

**Auburn Public Schools**  
**School District #29 Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Monday, June 9, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Julian Community Building 103 West Street Julian, NE  
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Julian, NE 68378

Grant Brueggemann: Present  
Janny Crotty: Present  
Eli Davidson: Present  
Ryan Jones: Present  
Beth Kernes Krause: Present  
Laura Osborne: Present

1. Call to Order

President Osborne called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Announce Open Meeting Act Posting and Location

4. Consent Agenda

**At this time, any Board member may request that any item in the consent agenda be removed from the consent agenda and be considered and voted on separately.**

4.1. Minutes of May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting

Section 79-805 of Nebraska Statutes calls for the District to publish in a legal newspaper a "concise summary" of the proceedings of the Board of Education. Section 84-1413 of Nebraska Revised Statutes calls for the District to maintain official minutes that contain "the substance of all matters discussed." Therefore, for each board meeting a concise summary of the minutes is published in the Auburn Newspapers and a detailed set of minutes is maintained in the superintendent's office. A copy of the official minutes is attached to the board agenda for each regular meeting and special meeting.

The official minutes may make references to attachments. These attachments are reproduced with the minutes attached to the board agenda only if such attachments are different from those presented at the meeting. The attachments, however, are in the record of official minutes maintained at the superintendent's office.

4.2. Agenda \*\*

According to the Open Meeting Laws, the Board of Education may add to the agenda only those items of an emergency nature [see, Section 84-1411(1) of Nebraska Revised Statutes].

The order of agenda items may be changed so arrive at the beginning of the meeting.

The Board may enter into closed session at any time to discuss any matter for which a closed session is lawful.

The Board may take action on any item listed on the agenda.

The agenda for the meeting needs to be approved before the board can address the discussion and/or action items.

#### 4.3. Approve Claims for the Month

#### 4.4. Approve Financial Reports for the Month

"I move that the consent agenda be approved as presented," Passed with a motion by Grant Brueggemann and a second by Beth Kernes Krause.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 5. Excuse Absent Board Members (If Necessary)

#### 6. Student Presentation

#### 7. Recognition of Visitors\*

The Board President may limit the time allotted to each individual or topic. A five-minute limit will apply for each speaker, unless otherwise specified, and no speaker may transfer their remaining time to any other speaker. According to Nebraska State Statute 84-1412, all speakers must identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual. Speakers are expected to address the Board when making presentations. If a group of patrons is presenting a single issue, the board requests that a spokesperson be appointed to address the Board, however, anyone may talk within the stated time limit. Speakers who feel a need to give more information than can be presented in that time frame may submit written materials for distribution to the Superintendent; such materials should be provided at least 24 hours before the meeting is to begin.

The Board of Education may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending its meetings and regarding their privilege to speak.

7.1. General Comments - If a group of patrons is presenting a single issue, the board requests that a spokesperson be appointed to address the Board. However, anyone may talk within the stated time limits.

#### 8. Budget, Finance & Claims Committee (Kernes Krause\*, Crotty, Brueggemann)

##### 8.1. 2025-2026 Wellness Center Lease Agreement

"I move to approve the 2025-2026 Wellness Center Lease Agreement as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

##### 8.2. 2025-2026 Auburn Christian Church Lease Agreement

"I move to approve the 2025-2026 Auburn Christian Church Lease Agreement as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

##### 8.3. Budget, Finance & Claims Committee Report (Discuss only)

#### 9. Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee (Jones\*, Osborne, Davidson)

## 9.1. Building, Grounds & Transportation Report (Discuss Only)

### 10. Human Resources & Planning Committee (Jones\*, Brueggemann, Davidson)

#### 10.1. Michael Parde Elementary Teacher Contract

"I move to approve the Elementary Teacher contract with Michael Parde for the 2025-2026 school year as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Beth Kernes Krause.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 10.2. Interlocal Contract for SNRP

"I move to approve the Interlocal Contract for Enrichment Activities Southeast Nebraska Region Program for 2025-2026 as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 10.3. Shane Hanley Early Graduation Request

"I move to approve the early graduation request for Shane Hanley as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Eli Davidson.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 10.4. Elijah Porter Early Graduation Request

"I move to approve the Early Graduation Request for Elijah Porter as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 10.5. Destiny Mendoza Early Graduation Request

"I move to approve the Early Graduation Request for Destiny Mendoza as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### 10.6. Human Resources & Planning Committee Report (Discuss only)

## 11. Policy, Curriculum & Americanism Committee (Kernes Krause\*, Osborne, Crotty)

### 11.1. Policy Updates and Adoptions

#### 11.1.1. Policy No. 6400- Parent Involvement

"I move to adopt policy number 6400 Parent Involvement as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 11.1.2. Public Comment for Policy 6113 - Electronic Communication Devices and Cell Phones

No public comment was made.

#### 11.1.3. Policy No. 6113- Electronic Communication Devices and Cell Phones

"I move to adopt policy number 6113 Electronic Communication Devices and Cell Phones as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura

Osborne: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 11.1.4. Policy No. 5101- Student Discipline Policy

"I move to adopt policy number 5101 Student Discipline as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 11.1.5. Policy No. 1200- Anti-Harassment

"I move to adopt policy number 1200 Anti-harassment as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 11.1.6. Policy No. 4003- Employee Anti-Discrimination

"I move to adopt policy number 4003 Employee Anti-Discrimination as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 11.1.7. Policy No. 5401- Equal Opportunity

"I move to adopt policy number 5401 Equal Opportunity as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 11.1.8. Policy No. 3131- Procurement Plan

"I move to adopt policy number 3131 Procurement Plan as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 11.1.9. Policy No. 3410- Safe Driving Record

"I move to adopt policy number 3410 Safe Driving Record as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### 11.1.10. Policy No. 4009- Drug Use

"I move to adopt policy number 4009 Drug Use as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### 11.2. Policy, Curriculum, & Americanism Committee Report (Discuss only)

12. Administration Report  
Written and/or discuss only.

#### 12.1. Samantha Wehenkel

\*Completed the CLSD (Comprehensive Literacy State Development) grant. We completed the

grant for birth to age 5 and Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will find out in Aug. if we will be a recipient of this grant.

\*I've been working with some teachers on their assessments. Looking at the purpose and if they align to state standards. We've had some really great conversations involving this.

\*I have been working on developing our dual credit programs a little more. Our Intro to Education class will be a dual credit course offered this year, and hopefully we will be able to offer more dual credit courses in the 26-27 school year.

#### 12.2. Reva Siegel

- **Qualified 3 new children in early intervention.**
- **Upcoming:**
  - **NRS 79-11, 157.01 Data Collection**
  - **Flex Funding Grant**
  - **Maintenance of Effort Eligibility Standard Application**
  - **Adjusting drafted caseloads from end-of-year meetings, transfers, etc.**

#### 12.3. Bristol Wenzl

- NE ASCD Presentation - June 5th
- 25/26 preparations -
  - Using teacher survey feedback
  - Schedules, documents, inservice planning, committee planning

#### 12.4. Scott Siegel

### **Board of Education Report**

#### **6.9.25**

- We can project improvement in attendance from previous school years.
  - Both the MS & HS Levels
    - Decreased chronic absenteeism rates projected
- Assessment data shows students are performing at a high level. Thank you to our students, staff, and families!!
- Overall, student conduct continues to move in the right direction. We will continue to invest in this area, based on the many positive influences on school climate and culture.
- With grades finalized and entered for 2024-25

- Counselors were able to conduct a clear audit of the Class of 2026.
  - Prioritize needs
- The same process was replicated for Sophomores and Juniors to be.
- Returning high school students (Sophomores - Seniors)
  - 89% are mathematically on pace to graduate
  - Another 3% are very close, and likely to be fine with minimal monitoring and intervention.
  - 8% of returning high school students are further behind.
- Of the students that are off the mathematical pace to graduate with their cohort on time:
  - 82% of these students have moderate to severe attendance concerns that impede their progress.
  - We will continue to establish supports and interventions to assist these students.
- FBLA at the National Convention June 29 - July 2. Representation from over a dozen AHS students.
- Middle School Dance
  - Major success
  - 120+ students in attendance
  - Positive celebration with excellent feedback

12.5. Jason Palmer

**June Board of Education Report (Monday, June 9th, 2025)**

**Submitted by Jason Palmer Thursday, June 5th, 2025**

- **Auburn sent four students to NIETOC in Kansas City in May.**
  - **Cuyler Aue & Gate Gerking finished in 54th place.**
  - **Nora & Solomon Jacobitz were quarterfinalists, finishing in 24th place.**
- **Auburn had five athletes compete at the State Track & Field Championships in Omaha in May.**
  - **They were Liston Crotty, Addison Darnell, Addison Henry, Logan Rowell, and Alivia Thomas.**
  - **Congratulations to Addison Darnell on winning the Class B 300m Hurdles and setting a new Class B State Meet Record with her winning time and for finishing second in the 100m hurdles.**
  - **Congratulations to Logan Rowell who earned a medal in the Class B Discus as he finished in 6th Place.**

- **The summer is off to a strong start. Our coaches have put together a summer schedule which gives our athletes a chance to improve themselves. We have had good numbers for camps and other workouts so far. Additionally, we have had a strong turnout in the weight room so far this summer. It is fun to see so many of our athletes committing themselves to improving.**
- **Finally, the ECNC Conference met in May and all schools decided to transition away from rSchoolToday, which was bought by Arbiter, and move to Bound for their scheduling platform / activity calendar. This will be something that I will be working on throughout the summer. More to come!**

12.6. David Patton  
 June reporting month  
 Water  
 Van  
 Cleaning  
 Concrete work  
 Outdoor learning space

13. Miscellaneous

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is at .

A. Thank you notes & correspondence

13.1. Thank You Notes

13.2. Upcoming Meetings

July Board of Education Meeting

July 14, 2025 at 5:30pm

Brownville Community Center

223 Main Street

Brownville, NE 68321

August Board of Education Meeting

August 18, 2025 at 5:30pm

Central Office Boardroom

1713 J Street

Auburn, NE 68305

14. Executive Session (Discuss Legal Matters, Personnel and Negotiations)

The Board may enter into closed session at any time to discuss any matter for which a closed session is lawful and appropriate.

We have legal matters that need to be handled in closed session.

Before the Board can enter closed session, a motion must be made in agreement with Statute 84-1410 by the Board to discuss topics such as personnel, negotiations, and legal matters.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

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President

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Superintendent