

Public Notice: DNH FY27 Second Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed DIKE-NEW HARTFORD School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

Location of Public Hearing: Dike-New Hartford High School Library 330 Main St. Dike, IA 50624 Date of Hearing: 04/15/2026 Time of Hearing: 05:00 PM
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 26/27 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

	Budget 2027	Re-est. 2026	Actual 2025	Avg % 25-27	
Taxes Levied on Property	1	5,019,241	5,131,828	5,080,205	% -0.6
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	200,196	192,415	61,744	% 80.1
Income Surtaxes	3	477,102	426,814	431,748	% 5.1
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	785,000	800,000	953,294	
Earnings on Investments	5	113,000	113,000	256,131	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	285,000	285,000	311,544	
Student Activities and Sales	7	637,000	632,000	651,040	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	547,500	532,000	404,548	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	7,326,219	7,210,334	7,139,685	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	26,481	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	1,472,000	1,370,000	1,249,535	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	44,298	44,298	44,237	
Title I Grants	14	90,000	90,000	53,855	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	600,000	610,000	653,204	
Total Revenues	16	17,623,037	17,437,689	17,290,770	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0	
Transfers In	18	515,000	514,200	641,521	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	1,500	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	345,132	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	18,138,037	17,951,889	18,278,923	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	5,909,748	5,780,725	4,954,649	
Total Resources	23	24,047,785	23,732,614	23,233,572	
*Instruction	24	9,747,194	9,617,453	8,850,826	% 4.9
Student Support Services	25	570,000	540,000	286,073	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	550,000	540,000	759,354	
General Administration	27	443,000	430,000	373,295	
School Administration	28	680,000	670,000	691,998	
Business & Central Administration	29	230,000	225,000	207,951	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	2,155,000	2,055,000	1,362,869	
Student Transportation	31	790,000	765,000	826,066	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	5,418,000	5,225,000	4,507,606	% 9.6
*Noninstructional Programs	32	765,000	700,000	743,482	% 1.4
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	325,000	300,000	387,525	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	1,200,000	1,166,600	1,603,325	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	339,806	299,613	373,430	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	1,864,806	1,766,213	2,364,280	% -11.2
Total Expenditures	36	17,795,000	17,308,666	16,466,194	
Transfers Out	37	515,000	514,200	641,521	
Other Uses	38	0	0	345,132	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	18,310,000	17,822,866	17,452,847	
Ending Fund Balance	40	5,737,785	5,909,748	5,780,725	
Total Requirements	41	24,047,785	23,732,614	23,233,572	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		14.33161			

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BCLUW BOE Minutes 3.24.26

March 24, 2026

The BCLUW Board of Education met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 a.m. in the Media Center at the BCLUW High School in Conrad. Answering Roll Call was Board President: Adam Probasco, Board Vice President: Brent Schipper, Board Members: Alicia Matney, Jill Lutes, Jami Rolston, and Jacey Lehman. Also present was Superintendent: Ben Petty, Board Secretary/Treasurer: Leah Woiwood, High School Principal: Josh Tack, Middle School Principal: Dirk Borgman, Elementary Principal: Stephen Estes, Teachers: Curt Paugh, Kim Geelhart, Darci Steckleberg, and Karen Hammers, Guidance Counselor: Kristin Benson, Technology Director: Jason Freeseman, and 6 members of the community. Board Member Alan Donaldson was absent.

AGENDA: Motion by Rolston, second by Lutes to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

*Alan Donaldson entered the meeting at 7:01 a.m.

2026-2027 Budget Hearing #1: The 2026-2027 Budget Hearing #1 was held at 7:01 a.m. Board President, Adam Probasco read the opening statement. No written comment was received. Kristine Norman was the first member of the public to speak. Kristine informed the board she is retired and on a fixed income and she does not approve of the taxes continuing to increase. Paul Barcomb was the second member of the public to speak and expressed concern on the property taxes increases and income increases are not increasing with the rate of inflation and is concerned about this being a problem. Jason Beeghly was the third member of the public to speak and expressed concern on how the board has room for improvement on communicating to the public. No further community members signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed at 7:05 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 a.m.

Adam Probasco, President
Leah Woiwood, Secretary/Treasurer

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

The Grundy County Board of Supervisors met in a special session in the Supervisors' room on March 23, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. Chairperson Nederhoff called the meeting to order with the following members present: Schildroth, Kopsa, Pabst, and Vandehaar.

The following people were also in attendance: Erika Allen, Grundy County Attorney; Katie Thornton-Lang, Administrator, Grundy County Public Health; Lexie Hach and Tom Boheman, Grundy County Local Board of Health; Carrie Sparks, Grundy County Sanitarian, Planning and Zoning; and Angie Martin, Auditor's Assistant.

Misty Kofron, Butler County Environmental Health, Planning and Zoning, described her job duties and responsibilities.

Motion was made by Kopsa and seconded by Schildroth to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

Heidi Nederhoff, Chairperson
Alan T. Tschertler, County Auditor

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SPORTS

Girls Golf Preview

Dike-New Hartford returns pair of state qualifiers

By John Jensen
The Grundy Register

The local girls golf season kicks off this week with several teams returning much of their roster.

Dike-New Hartford returns a pair of individual state qualifiers while Grundy Center returns a pair of players from its fourth-place Class 2A State Tournament team. BCLUW returns four from its Iowa Star Conference champion while AGWSR returns four of its players.

Grundy Center

The Spartans played in the state tournament for the sixth straight year in 2025. For that streak to continue, newcomers will need to step up.

Grundy Center is projected to return just two varsity players from a team that placed fourth at State, one of whom saw only limited action. Sophomore Reagan Pekarek averaged 48.5 shots per nine holes and 96.6 per 18. The other returnee is Adalyn Van Zuk, who played in just two 18-hole tournaments, averaging 111.5 per round.

Grundy Center opens its season April 9 at home against Hudson and Jesup.

Grundy Center Girls Golf

- April 9..... Home vs. Hudson, Jesup
- April 11..... at Benton Community Invite
- April 13..... Home vs. G-R, South Hardin
- April 16..... at Wapsie Valley (Prairie Lakes)
- April 21..... at West Marshall Tournament
- April 23..... at New Hampton Tournament
- April 24..... at Nashua-Plainfield
- April 28..... at Aplington-Parkersburg Tourney
- April 30..... at Marshalltown Tournament
- May 5..... Home vs. D-NH, Union
- May 8..... The Schupbach Classic
- May 11..... NICL Conference Meet (@ Irv Warren)

AGWSR

The Cougars return four regulars from a team that placed seventh in the North Iowa Cedar League Tournament last year.

Anya Vogel leads the returnees, having averaged 48.89 per nine-hole round and 92.5 per 18. She is joined by Claire Meyer, Giselle Flores and Carli Lyon. Meyer averaged 58 per nine and 108.5 per 18 while Flores and Lyon averaged more than 60 per nine.

The Cougars opened their season Monday at home against Hampton-Dumont-Cal. They are at Hudson Thursday.

AGWSR Girls Golf

- April 2..... at Hudson (South Hills)
- April 9..... Home vs. A-P, Wapsie Valley
- April 13..... Home vs. Central Springs, E. Marshall
- April 14..... at South Hardin
- April 16..... Home vs. Denver, Sumner-Fred
- April 20..... Home vs. Iowa Falls-Alden, S. Hardin
- April 21..... Home vs. Dike-New Hartford, W-SR
- April 23..... Home vs. Jesup, South Hamilton
- April 30..... at Gladbrook-Reinbeck
- May 4..... at BCLUW Invitational
- May 7..... NICL Conference Meet (@ Irv Warren)

BCLUW

The defending Iowa Star Conference champions return four varsity players and have hopes of matching or improving on last year's success.

Back are two of last year's top four scorers. Leah McEwen led last year's team with a 92.83-shot 18-hole average and was second with a 50.67 nine-hole average. Gracie Andrews averaged 51.6 per nine holes and 102.67 per 18. Also back are Jaya Beeghly, who averaged 56.5 per nine, and Aisley Geelhart, 57.0 per nine.

The Comets open Tuesday (April 7) at the South Hardin Recreation Center against East Marshall and Colfax Mingo. They host North Tama and Dunkerton next Thursday in Conrad.

BCLUW Girls Golf

- April 7..... Home vs. Colfax-Mingo, Grundy, E. Marshall
- April 9..... Home vs. Dunkerton, North Tama
- April 13..... at Dunkerton
- April 14..... BCLUW Tournament

Boys Golf Preview

Jirovsky, Grundy Center poised to make another run at state title

By John Jensen
The Grundy Register

A year ago both the Grundy Center boys golf team and standout Judd Jirovsky stood one step off the top of the podium at the Class 2A State Golf Tournament.

With four returning starters, the Spartans will look to make another run for the top.

The Spartans are not the only local team with high hopes, however. BCLUW returns all of its top players from a conference championship team and AGWSR returns five starters. Gladbrook-Reinbeck returns its top three players and Dike-New Hartford returns two of its top four.

Grundy Center

The Spartans return four of the six players who were part of last year's Class 2A runner-up and North Iowa Cedar League championship team.

Judd Jirovsky placed second in the state tournament individually with a 36-hole score of 144 and was the Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association Player of the Year in Class 2A. On the season he averaged 35.17 pr nine holes and 72.71 per 18, ranking in the top two in both areas. The senior has committed to play golf at Stanford this fall.

Jirovsky is joined by Alex Kiewiet, Jaxon Kiewiet and Eli Wegmann. J. Kiewiet averaged 38.17 per nine holes and 78.5 per 18 while Wegmann averaged 42.17 and 84.88 and A. Kiewiet averaged 44.83 and 93.0.

The Spartans open their season Tuesday at a quadrangu-

lar in Conrad. They host Hudson and Jesup Thursday.

Grundy Center Boys Golf

- April 7..... at BCLUW Quad
- April 9..... Home vs. Hudson, Jesup
- April 13..... Home vs. G-R, South Hardin
- April 14..... at East Marshall Tourney
- April 16..... at Wapsie Valley (Prairie Lakes)
- April 23..... Home vs. Oelwein
- April 25..... Bob Schmadeke Invitational
- April 27..... at Aplington-Parkersburg Tourney
- May 4..... at Columbus Catholic Invite (Sunnyside)
- May 5..... Home vs. D-NH, Union
- May 7..... NICL Conference Meet (@ Pheasant Ridge)
- May 8..... at South Tama County Invitational

AGWSR

The AGWSR boys return five starters from a team that placed 12th in the North Iowa Cedar League Tournament last year.

Returnee Lane Rose led the Cougars with a 43.67-shot nine-hole average last season while Remington Kerns averaged 46.71. Trace Eiten (47.67), Tyler Nederhoff (48.44) and Tristen Dennis (52.00) were also regular starters.

The Cougars open their season at home Thursday against Hudson and Oelwein.

AGWSR Boys Golf

- April 2..... at Hudson (South Hills)
- April 9..... Home vs. A-P, Wapsie Valley

- April 13..... Home vs. Central Springs, E. Marshall
- April 14..... at South Hardin
- April 16..... Home vs. Denver, Sumner-Fred
- April 20..... Home vs. Iowa Falls-Alden, S. Hardin
- April 21..... Home vs. Dike-New Hartford
- April 23..... Home vs. Jesup
- April 27..... at Aplington-Parkersburg Invite
- April 30..... at Gladbrook-Reinbeck
- May 4..... at BCLUW Invitational
- May 7..... NICL Conference Meet (@ Pheasant Ridge)

BCLUW

The Comets return all of their key players from last year's Iowa Star Conference champion.

Leading the returnees are a pair of juniors, Beau Towne and Adam Frank. Towne averaged 48.29 per nine holes and 87 per 18-hole round last year while recording a low round of 35, while Frank averaged 51.86 and 92.64 with a low round of 37. Aiden Frank averaged 52.71 per nine holes and Maverick Grafke averaged 53.0 per nine.

The Comes open their season at home April 7 against Grundy Center, Colfax-Mingo and East Marshall.

BCLUW Boys Golf

- April 7..... Home vs. Colfax-Mingo, Grundy, E. Marshall
- April 9..... Home vs. Dunkerton, North Tama
- April 13..... at Dunkerton

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