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SMALL TOWN: BIG DATES

- 12-1 District One Act in Wilcox 9:45AM
Elementary MAPS/Fastbridge Testing
- 12-2 Building, Grounds and Transportation Meeting 11:30AM
JH W at Southern Valley 1:00PM
Elementary MAPS/Fastbridge Testing
- 12-3 Elementary MAPS/Fastbridge Testing
- 12-4 Board Policy Meeting 7:30AM
G/B BB in Loomis vs SEM JV-4:30, GV-6:00, BV-7:45
- 12-5 Boys W at Ravenna 11:00AM
Girls W at Southwest 11:00AM
G/B BB at Overton JV-4:30, GV-6:00, BV-7:30
- 12-8 JH W at Arapahoe 1:00PM
School Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 12-9 Girls BB at Kenesaw JV-5:00, GV-6:30
- 12-10 State One Act at Norfolk
- 12-11 JH W FKC at Ansley 10:00AM
- 12-12 Boys W at Southern Valley 9:00AM
G/B BB at Amherst JV-4:30, GV-6:00, BV-7:45
- 12-13 G/B BB in Loomis vs Bertrand JV-1:30, GV-3:00, BV-4:45
FFA Auction during Basketball
- 12-15 FFA Meeting in Bertrand, Caroling at 6:30PM
K-12 Christmas Concert 7:00PM
- 12-16 Semester Tests
1:50 Dismissal
Girls W at Maxwell 2:00PM
G/B BB in Loomis vs Maxwell JV-4:30, GV-6:00, BV-7:45
- 12-17 Semester Tests
1:50 Dismissal
- 12-18 11:50 Dismissal
Boys W at Kenesaw 5:00PM
- 12-19 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday
Teacher Christmas Breakfast 8:00AM
G/B BB at Ansley JV-4:30, GV-6:00, BV-7:45
- 12-20 G/B W at Cambridge 10:00AM
G/B BB at Southern Valley JV-1:30, GV-3:00, BV-4:45
- 12-22 Christmas Break
Gym Refinishing (Gym Off Limits!)
- 12-23 Christmas Break
Gym Refinishing (Gym Off Limits!)
- 12-24 Christmas EVE
Christmas Break
Gym Refinishing (Gym Off Limits!)
NSAA Moratorium
- 12-25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Gym Refinishing (Gym Off Limits!)
NSAA Moratorium
- 12-26 Christmas Break
- 12-27 Christmas Break
- 12-28 Christmas Break
- 12-29 Christmas Break
- 12-30 Christmas Break
- 12-31 New Years EVE
Christmas Break

Straight from the Wolf's Den

Nate Weaver

Hello Wolves!

It's that time of year... cold and flu season seems to have arrived earlier than any of us would like. Please remember to keep students' home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours. Make sure they are getting plenty of rest and proper nutrition so we can keep illness out of the building as much as possible. These weeks are especially challenging as we work with a limited number of substitute teachers and paras. Maintaining good health is essential for keeping our school running smoothly. Healthy diets, warm coats, and adequate sleep are some of the best defenses against seasonal sickness.

After Thanksgiving, it always feels like a mad dash to Christmas. We will begin testing K-6 students with FastBridge and MAPS during the first week of December. FastBridge evaluates each student individually, identifying strengths and areas of need, and provides interventions for students who may require extra support. It also includes a valuable social-emotional component. Students in grades 7-12 will complete their testing on December 9th and 10th. This all takes place before we head into break on December 18th.

Finals for grades 7-12 will be held on December 16th and 17th, with both days dismissing at 1:50 p.m. to allow teachers time to grade and finalize semester tests. December 18th will be an 11:50 a.m. dismissal and will be used to review tests and celebrate the end of the semester. We look forward to seeing growth and improvement in all students compared to their fall assessments.

With Fall Sports wrapped up and One-Act just finishing, we are moving quickly into a busy winter season. Attendance is more important than ever. Our girls' and boys' basketball and wrestling schedules keep everyone on the move, making it crucial for students to use their time in the building wisely. Strong time management, staying caught up on homework, and taking advantage of available academic support are key. Our staff members are always available in the mornings to help any student who have questions or need extra assistance.

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season, and best of luck to all participants in our winter activities. Something new this year is that Loomis will be hosting a Holiday basketball tournament December 29 th and 30 th . If you are free, please come and help us support the basketball teams. The boys wrestling team will be hosting a Triangular on January 15 th . It's always a race to see what we can accomplish in the two and a half weeks before the break—time just keeps flying by! Go Wolves!

Hello December

The Head Honcho's Highlight Reel

Jeff Ellsworth



Ho, Ho, Ho! Here we go! A quick sprint to Christmas break! Winter activities are gearing up with the first varsity contests this week. One Act Play has completed its season, finishing 4th in Districts. It was a good play with a GREAT message. Junior High wrestling will be wrapping up Thursday with the FKC meet in Ansley.

We are MAPS testing our elementary students this week and we will be MAPS testing our 7-10 students next week. The following week we will have semester testing for our 7-12 students and we will have 1:50 dismissals on the 16th and 17th followed by an 11:50 dismissal on the 18th for our last day of the 1st semester and Christmas Break begins. We will be plenty busy the next three weeks.

It is critical at this point to make sure everyone has their assignments turned in and giving maximum effort. We need all the help we can get to make sure that students are focused and rested as we test and prepare for the end of the semester. Students should get 9-10 hours of sleep per night. With activities, I know this is hard for many of our students. We thank you for your efforts in helping them get as much rest as they can. School will resume for students on Tuesday, January 6.

There is never a dull moment around Loomis Public Schools. Thank you for your patronage and allowing us to educate your students. Merry Christmas and Happy holidays!

Jeff Ellsworth, "Mr. E"



November Board Meeting Notes

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Loomis Schools, Media Center, Rm 117
101 Bryan St
Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Monday, November 10, 2025 7:30PM

Holdrege Daily Citizen - Posted Date: 10-30-2025

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School Posted Date: 10-23-2025

Kelly Anderson: Present, Farren Nelson: Present, Denny Pouk: Present, Scott Schukar: Present, Mike Szekely: Present, Luke Thorell: Present.

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open and properly posted by advanced notice. Passed with a motion by Luke Thorell and a second by Farren Nelson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Holdrege Daily Citizen, the School District's designated method for given notice, and posting at the Loomis Public Schools, Loomis Village Office and Loomis Post Office, a copy of the Affidavit of Publication being attached to these Minutes. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education, and a copy of their Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice is attached to these Minutes. Availability of the Agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the members of this meeting. The President publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy in the room where the meeting was being held. All proceedings of the Board were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

2. Welcome Guests

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. 2025 - One Act Team Presentation

Mrs. Hanika, Grady and Easton Reynolds spoke about One Act. The play they are performing is Boxes. They have 39 students participating.

6. Call with Marcy Luth to discuss the audit.

Reviewed the 2024-2025 Audit

7. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign and validate all the checks and warrants as presented. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Kelly Anderson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

Reviewed the bill roster.

7.1 Agenda

7.2 Previous Board Meeting Minutes

7.3 Bill Roster

7.4 Financial Reports

7.4.1 General Fund

Receipts \$307,638.64, expenses \$411,790.46, balance \$1,773,982.81

7.4.2 Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$1175.28, expenses \$969.26, balance \$1,617,746.39

Bond: Receipts \$15,545.79, expenses \$231,715.00, balance \$152,573.70

7.4.3 Activities Fund

Receipts \$31,661.29, expenses \$18,594.98, balance \$124,091.34

7.4.4 Nutrition Fund

Receipts \$21,979.21, expenses \$24,729.17, balance \$9,583.30

7.4.5 Building Fund

Receipts \$10,025.04, expenses \$267.00, balance \$332,936.80

8. Introduction of Speakers

Booster Club is fundraising in Give to Grow.

9. Board Committee Reports

9.1 Negotiations

Mike and Lindsey met on October 31st. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13th at 7:00.

9.2 Americanism

November 11th will be our Veteran's day celebrations. Unfortunately, due to the government shutdown, the Air Force Band will not be able to play for us. Mrs. Norris has a plan and to get music handled for us for the program. Breakfast is at 9 with the program at 10:00. Tom Nutt will be our speaker. Our next meeting is on March 5th.

9.3 Policy

9.4 Building, Grounds, and Transportation

9.5 Preschool Advisory

Our next meeting is January 20th.

9.6 Beef Committee

I did withdraw \$5,000 from the give to grow account this week to put into our beef in school's - school account. We were down to \$345.99 in the school account. We did have \$23,554.34 in the Give to Grow account.

10. Administrative Reports

10.1 A.D. Report

10.2 Principal

10.3 Superintendent

11. Public Forum

12. Recess

None Taken

13. Action Agenda Items

13.1 Discussion and vote to approve a staff Christmas Gift.

Motion to purchase \$35 gift cards to Fritz's for staff Christmas gifts. Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

13.2 Discuss and vote to approve the reviewed and revised policies attached.

Motion to approve policies as presented. Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Mike Szekely.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

14. Closed Session

15. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be December 8th at 7:00 PM in the Media Center.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

December Board Meeting Notes

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Loomis School, Media Center, Rm 117
101 Bryan St
Loomis, NE 68958-0250

Monday, December 8, 2025 7:00PM

Holdrege Daily Citizen Posted Date: 11-26-2025

Loomis Post Office, Loomis Village Office, Loomis Public School
Posted Date: 11-21-2025

Kelly Anderson: Present, Farren Nelson: Present, Denny Pouk: Present, Scott Schukar: Present, Mike Szekely: Present, Luke Thorell: Present

1. Call to Order

Motion to approve the meeting open and properly posted by advance notice. Passed with motion by Farren Nelson and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

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2. Welcome Guests

3. Approval of Absent Board Members

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. 5th/6th Grade Class discussion on going to the UNK basketball game.

5 fifth and sixth grade students came and talked about the University of Nebraska at Kearney basketball game.

6. Booster Club Presentation

Lindsey Hays explained why the Booster Club is asking for approximately \$600,000 commitment to apply for grants that require matching funds to building a track. The amount would depend upon the cost of the track.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the bills, and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign and validate all the checks and warrants as presented. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

7.1 Agenda

7.2 Previous Board Meeting Minutes

7.3 Bill Roster

7.4 Financial Reports

7.4.1 General Fund

Receipts \$153,228.61, expenses \$377,015.85, balance \$1,541,525.49

7.4.2 Investment Fund

Depreciation: Receipts \$1,247.59, expenses \$0, balance \$1,618,993.98

Bond: Receipts \$1,734.68, expenses \$0, balance \$154,308.38

7.4.3 Activities Fund

Receipts \$52,722.40, expenses \$24,846.12, balance \$151,967.62

7.4.4 Nutrition Fund

Receipts \$24,270.26, expenses \$19,426.10, balance \$14,427.46

7.4.5 Building Fund

Receipts \$1,070.13, expenses \$0, balance \$334,006.93

8. Introduction of Speakers

9. Board Committee Reports

9.1 Negotiations

Negotiations are ongoing.

9.2 Americanism

The next meeting will be March 5th at 7:30AM

9.3 Policy

9.4 Building, Grounds, and Transportation

Met Dec. 2nd. Discussed football field lighting, track, fencing, kiln, and parking.

9.5 Preschool Advisory

Will get the application posted in December.

9.6 Beef Committee

10. Administrative Reports

10.1 A.D. Report

10.2 Principal

10.3 Superintendent

Give to Grow raised approximately \$4,100.

School Safety Inspection: Installed shelter area signs and have no pet signs to put up at the football field.

Investing in CDs.

Bus Update: Inspections scheduled during Christmas Break.

Supt Evaluation: met with Scott and completed

Breakfast on December 19th at 8:00AM

11. Public Forum

12. Recess

Recess taken at 8:11-8:17

13. Action Agenda Items

13.1 Vote to approve the reviewed policies and eliminate policies 3055, 3061, 3062.

Approve the reviewed policies presented and eliminate policies 3055, 3061, and 3062. Passed with a motion by Luke Thorell and a second by Scott Schukar.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

13.2 Superintendent Evaluation Summary

Approve the Superintendent Evaluation Summary as presented. Passed with a motion by Scott Schukar and a second by Luke Thorell.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

13.3 Vote to accept the resignation of Mr. Tye Spies with regret, effective at the end of the 25-26 school year.

Accept the resignation of Mr. Tye Spies, with regret, effect at the end of the 25-26 school year. Passed with a motion by Kelly Anderson and a second by Farren Anderson.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

13.4 Vote to accept the resignation of Mrs. Stephanie Rodenbaugh with regret, effective at the end of the 25-26 school year.

Accept the resignation of Mrs. Stephanie Rodenbaugh, with regret, effective at the end of the 25-26 school year. Passed with a motion by Mike Szekely and a second by Scott Schukar.

Kelly Anderson: Yea, Farren Nelson: Yea, Denny Pouk: Yea, Scott Schukar: Yea, Mike Szekely: Yea, Luke Thorell: Yea

14. Closed Session

15. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be held January 12, 2026 at 7:00PM in the Media Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.



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Loomis Public Schools Mission Statement

In partnership with family and community, our mission is to prepare all students to succeed as responsible citizens in a changing world through evolving educational methods.