

**Garden County Public Schools**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 11, 2023**  
**12:00 pm**

The following Special Hearing for Budget and Tax Request meeting of the Board of Education of Garden County Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, September 11, 2023, in the boardroom at Garden County High School (200 West 4<sup>th</sup> St.) in Oshkosh, NE. The following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Jeff Cooper, Matthew Ardissono, Shelli Peterson, Kolby VanNewkirk, Andrea Lake and Rich Paisley

1. President Peterson opened the Hearing for the Tax Request for the 23-24 School Budget at 11:40.
2. No Visitors
3. President Peterson closed the Tax Request Hearing at 11:45

1. President Peterson open the Budget Hearing for the 23-24 School Budget at 11:45
2. No Visitors
3. President Peterson closed the Budget Hearing at 11:59.

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Present: Kolby VanNewkirk, Andrea Lake, Matthew Ardissono, Shelli Peterson, Jeff Cooper, and Rich Paisley

Absent: none

Also present: Superintendent Jess Underwood, Principal Jason Spady, Principal Rita Nickel

Guests:

1. President Peterson called the regular meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

*Announcement of Open Meetings Act Posting*

*At the beginning of this meeting, President Peterson announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the east wall of the meeting room.*

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion made by Paisley, seconded by Lake to approve the agenda
4. Roll call vote: VanNewkirk-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Paisley-Aye, Cooper-Aye, Ardissono-Aye, Lake-Aye Motion carried.

5. Motion made by Cooper, seconded by Ardissono, to approve the regular meeting minutes and claims for \$49,092.36. Roll call vote: Ardissono-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Lake-Aye, Paisley-Aye, Cooper-Aye, VanNewkirk-Aye. Motion carried.

6. Reports

A. Board committee reports: Safety/Transportation: ALICAP Report. Building: Report on the projects finishing up in each building. Finance: Start of New Budget and what was carried over from last year's budget. Principal report: Mr. Spady and Mrs. Nickel talked about the first weeks at school, Math Night, APL training for teachers, testing in both buildings, Pumpkin Patch field trips, and Mid-Term grades.

6. Discussion items/Action items:

A. Motion made by Cooper, seconded by VanNewkirk, to approve 2023/2024 Budget. Roll call vote: Lake-Aye, Paisley-Aye, VanNewkirk-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ardissono-Aye, Cooper-Aye. Motion carried.

B. Motion made by Paisley, seconded by Ardissono to approve the school district Tax Request for the 23-24 School Year. Roll call vote: Paisley-Aye, Peterson-Aye, VanNewkirk-Aye, Ardissono-Aye, Lake-Aye, Cooper-Aye Motion carried.

C. Motion made by Ardissono, second by Lake, to approve the Carney Scholarships. Roll call vote: Lake-Aye, Paisley-Aye, VanNewkirk-Aye, Peterson-Aye, Ardissono-Aye, Cooper-Aye. Motion carried.

7. President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 12:45 PM.

8. Date and time of next regular meeting: October 9, 2023, at 12:00 PM.

DATED this 11th day of September 2023

GARDEN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(35-0001)

BY: Shelli Peterson, President

ATTEST: Andrea Lake, Secretary  
Jess Underwood, Superintendent

***The mission of Garden County Schools is to Inspire, Integrity, and  
Responsibility.***