# 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, November 13, 2023, 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: 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 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Zodrow): Mr. Leigh Zodrow 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: N/A

Welcome Visitors: Carter Blickenstaff, Campbell Schutz, and Chandler Hambidge thanked the Board for their per diem funds for the National FFA Convention. They also reported on the various activities/events they attended. Sabrina Jacobsen, River Einspahr, Janae Hammond, Grayson Koller, Rafe Hill, and Eli Shafer were in attendance to fulfill a graduation requirement. Kristin Holcomb and Valerie Leising were in attendance requesting per diem for the All State Choir competition. Jenny Spaulding shared a budget saving suggestion which was to decrease the number of extra-curricular activities students attend each week. It would save fuel expense, driver cost, etc.

Approval of agenda as presented:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve the agenda as presented. The motion Carried. Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### Reports:

Board Committee(s): Carpenter stated that the Finance Committee met. The bond payment is being made this month. Cash flow is good for this month, but we will see how things are next month. Lee stated that the Negotiations Committee is meeting on Wednesday. Drews stated that the Building and Grounds Committee met and discussed various projects. Lee has been approached by patrons to adjust the outside lights down a bit more so they are not reflecting in house windows.

Board Member(s): None.

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

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

Superintendent Board Report: Mr. Bob Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Teacher Presentations: Mrs. Katie Helms shared that the majority of her day is spent providing interventions for reading and math students in the elementary. She also works with the high ability learners (5th and 6th grade students) once a week. She shared some fun projects the kids have been working on with the Board. Stephanie Dannehl also comes from ESU #11 once per month and provides fun activities for the kids.

#### Discussion Item(s):

2022-2023 Audit: Drews reported that the audit went well and the auditors will present at the January board meeting via phone or zoom.

Nebraska Pride (Sweet Adelines): Drews shared a Thank You note from the Sweet Adeline's Group for the use of the facilities for their performance.

## Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports: Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion Carried. Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### Claims:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve the expenditures and payments totaling \$1,295,225.45 as submitted by administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Abstain (Claim No. 36961 for \$34.41 to W&J Repair), Lee: Abstain (Claim No. 36955 for \$215.00 to Tri Valley Health System), Schutz: Abstain (Claim No. 36938 for \$232.37 to Hemelstrands), Warner: Yea, Whipple: Abstain (Claim No. 36917 for \$363.83 to Arapahoe Telephone Company), Zodrow: Yea Yea: 2, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 4 FFA Per Diem:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the ratification of the Finance Committee decision to provide per diem to Arapahoe FFA members attending the National Convention with a total amount up to \$1,320. The motion Carried. Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea; 6, Nay: 0

All State Choir Per Diem:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the per diem request for NMEA All-State participants. The motion Carried.

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

2007 Chevy Van:

Motion was made by Rodney Whipple and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve declaring the 2007 Chevy Van as surplus equipment to be sold/donated/removed from the property at the discretion of the Superintendent. The motion Carried. Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Personnel:

Julie Stagemeyer Retirement:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Chad Carpenter to accept the retirement of Julie Stagemeyer as Kindergarten Teacher at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year.

The motion Carried.

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

2023-2024 Extra Duty Schedule Assignments: Drews shared that Kate Warner submitted her resignation as the Head Volleyball Coach. He also shared that Laura McInturf finished the volleyball season as the Assistant Volleyball Coach and Taylor Baily was hired as the Assistant Boys Basketball Coach.

Future Meetings: Finance Committee Meeting - December 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm; Regular Board Meeting - December 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. The motion Carried. Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Yea, Zodrow: Yea Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, November 13, 2023

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY: Lla

Dan Warner, President

AT EST Cassie Hilker, Secretary