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, November 11, 2024, 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: Absent, Dan Warner:

Present, Rodney Whipple: 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 Warner called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Zodrow): Mr. Zodrow 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 the absence of Board Member Nancy Schutz and Board Member Rodney Whipple.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Welcome Visitors:

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Reports:

Student Council Representatives: Annaka Wasenius and Juliana Hanzlick reported for Student Council. They shared a Thank You for McCarty Family Farms for their ongoing yogurt donation that they had all K-12 students sign. They will be mailing it soon. They are also holding various activities for the student body during Anti-Bullying Week. They are also holding a monthly game that seems to be going very well.

Board Committee(s): Warner stated that the Finance Committee met and they reviewed the claims and they are large due to the bond payment. They also reviewed fund balances. Carpenter stated that the Building and Grounds Committee met and they have received a bid for the drainage issues by the Pre-School room. They have also fixed some roof leaks. Warner stated that Negotiations Committee have met with the AEA and have started the negotiations process/discussions.

Board Member(s): Lee stated that he was elected to the NASB Legislative Committee for a four year term. The committee's main focus will be school funding.

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

Secondary Principal: Mr. Robert Drews presented the Secondary Principal Report on behalf of Mr. Rudy Perez.

Superintendent: Mr. Robert Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Teacher Presentation - Emily Pearson (Kindergarten): Mrs. Emily Pearson shared some fun activities that she is using in the Kindergarten classroom.

Discussion Item(s):

2023-2024 Auditors Report: Mr. Drews stated that the audit went well. The auditors will present at the January meeting.

2024-2025 Evaluation of Superintendent Robert Drews: Warner stated that they reviewed the Superintendent Evaluation with Mr. Drews.

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: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Claims

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$1,244,872.97 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Abstain (Claim No. 38330 to Tri Valley Health System for \$1,022.00), Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

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

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Personnel:

2025-2026 Contract with Bradi Schutz:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the hiring of Bradi Schutz for the 4th Grade Elementary Teaching position for the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Public Comment - Open:

Executive Session - Negotiations: N/A.

Future Meetings:

Finance Committee Meeting - December 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm; Regular Board Meeting - December 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, November 11, 2024

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:

Dan Warner, President

ATTEST:

Cassie Hilker, Secretary