

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 13, 2025, 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, Logan Dettmann: Present, Erick Lee: Present, Nancy Schutz:

Present, Dan Warner: Absent, 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. 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 Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Erick Lee to excuse Warner.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Installation of New Board Member Logan Dettmann: Mr. Logan Dettmann recited the Oath and was formally installed as a member of the Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School Board of Education.

Organization of the Board of Education (Policy 2002):

Election of Officers (1 year term for each):

President:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Nancy Schutz to nominate Chad Carpenter for President. No other nominations.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Abstain (With Conflict), Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Vice President:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to nominate Dan Warner for Vice President. No other nominations.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Secretary / Treasurer:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to nominate Cassie Hilker for Board Secretary and Jennifer Schroeder for Board Treasurer. No other nominations.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Review of Committee Assignments: Board Committees were reorganized as follows: Negotiations - Nancy Schutz, Chair, Chad Carpenter, Leigh Zodrow; Finance - Chad Carpenter, Dan Warner, Erick Lee; American Civics - Chad Carpenter, Erick Lee, Logan Dettmann; Technology - Chad Carpenter, Nancy Schutz, Logan Dettmann; Transportation - Chad Carpenter, Leigh Zodrow, Nancy Schutz; Building & Grounds - Chad Carpenter, Dan Warner, Leigh Zodrow; Community Relations - Erick Lee, Dan Warner, Logan Dettmann; Shared Resources - Leigh Zodrow, Dan Warner, Logan Dettmann; Administrative Review - Erick Lee, Dan Warner, Leigh Zodrow; Curr./Prog./Act. - Erick Lee, Nancy Schutz, Dan Warner.

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

Depository designations in accordance with Deposits Policy (3002):

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the designation of First Central Bank-Arapahoe and 1st State Bank-Holbrook as depositories for school funds in accordance with the Deposits Policy 3002.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Legal Counsel designation in accordance with Relationship with District Legal Counsel Policy (2014):

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve the designation of KSB Law as the law firm authorized to provide legal counsel to AHPS in accordance with the Relationship with District Legal Counsel Policy 2014.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Welcome Visitors: Ty Rousseau was in attendance to fulfill a graduation requirement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Discussion Item(s):

2023-2024 Auditor Report: Auditors from Dana Cole reviewed the 2023-2024 Audit Report with the Board via phone.

Reports:

Student Council: Trenton Roskop presented the Student Council Report.

Board Committee(s): Carpenter reported that the Finance Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and discussed claims and fund balances. Carpenter reported that the Transportation Committee met prior to tonight's meeting and reviewed quotes to replace a mid-bus and an activity bus. Negotiations will be addressed later in tonight's meeting as an action item.

Board Member(s): Lee stated that he will be attending the Legislative Issues Conference with NASB.

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

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

Superintendent: Mr. Robert Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Teacher Presentations - Shasta Hambidge (2nd Grade): Mrs. Shasta Hambidge shared some examples of how she uses Read Live in her 2nd grade classroom. Another program she is using that is working really well is Secret Stories, the kids really enjoy it. A lot of her students qualify for the Title Program and her main goal has been to do what needs to be done to graduate those students from the Title Program while still challenging those students that are at a higher level. She also stated that her class is one that would benefit greatly from being split.

Discussion Item(s):

2024-2025 Financial Literacy Report: Mr. Drews presented the 2024-2025 Financial Literacy Report.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

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

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Claims:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$444,668.15 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Abstain (With Conflict), Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

2023-2024 District Audit:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the 2023-2024 audit as presented.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2025-2026 Negotiated Agreement:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the 2025-2026 Negotiated Agreement as presented.
The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage by up to seven percent (7%) for the 2025-2026 budget:
Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve the adoption of a resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage by up to seven (7%) percent for the 2025-2026 budget.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Personnel:

Resignation - Bailey Schneider:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the resignation of Bailey Schneider (5th/6th Grade Teacher, Cheer Coach) at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2025-2026 Hires – Logan Kats, Debra McDonald, Carina Atterberry:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the hiring of Debra McDonald (K-6 Special Education Teacher), Carina Atterberry (6th Grade Elementary Teacher), and Logan Kats (Secondary Principal) for the 2025-2026 school year.
The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Superintendent Contract Amendment:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve the amendment to the contract of Superintendent Robert Drews to set salary for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Public Comment - Open:

Future Meetings: Finance Committee meeting - February 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm; Regular Board Meeting - February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 pm.

The motion Carried.

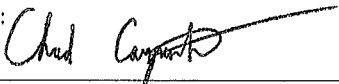
Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, January 13, 2025

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:


Chad Carpenter, President

ATTEST:


Cassie Hilker, Secretary