



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School News & Views

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FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Falcon Nation,

We are already a month into another fabulous school year! The staff and student body have been hard at work, and the school district looks like a busy bee hive. Fall activities are well underway and our students are finding success in and out of the classroom.

Each September, the Board of Education adopts the annual budget and sets the tax request to support the district through the fiscal year. Part of the fiscal responsibility that the Board has is to look beyond the current fiscal year and plan for the future of the district. Our Board of Education adopted the budget during the September 18th meeting. This year patrons will see a drop in the tax request in the general fund. This drop accounts for an increase in funding from the State level in the form of foundation aid and increased reimbursement for special education costs. The district will be taxing in the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund (QCPUF) in preparation for future needs for renovations and safety needs of the district.



	2023-2024 Operational Budget	2023-2024 Property Tax Request	2023-2024 Tax Rate
General Fund	\$6,929,642	\$4,658,586	.570530
Special Building Fund	\$2,109,439	\$1,142,120	.139874
Qualified Capital Purpose undertaking Fund (QCPUF)	\$316,829	\$244,949	.029999
Total	\$9,355,910	\$6,045,655	.740403

Greetings Falcon Family,

This year Wilcox-Hildreth will be joining many other schools and offer girls wrestling. Girls' wrestling has really taken off in the state of Nebraska the past couple of years. Ninety-one schools across the state participated last year. This gives girls the opportunity to wrestle against other girls and not the boys. We offered it last year and no girls mentioned that they were interested. This year we have some girls that would like to try it. The following is our current schedule, with a few more events still to be added.

Date	Event
Friday, December 1, 2023	Southwest invite (girls)
Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Axtell Invite (boys and girls)
Saturday, December 16, 2023	Cambridge Invite (boys and girls)
Saturday, January 6, 2024	Franklin Invite (boys and girls)
Friday, January 12, 2024	Superior (girls)
Saturday, January 20, 2024	Centennial (girls)
Saturday, January 27, 2024	Doniphan Trumbull (boys and girls)
FKC Tournament @ Wilcox	
Wednesday, January 31, 2024 (boys and girls)	

Again please check out "Events" on our school website for changes in time, date, or location of school activities. Throughout the year it is necessary to make adjustments after the calendars are printed and sometimes I make a mistake on time.

Also, I sent out a one-call earlier this month regarding changes in a student's after school plans. Parents' of students in grades PreK-8 especially must contact the school if there is a change in their normal after school routine. A phone call is best to make sure someone gets the message, but emails, Remind, or notes in a planner will work as well. As long as an adult and the appropriate transportation people are aware of the change in plans. Otherwise we will have the students follow their normal routine. This is for child safety. Kids may make plans with another student to do something after school without parent consent, want to go to a ballgame, or think they will be in trouble at home for a bad grade. These are just a few of the reasons I have had students over the years not want to follow their normal routine or want to go home. We appreciate your assistance in this matter and helping us to keep your kids safe.

Parents, please contact me at school with any questions, comments, or concerns. My hours are 8-4 if there are no activities.

Go Falcons!

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Moments with Muhlbach

Hello.

Another exciting school year is up and running! Welcoming a new class of third grade has been so neat, and I can tell this group is going to be a great addition to the Hildreth site. Similar to previous years, school being back in session means testing and collecting data on areas of need. Testing gets a bad rap sometimes, but it is crucial in helping our teachers know how to best educate our students. Testing is wrapping up this week in both elementary levels and our MTSS team is eager to dig in and look at data.

TASC is continuing this year for grades 3-12. Trust, Advocate, Support, and Connection are the four pillars of this organization. The purpose of the organization is to provide additional appropriate peer interactions with the support of adults to students that tend to struggle in this area.

This year's message in the Hildreth site is "To be a Falcon is to..." Falcon Families were challenged this year to create a poster in the lobby that clearly states what being a Falcon is. Students are then recognized throughout the year with a falcon card when they are exhibiting exceptional behaviors that live up to what it means to be a Falcon!

Lastly, Homecoming brought plenty of fun and craziness to our school, but a quick shout out to students (and parents/guardians) that took time to participate in the Teacher-Student Swap day. Seeing a student walk through the doors looking like you is a sweet moment to share! This day filled the cup of many staff members and gave an incredible memory to reflect on to remind us why we chose education.



Mrs. Muhlbach

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Tax Request Hearing
Monday, September 18, 2023 ~ 8:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 9/7/2023
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 9/6/2023
Conference Room - Wilcox
404 Sapp Street
Wilcox, NE 68982-0190

1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

3. Visitors and communication from the public

Visitors in attendance: Elise Lush and Emily Wagner

Superintendent Patterson explained the purpose of the hearing and explained the tax request for each fund.

4. Adjourn

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Kert Hansen, to Adjourn meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Budget Hearing
Monday, September 18, 2023 ~ 8:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 9/7/2023
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 9/6/2023
Conference Room - Wilcox
404 Sapp Street
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

3. Visitors and communication from the public

Visitors in attendance: Elise Lush and Emily Wagner

Superintendent Patterson explained the purpose of the hearing and reviewed the proposed budget.

4. Adjourn

Motion by John Donley, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to to adjourn at 8:08pm. Motion Passed.
Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea,
Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2023 ~ 8:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 9/7/2023
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 9/6/2023
Conference Room - Wilcox
404 Sapp Street
Wilcox, NE 68982-0190

1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

3. Consent Agenda

Superintendent Patterson reviewed the claims with the Board, and gave a financial updated to the Board.

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular August 21, 2023 Board Meeting and August 29, 2023 Budget Workshop.

3.C. Approval of Claims

3.D. Financial Report

4. Visitors and communication from the public

Visitors in attendance: Elise Lush and Emily Wagner

5. Action Items

5.A. Discuss, Consider and take all necessary action to approve the 2023-24 General Fund Budget of \$6,929,642 Depreciation Fund \$386834, Employee Benefit Fund \$25,903, Activities Fund \$382,325, School Nutrition Fund \$303,384, Special Building Fund \$2,109,439, QCPUF \$244,949, and Student Fee \$11,517

Superintendent Patterson reviewed the proposed budget.

Motion by Teresa Carey, seconded by John Donley, to approve the 2023-24 General Fund Budget of \$6,929,642 Depreciation Fund \$386834, Employee Benefit Fund \$25,903, Activities Fund \$382,325, School Nutrition Fund \$303,384, Special Building Fund \$2,109,439, QCPUF \$244,949, and Student Fee \$11,517. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.B. Discuss, Consider and take all necessary action to approve the 2023-2024 Tax Request Resolution #2023 with a General Fund Tax Request of \$4,658,586, Special Building Fund Tax Request of \$1,142,120, QCPUF of \$244,949

Superintendent Patterson explained the tax request for each fund.

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Kirk Nelson, to approve the 2023-2024 Tax Request Resolution #2023 with a General Fund Tax Request of \$4,658,586, Special Building Fund Tax Request of \$1,142,120, QCPUF of \$244,949. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.C. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve the purchase of a route bus

Superintendent Patterson reviewed the bid for a new route bus provided by Truck Center Companies. The bid for a new bus totaled \$131,350. Superintendent Patterson had requested bids from two companies, but only one company submitted a bid. Truck Center Companies have a price increase set to take place at the end of the month, which would increase the current bid by

\$3,600, Superintendent Patterson encouraged the Board to approve the purchase prior to the price increase. School bus production is still a slow process. Delivery of the new bus will be 12-18 months from the date of purchase.

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Teresa Carey, to approve the purchase of a route bus.
Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.D. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to approve Leah Cavanaugh as a local substitute

Superintendent Patterson encouraged the Board to approve the Leah Cavanaugh as a local substitute because there are still days the district struggles to find enough substitute teachers.

Motion by John Donley, seconded by Alan Casper, to approve Leah Cavanaugh as a local substitute. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Discussion Items

6.A. Discuss parent and student survey results for the 6-man or 8-man football options for the 24-25 football cycle

Superintendent Patterson and Principal Lovin discussed the preliminary results of the student and parent survey that was sent out at the beginning of the school year. Students and parents are encouraged to complete the survey if they have not done so. The football coaches will be coming in during the October or November Board meetings to discuss their thoughts about the potential changes with the Board.

7. Administrator Report

7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

1. School Finance Update
2. Start of the negotiations process with the WHEA
3. Updates on the water intrusion project for the Wilcox building

7.B. Principal Report:

Principal Lovin:

- PTC this week
- Update on fall activities
- Update on fall sports

Principal Muhlbach reported:

- UNK Students for TE 204
- Farm Safety day
- Special Education File Review
- CIP update

8. Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 8:00pm in the Wilcox conference room

9. Adjourn

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to adjourn meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, John Donley: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

SCHOOL STUFF

Connect the Dots

The sophomores will be attending the Connect the Dots event in Holdrege on Oct. 17th. This event provides a life simulating experience where students will draw cards to see what they need to do to overcome "curveballs" to get into college or land their future career. They will be able to talk to local employers to learn about job opportunities in the future.

Apply to College Day

The seniors are going to participate in Nebraska's Apply to College Campaign on Sept. 20th. This event focuses on seniors taking a big step in applying to college. All of the seniors are invited to work on things that will help better their futures, whether that means applying to college or updating their resumes to enter the workforce. Teachers wear shirts that represent the college they attended and talk to their classes about their educational journey. Seniors will enjoy root beer floats at the end of the event.



Save the Date! Financial Aid Night: Oct. 16th at 6:30 pm

Please join Mrs. Mach in the library to learn about ways to pay for college. EducationQuest will also be zooming in to talk about the upcoming changes with the FAFSA form. With the upcoming changes, it will work best to have your senior with you when you complete the FAFSA. Due to the changes with the application, the FAFSA will now not open until December. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend to learn about all of the changes!





Junior and Senior Opportunities

Jr. High Guidance

The junior high are starting to learn about careers and their future through our Find Your Grind Curriculum. In class, we have discussed if they are future ready and how they want their futures to look. This curriculum helps students discover careers that fit the lifestyle they would like to have some day.

EducationQuest Shoutout

Education Quest is a great, free resource. They help families complete the paperwork for the FAFSA for free. You just have to set up an appointment. To make an appointment, call Education Quest at 308-234-6310. You can also visit their website: Educationquest.org. They have tons of great resources that I often use when I meet with the high school kids.

As the school year is underway, it is important to know about some of the opportunities that are provided to our junior and senior classes. College Visits: Seniors are allowed to use two school days to visit a college and Juniors are allowed to use one day. These days are marked as school activity days and do not count as an absence. Visiting a college is an excellent way to help decide what institution is a good fit for your student. College have group tours and individual tours. They also have some events that focus on different careers or programs. If your student would like to visit a college, I am happy to help them make that arrangement.

Job Shadows: Juniors and seniors are allowed to take one day or two 1/2 days to job shadow. Students do have to fill out a booklet that requires them to research that career and have questions to ask on the shadow. Again, these days are counted as a school activity. Job Shadows are a great way to see if a career is something your student might enjoy. Students are encouraged to stop by my office for more help in finding a job shadow experience. Please know that I do meet with our senior and junior students to help them start to think about these opportunities and plan for their futures. Students do have to fill out a booklet that requires them to research that career and have questions to ask on the shadow. Again, these days are counted as a school activity. Job Shadows are a great way to see if a career is something your student might enjoy. Students are encouraged to stop by my office for more help in finding a job shadow experience. Please know that I do meet with our senior and junior students to help them start to think about these opportunities and plan for their futures.

FBLA Year Updates

Welcome to all returning and new FBLA members this year! We are starting the year off fast with so many things up and running already!

ButterBraid were sold throughout August and September and will be coming your way the first week of October! Fall Leadership Conference is coming up the last week of September. This is a conference for all FBLA Officers and members interested in becoming an officer next year. We are all signed up and ready to go!

To All Interested Members:

Make sure to take note of some key items that need to get taken care of if you are planning to be a member of FBLA this year:

1. FBLA dues of \$15 were due on September 13th. If you have not paid and still want to be a member, set up a meeting with Miss Martin.
2. Make sure you get yourself onto the Google Classroom FBLA page to keep up to date on all happenings.
3. Join Remind text messages to get text updates for meetings, outings, and general information.

See the following pages to view our recap of our trip to Nationals in Atlanta, GA this summer and to view some of our upcoming fun activities!

Upcoming Activities:

- *FBLA Outing to an Escape Room
- *FBLA Fall Leadership Conference
- *FBLA Concession Stand
- *FBLA Go Green Week (September)
- *FBLA/FFA Food Drive (October)
- *FBLA Meetings



FBLA Attends Nationals Atlanta, GA

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FBLA/FFA

FOOD DRIVE



During the month of October

Goal: 1500 items

Competition for grades K-5 and for grades 6-12!

The class that brings the most items in elementary and in Jr. High & High School wins
Elieen's Cookies!

Classes should bring items to the following rooms:

- 6th Grade- Mrs. Hammer's Room
- 7th & 8th Grade- Mrs. Myers' Room
- 9th Grade- Mrs. Simon's Room
- 10th Grade- Mrs. Hance's Room
- 11th Grade- Mr. Glenn's Room
- 12th Grade- Mr. Whipkey's Room
- Elementary bring items to their classrooms



Upcoming Band Events

Thursday, September 21st, 2023 Pep Band @ Volleyball

Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 Marching Band @ UNK
Band Day

Friday, October 6, 2023

Pep Band @ Football

Saturday, October 7th, 2023
@ Harvest of Harmony

Marching Band

Saturday, October 14th, 2023
@ Minden BandFest

Marching Band

Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 NO SCHOOL	3 Breakfast: Bagel A: Combo Sub Sandwich B: PB&J	4 Breakfast: Banana bread A: Chicken Broc. Alfredo B: PB&J	5 Breakfast: Banana cho. bar A: Chili B: PB&J	6 Breakfast: Muffins A: Chicken Bacon Wrap B: PB&J	7
8	9 Break: Biscuits & Gravy A: Fish Sandwich B: PB&J	10 Breakfast: Break Bagel A: Pizza Pocket B: PB&J	11 Break: Sausage egg roll A: Potato Bar B: PB&J	12 Breakfast: Break Burrito A: Crisпитos B: PB&J	13 Breakfast: Break. on Stick A: Chicken Nuggets B: PB&J	14
15	16 Breakfast: Break. Pizza A: Bosco Bostix B: PB&J	17 Break: Breakfast round A: Corn Dog B: PB&J	18 Breakfast: Breakfast Sand. A: Spaghetti Bar B: PB&J	19 Breakfast: Chicken Biscuit A: Nacho Day B: PB&J	20 Breakfast: Choco. Crescent A: Chicken Patty on Bun B: PB&J	21
22	23 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll A: Cheese Pizza Slice B: PB&J	24 Breakfast: Donuts A: Hot ham & Cheese B: PB&J	25 Breakfast: French Toast A: Chicken Nacho Boat B: PB&J	26 Breakfast: ham bar A: Meatball Bowl B: PB&J	27 Breakfast: yogurt A: Mand. Orange Chicken B: PB&J	28
29	30 Breakfast: Granola Bar A: BBQ Chicken on Bun B: PB&J	31 Break: Ham & Egg Sand. A: Pigs in a blanket B: PB&J				
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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Breakfast: Cereal bars A: Chicken Noodle Soup B: PB&J	2 Breakfast: Pancakes A: Beef Enchilada B: PB&J	3 Breakfast: Monte Cristo A: Bacon Cheeseburger B: PB&J	4
5 Breakfast: Muffins A: Fried Chicken Legs B: PB&J	6 Breakfast: Muffins A: Fried Chicken Legs B: PB&J	7 breakfast:Pop Tart A: Crispito B: PB&J	8 Break: Scrambled Eggs A: BLT Wrap B: PB&J	9 Breakfast: Waffles A: Hamburger B: PB&J	10 Break: yogurt parfait A: Hamburger Gravy, Mash. B: PB&J	11
12 Breakfast: Bagel A: Walking Taco B: PB&J	13 Breakfast: Bagel A: Walking Taco B: PB&J	14 Breakfast: Banana Bread A: Italian Dunkers B: PB&J	15 Break: Banana Choc.Bar A: Egg roll & Fried Rice B: PB&J	16 Break: Biscuits & Gravy A: Harvest Feast B: PB&J	17 Breakfast: Break. Bagel A: Smothered Burrito B: PB&J	18
19 Break::Sausage Egg roll A: Cooks choice B: PB&J	20 Break::Sausage Egg roll A: Cooks choice B: PB&J	21 Breakfast: Break. on Stick A: Cooks Choice B: PB&J	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26 Breakfast: Break. Pizza A: Turkey Chef Salad B: PB&J	27 Breakfast: Break. Pizza A: Turkey Chef Salad B: PB&J	28 Breakfast: Break.Round A: Lasagna B: PB&J	29 Break: Break. Sandwich A: Pizza Pocket B: PB&J	30 Breakfast: Chicken Biscuit A: Hot Dog B: PB&J		
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