

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public Schools
Superintendent Report to Board of Education
July 14, 2025

Finances

1. Budget for 25-26 - Our budget for the 25-26 school year is basically done, with only a few final expense variables to figure, and the valuations being provided by the counties. Using moderate estimates for valuation increasing, even with the board's approval of the increase of the base % for tax asking, we are likely to have a levy that is very similar or even lower than the 24-25 school year. We will once again participate in the county Joint Tax Request Hearing. The tentative date for that will be 9/16/25 with a 6pm start time. It could be held in Arapahoe, as we may be the only subdivision required to participate.
2. Building & Grounds
 - a. Summer Projects - Our 2 summer projects (Drainage by PK / Bus Barn Storage) are on track to be completed well before school starts.
 - b. Roofing - We are unsure if we had enough damage from the hail/rain on July 6 to file a claim with insurance, but both the ALICAP property adjuster & a rep from our roofing company will be on site Tuesday, July 15 for assessment
 - c. Machine for Lines on FB Field - We have joined in an agreement with Cambridge & Southwest schools to lease a machine that uses GPS to paint lines on FB fields and for TR meets. After discussions between the districts, we all figured the shared costs were reasonable and manageable. Communication and advance planning will be a MUST for success, but we will be aggressive with that process. There will be an overall saving to the district, as labor and paint costs will be reduced.
3. Transportation
 - a. Mid Bus Purchase - The original timeline for delivery with our MicroBird on a Chevy chassis was backed up to late in the first semester, but an option for earlier access was found with a Ford chassis. The specs are the same, with a cost in crease that is negligible (less than \$1000). We are hoping for delivery by mid October.
 - b. Small Vehicles - The next vehicle update on our cycle is the 2006 Chevy Van. We may have an option (financially and logistically) to trade that out for a new suburban prior to the end of this fiscal year. Fund balances after July payments will weigh heavily on that decision.

Other

1. Policy Updates - We will spend some more time reviewing and approving the updated and new policies provided by KSB. You should have time to review these prior to the meeting, and two of the policies (2045 Student Fees & 5057 Title I Parent Involvement) will require hearings prior to approval. I'll have some brief comments on the other policies listed for July review/update.
2. Start of Year Activities/Schedule - We have the final details set for our start of year activities/training/in-service schedule. Staff will be getting a letter later this week, and we'll have their links for the online training out on July 15 as is listed in the negotiated agreement. I'll email a copy of that info to the board when we send out the mailing.
3. Staffing -
 - a. Classified & Activity - We have not yet filled the following positions for the 25-26 school year: 1 Paraprofessional / Full Time Custodian / JH FB Coach. We have some applicants for the para position that have recently come in, so we are fairly confident we can get that filled prior to the start of the school year. It would be best to have a new custodian hired before the school year for training, but we also want to find competent, reliable candidates, so we won't rush it. Let me or any of the other administrators know if you have leads on potential candidates.
 - b. Certified - New certified teachers all have been in the building and are preparing for the start of our semester for the 24-25 school year. They are all registered for beginning of the year training with AHPS and ESU 11.
4. 25-26 Board Training/Development -
 - a. NASB Area Mtg - Thursday, Aug 21, 2025 - Kearney 4pm-10pm
 - b. NASB Labor Relations Conf - Oct 1-2, 2025- Lincoln
 - c. NASB State Education Conference - Omaha - Nov 19-21, 2025
 - d. NRCSA Spring Conference - Kearney - March 18-20, 2026