

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, July 14, 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: Absent, Leigh Zodrow: Present. Also present was Mr. Bob Drews, Superintendent, 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 Chad Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Dettmann): Mr. Logan Dettmann 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:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to excuse Board Member Dan Warner.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Welcome Visitors:

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Reports:

Board Committee(s): Carpenter stated that the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and fund balances are looking better than last year. They reviewed claims, transfers to the Nutrition Fund and the Activity Fund.

Board Member(s): None.

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

Superintendent: Mr. Bob Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Discussion Item(s):

District Financial Status/Projections/Options: Mr. Bob Drews updated the Board on the District's Financial Status. Future projections show that we need to generate additional revenue or cut expenses in the next few years. He shared some cost-saving information on administrative changes (Going from 2 Principals to 1) and transportation changes (Eliminating the town bus route).

2025-2026 Board of Education Meeting Schedule: Mr. Drews shared the 2025-2026 Board Meeting Schedule. He also recommended establishing monthly meetings for the Transportation and Building/Grounds Committee's.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Claims:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$478,341.84 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Abstain (Claim No. 39220 to Tri Valley Health Systems for \$51.00), Schutz: Abstain (Claim No. 39198 to Hemelstrand's for \$695.85), Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 2

Board Policies:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Logan Dettmann to affirm Policies 3057 Title 1X, 5031 Student Appearance, 5054 Student Bullying, 6025 Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices, and 6044 Participation and Assignment of Athletic Teams as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Public Hearing on the proposed Title I Parental Involvement Policy 5057 for the 2025-2026 school year: Carpenter opened the Public Hearing at 8:09 pm regarding the Title I Parental Involvement Policy 5057. No public input provided. Carpenter closed the hearing at 8:10 pm.

2025-2026 Title I Parental Involvement Policy 5057:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the 2025-2026 Title I Parental Involvement Policy 5057 as presented. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Public Hearing on the proposed Student Fee Policy 5045 for the 2025-2026 school year: Carpenter opened the Public Hearing at 8:11 pm regarding the Student Fee Policy 5045. Schutz suggested that the District start charging participation fees on all activities for the upcoming school year. This would hopefully encourage those that can't afford the participation fee to complete the Free/Reduced application. If they qualify, they could then request the participation fee to be waived. Carpenter closed the hearing at 8:32 pm.

2025-2026 Student Fee Policy 5045:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve the 2025-2026 Student Fee Policy 5045 as presented. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2025-2026 Substitute Teacher Rates:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the 2025-2026 Substitute Teacher Rates as presented. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2025-2026 Food Service Prices:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve the 2025-2026 Meal Prices as presented. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2025-2026 Staff Handbook and Student-Parent Handbook (including PK and Activity program information):

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the 2025-2026 Staff Handbook and Student-Parent Handbook (including PK and Activity program information) as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Personnel: Mr. Drews updated the Board on personnel changes: Christy Drews-Paraprofessional, Justin Stagemeyer-Assistant Girls Basketball.

Public Comment - Open:

Future Meetings: Finance Committee Meeting - August 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm; Regular Board Meeting - August 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Erick Lee to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, July 14, 2025


ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:



Chad Carpenter, President

ATTEST:



Cassie Hilker, Secretary