

## 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 9, 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: Present, Leigh Zodrow: Absent. 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. 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 the absence of Board Member Nancy Schutz and Board Member Leigh Zodrow. The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Welcome Visitors:

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Rod Whipple: Drews and the Board thanked Rodney Whipple for his many years of service to the District and community.

### Reports:

Student Council Representatives: N/A.

Board Committee(s): Warner stated that the Finance Committee met and everything looks as expected. We may be accessing the line of credit similar to last year at this time of year. Drews stated that the Transportation Committee needs to meet to discuss vehicle options since the midbus has been totaled per insurance. The Building and Grounds Committee did not meet. The Negotiations Committee did not meet.

Board Member(s): None.

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

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

Superintendent: Mr. Robert Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Teacher Presentations - Allison Sharp (Instrumental Music): N/A.

### Discussion Item(s):

AQuESST Ratings for AHPS: Drews shared information regarding the AQuESST Rating for the District.

### 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: Yea, Zodrow: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Claims:

Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$428,224.72 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Abstain (Claim No. 38407 to Arapahoe Chamber of Commerce for \$1,650.00), Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Abstain (Claim No. 38410 to ATC for \$371.59), Zodrow: Absent

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

Expenditures of up to \$2600 for employee appreciation gifts from Arapahoe Chamber of Commerce and Misko Sporting Goods:  
Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve expenditures of up to \$2,600 for employee appreciation gifts from Arapahoe Chamber of Commerce and Misko Sporting Goods.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Abstain (Chamber of Commerce Member), Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Absent  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Application for waiver on Policy 3014 Use of School Property section 4.b.iv.3 (No Fees for Admission):

Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the application for waiver of Policy 3014 Use of School Property section 4.b.iv.3 (No Fees for Admission) for the Youth Wrestling Club Tournament, Youth Basketball Tournament, and Youth Volleyball Tournament.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Absent  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

AHPS Calendar for 2025-2026:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the AHPS Calendar for 2025-2026 as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Absent  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Board Policy Updates:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the Board Policy updates (2008 Meetings; 3004.1 Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds; 3060 Firearms and Weapons – Non-Students) as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Absent  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Personnel:

Resignation of Heidi Thomas:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the resignation of Heidi Thomas at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Absent  
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2025-2026 7-12 Principal: No action at this time.

Executive Session - Collective Bargaining: N/A.

Public Comment - Open:

Future Meetings: Finance Committee Meeting - January 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm; Regular Board Meeting - January 13, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Chad Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.

The motion Carried.


Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Nay, Zodrow: Absent  
Yea: 3, Nay: 1, Absent: 2

The meeting was duly adjourned.

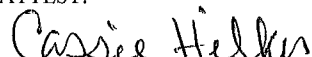
DATED this Monday, December 9, 2024

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:

  
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Dan Warner, President

ATTEST:

  
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Cassie Hilker, Secretary