

Plainview Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

A special meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Tim Rasmussen, President, on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Chance Anderson moved, Wyatt Frahm seconded to declare an open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. Roll call was answered by Tim Rasmussen, Wyatt Frahm, Caden Alexander, Justin D. Doerr, Melissa Doerr and Chance Anderson.

Wyatt Frahm moved, Chance Anderson seconded to approve the agenda. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The Board engaged in comprehensive deliberation regarding general fund allocations and special building fund levy rates to fund identified capital needs while analyzing aggregate tax-asking impacts:

1. **General Fund Performance:** Operating expenditures are budgeted approximately \$100,000 lower and tax asking is down roughly \$6,000 compared to the prior fiscal year, continuing a multi-year trend where the district has requested fewer tax dollars in the general fund in seven of the past ten years.
2. **Special Building Fund Scenarios:** The Board evaluated raising the special building fund levy from its current ~4–5 cents to either 8–9 cents (generating approximately \$1,000,000) or 13 cents (generating approximately \$1,400,000).
3. **Aggregate Tax Levy Impact:** The 13-cent building fund levy scenario projects a total district levy increase from 52.6 cents to 59.4 cents (remaining under the 60-cent threshold), representing an overall property tax request increase of just under \$1,000,000.
4. **Statutory Joint Public Hearing (JPH):** Under either building fund levy scenario (8–9 cents or 13 cents), the total levy requirement will trigger district participation in the statutory joint public hearing scheduled for September 17.
5. **Target Capital Projects:** Immediate capital priorities reviewed include \$800,000 for high school science classroom renovations, replacing the leaking 1993 north-wing elementary rock roof, \$450,000 for Pirate Gym floor and bleacher restoration, grandstand/press box expansion, and critical life-safety, window, and structural stabilization for the 1920 building following an insurer change due to previous insurer no longer wanting to insure building. Building and Grounds would meet to prioritize which projects they could tackle this coming

year. Building and Grounds plans to meet on September 1, 2026, for that purpose.

6. **Capital Financing Strategies:** Discussion addressed whether to absorb these facility improvements incrementally through annual special building fund levies or develop a revised, scaled-down targeted capital bond.

DISCUSSION ON BOARD GOALS AND ACTION PLANS

The Board reviewed and refined implementation roadmaps, timelines, and resource allocation across six primary governance goals:

1. **Career and Technical Education (CTE) Modernization:** Procure instructional equipment, expand trade programs such as residential electrical wiring and woodworking, and develop intermediate and long-term facility solutions (evaluating standalone facilities or lease-purchase options) to accommodate severe classroom space constraints driven by a 50% enrollment increase.
2. **Capital Asset and Facility Management:** Maintain a prioritized, itemized capital improvement schedule funded through the special building fund to execute structural repairs, roofing, and safety upgrades while laying the groundwork for a future right-sized bond proposal.
3. **High-Ability Learner (HAL) Program Expansion:** Authorize a 1.0 FTE certified instructional position and commit necessary operating resources (\$100,000–\$125,000 annually) to implement a comprehensive K–12 advanced learning curriculum for the 2027–2028 school year.
4. **Stakeholder Engagement and Career Alignment:** Strengthen community outreach through transparent public forums, incorporate local input into long-range facilities planning, and coordinate with local business professionals and alumni to mentor students in skilled trades and vocational career paths.
5. **Faculty Development and Personnel Retention:** Support dedicated professional development days, incentivize teachers pursuing graduate coursework and dual-credit certifications (which advanced 9 of 33 certified staff on the salary schedule), and administer periodic stay surveys to track staff climate and retention.
6. **Board Governance, Education, and Visibility:** Encourage board trustee participation in professional training opportunities (including the state NASB convention and NRCSA spring conference), integrate ongoing team development, and maintain active, approachable community visibility.

Chance Anderson moved, Caden Alexander seconded to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed recording secretary of the Board of Education of District 5, Plainview, NE, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the special meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview NE, held in open session on the 26th day of August 2026.

Justin D Doerr Recording Secretary