

Plainview Public Schools Special Board of Education Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2026

A special meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview, NE, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tim Rasmussen, President, on Monday, January 19, 2026. Chance A. moved, Caden A. seconded to declare an open meeting. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried. Roll call was answered by Rasmussen, Wyatt Frahm, Caden Alexander, Justin D. Doerr, Melissa Doerr and Chance Anderson.

Chance A. moved, Justin D. seconded to approve the agenda. Upon roll call vote, the ayes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Review Latest Floor Plan

Bob Soukup shared with the group how we've got to this point. After months of meetings, school tours, and surveys, the committee is in a place to make a recommendation to the school board. Mrs. Hodson and Mr. Schmidt then went through the components of the latest floor plan that the committee has arrived at. They provided some data and justification for each component.

Financial Estimates & Funding Options

John Weiser and Tobin Buchanan shared financial information which included a cost breakdown of call construction expenses and 3 possible tax impact charts. Any approved bond amount would be locked in over the course of the term determined by the board. The school board would have the option to spread out the call for bond and to refinance throughout the course of the term if a lower rate were to benefit the district. Tobin shared the possibility of a 2-question ballot that would separate the gym/locker rooms from the rest of the components and allow a vote on each piece.

Q&A With Patrons

Eight patrons asked questions or made statements about the proposed building project.

Survey of Committee Members

An 8-question survey was pushed out to committee members to gauge their level of support for each component of the proposed plan. The results were as follows:

- Demolish 1920 building and construct 6 replacement classrooms and 2 wrestling practice areas=100% support
- Demolish existing wood shop and construct a new CTE/Skilled Trades shop to include woods and metal working, agriculture, small engines labs to include separate classrooms and storage for woods and metals=100% support
- Close Woodland Ave. and link the two schools with K-12 space for Music, Art, Media Center, Commons, and Kitchen with a secure entrance=93% support
- Repurpose existing kitchen/cafeteria to accommodate a 3- and 4-year-old preschool=93% support
- Construct new FCS/Culinary Arts and repurpose existing Home Ec. Room to accommodate Level II/Life Skills services=87% support

- Repurpose existing space in the elementary to provide separate spaces for Special Education services=87% support'
- Repurpose existing Music room to construct a new Fitness/Wellness room and repurpose existing weight room as a cross-over hallway, storage, and equipment/handicap access to the stage=93% support
- Construct a new gymnasium to include 2 locker rooms that also serve as FEMA rated storm shelters=73% support

Discuss Possible School Board Resolution and Information Campaign

The board then entered into a brief discussion about the next steps in the process. The deadline to vote on a board resolution is March 1st.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The board will meet again in on February 2nd at 6:00 in the High School Media Center to finalize bond resolution language and a Date and time for the board to vote on such a resolution. A board resolution would be a vote to place the question on the May 12th primary ballot for the district patrons to vote.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed recording secretary of the Board of Education of District 5, Plainview, NE, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the special meeting of the Board of Education of District 5 of Plainview NE, held in open session on the 19th day of January 2026.

Dr. Darron Arlt, Recording Secretary