

**SANDHILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

2024-25 Budget Work session– August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

7:00 p.m. HS Lecture Hall

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the work-session was to allow the board opportunity to discuss plans for the 2024-25 budget. This work-session was formerly announced at the August 12th regular board meeting with proper notice posted at Sandhills High School, US Post Office in Dunning, The Spur in Dunning, Halsey Elementary, US Post Office in Halsey, and Suttons in Halsey on August 13 and 14, 2024.

**Special Board Meeting**

1. **Call to order:** The special meeting of the Sandhills Public Schools Board of Education was called to order on August 20 at – 7:10 p.m. by President Ted Teahon in the Sandhills High School Lecture Hall.
2. **Mission Statement** - “The mission of Sandhills Public Schools is to provide quality education in a safe, respectful, equitable and inclusive learning environment to develop productive citizens for an ever-changing global society.”
3. **Nebraska Open Meetings Law** – Notice was made of the open meeting law and posting.
4. **Roll Call** – All board members were present. Also present was Dr. Isom and three guests.
5. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
6. **District Valuation** – Dr. Isom shared new valuations for the 2024-2025 year. Total valuation for the 2024 budget is \$461,635,960 with Real Growth of \$617,753. The percentage or real growth is 0.14%.
7. **2024-2025 Budget Discussion and Planning** – The board reviewed state aid certification, budget authority, and property tax authority certification. They discussed accessing an additional 7% tax request authority after publication of the possible increase as required. Unused tax authority may be carried over to the next school year. The board reviewed the Allowable Growth Percentage and will need to proceed with a joint public hearing in order to have a tax request of more than the 2.14% as determined by the real growth percentage increase allowed. Dr. Isom will be in contact with Blaine County officials to pursue the joint public hearing with notice given for an approximately 6.9% increase. The board will proceed with their regular board meeting on September 9, 2024, and will add approval of the resolution to increase the district’s overall property tax request authority by an additional seven percent above the base growth percentage or another amount within that range as an action item for the regular meeting. Following the joint public hearing that needs to be held between Sept 14-24, the board will schedule a special meeting with the purpose of budget approval to meet the required budget submission deadline.
8. **Other** – Dr. Isom and Mr. Teahon updated the board on the recent fire marshal visit of the activities building and bus trade.
9. **Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned by President Teahon at 9:30 p.m.