

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, January 12, 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: Absent, Leigh Zodrow: Absent.

Also present was Mr. Bob Drews, Superintendent, 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 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance (Dettmann): Mr. Logan Dettmann 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 Acknowledgment of Receipt of Meeting Notice:

Roll Call:

Excuse Board Member Absences:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Logan Dettmann to excuse the absence of Board Members Dan Warner and Leigh Zodrow.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Organization of Board, Board Officers, and Check Signing:

Election of Officers (1 year term for each):

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to Schutz moved to open nominations.

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to nominate all current officers to remain in their current positions through the upcoming year.

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz to close nominations.

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to approve the candidates as follows: Chad Carpenter as President, Dan Warner as Vice President, Cassie Hilker as Secretary, and Jennifer Schroeder as Treasurer.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Board Committee Assignments: President Carpenter stated that there are no changes to committees at this time.

Conflict of Interest Policy (2005) & Board Code of Ethics Policy (2012): Drews reviewed Policy 2005 Conflict of Interest and Policy 2012 Board Code of Ethics with the Board.

District Depository-Deposits Policy (3002):

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to designate First Central Bank-Arapahoe and 1st State Bank-Holbrook as depositories for school funds in accordance with Deposits Policy 3002.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

District Legal Counsel Policy (2014):

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to designate KSB Law as the law firm authorized to provide legal counsel to AHPS in accordance with Relationship with District Legal Counsel Policy 2014.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Welcome Visitors: Carter Blickenstaff, Konnor Shifflet, Cian McCorkle, Cydney Carlson, Dristen Warburton, Hayden Sich, Elena Lee, and Andres Castro-Valdez attended the board meeting to fulfill a graduation requirement.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Reports:

Student Council: Andres Castro-Valdez reported that there was no Student Council Report this month.

Board Committee(s): Carpenter stated that the Finance Committee met and this month's bills were paid without having to borrow any money. Carpenter stated that the Community Relations Committee met and the meeting went well. Negotiations are ongoing.

Board Member(s): Erick Lee shared a legislative update. Lee stated that he plans to take Grace Andrews, Hunter Jorschumb, and Thomas Magorian to meet with Senators and tour the Capitol Building.

Discussion Item(s):

2024-2025 Auditor: Gene Ulmer and Ryan Spencer (representatives of Dana Cole) presented the 2024-2025 District Audit to the Board via phone.

Reports (Continued):

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

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

Superintendent: Mr. Drews presented the Superintendent Report.

Action Item(s):

Consent Agenda, including Minutes and Financial Reports:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Claims:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve expenditures and payments totaling \$481,380.11 as submitted by Administration to the Board.

The motion Carried.

Carpenter: Yea, Dettmann: Yea, Lee: Abstain (Claim No. 39767 to NASB for \$500.00), Schutz: Yea, Warner: Absent, Zodrow: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

2024-2025 Audit:

Motion was made by Chad Carpenter and seconded by Nancy Schutz to approve the 2024-2025 District Audit as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Surplus Equipment:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Erick Lee to approve declaring the 2006 Chevrolet Van (VIN 1GAHG35U461199710) as surplus equipment to be sold/donated/removed from the property at the discretion of the Superintendent.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

AHPS 2026-2027 District Calendar:

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to approve the 2026-2027 AHPS District Calendar as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Personnel:

Staff Resignation(s):

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to accept the resignations of Ashley Picquet (K-12 Art) and Jenaya Pierce (Secondary Science) at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Staff Hiring(s):

Motion was made by Logan Dettmann and seconded by Chad Carpenter to approve a contract with Aaron McCoy as the 7-12 Principal beginning the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Nancy Schutz to enter into executive session at 8:05 pm for negotiations.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Motion was made by Nancy Schutz and seconded by Logan Dettmann to exit executive session at 8:28 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Public Comment - Open:

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

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Erick Lee and seconded by Nancy Schutz to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

The motion Carried.

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

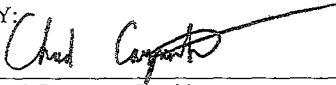
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The meeting was duly adjourned.

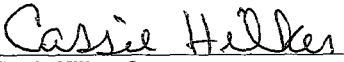
DATED this Monday, January 12, 2026

ARAPHAOE-HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BY:


Chad Carpenter, President

ATTEST:


Cassie Hilker, Secretary