

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 9, 2026, 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: Present, Nancy Schutz: Present, Dan Warner: Present, Leigh Zodrow: Present.

Also present was Mr. Bob Drews, Superintendent, Mr. Rudy Perez, 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 7:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Lee): Mr. Erick Lee 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:

Welcome Visitors: Annaka Wasenius and Aliyah Melhus attended the board meeting to fulfill a graduation requirement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Reports:

Student Council: Hunter Jorschumb and Adellyn Hoefs presented the Student Council Report.

Teacher Presentations: Mrs. Kaitlin Spaulding (FCS Teacher) shared some examples of projects the students have been working on in her classes.

Board Committee(s): Chad Carpenter stated that the Finance Committee met and discussed fund balances, claims, etc. No borrowing occurred this month. Nancy Schutz stated that the Transportation Committee met and went over the status of the fleet. Negotiations also met and Schutz stated that they are getting closer to reaching an agreement. Further discussion on negotiations will occur later in the meeting.

Board Member(s): Erick Lee provided a legislative update to the Board. Lee, along with students Adellyn Hoefs, Hunter Jorschumb, and Thomas Magorian reported on their trip to the State Capitol. They had the opportunity to see Senators at work and ask them a few questions. They spent time researching bills and drafted their own questions. Overall, they had a good experience.

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):

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz 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 Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$468,389.93 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Resolution:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Dan Warner to approve the adoption of a resolution increasing the school district's base growth percentage by up to seven percent (7%) for the 2026-2027 budget.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 1

2026-2027 ESU 11 Master Service Agreement:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve the 2026-2027 ESU 11 Master Service Agreement as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

2026-2027 ESU 10 Agreement:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Dan Warner to approve the 2026-2027 ESU 10 agreement for Deaf/Hard of Hearing services.
The motion Carried.

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

Board Policies (2000s):

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Logan Dettmann to affirm Policies 2015 Student Member of School Board, 2016 Participation in Insurance Program by Board Members, and 2017 Indemnification and Liability Insurance as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Board Policies (3000s):

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Nancy Schutz to affirm Policies 3009 Audit, 3010 Insurance, 3013 Emergency Closings, 3014 Use of School Property, 3015 Time Away From School Activities, 3018 Denying Access to School Premises or Activities, and 3019 Sale or Disposal of School Property as presented.

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 Leigh Zodrow and seconded by Erick Lee to enter into executive session at 8:05 pm for collective bargaining and the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

The motion Carried.

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

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to exit executive session at 8:53 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

Personnel: Mr. Drews stated that Rhiannon Sich (Paraprofessional) has resigned. They have hired a Paraprofessional, Shari French.

PK-6 Principal Contract:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to approve a renewal of the contract with Benjamin Ellis as the PK-6 Principal for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Teacher Contract:

Motion was made by Logan Dettmann and seconded by Leigh Zodrow to approve a contract with Kaylea Schutz as a Secondary Science Teacher 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

Public Comment - Open: None.

Future Meetings: Finance Committee Meeting - March 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm; Regular Board Meeting - March 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Logan Dettmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.

The motion Carried.

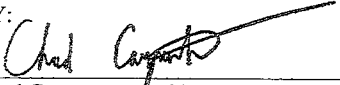
Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Yea, Schutz: Yea, Warner: Yea, Zodrow: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The meeting was duly adjourned.

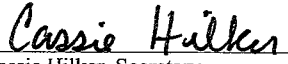
DATED this Monday, February 9, 2026

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:


Chad Carpenter, President

ATTEST:


Cassie Hilker, Secretary