

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, January 8, 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: Absent, Rodney Whipple: Present, Leigh Zodrow: Present. 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: Vice President Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Lee): Mr. Erick Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nebraska Open Meetings Act: At the beginning of the meeting, Vice 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:

Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to excuse Nancy Schutz & Dan Warner.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discussion Item(s):

2022-2023 Auditor Report: Gene Ulmer & Ryan Spencer from Dana Cole presented the District's 2022-2023 Audit Report via phone.

Organization of the Board of Education (Policy 2002):

Election of Officers (1 year term for each): Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to elect all incumbents as presented (President-Dan Warner; Vice President-Chad Carpenter; Secretary-Cassie Hilker; Treasurer-Jennifer Schroeder) for 2024.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2024 Committee Assignments: Changes to Board Committee's for 2024 were as follows: Administrative Review Committee-Erick Lee, Dan Warner, Leigh Zodrow; Negotiations Committee-After current negotiations are complete the committee will be Dan Warner (Chair), Nancy Schutz, Chad Carpenter.

Conflict of Interest (Policy 2005) & Code of Ethics (Policy 2012): Drews reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy 2005 & Code of Ethics Policy 2012 with the Board.

Meetings (Policy 2008): Drews reviewed Policy 2008 Meetings, no changes were made.

Depositories (Policy 3002):

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Rodney Whipple to designate First Central Bank-Arapahoe and 1st State Bank-Holbrook as depositories for school funds in accordance with Policy 3002 (Deposits).

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Legal Counsel (Policy 2014):

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve KSB Law as the law firm authorized to provide legal counsel to AHPS in accordance with Policy 2014 (Relationship with District Legal Counsel).

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Welcome Visitors:

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Reports:

Student Council Representatives: None.

Board Committee(s): Zodrow reported that the Finance Committee met and reviewed claims and the current financial position of the District.

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. Bob Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Teacher Presentations - Dale Henderson (4th Gr): Postponed.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Claims:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the expenditures and payments totaling \$453,097.54 as submitted by administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Absent, Warner: Absent, Whipple: Abstain (Claim No. 37174 to ATC for \$363.90), Zodrow: Yea

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

2022-2023 District Audit:

Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve the 2022-2023 audit as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2024-2025 AHPS District Calendar:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the 2024-2025 District calendar as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Personnel: Drews stated that Heidi Thomas is willing to move into the Preschool Teaching position if they can find someone else for Elementary SPED. The plan is to advertise for both and go from there.

Public Comment - Open: None.

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to enter into executive session at 7:57 pm for the purpose of negotiations.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to exit executive session at 8:12 pm.

Future Meetings: Finance Committee Meeting - February 12, 2024 at 6:30pm; Regular Board Meeting - February 12, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Chad Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

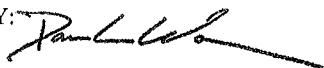
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, January 8, 2024


ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:



Dan Warner, President

ATTEST:



Cassie Hilker, Secretary