

## **NSAA District 1 Meeting Minutes**

November 8, 2023, NSAA Building

Call to Order: District Managing Committee Chair, Dr. JJ Toczek.  
Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman of District I Managing Committee Dr. JJ Toczek, Lincoln Southeast, called the meeting to order at 10:01am. Introduction of other members of the Managing Committee: Board of Directors members, Dana Wiseman, Sutton, and Kara Graham, Lincoln Southeast; Vice-chair Matt Uher, Lincoln Northeast; Secretary/Treasurer John Moody, Seward;

Introduction of NSAA staff in attendance: Jeff Johnson, Colton Wierzbicki, Ron Higdon, Nate Neuhaus.

Welcome Media – None present.

Welcome Guests – Mel Whaley.

Fifty – District 1 schools were represented. Attendance recorded. Ruth Kowolski from BDS attended via zoom.

Public comments: Sanctioning of High School Lacrosse by the NSAA – Melissa Whaley. Nebraska has 1000 youth athletes playing lacrosse. Previous meetings with NSAA staff have occurred. Native American schools are very interested in lacrosse. Flyers supporting lacrosse distributed to attendees. Twenty-four states currently sanction lacrosse.

NSAA Member comment: None

### Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Randy Kort, Meridian, second by Dallas Sweet, Malcolm, to approve minutes of the January 11, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Financial Report:

Checking account balance \$9,219.83

Certificate of deposit balance \$7,552.23 (maturity date of 4/7/2024)

Total balance \$16,772.06.

Motion by, Jeremy Schroeder, Standing Bear, second by Jenny Wagner, Centennial, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### Special Announcements:

### Reports

NCA- Darin Boysen. Sportsmanship summit registration closes tonight, North Star close to capacity. Football clinic registration closes Sunday. Cheer/dance registration is due by Dec 15. NCA clinic to 2-day clinic, more sessions. All-star game and golf tourney remain.

Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame – Chuck Johnston/Mike Rasmussen.  
No report.

Board - Dana Wiseman & Kara Graham.

Talking points – Football schedule reminders, reference Nate Neuhaus' numerous emails for important dates.

Classification committee – discussed the largest 65 in A and B and add 3<sup>rd</sup> class in 8-man football.

Other topics included dual participation proposal, competitive balance formula used in other states, Sportsmanship Summit, State Softball was a huge success (televised, record attendance, change in format), basketball shot clock in Classes A and B, CPR/AED certification requirements in 2024-25 for coaches, next year is a roll-back year, NSAA banners are available for picked up.

Celebrations (District 1) –

Girls Golf – State Champion Lincoln East & runner-up Lincoln Southwest.

Volleyball – State Champions Lincoln Southwest, Lincoln Lutheran & runner-up Norris.

Cross Country – State Champion Lincoln East, Norris & runner-up Lincoln Christian, Freeman.

Tennis - State Champion Lincoln East.

NSAA staff – No report.

Music committee -. Mitchell Stein reporting for Wes Hansmeyer, Norris - sites set for this year, appreciation given to Milford for hosting this year (replacing Sutton). 2024 and beyond needs a site for Milford. All piano solos for the Milford site will be at Norris.

Class Caucus – Matt Uher, LNE.

Meeting held in October, approved 6 items. Baseball districts moved up one day. Class A basketball considering a 22-point system for scheduling with no more than 3 tournaments (1 point/contest). Soccer district dates will change, only play in game will occur on Saturday. Track – Coaches can attend meet with unattached runners as long as there are fewer than twelve athletes. Golf – B proposal requiring schools to submit schedules to the NSAA. Sub-districts for softball passed. See the link on the agenda for details.

NSIAAA -. Brad McMillan, Waverly. Check email with links embedded. Membership over 300 members. This year's National Convention is in Orlando. State Cheer uses NSIAAA manpower, they need additional workers. Awards determined in January, consider nominating peers. Spring banquet Tuesday March 5, 2024. Scholarship reps needed to determine this year's recipients.

Other NSAA Activity Groups - None

Proposals from the floor – Jenny Wagner, Centennial, three proposals added to the agenda.

Motion to vote on proposals – Moved by Dallas Sweet, Malcolm, seconded by Mitchell Stine Norris to approve proposal. Motion passed.

Results of Voting on Legislative proposals:

Proposals:

1. Class C1 and C2 Sub-District/District Assignments. 20 for, 5 against, 25 Abstain. **Passed.**
2. Class C1 and C2 Sub-District/District Assignments. 20 for, 6 against, 24 Abstain. **Passed.**
3. Utilization of 35-Second Shot Clock for Varsity Contests Class C Only (both C1 and C2): 21 for, 7 against, 22 Abstain. **Passed.**
4. NSAA Girls Wrestling Classification Proposal – Adding Class B. 18 for, 14 against, 18 abstain. **Passed.**
5. New Bylaw 1.5.3.9 – Law Compliance. 49 for, 1 against, 0 abstain. **Passed.**
6. Home School Transfer Bylaws. 50 for, 0 against, 0 abstain. **Passed.**
7. Play Production Outstanding Acting Awards. 40 for, 6 against, 4 abstain. **Passed.**
8. Speech Final Round Tie Breaker Determination. 48 for, 1 against, 1 abstain. **Passed.**
9. Weekly Participation in Interscholastic Play Production. 30 for, 11 against, 9 abstain. **Passed.**
10. District Final Host in Girls Basketball C1 and C2. 24 for, 2 against, 24 abstain. **Passed.**
11. District Final Host in Girls Basketball C1 and C2. 25 for, 2 against, 23 abstain. **Passed.**
12. District Final Host in Volleyball C1 and C2. 25 for, 2 against, 23 abstain. **Passed.**

Nominations from the floor and voting for officers and Representative Assembly Delegates and Alternates (Effective August 1, 2024/Three Year Term).

1. Officers and Alternates:

I. Dr. Dana Wiseman, Sutton ('24); Board Member: Dr. Mitchell Stine, Norris

II. Dr. JJ Toczek, LPS ('24); Chair-person: Zach Limbach, Lincoln East

2. Representative Assembly Delegates and Alternates

I. Jenny Wagner, Centennial ('24); Girls Athletics Ruth Kowolski, Bruning- Davenport

New/other business:

NSAA District 1 Meeting- January 10, 2024.

Legislative Commission Meeting – Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Representative Assembly – Friday, April 5, 2024.

Adjournment:

Motion: Christina Nevitt, Lincoln Northwest, Second Eric Miller, Thayer Central.

Meeting adjourned.

Jenny Wagner, Dallas Sweet, Nathan Ter Beest-Centennnial

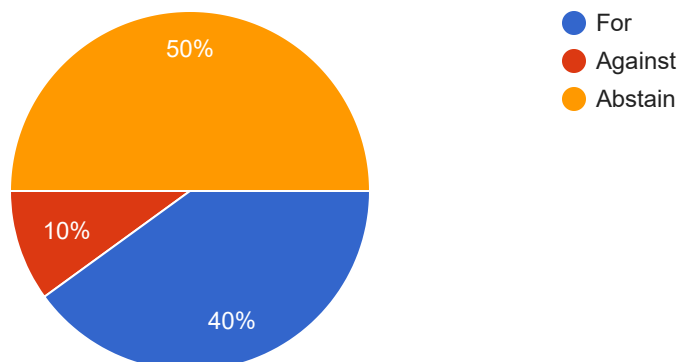
Proposal #1=Class C1 and C2 Sub-District/District Assignments (Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball)

Classes C1 & C2 schools are divided into 4 REGIONS (Western, Central, Northeast, and Southeast as examples). The westernmost region will be made of the 5-6 furthest western schools. The remaining 3 regions will be composed of 15-18 teams based on geographical area. Those 3 regions will then serpentine into 3 districts of 4-6 based on wildcard points set on our current date. The highest-seeded team will host the sub-district.

- a. The winning team in each sub-district will qualify for the district final.
- b. The next SIX non-sub-district winners with the highest wild card point averages will qualify for the district final.

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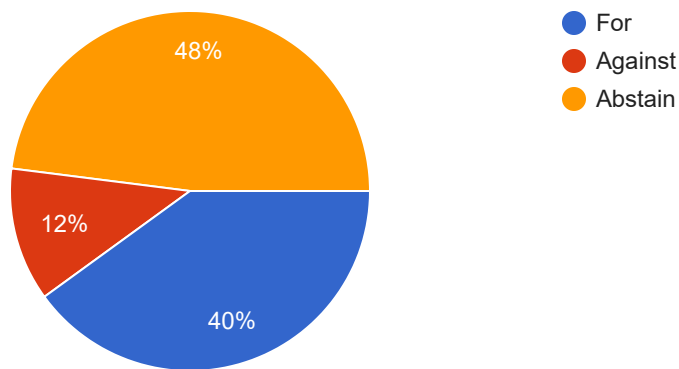
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## Proposal #2=Class C1 and C2 Sub-District/District Assignments (Volleyball)

Classes C1 & C2 schools are divided into 4 REGIONS (Western, Central, Northeast, and Southeast as examples). The westernmost region will be made of the 5-6 furthest western schools. The remaining 3 regions will be composed of 15-18 teams based on geographical area. Those 3 regions will then serpentine into 3 districts of 4-6 based on wildcard points set on our current date. The highest-seeded team will host the sub-district. a. The winning team in each sub-district will qualify for the district final. b. The next SIX non-sub-district winners with the highest wild card point averages will qualify for the district final. Split the state into 4 Regions (Western, Central, Northeast, Southeast, etc.). The westernmost region will be made of the 4-6 furthest western schools. The remaining 3 regions will be composed of 15-18 teams based on regions (central, northeast, southeast, etc.) Those 3 regions will then serpentine into 3 districts of 5-6 based on wildcard points at our current date. This creates 10 districts of 4-6 teams. The winners of these 10 districts & the top 6 wildcards will seed and play a District Final game.

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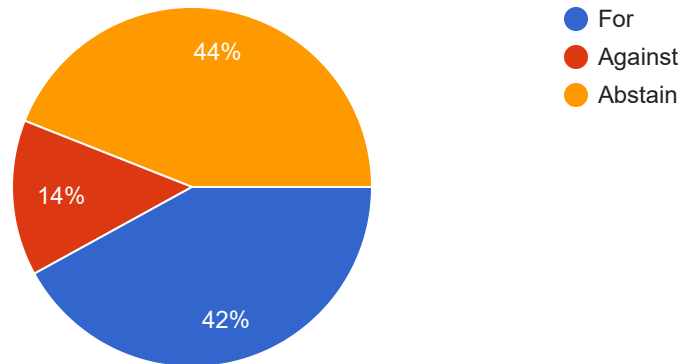


## Jenny Wagner-Centennial

### Proposal #3=Utilization of 35-Second Shot Clock for Varsity Contests CLASS C ONLY (both C1 & C2)

Implementation of the 35-Second Shot Clock Rule for State Association implementation as allowed for by the NFHS 2022-23 Basketball Rule 2-14 for NSAA Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Contests in Class C1 & C2 Basketball Only, beginning with the 2024-25 school year/season.

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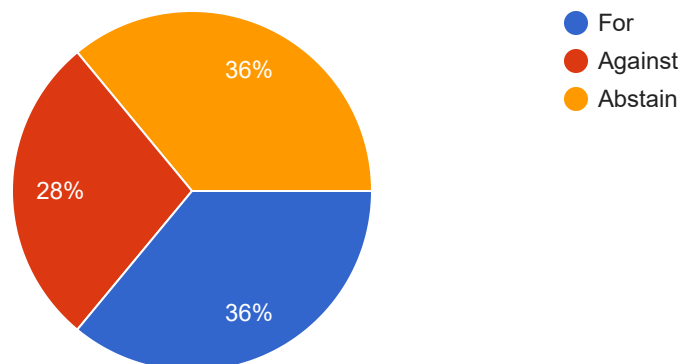


## David Davis-Fairbury

### Proposal #4=NSAA Girls Wrestling Classification Proposal - Adding Class B

The girls wrestling classifications will be determined by the following method: Girls wrestling teams will be divided into two (2) classes based on girls enrollment. Class A would be for the largest 56 schools based on girl enrollment and remaining schools placed in Class B.

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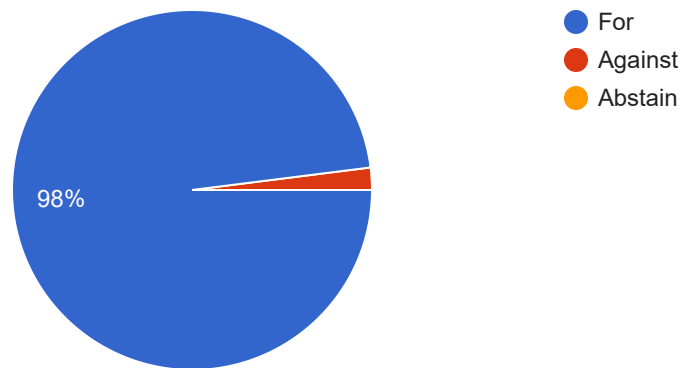


## Proposal #5=New Bylaw 1.5.3.9 - Law Compliance

NEW Bylaw - 1.5.3.9 Amendments Made by Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the NSAA outside of the Legislative Procedure and Authority process contained in Paragraph 1.5 by action taken at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, when those changes are required by law. Any amendment made by the Board of Directors will take effect immediately upon its passage or at such time as designated by the Board of Directors, and the Executive Director will notify all member schools of the amendment and will update the official copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the NSAA to reflect the action of the Board of Directors.

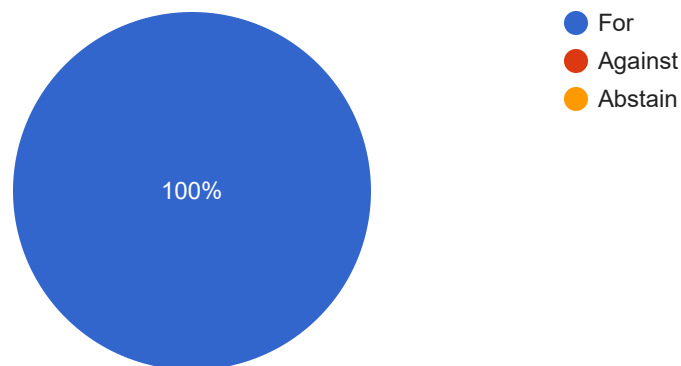
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## Proposal #6=Home School Transfer Bylaw

New 2.7.6.8 Transfer from a Member School to a Home School. Students who were regular member school students and transfer to a home school in grades nine through twelve remain eligible to participate for the member school under the following conditions. The student must have received twenty credit hours for the immediate preceding semester. The student must be continuously enrolled in at least twenty credit hours of instruction, and a minimum of five credit hours must be from the member school the student represents in interscholastic competition. The student's part-time enrollment must be in the school in which the student's home school is located. For example, an option student who elects to home school and enroll as a part-time student in the student's resident school is considered a transfer student who must meet all transfer student eligibility requirements.

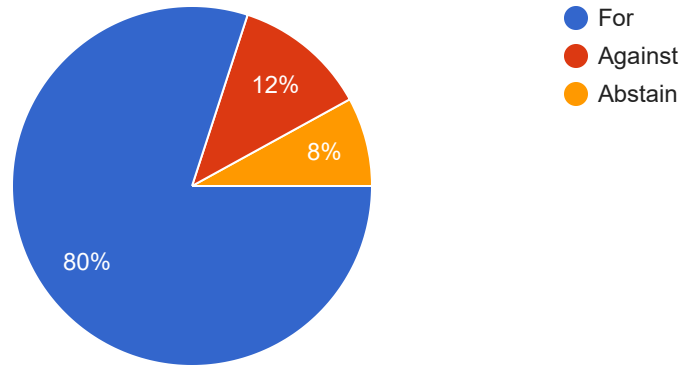
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## Proposal #7=Play Production Outstanding Acting Awards

Change wording from Outstanding Male and Female Performer Awards at districts and state to two Outstanding Performer Awards at districts and state.

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## Proposal #8=Speech Final Round Tie Breaker Determination

### Determining Final Rounds:

The final round shall consist of six (6) contestants. The following procedures will be used to determine which students advance out of the preliminary rounds:

1-Lowest Cumulative Speaker Rank If ties in cumulative score bring the number to more than (6), the following priority system shall be used to break ties:

2-Opponent's Average Rank (Strength of Schedule)-comparison of which students had more competitive rounds, based on the opponent's average rank.

### 3-Head-to-Head Competition:

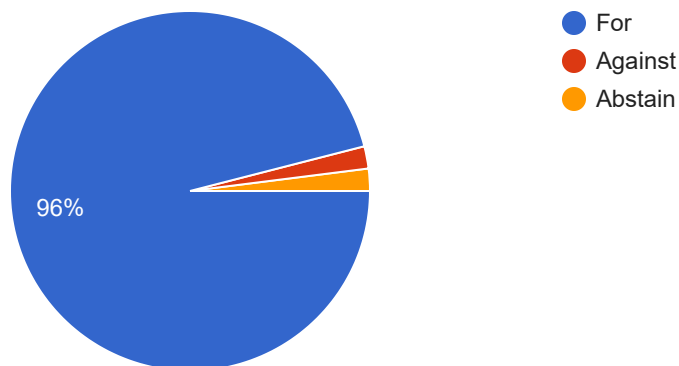
a)If the tied speakers met in only one preliminary round, the speaker that ranked higher in that round advances.

b)If the speakers met in both preliminary rounds, and the same speaker ranked higher in both rounds, that speaker advances.

4-Reciprocals: Rank 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Reciprocal 1 1/2 1/3 1/4 1/5 1/6 1/7 As a Decimal 1 .5 .33 .25 .2 .17 .14 Then add these numbers and the contestant with the highest score is the best of the three, and the next highest score receives the next rank, etc.

### 5-Highest Cumulative Speaker Points

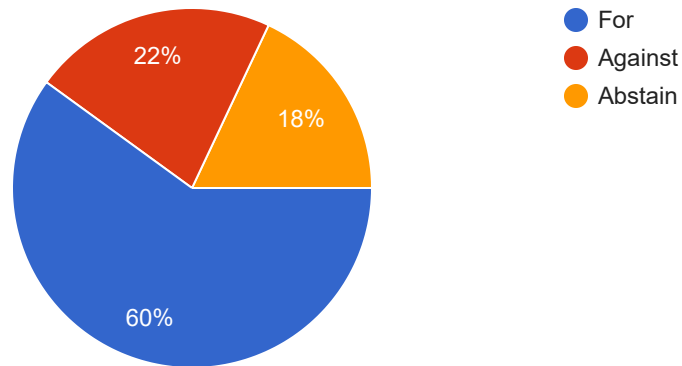
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## Proposal #9=Weekly Participation in Interscholastic Play Production

Participation in interscholastic play production by any high school student is limited to three contests per calendar week, Monday through Saturday. There shall be no interscholastic play production competition on Sunday. This proposal will only increase costs to the schools if schools choose to participate in 3 contests per week.

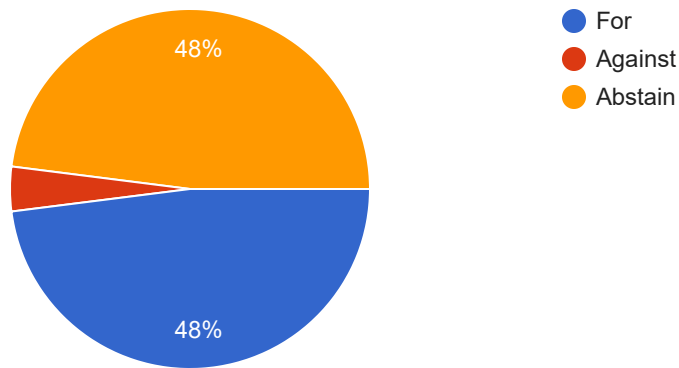
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Proposal #10=District Final Host in Girls Basketball C1 & C2

- a. In Classes C1 and C2, the girls team winning the championship in each sub-district will advance to the district final.
- b. The sixteen (16) teams qualifying for the district final will be matched up using a serpentine method and placed on a 16-team bracket based on wild-card point averages through sub-districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final game. The girls teams winning the district final will advance to the State Championship.

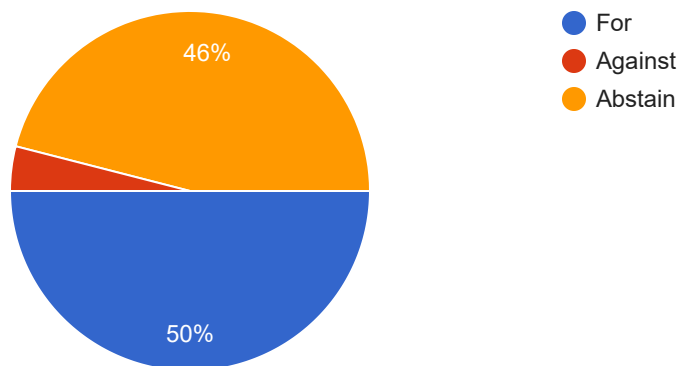
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Proposal #11=District Final Host in Boys Basketball C1 & C2

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- b. The sixteen (16) teams qualifying for the district final will be matched up using a serpentine method and placed on a 16-team bracket based on wild-card point averages through sub-districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final game. The boys teams winning the district final will advance to the State Championship.
- c. If teams are more than 180 miles apart, the game will be played on the Saturday following sub-district play.

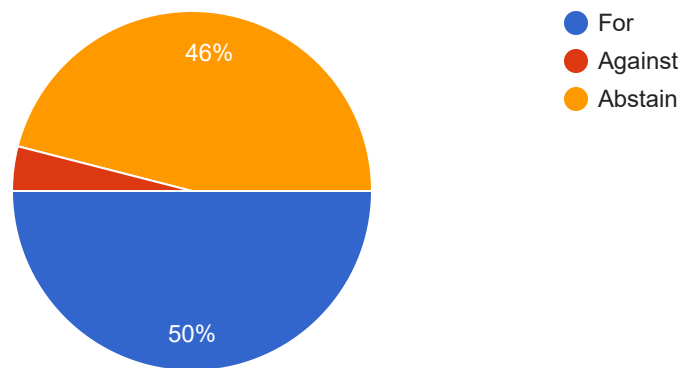
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## Proposal #12=District Final Host in Volleyball C1 & C2

- a. In Classes C1 and C2, the teams winning the championship in each sub-district will advance to the district final.
- b. The sixteen (16) teams qualifying for the district final will be matched up using a serpentine method and placed on a 16-team bracket based on wild-card point averages through sub-districts. The higher seeded team will host the district final game. The teams winning the district final will advance to the State Championship.

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School Name	AD Name	Proposal #1	Proposal #2	Proposal #3	Proposal #4	Proposal #5	Proposal #6	Proposal #7	Proposal #8	Proposal #9	Proposal #10	Proposal #11	Proposal #12
Bruning-Davenport	Ruth Kowalski	Abstain	Abstain	Against	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Lincoln East	Zach Limbach	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Against	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Centennial	Jenny Wagner	For	For	For	For	For	For	Against	For	Against	For	For	For
Milford	Jason Weber	Against	Against	For	For	For	For	Abstain	For	Against	For	For	For
Lincoln Southeast	Kara Graham	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Against	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Johnson County Central	Garrett Collin	For	For	For	For	For	For	Against	For	For	For	For	For
Raymond Central	Tony Kobza	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Tri County	Caleb Armstrong	For	For	Against	Against	For	For	Against	For	Against	For	For	For
Sandy Creek	Matt Swartzendruber	For	For	For	Against	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Lincoln North Star	Nathan Renter	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Against	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Hampton Public School	Carson Klute	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	Against	For	Against	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Wilber-Clatonia	Matt Zajicek	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Lincoln Standing Bear	Jeremy Schroeder	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Against	For	For	For	For	Against	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Norris High School	Mitchell Stine	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	Abstain	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Malcolm	Dallas Sweet	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Deshler	Josh Nash	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Parkview Christian	Jordan Lauterbach	Abstain	Abstain	Against	Abstain	For	For	Abstain	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Heartland	Josh Struckman	For	For	Against	Abstain	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For
Lincoln Pius X	Greg Lesiak	Abstain	Abstain	For	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Lincoln Northwest	Christina Nevitt	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Against	For	For	For	For	Against	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
McCool Junction	Guy Stark	Abstain	Abstain	Against	For	Against	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Lincoln Lutheran	Dan Masters	For	For	For	Abstain	For	For	Against	For	Against	For	For	For
Lawrence-Nelson	Brian Blevins	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Superior	Stephanie Corman	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Shickley	Kari Jo Alfs	Abstain	Against	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	Abstain	For	For	For
Thayer Central	Eric Miller	For	For	Against	For	For	For	For	Against	Against	For	For	For
Lincoln Christian	Kyle Ballard	For	For	For	Abstain	For	For	For	For	Abstain	For	For	For
Sutton Public	Dana Wiseman	Against	Against	For	Abstain	For	For	For	For	Against	For	For	For
Giltner	Kurt Finkey	For	For	For	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Crete	Matt Martin	Abstain	Abstain	For	Against	For	For	Abstain	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Meridian	Randy Kort	Against	Against	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	Against	Against	Against
Lincoln Southwest	Andrew Sherman	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Against	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Fillmore Central	Ryun Theobald	For	For	For	Against	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Diller-Odell	Eric McMurray	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
York	Tyler Herman	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Seward	John Moody	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Aurora	Jay Staehr	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Fairbury	David Davis	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	Against	For	For	For
Exeter-Milligan	Darcy White	For	For	For	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Southern	Jeff Murphy	For	For	For	Against	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Waverly	Brad McMillan	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Lewiston	Charles Humphrey	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Beatrice	Gus Brown	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Dorchester	Brent Zoubek	Against	Against	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Nebraska Lutheran	Chris Beagle	For	For	Against	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Lincoln High	Pat Gatzemeyer	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Against	For	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain
Freeman	Greg Veerhusen	Against	Against	For	Abstain	For	For	Against	For	Against	For	For	For
Friend	Jim Pfeiffer	For	For	For	Against	For	For	For	For	For	For	For	For
Sterling	Brent Heusman	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	For	For	For	For	For	Against	Against	Against
Lincoln Northeast	Matthew Uher	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Against	For	For	For	For	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain	Abstain