

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, August 11, 2025, 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, Logan Dettmann: Present, Erick Lee: Present, Nancy Schutz: Present, Dan Warner: Present, 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 Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Lee): Mr. Erick Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nebraska Open Meetings Act: At the beginning of the meeting, President Carpenter 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:

Welcome Visitors: Gavin Andrews, Grace Andrews, Amelia Blickenstaff, Meg Hilker, Sawyer Shafer, and Suttyn Shafer stated that they were attending the meeting to fulfill a graduation requirement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Reports:

Board Committee(s): Carpenter stated that the Transportation Committee met and discussed bus routes. Carpenter stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed fund balances, claims, and the budget.

Board Member(s): N/A

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.

Discussion Item(s):

Superintendent Evaluation Timeline (NASB): Mr. Drews shared the timeline that was followed last year for the Superintendent Evaluation. The board agreed to move forward with the schedule provided. Carpenter will reach out to board members to see if they would like anything changed in the form.

Regular Committee Meeting Schedule 25-26: Mr. Drews shared a schedule for future committee meetings.

2025-2026 Joint Tax Hearing Request: Mr. Drews informed the Board that we will need to participate in the Joint Tax Request Hearing meeting for the 2025-2026 budget cycle.

District Financial Status/Projections/Options:

Busing/Transportation: Mr. Drews shared with the Board that the consequences of legislative changes are crippling the District financially. We will be able to manage through the 2025-2026 school year, but that is it. We are doing our best to make sure that any cost saving decisions are as far away as possible from directly affecting kids. The Transportation Committee met and directed Drews to move forward with cost-saving changes to the bus routes as follows: 1) Elimination of the town bus route, reducing bus routes from 6 to 5. Families with preschool bus riders that rode the morning and/or afternoon town bus route would be responsible for their own transportation to/from school during those times. This plan would become effective starting October 7th, 2025. The mid-day preschool bus routes would not change at this time. 2) Elimination of transportation provided to students inside of the 4 mile requirement + transition to bus stops outside of the 4 miles, reducing bus routes from 5 to 4. Families with preschool bus riders that reside inside of the 4 miles that rode the morning and/or afternoon bus routes would be responsible for their own transportation to/from school during those times. Families with PK-12 bus riders that reside outside of the 4 miles that rode the morning and/or afternoon bus routes would be responsible for their own transportation to/from the bus stop during those times. This plan would become effective starting January 7th, 2026. The mid-day preschool bus routes would not change at this time. Carpenter stated that they are going to start holding monthly committee meetings with the public. The meetings would include three board members, Mr. Drews, and any

community members that wish to learn more about the current financial situation of the District. Carpenter appointed himself, Logan Dettmann, and Nancy Schutz to the Community Relations Committee.

Property Tax Authority: Drews discussed property tax authority with the Board. The Community Relations Committee would also address educating the public about the property tax authority.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Claims:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$483,269.39 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Abstain (With Conflict), Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Repayment of the Inter-fund Loan dated 12/15/2023:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to approve a transfer of \$180,000 from the General Fund to the Special Building Fund for repayment of the Inter-Fund Loan dated 12/15/2023.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Line of Credit Agreement:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to approve a 12-month line of credit agreement with First Central Bank for \$500,000.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2025-2026 Local Education Agency Representative:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Nancy Schutz to designate Superintendent Robert Drews as the Local Education Agency's representative for all Federal and State programs during the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Board Policies:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Dan Warner to affirm Policies 2008 Meetings, 5002 Admission of Students, 5003 Admission of Part-Time Students, and 5031 Student Appearance as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Personnel: Mr. Drews stated that Cecelia Loganbill, Bus Driver, has resigned. New hires are Rylee Eidson, Custodian, and Jennifer Evans, Paraprofessional. There is still an opening for JH Football and Assistant HS Boys Basketball.

Executive Session - Personnel:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Dan Warner to enter into executive session at 7:58 pm for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if the individual has not requested a public meeting and negotiations.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to exit executive session at 8:54 pm.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Public Comment - Open:

Future Meetings: Budget Workshop - Monday, August 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm; Finance Committee Meeting - September 8, 2025 at 6:00 pm; Budget Hearing, followed by Regular Board Meeting - September 8, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Logan Dettmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

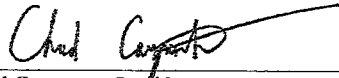
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The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, August 11, 2025

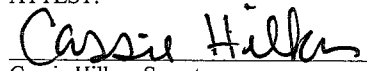
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BY:

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Chad Carpenter, President

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassie Hilker", written over a horizontal line.

Cassie Hilker, Secretary