



Wilcox-Hildreth Public School News & Views

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JANUARY, 2026

FROM THE FALCON'S PERCH

- Justin Patterson, Superintendent

Dear Parents, Patrons, Community Members, and Students,

Happy New Year! As we dive into the second half of the school year, we have several exciting updates and reminders to share with you. We appreciate your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Upcoming Events:

- **Home Wrestling Triangular: Senior Night!** Our team will face Alma and Weeping Water on January 30. Wrestling starts at 5:00pm. The girls team will also be having a dual with Alma in their first ever dual! All PK-6 students get free entry. Falcon Wrestling Club Wrestlers get one free popcorn. Come cheer on our athletes! Stay for autographs at the end. The boys and girls teams will be signing autographs in the south gym at the conclusion of the triangular.
- **FKC Girls Wrestling Tournament:** Saturday, January 31 @ Ansley/Litchfield Invite
- **FKC GBB & BBB Bunny Bracket Games:** Saturday, January 31st TBD
- **FKC Boys Wrestling Tournament:** Thursday, February 5 @Amherst
- **District Girls Wrestling:** Saturday, February 7th @Columbus Lakeview
- **District Boys Wrestling:** Friday, February 13th and Saturday, February 14 @Oakland-Craig
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Scheduled for February 12, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is a great opportunity to connect with teachers and discuss your child's progress. As a reminder, you may always contact your child's classroom teacher at any point in time during the school year. If you have concerns about your student, please email your child's teacher sooner rather than later. Parents and teachers are wonderful allies to ensure student success in school.



Important Reminders:

- **Weather Closures:** Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date for timely notifications regarding school closures due to inclement weather.
- **Student Attendance:** Regular attendance is key to academic success. If your child will be absent, kindly inform the office as soon as possible.
- **Volunteering Opportunities:** We're always looking for volunteers to assist with school events and activities. Reach out to the office if you're interested.

Highlights from First Semester:

- Fall Activities were very successful. The football team made the playoffs and the CC teams qualified multiple runners to the State meet.
- The One-Act Cast and Crew qualified for the State competition. Kudos to our students and staff for their hard work and creativity.
- Daily Student Attendance is greatly improved from where we were a few short years ago.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school's success. Your involvement and encouragement mean the world to our students and staff. Here's to a fantastic start to 2026!

Warm regards,

Justin Patterson
Superintendent
Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

Attendance Bash

Our second quarter Attendance Bash was a big success, celebrating K–12 students who demonstrated outstanding commitment to being at school every day. We proudly recognized students who achieved 95% attendance or better, those with perfect attendance for the second quarter, and students who earned perfect attendance for the entire first semester. Overall, we have seen great attendance so far this year, and we are excited to continue building on this momentum. We encourage all students and families to keep up the great work and strive for excellent attendance throughout the second semester!

Family Literacy Night

Family Literacy Night for grades K–5 was a wonderful evening filled with learning, laughter, and togetherness. Families enjoyed picking out books, making crafts, playing games, reading together, and warming up with delicious hot chocolate. It was especially meaningful to see such strong family and community engagement, as these connections play an important role in supporting our students' love of reading and learning. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the night such a great success!

Luke Glenn
Assistant Principal

WELCOME TO OUR

Counseling Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

Local Scholarships

The senior class is busy working on local scholarships this semester. Wilcox-Hildreth is fortunate to have close to thirty different local scholarships which help provide extra funding for our students' post-secondary journey. These local scholarships, combined with regional, national, and institution-based scholarship are crucial for helping students to afford schooling and training past high school. We want to give a special thanks to all of our scholarship partners! We appreciate all the time and effort our businesses and families dedicate to the students of Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools!



School Involvement

Many statistics show that student involvement in extra-curricular activities are proven to produce stronger students. Statistics show students in extracurriculars generally have better attendance, higher GPAs (often over 3.0), stronger college aspirations (like bachelor's degrees), and better test scores, with participants three times more likely to be in the top quartile on achievement tests than non-participants.* Currently, our senior class of 20 students have been/are involved in more than 100 different activities. STAY INVOLVED!

*Extracurricular Participation and Student Engagement (National Center for Education Statistics)



Ongoing Events

Juniors and Seniors are completing Job Shadows and College Visits

Seniors are doing real-life post-secondary budgets

Seniors are filing-out local scholarship applications

Juniors are studying and preparing for the ACT on March 24^h 2026

Wilcox-Hildreth Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 19, 2026 ~ 7:00 PM
Posting Locations:
Minden Courier Posting Date 01/08/2026
Franklin Chronicle Posting Date 01/07/2026
Conference Room - Wilcox
404 Sapp Street
Wilcox, NE 68982-0190

1. Call to Order. Roll Call

2. Announce location of posted Open Meetings Act

2.A. Pledge

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to approve the consent agenda. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3.A. Approval of Agenda

3.B. Approval of minutes of Regular December 15, 2025 Board Meeting

3.C. Approval of Claims

3.D. Financial Report

4. Visitors and communication from the public

5. Action Items

5.A. Reorganization of the Board of Education. Discuss, Consider and take all necessary action to approve officers and committee assignments

Current positions:

Kirk Nelson Board President,

Kert Hansen Board Vice President,

Alan Casper Board Treasurer,

Ryan Knaus Board Secretary.

Administrative Staff Negotiations-Kert Hansen, Chris Stuehm, Teresa Carey;

Certified Staff Negotiations-Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper, Ryan Knaus

Americanism-Kert Hansen, Chris Stuehm, Teresa Carey;

Technology and Equipment-Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper;

Support Services-Kert Hansen,

Curriculum and Instruction-Teresa Carey, Alan Casper;

Building and Grounds-Kirk Nelson, Kert Hansen, Ryan Knaus;

Transportation-Alan Casper, Teresa Carey;

Finance-Kirk Nelson, Alan Casper,

Volunteers in Public School-Chris Stuehm, Teresa Carey;

WACF-Teresa Carey, Kert Hansen;

Franklin County Community Foundation- Alan Casper

Phelps County Community Foundation-Alan Casper;

GRN-Alan Casper, Kert Hansen

Motion by Ryan Knaus, seconded by Chris Stuehm, to take all necessary action to approve officers and committee assignments. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action to review board policies 2002, 2006, 2014, 5006, 5044, 2012, 2013

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Teresa Carey, to take all necessary action to review board policies 2002, 2006, 2014, 5006, 5044, 2012, 2013. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.C. Designate KSB School Law as legal counsel, Cornerstone Bank as the depository bank, and the Minden Courier as the district newspaper.

Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to designate KSB School Law as legal counsel, Cornerstone Bank as the depository bank, and the Minden Courier as the district newspaper. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.D. Appoint Joe Muhlbach as the district Title IX Coordinator

Motion by Alan Casper, seconded by Ryan Knaus, to appoint Joe Muhlbach as the district Title IX Coordinator. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Discussion Items

6.A. Strategic Plan Update

6.B. Election Reminders for the Board

7. Administrator Report

7.A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Patterson reported:

1. School Finance updates
2. Security Camera installation updates
3. Strategic Plan updates
4. Board Election reminders to the BOE

7.B. Principal Report

Principal Muhlbach Reported:

- Device Data
- NAEP Testing
- Literacy Night

Glenn Reported:

- Quarter 2 and Semester 1 attendance numbers

8. Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 16, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Wilcox Conference Room

9. Adjourn

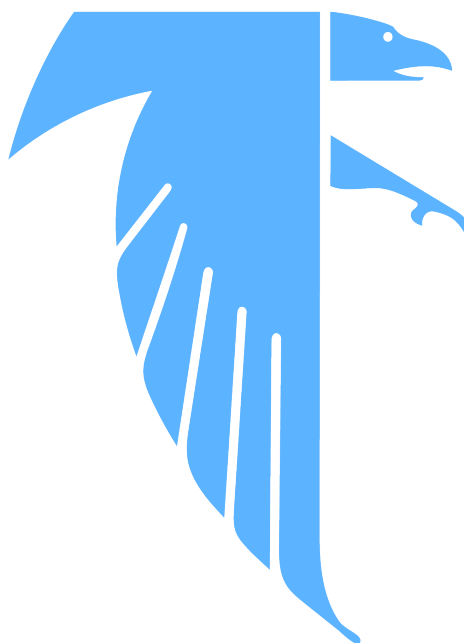
Motion by Kert Hansen, seconded by Alan Casper, to adjourn meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion Passed.

Teresa Carey: Yea, Alan Casper: Yea, Kert Hansen: Yea, Ryan Knaus: Yea, Kirk Nelson: Yea, Chris Stuehm: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

UPCOMING BAND/CHOIR PERFORMANCES

When	What	Where	Who	Report Time	Performance
January 9	Pep Band - BB	Wilcox	7-12 Band	6:15 PM	6:25 PM
January 24	Pep Band - BB	Wilcox	7-12 Band	2:15 PM	2:25 PM
January 30	Pep Band - BB	Wilcox	7-12 Band	6:15 PM	6:25 PM
February 12	FKC Instrumental Quints	Overton	7-12 Band	8:00AM	5:00PM
February 20	Pep Band - BB	Wilcox	7-12 Band	5:30 PM	5:40 PM
February 26	KHS Choir Bass Voices	Kearney	7-12 Choir Men	7:45AM	-----
March 6-Feb 27th	National Anthem - Storm Game	Kearney	7-12 Choir	TBD	TBD
March 18	FKC Music Contest	Axtell	Small Ensembles	TBD	TBD
March 19	KHS Choir Treble Voices	Kearney	7-12 Choir Women	7:45AM	-----
April 24	District Music Contest	Minden	7-12 Band/Choir	TBD	TBD
May 4	Spring Concert	Wilcox	K-12 Band/Choir	6:15/7:15 PM	6:30/7:30 PM



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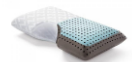
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Alzheimers Donation Class Leaderboard:



Reminder: we will be continuing the donation to the Alzheimers Foundation until January 31st. Donation boxes are located in classrooms and outside of Miss Martin's classroom. The winning class will get a pizza party!



Top 3 Donating Classes



2nd Grade- \$71.84



3rd Grade- \$60.30



5th Grade- \$11.00



Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools

February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Breakfast:Monte Cristo A:Chicken Patty B: PB&J	3 Breakfast:Muffins A:Beef Stroganoff B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	4 Breakfast:Waffles A:Hot Ham & Cheese B: PB&J	5 Breakfast: Banana Chunk A:Chili B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	6 Breakfast:yogurt A:Italian Dunkers B: PB&J	7
8	9 Breakfast: Funnel Cake A: Popcorn Chicken B: PB&J	10 Breakfast: Break. nuggets A: Walking Taco B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	11 Breakfast: Banana Bread A: BBQ Rib B: PB&J	12 Breakfast:Break. round A: Beef and Noodles B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	13 NO SCHOOL	14
15	16 Breakfast: Breakfast Bagel A: Pulled Pork B: PB&J	17 Breakfast: Egg Bites A: Soft Tacos B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	18 Breakfast:Tornados A: Chicken Fajita B: PB&J	19 Breakfast: Pop Tarts A: Cheese Pizza B: PB&J	20 Breakfast: Muffins A:Sack Lunch/Combo Sub B:PB&J	21
22	23 Breakfast:Pop Tarts A: Pizza Pockets B: PB&J	24 Breakfast:Break.Sandwich A: Nachos B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	25 Breakfast:Frudel A: FK.C Bowl B: PB&J	26 Breakfast: Choco.Crescent A: Beef Pizza B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	27 Breakfast:French Toast A:Fish Sandwich B:PB&J	28

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March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Breakfast: Granola Bar A: Chicken Fried steak B: PB&J	3 Breakfast: Cinnamon Roll A: Walking Tacos B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	4 Breakfast:Biscuits&Gravy A: Hot Dogs B: PB&J	5 Breakfast: Donuts A: Lasagna B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	6 Breakfast:Stuffed Hash. A: Chicken Strips B: PB&J C:Fish	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL	10 NO SCHOOL	11 NO SCHOOL	12 NO SCHOOL	13 NO SCHOOL	14
15	16 Breakfast: Bagel A:Bosco Bostix B: PB&J	17 Breakfast: Ham&Egg Sand. A: Nacho Day B:PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	18 Breakfast: Ham Bar A: BBQ Chicken/Bun B: PB&J	19 Breakfast: Pancakes A: Tater Tot Casserole B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL	20 Breakfast:Monte Cristo A: Cheese Pizza B: PB&J C:Fish	21
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29	30 Breakfast:Break. Nuggets A: Chicken Nacho Boat B: PB&J	31 Breakfast: Banana Bread A: Soft Shell Taco B: PB&J BEEF IN SCHOOL				

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