

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, August 10, 2026, at 8:30 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: Present, Leigh Zodrow: Present. Also present was Mr. Bob Drews, Superintendent, Mr. Aaron McCoy, 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: President Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:30 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: N/A.

Welcome Visitors: Briggs Hill, Rigley McDonald, Zach Einspahr, and Traigan McDonald attended the meeting to fulfill a graduation requirement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

Reports:

Board Committee(s): Carpenter stated that the Finance Committee met & discussed claims & fund balances.

Board Member(s): Erick Lee shared a legislative update from the recent meetings he attended.

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

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

Superintendent: Mr. Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Discussion Item(s):

District Financial Status/Projections/Options: Mr. Drews stated that the District is making progress slowly.

Joint Tax Hearing Request for 2026-2027 Budget Cycle: Mr. Drews shared an update on the Joint Tax Request Hearing for 2026-2027.

Superintendent Evaluation Timeline (NASB): Mr. Drews shared a tentative timeline for the upcoming Superintendent Evaluation. The Board agreed with the timeline presented.

Superintendent Search: Mr. Drews stated that the Board will discuss Superintendent search firms at the Special Meeting next week (8/17).

2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates: Mr. Drews asked the Board about setting the Budget Workshop for Monday, August 24th. He also asked about changing the November meeting to Tuesday (11/10) instead of Monday (11/9). The Board agreed with the changes.

Personnel:

Resignation-Robert Drews:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to accept the resignation of Robert Drews as Superintendent of AHPS effective at the conclusion of the current contract (June 30, 2027).

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2026-2027 Extra Duty Update: Mr. Drews shared an update to the 2026-2027 Extra Duty Schedule. The only position to be filled is Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach.

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.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Claims:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$530,152.46 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Abstain (Claim No. 40395 to NASB for \$106,388.00), Schutz: Abstain (Claim No. 40387 to Hemelstrands for \$541.51), Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 2

Girls Wrestling Cooperative with Southern Valley:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve the Girls Wrestling Cooperative with Southern Valley for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2026-2027 Local Education Agency Representative Designation:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the designation of Superintendent Robert Drews as the Local Education Agency's representative for all Federal and State programs during the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2026-27 Line of Credit Agreement:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve a 12-month Line of Credit Agreement with First Central Bank for \$500,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Logan Dettmann to enter into executive session for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual and if the individual has not requested a public meeting at 9:02 pm.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion was made by Dan Warner and seconded by Chad Carpenter to exit executive session at 9: 17 pm.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Public Comment - Open: None.

Future Meetings: Special Board Meeting- August 17, 2026 at 5:00 pm (Supt. Search Firm Selection); Budget Workshop - August 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm; Finance Committee Meeting - September 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm; Budget Hearing, followed by Regular Board Meeting - September 14, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Logan Dettmann to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm.

The motion Carried.

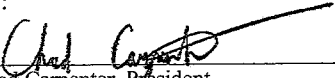
Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting was duly adjourned.

DATED this Monday, August 10, 2026

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:


Chad Carpenter, President

ATTEST:


Cassie Hilker, Secretary