

Auburn Public Schools
School District #29 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026 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 December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting and Minutes of the December 8, 2025 Americanism 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. Adjournment

8. Meeting Reconvenes

9. Superintendent Assumes the Role of Temporary Chairman

10. Conflict of Interest for all Board Members

11. School Board Member Month

12. Recognition of 2025 President, Laura Osborne

13. Election of Board President

13.1. Nominations for President

"I nominate Laura Osborne as Board President for 2026," 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

13.2. Nominations Cease

"I move for all nominations to cease and for the ballot to be cast," 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

13.3. Election of Board President

"I move to elect Laura Osborne as Board President for 2026," 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

14. New Board President Assumes Control of Meeting

15. Election of Board Vice President

15.1. Nomination of Vice President

"I nominate Ryan Jones as Vice President for 2026," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

15.2. Nominations Cease

"I move for all nominations to cease and for the ballot to be cast," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

15.3. Election of Vice President

"I move to elect Ryan Jones as Board Vice President for 2026," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

16. Election of Secretary

16.1. Nomination of Secretary

"I move to nominate Eli Davidson as Board Secretary for 2026," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Beth Kernes Krause.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

16.2. Nominations Cease

"I move for all nominations to cease and for the ballot to be cast," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

16.3. Election of Secretary

"I move to elect Eli Davidson as Board Secretary for 2026," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Beth Kernes Krause.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

17. Election of Board Treasurer

17.1. Nomination of Board Treasurer

"I move to nominate Janny Crotty as Board Treasurer for 2026," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Beth Kernes Krause.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

17.2. Nominations Cease

"I move for all nominations to cease and for the ballot to be cast," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Beth Kernes Krause.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

17.3. Election of Board Treasurer

"I move to elect Janny Crotty as Board Treasurer for 2026," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by

Beth Kernes Krause.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

18. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to appoint an ex officio to act in place of the Treasurer when the Treasurer is unable to promptly act on school matters.

"I move to appoint Kellie Fogarty as the Board's ex officio Treasurer to act with the same powers and authority as the Board Treasurer in School business matters when the Board Treasurer is not promptly available," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Janny Crotty.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

19. Results of Election

20. 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.

20.1. 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.

21. Budget, Finance & Claims Committee

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

22. Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee

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

23. Human Resources & Planning Committee

23.1. Special Education Teacher Contract

"I move to accept the Special Education Teacher contract with Laura Patton 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

23.2. Special Education Teacher Contract

"I move to accept the Special Education Teacher contract with Skye Grafton as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause 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

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

24. Policy, Curriculum & Americanism Committee

24.1. Policy Number 3131 — Procurement Plan

"I move to approve policy number 3131 Procurement Plan 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

24.2. Policy Number 3132—Internal Controls

"I move to adopt policy number 3132 Internal Controls as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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

25. Administration Report

25.1. Samantha Wehenkel

25.2. Reva Siegel

25.3. Bristol Wenzl

25.4. Scott Siegel

25.5. Jason Palmer

25.6. David Patton

26. Miscellaneous

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is at .

26.1. Thank You Notes

26.2. Upcoming Meetings

27. 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.

28. Adjournment

President Osborne adjourned the meeting at 6:14pm.

President

Superintendent