

Bruning-Davenport Unified School

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Unified Board Budget Hearing Meeting
Bruning, Nebraska
Monday, September 21, 2026 – 7:15 PM

- I. Call meeting to order
The board meeting was posted in the Hebron Register, at both schools, banks, and post offices in Bruning and Davenport
- II. Joint-Public Hearing Update
- III. Discussion among the Board
- IV. Public Input
- V. Follow-up discussion
- VI. Adjourn Special Meeting

Unified Board Meeting
Bruning, Nebraska
Monday, September 21, 2026 – Immediately Following Budget Hearing

- I. Call meeting to order
The board meeting was posted in the Hebron Register and on the Bruning-Davenport school 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 13, 2026 Unified Board Meeting
Treasurer's Report
September Bills
- VIII. Principals' Reports
- IX. President's Report
- X. Superintendent's Report
 - A) Data Breach
 - B) External Visit
- XI. Financial Report
- XII. Action Items:
 - A. Approve the Sale of the 2006 Chevrolet Van
 - B. Approve the increase of the school district's base growth percentage by 7% used to determine Property Tax Request Authority
 - C. Approve 2026-2027 Property Tax request levy
 - D. Approve 2026-2027 Budget
- XIII. Executive Session –
- XIV. Adjourn – Next Meeting – Monday, October 12, at 7:30 PM in Davenport, Nebraska

BOLTS Mission: Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow's Society

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

TREASURER'S REPORT
BRUNING-DAVENPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT
August 2026

Beginning Funds Available:	
Cornerstone Bank	1,474,069.21
Cornerstone Bank - Payflex	12,406.98
Cornerstone Bank - REAP	1,878.74
Certificates of Deposit	565,375.58
Davenport Transition Fund	5,000.00
Bruning Transition Fund	5,000.00
Amount Due to Other Agencies	<u>(10,898.35)</u>
Total beginning funds available	\$ 2,052,832.16
Receipts for Month :	
Local taxes - Fillmore County	2,099.87
Miscellaneous Local Revenue	148.24
Interest on Investments	20,448.37
State Aid	6,455.00
REAP	23,445.00
Other State Receipts	<u>3,008.96</u>
Total receipts	<u>55,605.44</u>
Beginning balance plus receipts	2,108,437.60
Less: Expenditures for the month	<u>1,022,490.04</u>
Ending fund balance	<u><u>\$ 1,085,947.56</u></u>
Represented by:	
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><u>\$ 1,085,947.56</u></u>
Other District Funds:	
Bruning Unemployment Fund	5,293.45
Davenport Depreciation Fund	968,457.81
Bruning Activity Fund	358,408.05
Davenport Activity Fund	225,734.95
Coordsen Scholarship	2,529.79
Novak Scholarship Fund	62,493.49
Nutrition Fund	280,982.89
Bruning Building Fund	454,549.48
Davenport Building Fund	<u>627,004.36</u>
Total Other District Funds	<u><u>\$ 2,985,454.27</u></u>

		GENERAL FUND BILLS				
		9/21/26				
9869	Ameritas Life Insurance	455.44		22628	KSB School Law, PC, LLO	5,023.31
8970	Ameritas Life Insurance (10 Month)	85.82		22629	Lori Balke	20.53
8971	Cornerstone Bank/Direct Deposit	7,293.03		22630	Madison National Life Ins. Co. Inc.	1,867.81
8972	Internal Revenue Service	60,941.54		22631	McGraw Hill School Education LLC	804.06
8973	Nebraska Department of Revenue	8,201.94		22632	Mid American Research	2,709.24
8974	Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System	39,442.82		22633	Mierau & Co.	745.00
22596	Accelerated Receivables Solutions	247.21		22634	Nebraska Assn of School Boards	65.00
22597	AFLAC	187.72		22635	Norris Public Power District	3,412.54
22598	AFLAC (10 Month)	148.24		22636	NRCSA	850.00
22599	American Funds Service Company	200.00		22637	Nutrien Ag Solutions	406.14
22600	Blue Cross Blue Shield	85,242.68		22638	One Source	29.50
22601	Horace Mann Life Ins. Co.	459.66		22639	Orkin	74.04
22602	Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	550.00		22640	Protex Central, Inc.	202.00
22603	Payflex Account #304734	1,600.00		22641	Rasmussen Mechanical Services	6,390.00
22604	Professional Choice Recovery, Inc.	106.76		22642	Riverside Technologies, Inc	960.00
22605	Acco Brands USA, LLC	360.00		22643	Straight Line Motor Works	3,633.57
22606	Apple, Inc.	858.00		22644	TCI	2,240.00
22607	Bowman Electric, LLC	2,880.00		22645	The Hebron Journal Register	68.73
22608	Bruning Grocery Inc	66.71		22646	Truck Center Companies	144.90
22609	Bruning Lumber Co.	200.03		22647	ULINE	144.31
22610	Burton Enterprises, LLC	39.00		22648	US Bank	4,709.85
22611	Capital Business Systems Inc	105.06		22649	Ventris Learning	90.00
22612	Cash-Wa Distributing	104.00		22650	Village of Bruning	808.43
22613	Cavapa Construction, LLC	1,400.00		22651	Village of Davenport	2,863.14
22614	CompTIA Inc	594.00		22652	VVS Inc-Canteen	134.99
22615	Critel Enterprises LLC	284.50		22653	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	397.84
22616	Davenport Building Supply	926.12		22654	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	123.90
22617	Dietze Music House	998.52		22655	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	178.57
22618	Diversified Safety Compliance	150.00		22655	Wells Fargo Pymt Remittance Center	212.49
22619	Eakes Office Plus	2,684.35		22656	Western Oil II LLC	737.77
22620	Educational Service Unit #10	20.00		22657	Windstream	211.78
22621	Educational Service Unit #6	1,825.00		22658	Woodward's Disposal Service Inc.	65.00
22622	Educational Service Unit Coordinating	666.60		22659	Zoro.com	52.49
22623	Fiber Platform, LLC	1,394.45				
22624	Galaway's Garage	320.65				
22625	Hebron True Value	25.13			Payable Checks	261,761.31
22626	HMH Education	69.40			Payroll	205,834.10
22627	JW Pepper	250.00			Total	467,595.41

Kerwood's Principal Report – September

What's Happening

Athletics & Academic Assessments

Our Junior High fall sports are in full swing with student-athletes actively competing in recent volleyball and football games. On the academic side, Middle School students have successfully finished all scheduled MAP/Fastbridge testing.

Hands-On Learning & Field Trips

- **7th Grade Woodworking:** Mr. Ault and Mrs. Voss took our Introduction to Woodworking class to The Big Red Sawmill in Palmyra. Students toured the facility and browsed the inventory to select wood for their upcoming projects.
- **Elementary Outings:** Our 2nd-4th grade classes had a great day out at the State Fair, and the 4th grade class also participated in AgVenture Day to learn about local agriculture in Geneva.

Professional Development & Instruction

During our recent inservice, Joni from ESU met with our WIN (What I Need) teachers. Since DIBELS is being utilized across the State, we are evaluating using DIBELS for screening instead of FastBridge. Joni provided strong curriculum resources to help catch students up during WIN time, and our staff felt very positive about the new guidance.

Upcoming Events

- **September 22:** Picture Day
- **September 24:** JH VB @ Meridian
- **September 28:** JH FB @ Cross County
- **September 28:** JH VB @ Shickley vs. Fillmore
- **September 29:** JH VB @ Dorchester
- **September 30:** 5th-8th Grade to Rock Creek in Fairbury (Storm Strong focus on kindness and responsibility)
- **October 1:** 2nd-4th Grade Tree Jamboree @ Hastings Museum
- **October 3:** JH VB Tournament @ Dorchester
- **October 5:** JH FB @ Tri County
- **October 8:** Parent-Teacher Conferences

Bruning-Davenport USD External Review

Team Itinerary

Schedule for October 14th and October 15th

	Day 1 – October 14, 2026
10:00-10:30	External team arrives at school / Breakfast / Tour of Bruning facility
10:30-11:15	Opening Presentation – Host School CIP Team / CIP Team Interview
11:15-12:15	Travel to Davenport / Tour of Davenport facility
12:15-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30	Certified Staff Interview (Davenport, 2nd-8th grades)
1:30-2:00	Classified Staff Interview (Davenport, 2nd-8th grades)
2:00-2:30	Student Interview (Davenport, 2nd-8th grades)
2:30-3:30	Classroom Visits (Davenport, 2nd-8th grades)
3:30-4:00	External Teamwork Time
5:00-6:00	Dinner
6:00-7:00	Board Interview
	Day 2 – October 15, 2026
8:30-9:00	External Teamwork Time / Light Breakfast / Follow up with CIP Lead
9:00-9:30	Certified Staff Interview (Bruning, Pk-1 & 9-12 grades)
9:30-10:00	Classified Staff Interview (Bruning, Pk-1 & 9-12 grades)
10:00-10:30	Student Interview (Bruning, Pk-1 & 9-12 grades)
10:30-11:30	Classroom Visits (Bruning, Pk-1 & 9-12 grades) / External Teamwork Time
11:30-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Parent Interview
1:00-1:30	Administration Interview
1:30-3:00	External Teamwork Time
3:00-3:30	Exit Presentation – Shared with District Leadership Team
4:00	Exit Presentation – All Bruning-Davenport USD Staff

Mrs. Kowalski's Principal's Report:

Bruning-Davenport USD

September 21, 2026

--Classroom Observations and Evaluations

I am beginning to schedule classroom observations and evaluations. I have been doing walk-throughs and have seen some great things happening in our classrooms. I'm excited to work with the teachers to continue a high level of education.

--September 8th-Teacher Inservice

We had a basic teacher in-service a few weeks ago with grade-level meetings, and giving teachers time in their classrooms to work independently.

--Activities/Athletics

Activities are in full swing for the school year. The volleyball and football teams already have a few games under their belts, and FFA is starting in on their fall activities. It's been very busy!

--Storm Strong

Our new Storm Strong program is going great! The students are "buying into it" and getting involved. The high school will be taking a field trip to Nebraska City on October 7th to the Arbor Day Farm. At this event, they will be experiencing responsibility and respect in action!

--Drama

The Drama crew has scheduled their practices for this season's script, "Murder in the Knife Room" by Jonathan Rand. Mrs. Beals has 39 participants on the Drama crew this year! She and Mrs. Ramsey are very excited for this season. We will be hosting the D2-1 Play Production NSAA districts on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Davenport. We will not have school that day, but teachers will be required to report to Davenport to help with the event.

--Homecoming

Homecoming will be at Bruning this year on September 25. Like last year, we will be doing separate coronations, but on the same night, and then have a dance together.

--External Visit

We have our 5-year external visit on October 14-15. There will be a team of people made up of educators that will observe and interview students, staff, board members, and community members. At the end of their visit, they will give us a report of commendations and recommendations that will be presented to us, and then sent into the Nebraska Department of Education.

Upcoming Events:

--Homecoming @ Shickley - Sept. 25

--Parent-Teacher Conferences - Oct. 8 - 1:00 dismissal

--No School - Teacher Inservice - Oct. 10