

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 13, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the Arapahoe Public School Board Room, 610 Walnut Street, Arapahoe, NE 68922. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent: Lisa Anderson: Present, Chad Carpenter: Absent, Erick Lee: Present, Brad Schutz: Present, Dan Warner: Present, Rodney Whipple: Absent.

Also present was Mr. Brian Gegg, Superintendent, Mr. Rudy Perez, Principal, Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary, and Student Board Representatives, Tracy Roskop and 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. A recording of said meeting can be found at www.arapahoewarriors.org under the Board of Education tab.

Opening the Meeting:

Call to Order: President Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nebraska Open Meetings Act: At the beginning of the meeting, President Anderson 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 Absence(s):

Motion was made by Brad Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to excuse Board Members Chad Carpenter and Rodney Whipple. The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Welcome Visitors: Heidi Thomas and LeAndra Monie were in attendance to represent AEA.

Approval of agenda as presented:

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

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Reports:

Principal: Mr. Perez presented the Principal Report.

Superintendent: Mr. Gegg presented the Superintendent Report.

Board Member(s): Anderson stated that 3 board members will be up for election in 2022. The deadline for incumbents is February 15th and March 1st for non-incumbents. Anderson also stated that the property tax credit for 2021 is 25.3% compared to 6% in 2020. Lee stated that he attended the State Education Conference. He attended a number of breakout sessions involving SPED, FERPA, Section 504 plans and they were all very informative. He also attended a session that expressed a renewed focus on trade skill classes and he would like to see some of these classes brought back to the District. He then thanked Tracy Roskop and Gentry Warner for their participation as Student Board Representatives and presented each of them with a letter of recommendation from the Board.

Board Committee(s): Gegg stated that the Shared Resources Committee met with representatives from Cambridge and Southwest and discussed the possibility of sharing resources and cooping sports. There is no plan at this time to coop junior high sports with other districts. The meeting has nothing to do with consolidation. Anderson stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed the bond refinance.

Student Representatives: Tracy Roskop and Gentry Warner presented the Student Representative Report.

Teacher Presentations: Lisa Schutz first thanked the Board for the Chamber Bucks and then went on to present what a typical day is like in the 1st grade classroom. She also shared how she uses Class Dojo to communicate with parents. Valerie Leising shared some examples of fun projects she has done so far this year with the K-12 Vocal students. Pam Breinig, School Counselor, visited with the Board on what the school to work program looked like in the past and the current procedures adopted November 2020. She would like the Board to review the current procedures and the procedures that have been used previously in hopes to come up with a more user-

friendly program. Gegg agreed that the current procedures/program could be simpler. Breinig also shared that students are able to take college courses if they choose to do so. Some of the opportunities are dual credit and some are only college credit.

Discussion Item(s):

Superintendent Evaluation: Anderson stated that she met with Mr. Gegg regarding the Interim Superintendent Evaluation.

Staffing for the 2022-2023 school year: Gegg met with Mr. Drews and Mr. Perez and discussed staffing for the 2022-2023 school year. Based upon that discussion he recommends hiring an Elementary Principal. Mr. Perez would move to the position of High School Principal / Head AD (Activities Director). The idea would be that the Head AD (Activities Director) would handle the non-athletic activities and the Assistant AD (Activities Director) would handle the athletic activities. The result of adding an Elementary Principal is that we are short some office space. Gegg recommends splitting Mrs. Breinig's room into 2 offices where the Superintendent and Bookkeeper would move. Mrs. Breinig would move to Mrs. Huxoll's room. Mrs. Huxoll would move to Split Classroom. Gegg has visited with Mrs. Breinig and Mrs. Huxoll about this plan and they are on board. Gegg has gotten a couple bids to do what is needed to Mrs. Breinig's office and the hope is to get this over Christmas break. This will open up two offices, one for the Elementary Principal and the other could be used for the School Psychologist that is here a couple days a week. Gegg is estimating the cost of construction between \$13,000 and \$14,000. The only other staff change is having a Guidance Counselor here five days per week. The plan is to hire the Elementary Principal first and then tackle the full-time counselor.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

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

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Claims:

Motion was made by Brad Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to approve the expenditures and payments totaling \$389,216.29 as submitted by administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary actions to call for the redemption of the outstanding 2017 General Obligation bonds:

Motion was made by Brad Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to call for the redemption of the outstanding 2017 General Obligation Bonds.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary actions to authorize the issuance of the Series 2022 Refunding Bonds:

Motion was made by Brad Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to authorize the issuance of the 2022 General Obligation Refunding Bonds with Piper Sandler.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Discuss, consider, and take action on amending Board Policy 3130 Purchasing Policy:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Brad Schutz to approve amending Board Policy 3130 Purchasing Policy from \$5,000 to \$40,000 as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Personnel:

Motion was made by Lisa Anderson and seconded by Dan Warner to enter into executive session at 8:52 pm to discuss negotiations for the 2022-2023 school year.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion was made by Brad Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to exit executive session at 9:41 pm.

Future Meetings:

Regular Board Meeting – January 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Distance Learning Room.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Brad Schutz to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

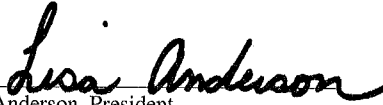
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The meeting was duly adjourned.

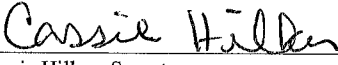
DATED this Monday, December 13, 2021

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:


Lisa Anderson, President

ATTEST:


Cassie Hilker, Secretary