

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ARAPAHOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A meeting of the Board of Education of Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the Distance Learning Room, 610 Walnut Street, Arapahoe, NE 68922. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent: Chad Carpenter: Present, Erick Lee: Present, Nancy Schutz: Present, Dan Warner:

Present, Rodney Whipple: Absent, Leigh Zodrow: Present.

Also present was Mr. Bob Drews, Superintendent, Mr. Rudy Perez, Secondary Principal, Mr. Benjamin Ellis, Elementary Principal, and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. Visitors were present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication and/or posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of this meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. The Secretary of the Board maintains a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and advance notification to the listed media of the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be discussed at this meeting was provided. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the Agenda was maintained as stated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Opening the Meeting:

Call to Order: President Warner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Carpenter): Mr. Chad Carpenter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nebraska Open Meetings Act: At the beginning of the meeting, President Warner announced and informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall of the meeting room and directed the public to its location.

Publication of Meeting/Sign Acknowledgement of Receipt of Meeting Notice:

Roll Call:

Excuse Board Member Absences:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Chad Carpenter to excuse Rodney Whipple.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Welcome Visitors: President Warner welcomed the visitors.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: President Warner asked for public comment regarding any agenda items. No public comment regarding any agenda items.

Reports:

Board Committee(s):

Finance Committee: Warner stated that the Finance Committee met twice. They discussed various options to cover the current shortfall in the general fund. They also reviewed the current month's expenditures, fuel contract, and transportation.

Negotiations Committee: Lee reported that the Negotiations Committee met with AEA and they have begun the negotiations process. They are currently awaiting a counter-offer from AEA.

Board Member(s): Lee, Carpenter, and Schutz attended the State Education Conference in Omaha. Carpenter stated that they discussed financing and public comment changes for board meetings. Schutz stated that there was a lot of discussion about school finance and artificial intelligence. Many of the sessions circled back to the legislature. Lee added that local folks need to be in contact with their legislative representatives. The legislative representatives are stripping away the local control. All were grateful to attend the State Education Conference.

Student Council Representatives: Haiden Garey and Trenton Roskop presented the Student Council Report.

Elementary Principal: Mr. Benjamin Ellis presented the Elementary Principal Report.

Secondary Principal: Mr. Rudy Perez presented the Secondary Principal Report.

Superintendent: Mr. Bob Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Teacher Presentation: Mrs. Lynn Crosley shared some information and activities she does with her Personal Finance, JH Communications, and Marketing classes. She also explained the SAT (Student Assistance Team) process and her role.

Discussion Item(s):

2022-2023 Educational Profile Ratings/Info: Drews presented the 2022-2023 Educational Profile Ratings Report to the Board.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Inter-fund Loan:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Erick Lee to approve an inter-fund loan from the special building fund to the general fund of up to \$180,000.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9-month Line of Credit Agreement:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve a 9-month Line of Credit Agreement with First Central Bank for \$500,000 as presented, and to authorize Supt. Robert Drews to manage repayment in a timely manner when funds are available.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Fuel Tank:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to accept the high bid for purchase of the 3000 gallon fuel tank listed for sale as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Claims:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve the expenditures and payments totaling \$465,102.21 as submitted by administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Abstain (Claim No. 37064 for \$1,721.51 to Hemelstrands), Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Employee Appreciation Gifts:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve expenditures up to \$2,500 for employee appreciation gifts from the Arapahoe Chamber of Commerce and Misko Sporting Goods.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Abstain (Chamber Member), Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Use of School Property:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve a waiver of terms in Policy 3014 (Use of School Property) for the Arapahoe Youth Basketball (January 2024) and the Arapahoe Youth Wrestling Club (March 2024) to charge entry fees for tournaments.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Personnel:

Classified Staffing Update: Drews shared an update with the Board regarding Classified Staff.

Public Comment - Open: President Warner asked for public comment. Brandon Rascon-Salinas, Aliyah Bowers, and Tirzah Goshert were attending the meeting to fulfill a graduation requirement. No other public comment.

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Chad Carpenter to enter into executive session at 8:25 pm for collective bargaining and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if the individual has not requested a public meeting.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Chad Carpenter to exit executive session at 9:28 pm.

Future Meetings: Finance Committee Meeting - January 8, 2024 at 6:30pm; Regular Board Meeting - January 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Nancy Schutz to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was duly adjourned.

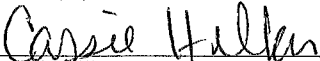
DATED this Monday, December 11, 2023

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: 

Dan Warner, President

ATTEST:


Cassie Hilker, Secretary