

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, December 8, 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: Absent, Nancy Schutz: Present, Dan Warner: Present, Leigh Zodrow: Present.

Also present was Mr. Bob Drews, Superintendent, Mr. Benjamin Ellis, Elementary Principal, Mr. Rudy Perez, Secondary 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 Carpenter 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 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 Logan Dettmann and seconded by Dan Warner to excuse the absence of Board Member Erick Lee.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Welcome Visitors: Isabelle Roberts attended the meeting to fulfill a graduation requirement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Reports:

Student Council: Mr. Perez presented the Student Council Representative Report.

Teacher Presentation: Mr. Strand, Secondary Math Teacher, shared with the Board examples of what they have been working on in the Math classroom.

Board Committee(s): Carpenter stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed claims, fund balances, and the general fund shortage. Carpenter stated that the Building & Grounds Committee met and approved the purchase of an HVAC system for the new storage area in the bus barn. They also approved the new fire alarm monitoring vendor, Protex. Carpenter stated that the Negotiations Committee also met, and that topic will be discussed later in tonight's meeting.

Board Member(s): None.

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

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

Superintendent: Mr. Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Discussion Item(s):

2025-2026 Financial Literacy Report: Mr. Drews shared the 2025-2026 Financial Literacy Report with the Board.

2024-2025 AQuESST Ratings: Mr. Drews shared the 2024-2025 AHPS AQuESST ratings with the Board.

District Financial Status/Projections/Options: Mr. Drews stated that another Community Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm in the North Gym. Ballots will be mailed out on December 22nd. We want to do our best to ensure the public is informed.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

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

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Claims:

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$489,415.36 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Youth Wrestling Facility Use Application:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the application for waiver on Policy 3014 Use of School Property section 4.b.iv.3 (No Fees for Admission) from Arapahoe Youth Wrestling to host a tournament on a date TBA.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Employee Appreciation Chamber Bucks:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve expenditures from the Employee Benefit Fund of up to \$2,600 for employee appreciation gifts (Arapahoe Chamber Bucks).

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 1, Absent: 1

Special Building Fund and/or First Central Bank Line of Credit Transfer:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve the authorization to transfer from the Special Building Fund and/or access the Line of Credit at First Central Bank in a total amount of up to \$250,000 to satisfy financial obligations of the District for December 2025.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Board Policies (5000s):

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to affirm Policies 5022 Investigations, Arrests, and Other Student Contact by Law Enforcement and Health & Human Services, 5032 Closed Campus, 5044 Safe Pupil Transportation Plan and Pupil Transportation Vehicle Driver Satisfactory Driving Criteria, 5055 Enrollment in Kindergarten, and 5065 Bed Bugs as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Board Policies (6000s):

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to affirm 6000 Policies 6001 School Organization, 6002 School Calendar, 6006 Commencement Ceremony, 6014 School Attendance on Days of Scheduled Activities, 6015 Summer School, 6017 Homework, and 6028 Extracurricular Activities Program as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Personnel: N/A.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to enter into executive session at 7:56 pm for collective bargaining and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion was made by Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Chad Carpenter to exit executive session at 8:28 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Public Comment - Open:

Future Meetings: Finance Committee Meeting - January 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm; Regular Board Meeting - January 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

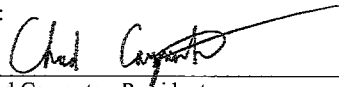
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The meeting was duly adjourned.

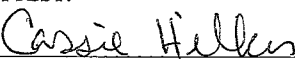
DATED this Monday, December 8, 2025

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:


Chad Carpenter, President

ATTEST:


Cassie Hilker, Secretary