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From the Superintendent's Desk

SUBMITTED BY FRANK JESSE, CHAMBERS PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Attendance, Communication, Conferences...OH MY.

Due to the increasing costs of postage and time required to put together and mail the monthly Coyote Connection Newsletter, we have decided to move to a digital copy that will be loaded and stored on the school website starting in October. For those who do not have internet access or prefer a hard copy of the newsletter, please contact the school at 402.482.5233 to be placed on the mailing list.

Study after study has shown how important regular school attendance is for academic success and graduation. Good attendance and punctuality at school is a great life lesson that will have a long-term impact on one's future endeavors after graduation. However, there are conditions requiring a student to be sent home or to stay home. If he/she has a temperature greater than 100 degrees, vomiting, diarrhea, unexplained rashes, live head lice, or as determined by the school nurse that the child's condition prevents meaningful participation in the educational program, presents a health risk to the child or others, or that medical consultation is warranted unless the condition resolves, a child must stay and/or be sent home. Students must be symptom and fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school.

If your child must be absent from school for any reason, please contact the school at 402.482.5233 to report their absence. A call prior to 9:00 AM would be the most beneficial.

Occasionally, a student will need to be excused early from school. Students will not be dismissed or

released from school until confirmation from a parent has been received. Parents will need to notify the school before the student is released.

The district encourages communication with our parents and patrons. However, there are some considerations that should be accounted for in the communication process. First, not all faculty will distribute their personal contact information. Every staff member has a school email address where they can be contacted. Every staff member also has access to phone services in their rooms and has the ability to take voice messages. If you contact a staff member by either email or phone, you should expect a response within 24 hours. Some

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staff may share their personal contact information with you but please be cognizant of the time you are contacting them. Texts and calls during the school day will most likely go unanswered as teachers will be busy. They may have the opportunity to check their phones during a plan period or during lunch, but their days are hectic and full; it is quite possible they may not see your call or text until after 3:30 PM. Faculty should address how they prefer to be contacted during parent-teacher conferences. Please share with the teachers how you, as a parent, prefer to be contacted as well. That could be by text message, email, or phone call depending on the situation. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, September 24 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Students will be dismissed from school at 1:00 PM on this day. Please note that parent-teacher conferences have changed to Wednesday, September 24 due to conflicts with the activity schedule.

The school has a district website, Facebook account and X (formerly known as Twitter) account. However, these accounts are for the posting of information and are not monitored for responses. If you have questions about a specific topic, please contact the school directly at 402.482.5233. At that point and time your call will be directed to the individual who can best answer your question or address your concern.

Key Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, September 1 – NO School (Labor Day)
- Wednesday, September 10 -- 10:00 AM Start for students
- Wednesday, September 24 -- 1:00 PM dismissal, Parent-Teacher conferences from 3:00-8:00 PM
- Friday, September 26 – No School

Remember, every second of every day, attendance matters!

News from Grade 1

SUBMITTED BY MRS. MARINO

First grade looks a bit different right now with a long-term substitute! My name is Mrs. Marino. I recently got married in June. I am excited to begin this new chapter in both my personal and professional life. This year, I will be the long-term substitute teacher for Mrs. Haburchak. I'm a proud graduate of Chambers and continued my education at Wayne State College, where I earned my degree in Elementary Education. I am so grateful that I am able to teach in the same place where I once walked the halls as a student.

In first grade, we've been having a lot of fun exploring our five senses through hands-on experiments, diving into the world of realistic fiction, learning about maps and how they help us understand the world around us, and so much more!

Each child brings something unique to the classroom, and I am so excited to watch them grow and flourish this year. I am eager to spend time with the first-grade class and look forward to working with many more students throughout the year.

Meet Mr. Springer

SUBMITTED BY MR. SPRINGER

My name is Caden Springer, and I am excited to be joining Chambers Public School this year as the K-6 Physical Education teacher and a paraprofessional. I will also be coaching junior high basketball and golf for the second year in a row. Sports have always been a big part of my life- I enjoy just about all of them, but basketball, baseball, golf, and pickleball are my favorites. Before coming to Chambers, I served as the Director of Basketball at the YMCA Farha in Wichita, Kansas, where I had the opportunity to work with young athletes of all ages and grow my passion for teaching the fundamentals of the sport.

I am originally from Wichita, Kansas, and now live in Bartlett with my fiancée, Katlyn Miller, who serves as the school counselor at Wheeler Central. Outside of school, I am a huge Nebraska sports fan, especially when it comes to Husker football. In my free time on the weekends, I enjoy going to the golf course, always thinking I am better than I actually am. I'm looking forward to sharing my love of sports and teamwork with students and being a part of the Chambers school community.

From the Desk of Mr. Brady Firley

SUBMITTED BY MR. FIRLEY, 7-12 PRINCIPAL & ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

ACADEMIC FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Establishing Routines: Teachers are focused on setting clear expectations, building classroom communities, and diving into curriculum content.
- Assessment & Goal Setting: Early assessments will help us identify student strengths and areas for support. Encourage your child to set personal academic and extracurricular goals!
- Study Habits: Now is the time to build consistent study routines. If your student is struggling, don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 1 – No School (Labor Day)
- Sept. 2 – Fall Sports Pictures (Chambers)
- Sept. 24 – 1:00 PM Early Dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences (3:00 PM – 8:00 PM)
- Sept. 26 – No School (Teacher Inservice)

Stay tuned to our school calendar and website for event times and any changes!

FALL ACTIVITIES ARE IN FULL SWING

Fall sports and activities have begun, and our student-athletes and performers are already representing Chambers-Wheeler Central with pride and dedication. We encourage everyone to come out and support our Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball teams. We also encourage everyone to support our FCCLA, FFA, and Music Programs.

PARENT TIPS

- Check JMC Weekly – Stay up to date with your student's grades and attendance.
- Talk Daily – Ask your student about one thing they learned or enjoyed each day.
- Attendance Matters – Being at school every day makes a difference. Help your student arrive on time and ready to learn.

FINAL THOUGHTS

We're grateful to begin this new school year with a strong and supportive community. Your involvement makes a huge difference. If you ever have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to reach out.

Let's make it a great September!

Counselor's Corner

SUBMITTED BY GINA POSPICHAL, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Fall MAP and NSCAS testing will be the week of September 8, 2025. For students to perform their very best on the assessments, it's important that they are well-rested and have breakfast or a snack before the testing session.

Seniors should be scheduling college visits and/or job shadow experiences during the fall. September and October are the recommended months for applying for college. Many colleges offer free applications during the fall months. I am always available to assist students during this process. I highly encourage seniors and senior parents to visit EducationQuest for an abundance of college and career planning resources. The web address is www.educationquest.org. EducationQuest offers financial aid seminars and FAFSA completion assistance.

Last year Governor Pillen signed LB705 into law. One of the components of this bill is a provision to require all public high school seniors to complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) to graduation. Here are key pieces of the information that parents need to know regarding this law:

- The legislation includes the ability for a parent/legal guardian of a school principal to opt a student out of the requirement.
- Students 19 or older or emancipated minors can opt out of the requirement..

The 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open selectively on October 1, 2025. It will open for everyone on December 1. Due to a lack of participation, Chambers will NOT be hosting a FAFSA completion day as we have in the past.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 402-482-5233 or email me at gpospichal@chamberspublic.org

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration Date
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025	September 30, 2025
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025	November 24, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026	January 23, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026	March 24, 2026

CHILDFIND NOTICE

This notice to inform the patrons of Chambers Public Schools that Public law 94-142 and Nebraska Rules 51 and 52 mandate that a free, appropriate public education is available to each child with a disability, 0-21 years of age, who resides in a local school district.

Child Find for Special Education Services

The Chambers Public School asks you to assist us in our childfind efforts. This is an ongoing statewide search for all unserved children with disabilities, ages birth through 21. If you know of a child who is experiencing difficulties with motor development, speech and language, vision, hearing or learning, please refer the parent to the number below. The Chambers Public School District will provide an educational evaluation at no cost to the parent. If the child qualifies under Nebraska law, a free and appropriate educational program will be developed to meet his/her educational needs. To contact us, please call Mr. Frank Jesse (Supt.) at 402.482.5233.

**CHAMBERS BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Chambers Public Schools was convened in open and public session on August 18, 2025, in Room 1 at Chambers Public Schools, 201 S. A Street, Chambers, Nebraska. The roll was called, and the following Board members were present: Terry Kamphaus, Jamie Tomjack, Monte Metschke, Amy Scott, Brady Dexter, and Jon Sladek. Also present was Frank Jesse, Superintendent.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication on the Chambers Public School's website on August 11, 2025, and thereafter in the Holt County Independent and Sandhills Times, on August 13, 2025. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Kamphaus at 7:31p.m.

Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

At the beginning of this meeting, the Chair announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of Room 1.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Monte Metschke, seconded by Brady Dexter, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0.

Visitors were invited to share public comment:

- No public comment.

New Business

- A. Motion by Jamie Tomjack, seconded by Monte Metschke, to adopt resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by up to seven percent. (7%). Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Amy Scott, seconded by Brady Dexter to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m. on August 18, 2025. Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0. The meeting was duly adjourned.

Regular Board Meeting: August 18, 2025 @ 8:00pm.

_____, Secretary
Amy Scott

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Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting

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Motion by Jamie Tomjack, seconded by Jon Sladek, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0.

Visitors were invited to share public comment.

- No public comment.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Monte Metschke, seconded by Jamie Tomjack, to approve all items on the consent agenda as provided. After discussion and roll call vote the motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0.

GENERAL FUND CLAIMS: \$72,275.91

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND: \$123,519.48

HOT LUNCH CLAIMS: \$491.80

PAYROLL: \$171,644.21

Student Council Report

Mr. Jesse gave the Student Council Report.

Principal/Activity Report

Mr. Firley gave the principal/activity report.

Teacher Report

Mrs. O'Malley gave the Elementary Report. Mrs. Dexter gave the JH/HS Report.

Counselor Report

Mrs. Pospichal gave the Counselor Report.

Superintendent Report and Recommendations

Mr. Jesse gave the superintendent report.

- August District Enrollment
- Strategic Plan
- Professional Development

Board of Education Development

New Business

A. Motion by Amy Scott, seconded by Monte Metschke, to approve annual board policy updates:

- a. Policy 5375 – Bullying Prevention
- b. Policy 5615 – Student Fee Policy
- c. Policy 6800 – Computer Policy
- d. Policy 7900 – Parental Involvement Policy
- e. Policy 4004 – Title IX Policy

Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0.

B. Motion by Brady Dexter, seconded by Jamie Tomjack to approve 2025-2026 CWC Handbook. Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0.

C. Motion by Jon Sladek, seconded by Monte Metschke to approve Line of Credit with Chambers State Bank. Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0.

D. No action taken to approve transfer of funds from General Fund to the Hot Lunch Fund, tabled until September 2025.

E. Motion by Brady Dexter, seconded by Amy Scott to approve \$7500.00 Fall Contribution from General Fund to CWC Activity Fund. Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0.

F. No action taken to approve purchase of CD from Chambers State Bank, tabled until September 2025.

G. No action taken to approve purchase of Board Policy Service with KSB Law.

H. Motion by Monte Metschke, seconded by Jamie Tomjack to approve boiler repairs: Pneumatic Control Air Compressor, Air Dryer and Chemical Treatment. Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0.

Topics for Next Month's Agenda: Transfer to Hot Lunch, CD, KSB Law/Perry Law, 2025-2026 Budget

Adjournment

Motion was made by Amy Scott, seconded by Jon Sladek, to adjourn the meeting at 10:23pm on August 18, 2025.

Motion carried, 6-0. Aye: Dexter, Kamphaus, Metschke, Scott, Sladek, Tomjack. Nay: 0. The meeting was duly adjourned.

Special Tax Request Hearing: September 15, 2025 @ 7:30pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting: September 15, 2025 @ 8:00p.m.

_____, Secretary
Amy Scott

September

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NO SCHOOL	2 CWC Fall Sports & Senior Banner Pictures @ Chambers	3 FFA District Range Judging	4 VB EPPJ Tri @ Elgin XC Meet @ Niobrara	5 CWC FB @ Bassett 7pm	6
7	8 FFA District Range Judging	9 JH VB/FB vs. Riverside @ Bartlett 4/5pm CWC VB vs. St. Mary's @ O'Neill	10 Late Start- 10:00AM	11 North Central VB Tri @ Bassett 5pm XC Meet @ Loup City	12 CWC FB vs EPPJ @ Bartlett 7pm	13 CWC VB @ Cedar Rapids 10am
14	15 JH VB/FB @ Stuart 3:30/5pm BOE Meeting @ 8pm	16 CWC VB Tri @ Chambers 5pm	17 FCCLA FLC @ Kearney	18 FFA Area V Range Judging FCCLA Competitive Events Meeting 6pm	19 XC Meet @ O'Neill CWC VB @ Sargent 5pm CWC FB @ Taylor 7pm	20 Band @ Norfolk 10am CWC VB Pool Play @ Bartlett JH VB Tourney @ O'Neill
21	22 JH FB/VB vs. St. Mary's @ Chambers 4/5:30pm	23 FFA Ignite @ Norfolk CWC VB Tri @ Bartlett 5pm	24 Early Dismissal- 1:00pm P/C Conference 3-8pm FFA Ignite @ Kearney	25 CWC VB vs. N/C @ Chambers 6pm	26 NO SCHOOL- Teacher In Service CWC FB @ Merna 3pm	27 Band @ TBD CWC VB @ Ansley 10am
28	29 JH FB @ Burwell 4:30pm XC Meet @ Kearney 10AM	30 CWC VB vs Osmond @ Chambers 6pm				