

School Board Meeting - This meeting will not be live streamed, a recording will be available at a later date

Monday, June 22, 2026 6:30 PM Central

Aitkin Public Schools - Media Center
306 Second Street NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

Jen Burgos:	Absent
Roland Hill:	Present
Cindi Hills:	Present
Rev. Dawn Houser:	Present
Brian Leitinger:	Present
Holly Mindrum:	Present
Kassie Peterson:	Absent

Present: 5, Absent: 2.

1. Call meeting to order by the chairperson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Public Hearing for Proposed Property Tax Abatement

Shelby McQuay (Ehlers) presented on the Public Hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Abatement. Ms. Hills called for public comment.

5. *Comments from visitors

5.A.

- Comments from visitors must be in relation to Aitkin Public Schools and/or to agenda items.
- We recommend that you sign up at the comment table if you wish to speak. You will be called up in order as listed on the sign-up sheet. When you come forward to comment, please be seated at the comment table facing the Board Members. State your name prior to your comment. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes.
- The Board will not engage in any discussion or debate during this comment session. The Board will take the information and find answers as appropriate.
- As part of Board protocol, it is unacceptable for any speaker to slander or engage in character assassination at a public board meeting.

6. Approval of agenda - revise or remove as needed

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Rev. Dawn Houser and seconded by Holly Mindrum, Passed.

7. Scheduled presentations: (Max. 10 Minutes)

8. Old Business:

8.A. Approve the following Policy 721 - 1 Meeting Adoption:
Motion to approve Policy 721 as presented. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

9. New business:

9.A. Approve consent agenda items as follows:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Rev. Dawn Houser and seconded by Holly Mindrum, Passed.

Jen Burgos: Absent, Kassie Peterson: Absent, Cindi Hills: Abstain (With Conflict to 9 A.11), Roland Hill: Yea, Rev. Dawn Houser: Yea, Brian Leitinger: Yea, Holly Mindrum: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 2, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

9.A.1. Approve the following School Board Meeting Minutes:
May 18, 2026 , Special School Board Meeting June 5, 2026

9.A.2. Approve financials for the month of May 2026:

- Office receipts in the amount of \$3,445,243.42
- Report of expenditures, including \$389,433.50 for bills and \$1,098,503.88 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Donations in the amount of \$2,950.00
- Wire transfers in the amount of \$1,600,000.00.
- Employee reimbursements.

9.A.3. Approve Hirings:

9.A.3.a. Michaela Monson- Family & Consumer Science - 2026-27

9.A.3.b. Josh Voller - Agriculture Education - 2026-27

9.A.3.c. Chelsie Meyer - Special Ed - 2026-27

9.A.3.d. Sara Warren - Spanish - 2026-27

9.A.3.e. Karissa St. Onge- Payroll Specialist Position

9.A.3.f. Lauren Pankow - Instrumental Music-Pep Band Advisor

9.A.3.g. Logan Roos- Media Center Technician

9.A.3.h. Sara Warren- long term sub position - HS English Teacher (Nov-Feb)

9.A.3.i. Irma Boerhave-long term sub position -Spanish Teacher (Nov-Feb)

9.A.3.j. Julie Nowlan - Speech Paraprofessional

9.A.3.k. Cassidy Elhard - Van Driver

9.A.4. Consider and approve extracurricular positions

9.A.4.a. Football Head Coach- Alan Hills 2026-27 Season

9.A.4.b. Football Assistant Coach - Scott Miller 2026-27 Season

- 9.A.4.c. Football Assistant Coach- Rob Williams 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.d. Football Assistant Coach-Jason Henke 2026-27Season
- 9.A.4.e. Football Assistant Coach - Greg Hills 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.f. JD Green - Football Jr High Coach 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.g. Rory Sanders - Football Jr High Coach 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.h. Michael Reem - Football Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.i. Stacy Westerlund - Football Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.j. Ryan Broekel - Football Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.k. Peter Yunker - Football Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.l. Wade Zubke - Volleyball Head Coach 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.m. Kristen Ratz - Volleyball Head Assistant 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.n. Shelby Coombs - Volleyball C Squad Coach 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.o. Lena Broeckel - Volleyball Jr. High Coach 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.p. Delene Sanders-Volleyball Jr. High Coach 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.q. Staci Cluff - Volleyball Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.r. Noelle Jones - Volleyball Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.s. Kate Pelarski - Volleyball Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.t. Steve Michaletz - Volleyball Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.u. Lydia Fellerman - Volleyball Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.v. Mark Jackson -Volleyball Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.w. Jen Waldorf - Tennis (girls) Head Coach 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.x. Blaise Sanford - Tennis (girls) JH/Assistant Coach 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.4.y. Tracy Kennedy - Tennis (girls) Volunteer 2026-27 Season
- 9.A.5. Approve resignations
 - 9.A.5.a. Justine Nordick - Assistant Girls Tennis coach
 - 9.A.5.b. Patty Voller - Paraprofessional High School
 - 9.A.5.c. Heather Hipp - Business Manager
 - 9.A.5.d. Joni Eck - Custodian Rippleside
- 9.A.6. Consider and approve Nedra Henline contract -Community Education Director/Kids Club Coordinator 2026,2027, 2028
- 9.A.7. Consider and approve Principals Master Agreement - 2025,2026,2027

9.A.8. Consider and approve Steve Snyder contract - Building & Grounds Supervisor 2026-27, 2027-28

9.A.9. Approve hours for Dan Stifter to assist during the Superintendent transition as needed July through September 2026 of up to 30 hours at \$50 per hour.

9.A.10. Renew MSHSL Membership

9.A.11. Consider and approve CLC-College in the Schools contract.

9.A.12. Consider and approve ARCC 2026-2027 Service Contract

9.A.13. Ediam Authorization 2026-27 School Year

9.B. Discussion Items:

9.B.1. Resolution Granting Property Tax Abatement

Motion to approve the Resolution Granting the Property Tax Abatement. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Rev. Dawn Houser, Passed.

9.B.2. Intent Resolution Related to the Issuance of the School District's General Obligation Facilities Maintenance, Capital Facilities and Tax Abatement Bonds

Motion to approve the Intent Resolution Related to the Issuance of the School District's General Obligation Facilities Maintenance, Capital Facilities and Tax Abatement Bonds. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

9.B.3. Approve Resolution of Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy

Motion to approve the Resolution of Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Rev. Dawn Houser, Passed.

9.B.4. Consider and approve enrolled Aitkin students being admitted into home athletic events at no cost

Motion to approve 7-12 grade enrolled Aitkin students to be admitted into home athletic events at no cost (as allowed by administration). This motion, made by Rev. Dawn Houser and seconded by Holly Mindrum, Passed.

9.B.5. Discuss and approve FY26 revised budget and preliminary FY27 budget

Motion to approve the FY26 revised budget and the preliminary FY27 budget. This motion, made by Rev. Dawn Houser and seconded by Holly Mindrum, Passed.

9.B.6. Superintendent Orientation

Board Members discussed an orientation process for the incoming Superintendent.

10. Administrative reports:

10.A. Board Members Reports:

10.B. Committee Reports:

10.C. Principal's Report:

Ms. DeMars, Aitkin High School

SP Goal 10

10.D. Community Education - Nedra Henline

SP Goal 10

10.E. Superintendent's report:

10.E.1. Enrollment Update

10.E.2. ICS Professional Services Update

ICS provides the district with professional services overseeing district projects. The district will continue the partnership with ICS moving into the upcoming projects.

10.E.3. Other:

10.F. Upcoming meetings:

School Board Meeting-July 20, 2026 - 6:30 pm-AHS Media Center

11. Other:

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitingner, Passed.

Recorded by Heather Hipp

Kassie Peterson

Dated: 7/20/26