

Auburn Public Schools
School District #29 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Board of Education Meeting Room APS Central Office
1713 J St
Auburn, NE 68305

Grant Brueggemann: Present
Janny Crotty: Present
Eli Davidson: Present
Ryan Jones: Present
Beth Kernes Krause: Present
Laura Osborne: Present

1. Call to Order

President Osborne called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Announce Open Meeting Act Posting and Location

4. Consent Agenda

At this time, any Board member may request that any item in the consent agenda be removed from the consent agenda and be considered and voted on separately.

4.1. Minutes of the October 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

Section 79-805 of Nebraska Statutes calls for the District to publish in a legal newspaper a "concise summary" of the proceedings of the Board of Education. Section 84-1413 of Nebraska Revised Statutes calls for the District to maintain official minutes that contain "the substance of all matters discussed." Therefore, for each board meeting a concise summary of the minutes is published in the Auburn Newspapers and a detailed set of minutes is maintained in the superintendent's office. A copy of the official minutes is attached to the board agenda for each regular meeting and special meeting.

The official minutes may make references to attachments. These attachments are reproduced with the minutes attached to the board agenda only if such attachments are different from those presented at the meeting. The attachments, however, are in the record of official minutes maintained at the superintendent's office.

4.2. Agenda **

According to the Open Meeting Laws, the Board of Education may add to the agenda only those items of an emergency nature [see, Section 84-1411(1) of Nebraska Revised Statutes].

The order of agenda items may be changed so arrive at the beginning of the meeting.

The Board may enter into closed session at any time to discuss any matter for which a closed session is lawful.

The Board may take action on any item listed on the agenda.

The agenda for the meeting needs to be approved before the board can address the discussion and/or action items.

4.3. Approve Claims for the Month

4.4. Approve Financial Reports for the Month

"I move that the consent agenda be approved as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Ryan Jones.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Excuse Absent Board Members (If Necessary)

6. Student Presentation

7. Recognition of Visitors*

The Board President may limit the time allotted to each individual or topic. A five-minute limit will apply for each speaker, unless otherwise specified, and no speaker may transfer their remaining time to any other speaker. According to Nebraska State Statute 84-1412, all speakers must identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual. Speakers are expected to address the Board when making presentations. If a group of patrons is presenting a single issue, the board requests that a spokesperson be appointed to address the Board, however, anyone may talk within the stated time limit. Speakers who feel a need to give more information than can be presented in that time frame may submit written materials for distribution to the Superintendent; such materials should be provided at least 24 hours before the meeting is to begin.

The Board of Education may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending its meetings and regarding their privilege to speak.

7.1. General Comments - If a group of patrons is presenting a single issue, the board requests that a spokesperson be appointed to address the Board. However, anyone may talk within the stated time limits.

8. Budget, Finance & Claims Committee (Kernes Krause*, Crotty, Brueggemann)

8.1. Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

"I move to approve the Financial Audit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.2. Fuel Bid Acceptance

"I move to accept the bid for fuel from Sapp Bros at \$2.939 per gallon, " Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.3. Budget, Finance & Claims Committee Report (Discuss only)

9. Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee (Jones*, Osborne, Davidson)

9.1. Lee Conner- Use of Land for July 4, 2026 Firework Display

"I move to approve the use of the district property for the July 4, 2026 firework display with Lee Conner," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Eli Davidson.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

9.2. Building, Grounds & Transportation Report (Discuss Only)

10. Human Resources & Planning Committee (Jones*, Brueggemann, Davidson)

10.1. Human Resources & Planning Committee Report (Discuss only)

11. Policy, Curriculum & Americanism Committee (Kernes Krause*, Osborne, Crotty)

11.1. Policy, Curriculum, & Americanism Committee Report (Discuss only)

12. Administration Report

Written and/or discuss only.

12.1. Samantha Wehenkel

November 10, 2025, Board Notes:

*Submitted the year 2 CLSD grant and have started with plans

*Our ACT roster has been uploaded, and we are getting ready for 2nd semester testing.

*Jeff Kurrus, author, did a terrific job presenting and students were engaged. Thank you, Erin Teten for asking him to visit.

*Nov. 26th will be the public release of spring scores as well as our AQUeSTT rating.

12.2. Reva Siegel

Student Meetings

- **28 student meetings over the last month**
- **2 newly qualified students; both K-12**

Upcoming

- **Tri-State Law Conference on November 13th and 14th.**
 - **Our school psychologist, Katie Atkinson, and I will attend this conference and get updates on special education laws, student rights, and new policies.**

State Reporting

- **Alternate Assessment 1% Justification due 11.25.25**
 - **As a district, we are expected to exceed the 1% threshold, which requires me to submit individual student justifications to the state. Each student participating in the alternate assessment is supported by data and determined through discussion at their IEP meeting.**
- **Proportionate Share Application due 12.15.25**

- **This collection determines the amount of IDEA funds that must be used for eligible parentally placed children with disabilities in a nonpublic school and/or an exempt home school within our school district boundaries.**

12.3. Bristol Wenzl

- 95% parent turnout Pk-5 at parent teacher conferences.
 - PK - 96%
 - K - 97%
 - 1 - 95%
 - 2 - 95%
 - 3 - 96%
 - 4 - 96%
 - 5 - 91%
 - Last year 94% Pk-5
- 4th and 5th grade students had amazing opportunities to learn from two visitors this past month
 - Artist Matt Willey and Leslie Clark visited on October 27th
 - Author Jeff Kurrus visited on November 5th
 - A huge thank you to Amanda Dammast and Erin Teten for organizing these visits! Both experiences were very well received, and the students absolutely loved learning from these two professionals.
- Book Fair / Grandparent Lunches November 10-13th
- PSC / APS Mentorship
 - 7 teacher candidates observing 3 half days this semester - Oct/Nov/Dec
- PSC Practicums
 - 7 teacher candidates completing practicums at Calvert this semester
- 6 new enrollments in the last month
 - 1 preschool
 - 1 first grade
 - 2 second grade
 - 2 fourth grade

12.4. Scott Siegel

Board of Education Report

11.10.25

- One-Act Haunted House Fundraiser
- 11.11.25: Veterans Day Program
- Semester Grades: 97.4% of all grades are currently in passing status. 83% of course grades are in the A+ to B- range.
- Attendance Chronic Absenteeism Rates
 - High School: Aligned with prior years, if not slightly better
 - Middle School: Trending much more positively than prior years

Enrollment

Middle School

6th - 69 (+1)

7th - 78 (-2)

8th - 66 (+1)

Middle School Total: 213

High School

9th - 50 (-3)

10th - 77

11th - 63

12th - 71

High School Total: 261 (-3)

6-12 Total: 474 (-3)

12.5. Jason Palmer

November Board of Education Report (Monday, November 10th, 2025)

Submitted by Jason Palmer - Thursday, November 6th, 2025

Fall sports have concluded for the 2025-2026 school year.

Cross Country: The high school girls team won their District at the Cass County Fairgrounds near Weeping Water. The team finished in 4th Place at the State Championships in Kearney, Nebraska. Congratulations to team members Liston Crotty, Macy DeBuhr, Alexa Janssen, Hailey Janssen, Tayla Jones, and Hadley Mazzulla. Liston Crotty medaled, finishing in 10th Place and finished her career as a four-time medalist at the state meet.

Football: Finished the season with a dominant win at Nebraska City. The team finished as the District Runner-Up.

Girls Golf: Charlotte Dickerson competed at the Class C State Golf Championships in North Platte on Monday, October 13th and Tuesday, October 14th. Charlotte competed in a tough field of competitors and finished tied for 49th.

Softball: The team finished the season as the District-Runner Up, losing to Kearney Catholic in the District Final. The team finished with a 18-13 record.

Volleyball: The team concluded its season at the subdistrict in Platteview. The team finished with a 19-13 record.

Marching Band: The marching band finished their season on a strong note at their final competition in Ashland. The marching band earned a Division 1 Superior Rating and also earned the Outstanding Color Guard award.

We are hosting the ECNC Vocal Clinic on Monday, November 10th at the MS/HS. The JH concert is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM and the HS concert will follow the JH concert.

Play Production and Unified Bowling have started competitions.

Play Production had an outstanding first competition on Saturday, November 1st at Schuyler. The Bulldogs won this event and also had 10 outstanding performance awards. Beau Thomas was one of two of the top performers at the competition. Play Production has their home public performances on Friday, November 7th (7 PM) and Saturday, November 8th (2 PM & 7 PM). Their next competition is Saturday, November 15th at Fairbury and then they will compete in the ECNC competition on Tuesday, November 18th at Palmyra. Districts are Saturday, December 6th at Fairbury.

Unified Bowling participated in their first competition on Monday, November 3rd. Auburn #1 finished 6th out of 43 teams in their first competition. The team will compete next at Nebraska City on Tuesday, November 11th and then at home on Wednesday, November 12th.

MS Band & Choir had a strong first concert on Tuesday, November 4th.

The HS Band & Choir will have their winter concert on Monday, December 15th. The Fine Arts Boosters will do a taco feed that evening.

Winter JH Sports have begun practices. JH girls wrestling have their first meet at home on Thursday, November 6th. The team has 21 wrestlers this year. The JH boys basketball team has their first competition on Thursday, November 13th against Falls City. The team has 26 boys competing this season.

HS practices for winter sports begin on Monday, November 17th. Both girls and boys wrestling have their first dual at East Atchison on Thursday, December 4th. Girls basketball also has their first game on Thursday, December 4th. Boys basketball plays their first game on Friday, December 5th.

12.6. David Patton

- Desk Audit
- NEBMAC audit
- JAG food drive
- APS Foundation Lunch Fund and Family Food support
- Student Council
- CO Aud. heat
- NASB conference next week

13. Miscellaneous

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is at .
A. Thank you notes & correspondence

13.1. Thank You Notes

13.2. Upcoming Meetings

December Policy, Curriculum, and Americanism Open Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025 5:15 PM
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14. Executive Session (Discuss Legal Matters, Personnel and Negotiations)

The Board may enter into closed session at any time to discuss any matter for which a closed session is lawful and appropriate.

We have legal matters that need to be handled in closed session.

Before the Board can enter closed session, a motion must be made in agreement with Statute 84-1410 by the Board to discuss topics such as personnel, negotiations, and legal matters.

15. Adjournment

President Osborne adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

President

Superintendent