## 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, February 13, 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: Present, 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 Representative Gentry 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 (Lee): Lee 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: N/A.

Welcome Visitors: The following students were attending the meeting for graduation requirements: Paisley Zodrow and Jadan Schulz. Chambrae Klein was attending the meeting as a representative of the Senior Class. Heidi Thomas & Cassidy Snyder stated that they were attending the meeting to represent AEA.

Approval of agenda as presented: Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the agenda with the amendment of adding an action item for classified staff raises (7E).

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Reports:

Board Committee(s): Lee reported that the Negotiations Committee met and the negotiations process is complete. Carpenter reported that the Building & Grounds Committee met and reviewed the list of to do items and started prioritizing the items on the list. Carpenter reported that the Finance Committee met and everything looks good.

Board Member(s): Schutz stated that she attended the NASB Finance Workshop and it was very good. She thanked everyone for letting her attend the workshop. She added that there is an opportunity in April to meet with State Senators regarding upcoming legislation regarding education. She volunteered to attend. Lee stated that he has an opportunity to meet virtually with Senator Murman on legislative issues regarding education.

Student Representatives: Gentry Warner presented the Student Board Representative Report.

Elem 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 - Valerie Leising (Vocal Music): Valerie Leising thanked the board for all of their support. She shared that the 2nd grade students are working with their 5th grade buddies on a talent show project. She shared some other fun activities the elementary classes are doing. 5th-8th grade students are working on their contest music. The contest is being hosted by Arapahoe this year. The Pops Concert was held last week. She thanked the School Board for providing transportation for the Music students to attend Frozen The Musical in Omaha. This is a great opportunity for the students to attend something they may not otherwise get the chance to experience.

Discussion Item(s):

Commencement Ceremony Guidelines: Chambrae Klein shared that the senior class would like to decorate their graduation caps (approved by administration). They would also like to wear the cords/pins they have earned through meeting certain requirements of the various programs/activities. Whipple recommended the Administrative Review Committee discuss this further and bring forth a recommendation to the Board at the March meeting.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports: Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Claims: Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve the expenditures and payments totaling \$445,498.04 as submitted by administration to the Board. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Abstain (Claim #35951 to Hemelstrand's for \$1,416.55), Warner: Yea, Whipple: Abstain (Claim #35931 to ATC for \$362.22), Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 2

2023-2024 Negotiated Agreement: Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve the 2023-2024 Negotiated Agreement as presented. The motion Carried. Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

ESU 11 Master Service Agreement for 2023-24: Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the 2023-2024 ESU #11 Master Service Agreement as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

ESU 16 Southwest NE Distance Education Network Agreement for 2023-24: Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve the 2023-2024 ESU #16 Southwest NE Distance Education Network Agreement as presented. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

ESU 10 for Deaf/Hard of Hearing services for 2023-24: Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve the 2023-2024 ESU #10 Deaf/Hard of Hearing Services Agreement as presented. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Board Policies from KSB School Law: Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve board policies 5035, 5036, 5037, 5039, 5040, 5041, 5042, 5043, 5045, 5046, 5048, 5049, 5050, 5052, 5053, 5054, 5056, 5057, 5059, 5063, 5064, 5066 and 5067 from KSB School Law as presented with implementation according to the board resolution. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

## Personnel:

Resignation of Terri Johansen: Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Chad Carpenter to accept the resignation of Terri Johansen at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Hiring of Molly Wendland: Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the hiring of Molly Wendland as an Elementary Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Hiring of Emily Pearson: Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the hiring of Emily Pearson as an Elementary Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2023-2024 Superintendent Contract: Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve the 2023-2024 amended Superintendent contract as presented. The motion Carried. Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Executive Session: Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to enter into executive session at 8:36 pm for the purpose of negotiations and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, and if the individual has not requested a public meeting.

The motion Carried. Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to exit executive session at 9:04 pm.

Classified Staff Pay Increases: Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Rodney Whipple approve a starting pay rate of \$14.00/hour for all classified staff, with a \$0.10/year credit above that for each previous year completed in service at AHPS, and a 2 percent raise for those with a current rate above \$14.00/hour, effective 2/1/2023. The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: (Abstain) Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Future Meetings: Finance Committee Mtg - March 13, 2023 at 6:30pm; Regular Board Meeting - March 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. The motion Carried. Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, February 13, 2023

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:

Dan Warner, President

Cassie Hilker, Secretar