

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 10, 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: Present, 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 Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Schutz): Mrs. Nancy Schutz 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:

Welcome Visitors: Jacen Smith, Noah Williams, Kade Fisher, Alex Diaz, and Clayton North were in attendance to fulfill a graduation requirement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Reports:

Student Council: Hunter Jorschumb and Adellyn Hoefs presented the Student Council Report.

Board Committee(s): Carpenter stated that the Finance Committee met and finances are tight but manageable. Carpenter stated that the Transportation Committee met and the plan is to purchase a mid-bus that will be here prior to the start of the next school year. The plan is to wait until the legislature is further along in their session to decide on the purchase of an activity bus vs a route bus. Drews shared a Building & Grounds update with the Board that the plan is to start a project to create some additional storage in the bus barn.

Board Member(s): Lee stated that he is working hard legislatively. The main concerns are LB 135 (moving bond requests to a 2-year cycle and in the general election), Cell Phone Policy, Electronic Surveillance, potential dissolution of the Department of Education, and LB 303 (lowering the tax levy from \$1.05 to \$1.02).

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

Secondary Principal: Mr. Drews presented the Secondary Principal Report for Mr. Perez who was gone supporting our State Bowling qualifier (CHAMPION) Lauren Moore.

Superintendent: Mr. Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Teacher Presentation - Kara Schutz (3rd Grade): Kara Schutz (3rd Grade Teacher) shared that her students have learned cursive handwriting. They are working on multiplication facts. Furnas County Extension representatives will be making a visit and they are planning to hatch some chicks. The class also has a field trip planned in May to go to Trails and Rails in Kearney.

Discussion Item(s):

Eagle Scout Project Playground Addition - Ethan Hoefs (8th gr): Ethan Hoefs shared with the board that he would like to add a 9 Square in the Air game to the playground. New Age from Norton will be donating all of the aluminum for the project. He will need to fundraise to cover powder coating costs. He suggested placing the new game by the Gaga Ball Pit. The Board was in agreement that it would be a good addition to the playground. They advised Ethan to work with Administration on the project.

Adding an Elementary "Team Teacher" at multiple grade levels for the 2025-2026 school year: Drews stated that he and Mr. Ellis met and came up with a plan where a "Team Teacher" could benefit multiple grade levels in the elementary for the 2025-2026 school year. He was seeking guidance from the board on whether to advertise for this position to see if he can fill it or not. There is obviously cost associated with this addition because it is a new position. It is the recommendation of Mr. Drews to move forward with this addition, understanding that costs will have to be offset in other areas to afford this new position. The board was in agreement to advertise and if possible, offer a contract for the new position of Elementary Team Teacher.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

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

The motion Carried.

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

Claims:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$463,556.71 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Abstain (Claim No. 38677 to NASB for \$535.00 and Claim No. 38649 to Arapahoe Chamber of Commerce for \$100.00), Schutz: Abstain (Claim No. 38667 to Hemelstrand's for \$170.35), Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

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

ESU 11 Master Service Agreement for 2025-2026:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the ESU 11 Master Service Agreement for 2025-2026 as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

14 passenger bus from Nebraska Central Equipment:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the purchase of a 14 passenger bus from Nebraska Central Equipment as presented with financing to be arranged through First Central Bank by the Superintendent.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Personnel: Drews updated the board that Kristine Deisley resigned effective 2/7/25 and Cheryl Chambers will be retiring effective 3/31/25. The District has also hired 2 additional Paraprofessionals to serve new needs within the District (Linda Lampe started 1/10/25, Rhiannon Sich started 1/21/25).

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Erick Lee to enter into executive session at 8:53 pm for 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, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Erick Lee to exit executive session at 9:17 pm.

Public Comment - Open:

Future Meetings: Finance Committee meeting - March 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm; Regular Board Meeting - March 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm; Financial Planning Workshop - March 25, 2025 at 5:00 pm (Conference Room).

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting was duly adjourned.

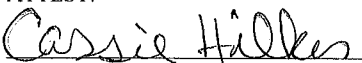
DATED this Monday, February 10, 2025

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:


Chad Carpenter, President

ATTEST:


Cassie Hilker, Secretary