

## 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, February 14, 2022, 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: Lisa Anderson: Present, Chad Carpenter: Present, Erick Lee: Present, Brad Schutz:

Present, Dan Warner: Present, Rodney Whipple: Present.

Also present was Mr. Brian Gegg, Superintendent, Mr. Rudy Perez, Principal, Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary, and Student Board Representative, Leigha Odell. 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](http://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 Absences:

Welcome Visitors: Julie Stagemeyer and Heidi Thomas were in attendance to represent AEA. Trenton Roskop was in attendance to fulfill a graduation requirement. Dean tenBensel represented the Class of 1961 and shared with the Board that they would like to donate a metal park bench to the School. The bench could have customized artwork and they were thinking of an image of the old high school. The Board thought this was a great idea. Gegg and tenBensel will work together on the details. The plan is that the Class of 1961 will purchase the bench and the District will take care of its installation.

Approval of agenda as presented:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### Reports:

Jack Moles, the Executive Director of Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) thanked the Board for their long-time membership and shared with the Board the benefits of being a member of NRCSA. He also shared with the Board how NRCSA advocates for rural schools at the state level.

Principal: Mr. Perez presented the Principal Report.

Superintendent: Mr. Gegg presented the Superintendent Report.

Board Member(s): Lee stated that he worked with Mr. Gegg on providing feedback to Tri Valley on the mental health needs of students, parents, and staff in our community and school. Gegg stated that he attended a Q & A event with KSB Law that was organized by ESU #11. Perez, Carpenter, Warner, and Anderson also attended this event. Everyone enjoyed it and it was very informative.

Board Committee(s): Carpenter stated that the Negotiations Committee met various times and he will share more information later in the meeting since it is an action item.

Student Representatives: Leigh Odell presented the Student Representative Report.

External Visitation Review - Elizabeth Klein: Elizabeth Klein shared the Exit Report from the External Visitation Team on the Districts Continuous Improvement Process.

### Discussion Item(s):

2017 General Obligation Bond Refinancing: Mr. Gegg shared with the Board that the District saved a total of \$1,656,607 by refinancing the 2016 and 2017 bonds.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

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

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Claims:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve the expenditures and payments totaling \$415,961.43 as submitted by administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Anderson: Yea, Carpenter: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Whipple: Abstain (With Conflict)

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Discuss, consider, and take action on the 2022-2023 Negotiated Agreement:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Brad Schutz to approve the 2022-2023 Negotiated Agreement as presented with a total package increase of 3.80%.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Discuss, consider, and take action on the Educational Service Unit 10 service contract:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Rodney Whipple to approve the 2022-2023 contract with ESU #10 as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Discuss, consider, and take action on the contract for Benjamin Ellis, Elementary Principal 2022-2024:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the 2022-2024 elementary principal contract for Benjamin Ellis as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Personnel: Gegg stated that they will begin advertising for a full-time K-12 Guidance Counselor. He also stated that Deb Helms & Benita Adams would be retiring at the end of this school year. The Board and Administration thanked them for their service to the District.

Future Meetings - Finance Committee @ 6:30 pm and Regular Board meeting @ 7:00 PM on March 14, 2022.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Erick Lee to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, February 14, 2022

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:



Lisa Anderson, President

ATTEST:

  
Cassie Hilker, Secretary