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, September 9, 2024, follow the Budget Hearing 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: Absent, 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, 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: President Warner called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Lee): Mr. Erick 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:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to excuse the absence of Board Member Chad Carpenter.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Welcome Visitors:

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Reports:

Student Council Representatives: Trenton Roskop and Annaka Wasenius presented the Student Council Report.

Board Committee(s)

- Finance Committee: Warner stated that they reviewed the budget, claims and fund balances.
- Administrative Review Committee: Lee stated that they reviewed goals for Mr. Drews and settled on an evaluation timeline. They also discussed the upcoming Secondary Principal and Teacher vacancies.
 - Transportation Committee: Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2024 at 7:00 am.

Board Member(s): Nancy Schutz and the Board expressed their thanks to McCarty's for their ongoing yogurt donations to our District. Erick Lee stated that he attended the NASB Area Membership Meeting with Mr. Drews. They were updated on legislative bills and other legal issues.

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

Secondary Principal: Mr. Perez presented the Secondary Principal Report.

Superintendent: Mr. Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Teacher Presentations - Cali Gunderson & Jenaya Pierce (Science Olympiad): Cali Gunderson and Jenaya Pierce shared with the Board that they would like to start a Science Olympiad group at Arapahoe. They explained Science Olympiad and shared cost information and events.

Public Comment - Open: Jenny Spaulding asked about Title IX training that the District attended. Mr. Drews explained that it covered the complaint process/protocol changes. It is currently not touching on any gender issues. She would also like to know when the Board would like patrons to make contact with the legislature and if it could be in the newspaper. Lee stated that the Board and District have to be very careful about publishing that kind of information. She asked about where the agenda is published online. Drews directed her to the location on the website. Hunter Larson and Carli Rathbun were attending the meeting to fulfill a graduation requirement.

Discussion Item(s):

Joint Property Tax Hearing: Drews shared the Joint Property Tax Hearing notice with the board. It is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm in Beaver City at the Courthouse.

Superintendent Evaluation Elements and Schedule: Drews stated that the elements are done. He asked if the schedule was okay with everyone. The Board agreed with the schedule.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

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

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Claims:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$613,349.37 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Absent, Lee: Abstain (Claim No. 38092 to Tri Valley Health Systems for \$462.00), Schutz: Abstain (Claim No. 38066 to Hemelstrand's for \$923.73), Warner: Yea, Whipple: Abstain (Claim No. 38047 to ATC for \$363.90), Zodrow: Yea

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

Resolution for Option Enrollment Acceptance/Rejection/Limits:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the Resolution for Option Enrollment Acceptance / Rejection / Limits as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Application for waiver on Policy 3014 Use of School Property from Nebraska Pride Chorus for a performance by the Sweet Adelines: Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the application from the Nebraska Pride Chorus (Sweet Adelines) for the use of our facilities on October 19, 2024.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Ag Valley fuel contract October 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025: No action, no contract prices yet.

Personnel: Drews stated that they are going to start advertising for open positions, Secondary Principal and Secondary English. They are also going to start advertising for part-time custodial as activities ramp up. Speech has changed to a co-coaching situation and will be split 50/50 between Heidi Thomas and Ashley Picquet.

<u>Future Meetings</u>: Joint Property Tax Request Hearing – September 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Furnas County Courthouse; Special Board Meeting - September 18, 2024 at 7:00 am; Finance Committee meeting - October 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm; Regular Board Meeting - October 14, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, September 9, 2024

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dan Warner, President

ATTEST.

Cassie Hilker, Secretary