

**H-W School Board of Education**

**Howard-Winneshiek Schools  
Regular Meeting  
03/18/2026 04:30 PM  
Northeast Iowa Community  
College, Room 102 Cresco, Iowa**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attendance**

Board Members  
Stacy Dohman, Board Member  
Alison Holten, Board Member  
Andy Ludeking, Board Member  
Shirley Sovereign, Board Member  
Tom Williams, Board Member  
Staff In Attendance  
Kris Einck, Superintendent  
Robyn Lane, SBO  
Neal Bentley, 9 - 12 Principal  
Katie Fisher, Special Education Director  
Brenda Lentz, PK - 4 Principal  
Tyler Wedemeier, 5 - 8 Principal  
Kylie Butler, Curriculum Director

I. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order by President Holten at 4:30 p.m.  
II. Pledge of Allegiance  
III. Roll Call  
IV. Emergency Revisions to Agenda (if any)  
1. Relay Service Agreement and License 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2029 (3 years)-Relay bought out Timberline.

2. New Hire — Chris Govern, CHS Summer School 2026, 6/8/2026 to 6/19/2026, 8:00 a.m. — noon at NICC Cresco

3. Approval of Virtual Learning as needed for unscheduled no school days  
V. Public Comment - Open Forum  
VI. Agenda Approval  
Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Relay Service Agreement and License, Chris Govern, Summer School Teacher, and Virtual Learning as needed for unscheduled no school days.  
Motion made by: Andy Ludeking  
Motion seconded by: Stacy Dohman  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
VII. Consent Agenda Approval  
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of Chris Govern as High School Summer School Teacher. Included in the Consent Agenda are resignations of Dan Gardner, Bus Driver, Brandon Meiners, Head Baseball Coach, Jason Sorenson, Assistant Varsity Football Coach and new hires are Koller Freidhof, Assistant Varsity Football Coach and Kelly Moellers, Boys/Girls Volunteer Golf Coach.  
Motion made by: Stacy Dohman  
Motion seconded by: Andy Ludeking  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
A. Minutes of Previous Meeting  
B. Payroll  
C. Expenditures  
D. Employment Positions  
E. Open Enrollment Requests  
F. Fiscal Reports  
VIII. Reports  
Administrative reports were presented by Superintendent Einck, Mrs. Lentz, Mr. Wedemeier, Mr. Bentley, and Mrs. Butler.  
A. ..Kris Einck - Superintendent's Report  
The FFA Ag Issues Team, Ryleigh Myers, Clara Keller, Ashton Keune, Kelsey Adams, Sierra Burke, Madi Midhus, Emma Burns, presented their skill that qualified for the State Leadership Contest.

Superintendent Einck shared a link to the

Professional Learning schedule; upcoming dates include March 19 Parent/Teacher Conferences, March 25 Public Hearing For Property Taxes, April 1 School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meeting, April 3 Good Friday-No School, April 6, Professional Learning Day-No School, and April 15 Regular School Board Meeting; Alternative Learning Center (ALC) update, and construction pictures.

B. Brenda Lentz - PreK-4 Principal Report  
C. Tyler Wedemeier - Middle School Principal and Activities Director Report  
D. Neal Bentley - Secondary Principal Report  
E. Katie Fisher - Special Education Report  
F. Kylie Butler - Curriculum Director  
G. Todd Coulter - Activities Director Report

H. Larry Trende - Director of Buildings and Grounds Report  
I. Matt Johnson - Director of Transportation Report  
IX. Old Business  
A. 2nd Reading of Board Policy 501.09 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy  
Motion to approve 2nd Reading of Board Policy 501.09 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy.  
Motion made by: Andy Ludeking  
Motion seconded by: Tom Williams  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
X. New Business  
A. Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission Program Participation Agreement  
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission Program Participation Agreement in the amount of \$97,152.00.  
Motion made by: Shirley Sovereign  
Motion seconded by: Tom Williams  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
B. 2026-2027 HWCS Registration Receipt-Grades TK/KDG-12  
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 HWCS Registration Receipt-Grades TK/KDG-12.  
Motion made by: Tom Williams  
Motion seconded by: Stacy Dohman  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
C. 2026-2027 HWCS Tuition Agreement-Preschool  
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 HWCS Tuition Agreement-Preschool.  
Motion made by: Shirley Sovereign  
Motion seconded by: Shirley Sovereign  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
D. 2026-2027 HWCS Tuition Agreement-3 Year Old PRESCHOOL  
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 HWCS Tuition Agreement-3 Year-Old PRESCHOOL.  
Motion made by: Stacy Dohman  
Motion seconded by: Tom Williams  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
E. Waiving 90 Day Ineligibility Period Due to Open Enrollment  
Motion to approve the 'Waiving of the 90 Day Ineligibility Period due to Open Enrollment for Keaton Henry'.  
Motion made by: Stacy Dohman  
Motion seconded by: Andy Ludeking  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
F. Change Order Number 002  
Motion to approve HWCS Additions and Renovations Project Change Order #002.  
Motion made by: Stacy Dohman  
Motion seconded by: Andy Ludeking

Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
G. Application for Payment #5 to Cresco Building Service (CBS) of \$368,804.05  
Motion to approve application for Payment #5 to Cresco Building Service (CBS) of \$368,804.05.  
Motion made by: Tom Williams  
Motion seconded by: Andy Ludeking  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
H. Emergent Architecture Invoice #10678 for the Elementary & High School Additions & Renovations Project of \$8,488.00  
Motion to approve the Emergent Architecture Invoice #10678 for the Elementary & High School Additions & Renovations Project of \$8,488.00.  
Motion made by: Andy Ludeking  
Motion seconded by: Tom Williams  
Voting:  
Unanimously Approved  
I. 2026-2027 AEA Purchasing Agreement  
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 AEA Purchasing Agreement.  
Motion made by: Andy Ludeking  
Motion seconded by: Stacy Dohman  
Voting:  
Stacy Dohman - Yes  
Alison Holten - Yes  
Andy Ludeking - Yes  
Shirley Sovereign - Yes  
Tom Williams - Not Present  
J. Upper Iowa University Clinical Placement Agreement  
Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Upper Iowa University Clinical Placement Agreement.  
Motion made by: Stacy Dohman  
Motion seconded by: Andy Ludeking  
Voting:  
Stacy Dohman - Yes  
Alison Holten - Yes  
Andy Ludeking - Yes  
Shirley Sovereign - Yes  
Tom Williams - Not Present  
K. 2026-2027 Frontline Renewal  
Motion to table the 2026-2027 Frontline Renewal of \$15,138.59.  
Motion made by: Andy Ludeking  
Motion seconded by: Stacy Dohman  
Voting:  
Stacy Dohman - Yes  
Alison Holten - Yes  
Andy Ludeking - Yes  
Shirley Sovereign - Yes  
Tom Williams - Not Present  
M. Memorandum of Understanding with Howard-Winneshiek Clerical Association  
Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Howard-Winneshiek Clerical Association.  
Motion made by: Andy Ludeking  
Motion seconded by: Stacy Dohman  
Voting:  
Stacy Dohman - Yes  
Alison Holten - Yes  
Andy Ludeking - Yes  
Shirley Sovereign - Yes  
Tom Williams - Not Present  
N. 2026-2027 Howard-Winneshiek Clerical Master Agreement

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Howard-Winneshiek Clerical Master Agreement.  
Motion made by: Stacy Dohman  
Motion seconded by: Andy Ludeking  
Voting:  
Stacy Dohman - Yes  
Alison Holten - Yes  
Andy Ludeking - Yes  
Shirley Sovereign - Yes  
Tom Williams - Not Present  
O. E-Rate 2026 Network Equipment Quote  
Motion to approve the Communications Engineering Company (CEC) 2026 Network Equipment Quote #058976 of \$38,838.13.  
Motion made by: Shirley Sovereign  
Motion seconded by: Stacy Dohman  
Voting:  
Stacy Dohman - Yes  
Alison Holten - Yes  
Andy Ludeking - Yes  
Shirley Sovereign - Yes  
Tom Williams - Not Present  
P. E-Rate 2026 Fiber Additions Quote  
Motion to approve the Communications Engineering Company (CEC) 2026 Fiber Additions Quote #058754 of \$10,496.68.  
Motion made by: Andy Ludeking  
Motion seconded by: Stacy Dohman  
Voting:  
Stacy Dohman - Yes  
Alison Holten - Yes  
Andy Ludeking - Yes  
Shirley Sovereign - Yes  
Tom Williams - Not Present  
XII. Board Recommendations for Next Month's Board Agenda  
XIII. Adjournment  
Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Motion made by: Stacy Dohman  
Motion seconded by: Andy Ludeking  
Voting:  
Stacy Dohman - Yes  
Alison Holten - Yes  
Andy Ludeking - Yes  
Shirley Sovereign - Yes  
Tom Williams - Not Present  
XIV. Next Regular Board Meeting  
Robyn Lane, Board Secretary  
Alison Holten, Board President

**HOWARD-WINNESHIK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MARCH 18, 2026 APPROVED EXPENDITURES**

**GENERAL FUND**

ACE HARDWARE/RUPPERT'S INC.	\$62.53
AG ELECTRICAL SPECIALISTS	\$143.00
AGVANTAGE FS	\$663.43
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C.	\$155.00
ALPS CONTROLS LLC	\$73.13
AMAZON	\$3,709.86
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES	\$370.00
B&H PHOTO	(\$15.46)
BLACKHAWK SPRINKLERS, INC.	\$820.00
BLAIS MICROSCOPE COMPANY LLC	\$1,000.00
BMO HARRIS COMMERCIAL CARD	\$27.82
C4 OPERATIONS	\$88.00
CARQUEST AUTO PARTS	\$152.37
CINTAS CORPORATION	\$376.30
CITY OF CRESCO	\$7,572.43

CLAYTON RIDGE CSD	\$64,109.57
CRESCO SHOPPER	\$570.50
CRESCO TIMES PLAIN DEALER	\$348.20
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	\$841.78
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	\$1,418.23
DECORAH CSD	\$23,010.98
FAREWAY STORES INC. #815	\$446.69
FASTENAL COMPANY	\$224.40
FENCL OIL & LP CO., INC.	\$4,503.46
GOOGLE INC.	\$65.31
GRACENOTES LLC	\$45.00
GRAINGER	\$315.15
HACKER, NELSON & CO. P.C.	\$19,275.00
HANSON TIRE SERVICE INC.	\$470.00
HEARTLAND AEA	\$179.00
HILLYARD INC.	\$237.09
IASBO	\$588.00
IMPERIAL DADE	\$5,206.41
INSTRUMENTALIST AWARDS LLC	\$173.00
IOWA CHEERLEADING COACHES ASSOCIATION	\$175.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	\$15,040.54
IOWA FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION	\$55.00
IOWA SCHOOL NURSE ORGANIZATION	\$210.00
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.	\$249.94
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$637.47
JOSTENS, INC.	\$549.00
KEYSTONE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY	\$35,822.50
KRIVACHEK JANITORIAL SUPPLY	\$81.00
KRUEGER POTTERY, INC.	\$388.89
KWIK TRIP INC.	\$1,702.09
LYDON ELECTRIC MOTORS LLC	\$187.00
MASTER BURN	\$164.69
MCDONALD SUPPLY	\$491.91
MERCYONE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	\$118.00
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE	\$4,641.87
NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	\$20,588.10
NOTRE DAME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$11,335.63
PARENT MILEAGE	\$33.30
PITSCO EDUCATION, LLC	\$299.65
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL	\$42.80
PRINGLE ROBOTICS INC.	\$107.42
REALLY GOOD STUFF, LLC	\$29.95
REICKS, GERALD	\$15.30
RELAYHUB, LLC	\$1,517.01
ROOT RIVER HARDWOODS, INC.	\$994.02
SCHOOL BUS SALES CO	\$261.01
SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC	\$57.03
SPAHN & ROSE LUMBER CO.	\$13.98
STEEL SHOP INC.	\$83.10
STEVE WEISS MUSIC	\$137.75
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$51.57
WEST MUSIC CO INC.	\$2,729.00
WOOLY LEARNING, INC.	\$199.00

**GENERAL FUND \$236,215.82**

**ACTIVITY FUND**

AMAZON	\$133.64
AMERICINN WILLIAMSBURG	\$800.00
BMO HARRIS COMMERCIAL CARD	\$976.44
CRESCO COUNTRY CLUB	\$2,571.50
CRESCO FITNESS CENTER	\$1,039.50
DECKER SPORTING GOODS INC.	\$1,540.00
DECORAH HIGH SCHOOL	\$400.00
FAREWAY STORES INC. #815	\$238.05
HASTY AWARDS	\$433.00
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES CEDAR FALLS	\$842.24
HOWIES ATHLETIC TAPE	\$370.85
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION	\$90.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION	\$465.00

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION	\$195.00
J.W. PEPPER & SON, INC.	\$191.59
JOSTENS, INC.	\$7,033.60
LUTHER COLLEGE	\$300.00
MASON CITY HIGH SCHOOL	\$175.00
MCCARVILLE, KELLY	\$90.00
MCCONE FOODS, INC.	\$3,091.00
ONE LESS THING	\$500.00
PLANTPEDDLER, INC. - RETAIL DIVISION	\$12.00
RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP.	\$6,059.59
SCHUMACHER, TRAVIS	\$90.00
SKILLSUSA, INC.	\$113.00
STAYBRIDGE SUITES CORALVILLE	\$2,432.56
TOTALLY TOMATOES	(\$5.76)
TROPHIES PLUS, INC.	\$492.26
UNI NORTHERN FESTIVAL OF BANDS	(\$170.00)
WALMART INC.	\$107.47

**ACTIVITY FUND \$30,617.53**

**SAVE FUND**

A-1 MOBILE STORAGE SERVICE, LLC	\$740.00
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**SAVE FUND \$740.00**

**PROJECT**

CRESCO BUILDING SERVICE INC.	\$368,804.05
EMERGENT ARCHITECTURE, PLLC	\$8,488.00

**PROJECT \$377,292.05**

**PPEL FUND**

ALLEGIANTECHNOLOGY	\$46.58
BILLYMER HOME & FURNITURE	\$2,334.00
BYTESPEED, LLC	\$1,770.00
COMPUTER INTEGRATION TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$53,134.00
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK	\$1,118.75
KEYSTONE AREA EDUCATION AGENCY	\$25,537.21
MARCO, INC.	\$1,878.03
MOSLYE CORPORATION	\$3.00
SEE ELECTRIC, LLC	\$1,015.00
UNITED CANVAS & SLING, INC.	\$9,960.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$165.22
WINDSTREAM	\$1,777.29

**PPEL FUND \$98,739.08**

**DEBT SERVICE FUND**

TEGLEASE, INC.	\$42,218.82
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**DEBT SERVICE FUND \$42,218.82**

**SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND**

AMAZON	\$35.47
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY	\$8,115.72
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES, INC.	\$1,019.50
MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO	\$22,780.49
MINMOR INDUSTRIES, LLC	\$367.60
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO.	\$617.94
WALMART INC.	\$222.12

**SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND \$33,158.84**

**FLEX BENEFIT FUND**

MIDWEST GROUP BENEFITS INC.	\$241.58
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**FLEX BENEFIT FUND \$241.58**

**DISTRICT TOTAL \$819,223.72**

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**Notice of Public Hearing**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Proposed HOWARD-WINNESHIK School Budget Summary  
Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027**

Location of Public Hearing: NICC Cresco Campus 1020 2nd Ave SE Cresco, IA 52136 Date of Hearing: 04/15/2026 Time of Hearing: 04:30 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	8,902,851	8,141,386	7,844,614 % 6.5
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	60,029	59,715	55,334 % 4.2
Income Surtaxes	3	478,300	499,830	497,678 % -2.0
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	310,347	306,453	300,131
Earnings on Investments	5	587,530	548,148	540,209
Nutrition Program Sales	6	240,205	236,658	233,163
Student Activities and Sales	7	249,161	248,796	248,437
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	412,308	409,852	407,432
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0
State Foundation Aid	10	8,663,206	8,706,880	8,419,004
Instructional Support State Aid	11	24,248	0	0
Other State Sources	12	1,869,497	1,840,331	1,811,625
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	155,336	155,336	142,881
Title I Grants	14	241,674	241,674	241,674
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	1,059,720	1,045,561	1,031,612
Total Revenues	16	23,254,412	22,440,620	21,773,794
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	56,715	16,456,715	56,715
Transfers In	18	1,259,823	1,273,128	1,255,072
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	24,860	24,860	24,860
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	7,108	7,003	6,899
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	24,602,918	40,202,326	23,117,340
Beginning Fund Balance	22	15,647,876	9,983,917	11,119,640
Total Resources	23	40,250,794	50,186,243	34,236,980
*Instruction	24	13,340,069	12,807,981	12,931,664 % 1.6
Student Support Services	25	897,141	868,228	480,125
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	691,101	672,511	708,667
General Administration	27	471,605	459,378	452,137
School Administration	28	1,108,692	1,063,052	1,047,200
Business & Central Administration	29	444,896	428,150	423,134
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	1,699,685	1,652,440	1,663,449
Student Transportation	31	1,099,862	1,070,352	1,066,681
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	6,412,982	6,214,111	5,841,393 % 4.8
*Noninstructional Programs	32	1,070,260	1,054,443	1,038,860 % 1.5
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	7,905,052	11,250,833	1,232,349
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	1,233,121	1,214,898	1,196,944
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	480,548	423,153	502,924
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	9,618,721	12,888,884	2,932,217 % 81.1
Total Expenditures	36	30,442,032	32,965,419	22,744,134
Transfers Out	37	1,292,498	1,318,286	1,255,072
Other Uses	38	255,478	254,662	253,857
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	31,990,008	34,538,367	24,253,063
Ending Fund Balance	40	8,260,786	15,647,876	9,983,917
Total Requirements	41	40,250,794	50,186,243	34,236,980
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		12.32000		

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**Protivin City Council**

The Protivin City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, immediately following a public hearing at 6:05 p.m., with Mayor Lukes presiding. Council members present: Novotny, Polashek, Heinrich. Absent: Panos.

A public hearing on the proposed FY2026-2027 Maximum Property Tax Levy was held at 6:00 p.m. There were no written or oral comments received. The hearing was closed upon motion by Polashek, seconded by Novotny. All ayes.

The agenda was approved upon motion by Heinrich, seconded by Novotny. All ayes.

Resolution 2026-9 approving the FY2026-2027 Maximum Property Tax Levy was adopted upon motion by Polashek, seconded by Heinrich. All ayes.

Resolution 2026-10 setting the date and time for a public hearing on the FY2026-2027 City Budget was adopted upon motion by Heinrich, seconded by Novotny. All ayes.

The consent agenda, including approval of minutes, bills and claims (as presented), and financial reports, was approved upon motion by Polashek, seconded by Heinrich. All ayes.

Kenneth Panos was appointed to fill the vacant council seat upon motion by Polashek, seconded by Novotny. All ayes.

Czech Days committee requested permission to use the Protivin ballpark facilities August 14-16, 2026, for Czech Days celebrations. Approval was granted upon motion by Polashek, seconded by Novotny. All ayes.

Dalton Rush requested use of the Protivin ballpark to host residential fireworks. No action was taken.

An alcohol permit for Holy Trinity Church/Community Center was approved upon motion by Heinrich, seconded by Novotny. All ayes.

Discussion was held regarding hiring IT support for city computers. No formal action was taken.

Discussion was held on the FY2027 budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. upon motion by Heinrich, seconded by Novotny. All ayes.

Amy Panos, City Clerk

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