdistricts - Oct. 26-27
- FB Playoffs Round 2 - Nov. 6
- State VB - Nov. 4-7