

School Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 25, 2025 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: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

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)

7. Old Business:

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

7.A.1. Policy 212 - School Board Development

7.A.2. Policy 213 - School Board Committee

7.A.3. Policy 214 - Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members

7.A.4. Policy 215 - Group Insurance Participation by School Board Members

7.A.5. Policy 301 - School District Administration

7.A.6. Policy 302 - Superintendent

7.A.7. Policy 303 - Superintendent Selection

8. New business:

8.A. Approve consent agenda items as follows:

8.A.1. Approve the following School Board Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2025

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

- Office receipts in the amount of \$3,355,515.46
- Report of expenditures, including \$352,495.99 for bills and \$1,085,567.95 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Donations in the amount of \$33,112.63.
- Wire transfers in the amount of \$1,400,000.00
- Employee reimbursements.

8.A.3. Approve Hirings:

8.A.3.a. Nedra Henline - Community Ed Director

8.A.3.b. Joshua Voller - Agricultural Education Teacher - School year 2025-26

8.A.3.c. Craig Larson, Special Education EDB Teacher, 2025-26 School Year

8.A.3.d. Chelsie Meyer, Special Education Teacher, 2025-26 School Year

8.A.3.e. Jared McCoy, Special Education EDB Teacher, 2025-26 School Year

8.A.4. Approve Resignations

8.A.4.a. Heather Lovsness - Bus Driver

8.A.4.b. Les Hyovalti - Bus Driver

8.A.4.c. Daniel McGuire - Bus Driver

8.A.4.d. Daniel Krueger - High School Special Education Teacher

8.A.4.e. Lauren Manston - Speech Language Pathologist

8.A.5. Consider and approve extra curricular activities

8.A.5.a. Joshua Voller - FFA Advisor

8.A.6. Approve Volunteer Coaches

8.A.6.a. Ava Christensen - Dance Coach

8.A.6.b. Natalie Crowther - Dance Coach

8.A.6.c. Anna Hankel - Dance Coach

8.A.7. Clifton Larson Allen - Audit Services

8.A.8. AHS Prevention and Intervention for Substance Abuse Program - County Grant 2026-2027-2028

8.A.9. Approve ARCC Service Contract 2025-2026

8.A.10. CLC PSEO 2025-2026 Agreement

8.A.11. Approve 2025 Edwin Sweetman Scholarships as follow:

8.A.11.a. Wyatt Crowther - 60% earned interest, will be attending University of MN - Twin Cities

8.A.11.b. Owen Weyer - 40% earned interest, will be attending University of MN - Twin Cities

8.A.12. Ediam Authorization 2025-26 School Year

8.B. Discussion Items:

8.B.1. RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS AND CALLING AN ELECTION THEREON

8.B.2. Purchase lift bus 2026 IC PB 110 instead of lease

8.B.3. Discuss and approve FY25 revised budget and preliminary FY26 budget

9. Administrative reports:

9.A. Board Members Reports:

9.B. Committee Reports:

9.B.1. Personnel Committee Meeting, June 4, 2025

9.C. Principal's Report:

Mr. Dokken, Rippleside Elementary School

Ms. DeMars, Aitkin High School

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9.D. Community Education -

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9.E. Superintendent's report:

9.E.1. Enrollment Update

9.E.2. Speech Therapy Service Contract ESY

9.E.3. Community Education programming price increases

9.E.4. Other:

9.F. Upcoming meetings:

July 9, 2025 - Policy Committee Meeting - 11:45 am- D.O. Conference Room

July 21, 2025 - School Board Meeting - 6:30 pm - AHS Media Center

10. Other:

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

11.A. Open Meeting

12. Adjourn