

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, May 8, 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: Absent, Dan Warner: Present, Rodney Whipple: Present, Leigh Zodrow: Present.

Also present was Mr. Bob Drews, Superintendent, Mr. Rudy Perez, 7-12 Principal, Mr. Benjamin Ellis, PK-6 Principal, Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary, and Student Board Representatives Gentry and Berkley Warner. 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 (Whipple): Rodney Whipple 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 Rodney Whipple to excuse Nancy Schutz.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Welcome Visitors: Heidi Thomas, Michelle Rawson, and Julie Stagemeyer were attending the meeting to represent AEA. Marcia Foley, Chloe Gooden, Jordan Holstein, Emma Strand, and Andres Castro Valdez were attending the meeting to request per diem funds for the National NHD competition this summer (action item later in meeting). The teachers in attendance thanked the Board for all that they did for staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.

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

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Reports:

Board Committee(s): Carpenter stated that the Finance Committee met and everything looked good. The bond interest payment is being made this month and they are paying to send Katie Andrews to a Crisis Training Session so she can then return and train school staff. Carpenter stated that the Transportation Committee met and discussed the need for another midbus. Holdrege is selling one with low miles. The proposed plan is to hold off on purchasing a pickup and get the midbus instead. The Superintendent asked for the board's recommendation on whether or not to move forward with the purchase of the midbus. The board agreed to move forward with the purchase. Lee stated that the Negotiations Committee met and discussed the Spanish Teacher vacancy and possible options. They also discussed classified staff compensation and the board is following through with their commitment to increase classified staff pay.

Board Member(s): Carpenter thanked Nancy, Kayla, Erick, and Bob for everything that was done during Teacher Appreciation Week. All of the teachers appreciated it very much.

Student Representatives: Berkley & Gentry Warner thanked the Board and Mr. Drews for the opportunity to serve as Student Board Representatives this past year.

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 Presentations - Elizabeth Klein (Library/Media): N/A

Discussion Item(s):

Weight/Fitness Room Access: Mr. Drews asked for some background information on the public use of the weight room. Warner stated that through the bond process he believed it was the board's intent to allow public access to the weight room. The rest of the board agreed. Drews will reach out to KSB regarding a facility use form, liability, consequences for misuse, posted notifications, etc. to establish a better plan before the next school year begins.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports: Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow 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: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Claims: Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve the expenditures and payments totaling \$492,498.87 as submitted by administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Abstain (Claim #36253 to ATC for \$359.14), Zodrow: Yea

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

Board Policies from KSB School Law: Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve board policies 6007, 6021, 6026, 6027, 6029, 6030, 6031, 6032, 6033, 6034, 6035, 6036, and 6037 from KSB School Law as presented with the amendment to the board resolution regarding implementation at the start of 8/1/23 for the 23-24 school year.

The motion Carried.

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

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

National History Day Per Diem Request: Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the per diem request for National History Day competition participants in June 2023.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

ESU 5 Contract: Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve a contract with ESU 5 to provide online, synchronous courses for Spanish I and Spanish II for the 23-24 school year.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Excess/Surplus Equipment: Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the list of laptop computers as excess/surplus equipment to be sold.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Personnel:

Hiring of Kara Krejdl: Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve the hiring of Kara Krejdl as an Elementary Teacher for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Hiring of Sue Helms: Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the hiring of Sue Helms as an Elementary Teacher for the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Resignation of Erin Kreutzer: Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Erick Lee to accept the resignation of Erin Kreutzer at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Future Meetings: Finance Committee Mtg - June 12, 2023 at 6:30pm; Regular Board Meeting - June 12, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm.

The motion Carried.

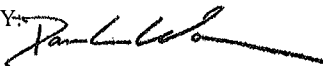
Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Absent, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

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The meeting was duly adjourned.

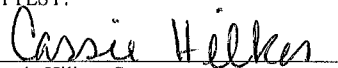
DATED this Monday, May 8, 2023

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: 

Dan Warner, President

ATTEST:


Cassie Hilker, Secretary