

School Board Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2025 6:30 PM Central

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

Jen Burgos: Present
Roland Hill: Present
Cindi Hills: Present
Rev. Dawn Houser: Present
Brian Leitinger: Present
Holly Mindrum: Present
Kassie Peterson: Present
Present: 7.

1. Call meeting to order by the chairperson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. *Comments from visitors

4.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.

5. Approval of agenda - revise or remove as needed

6. Scheduled presentations: (Max. 10 Minutes)

6.A. Student Council Reports
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6.A.1. Rippleside Student Council

7. Old Business:

7.A. Approve the following policies 2nd reading:

7.A.1. Policy 413 - Harassment and Violence

7.A.2. Policy 425 - Staff Development

7.A.3. Policy 512 - School Sponsored Student Publications and Activities

8. New business:

8.A. Approve consent agenda items as follows:

8.A.1. Approve the following School Board Meeting Minutes:

8.A.1.a. March 17, 2025 - School Board Meeting

8.A.1.b. March 25, 2025 - Special School Board Meeting

8.A.1.c. April 1, 2025 - Board Work Session

8.A.2. Approve financials for the month of March, 2025:

- Office receipts in the amount of \$1,869,886.89.
- Report of expenditures, including \$472,348.45 for bills and \$1,060,370.70 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Donations in the amount of \$14,484.00
- Wire transfers in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.
- Employee reimbursements.

8.A.3. Approve Hirings:

8.A.4. Consider and approve the Extra Curricular Assignments

8.A.4.a. Wade Zubke- Volleyball Head Coach

8.A.4.b. Kristen Ratz - Volleyball Head Assistant Coach

8.A.4.c. Shelby Coombs - Volleyball C-Squad Coach

8.A.4.d. Lena Broeckel- Volleyball Jr. High Coach

8.A.4.e. Delene Sanders- Volleyball Jr. High Coach

8.A.5. Approve Resignations

8.A.5.a. Kathy Larson - Bus Driver

8.A.5.b. Beth Gaulke - Admin Assistant to Counselors

8.A.5.c. Grace Christensen- Rippleside Paraprofessional

8.A.6. Approve Vounteer Coaches

8.A.6.a. Janice Hawkins - Volleyball Volunteer

8.A.6.b. Noelle Jones - Volleyball Volunteer

8.A.6.c. Lydia Fellerman - Volleyball Volunteer

8.A.6.d. Staci Cluff - Volleyball Volunteer

8.A.6.e. Stephen Michaletz- Volleyball Volunteer

8.A.6.f. Kate Pelarski- Volleyball Volunteer

8.A.6.g. Mark Jackson - Volleyball Volunteer

8.A.7. Approve Northern Pines Mental Health Center contract for 2025-26 school year

8.A.8. Approve Youth in Philanthropy grants:

1. International Club - request \$650, approved \$650
2. Peer Leaders - request \$1000, approved \$1000
3. Musical - request \$1000, approved \$450

8.B. Discussion Items:

8.B.1. Character Strong Curriculum - Multi Tiered Support Systems program to teach and reinforce life skills district wide.

9. Administrative reports:

9.A. Board Members Reports:

9.B. Committee Reports:

9.B.1. Safety Committee Meeting Summary, April 8, 2025

9.B.2. Ag Meeting, March 27, 2025

9.C. Principal's Report:

Mr. Dokken, Rippleside Elementary School

Ms. DeMars, Aitkin High School

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9.D. Community Education - Lara Parkin

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9.E. Superintendent's report:

9.E.1. Enrollment Update

9.E.2. Legislative updates

9.E.3. Long Term Facilities Plan

9.E.4. Staples tour April 23, leave AHS at 12:30, tour at 2:00

9.E.5. Other:

9.F. Upcoming meetings:

April 30, 2025 - Personnel Committee Meeting - 3:45-4:45 -AHS Media Center

May 14, 2025 - Policy Committee Meeting - 3:45- 4:00 - District Office

May 19, 2025 - School Board Meeting - 6:30 - AHS Media Center

May 21, 2025 - Meet & Confer - 3:45 -4:45 - AHS Media Center

May 28, 2025 - Personnel Committee Meeting - 3:45 - 4:45 - AHS Media Center

10. Other:

11. Close meeting under MN Statute 13D.03, labor negotiations strategy

12. Open Meeting

13. Adjourn