

**Auburn Public Schools**  
**School District #29 Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Monday, September 8, 2025 at Immediately following the Tax Hearing

Board of Education Meeting Room APS Central Office  
1713 J St  
Auburn, NE 68305

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 5:57 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 August 18, 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 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

#### 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. Approve the 2025-2026 Budget

"I move to approve the 2025-2026 budget 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

##### 8.2. Approve Tax Request Resolution

"I move to approve the Resolution for Setting Tax Rates for 2025-2026 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

##### 8.3. Farm Lease

"I move to accept the bid to cash rent the 80 acres owned by Auburn Public Schools in the amount of \$12,200.00 per year for a total of three (3) years with Jared Kreifels pending the outcome of the final contractual negotiation,"

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

8.4. 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. Human Resources & Planning Committee Report (Discuss only)

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

11.1. Nomination of Board of Education Delegate for the NASB State Convention

"I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to represent Auburn Public Schools Board of Education at NASB State Convention held in November of 2025," 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

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Board Notes:

\*Our Rule 10 Compliance check is Wednesday

\*We have begun spending our CLSD funds for early childhood literacy

\*We were awarded the continuation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant

I continue to work with NWEA to become a certified facilitator of assessments.

\*We will have our first IPG walkthrough next Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> for our math staff

\*FastBridge ELA is completed and math will start this week for the elementary and MS buildings.

\*NACIA retreat is at the beginning of October

\*NeMTSS conference is also at the beginning of October

\*I am looking forward to both of those to continue learning more of what is to come!

12.2. Reva Siegel

- **Working on special education evaluations to start the year**
- **Indicator 11 Data (Child Find)**
- **Upcoming:**
  - **NASES Conference in Lincoln this Thursday (9.11.25) and Friday (9.12.25)**
  - **Flex Funding End of Year Report due by September 30th**

○ **Indicator 13 (Transition) Self-Assessment Data due by October 16th**

12.3. Bristol Wenzl

- Beginning of the year Professional Goals are being created and Professional Goal conferences have started. These will be completed by September 15th.
  - 32 plans/conferences - based on Marzano framework
- Continuing with FastBridge screening - finished reading and starting math. Looking forward to data analysis September 22nd. Starting to compile data as sections are completed.
- Working on K-3 Reading Law - student lists, parent notification letters, and IRIPs.
- Scheduling first semester formal observations.
  - 25 formal observations first & second semester

12.4. Scott Siegel

Board of Education Report

9.8.25

- The first month of school has gone well. Students and staff have smoothly transitioned from summer to school.
- 8.25.25: First Teacher Advisory Meeting of 2025-26
- 9.8.25: First Paraeducator Advisory Meeting 2025-26
  - We appreciate the honest feedback on things that are going well, as well as areas we can improve.
- Goal Meetings have been taking place with teachers. Appreciate the quality and sincerity of these conversations.

Enrollment

Middle School

6th - 67 (-1)

7th - 80

8th - 65 (-3)

Middle School Total: 212 (-4)

High School

9th - 53

10th - 80 (-2)

11th - 63 (-1)

12th - 70 (-1)

High School Total: 266 (-4)

6-12 Total: 478 (-8)

12.5. Jason Palmer

**September Board of Education Report (Monday, September 8th, 2025)**

**Submitted by Jason Palmer - Friday, September 5th, 2025**

**The fall season is off and running!**

**Cross Country: The girls' team have won both invites so far. The boys' team finished third in the Auburn Invite. JH girls won the Auburn Invite!**

**Girls Golf: Competes in the ECNC Tournament on Tuesday, September 9th.**

**Softball: Auburn Invite on Saturday, September 6th. The team placed second last Saturday at Syracuse Invite.**

**Football: Lincoln Lutheran on Friday, September 5th. The team's first home game will be against Lincoln Christian on Friday, September 12th.**

**Volleyball: Weeping Water Invite on Saturday, September 6th.**

**ESports: Nebraska ESports season begins on Monday, September 15th. Games this fall are Marvel, Rocket League, Chess, Smash, and Valorant.**

**The marching band will have their first competition in Palmyra on October 8th.**

**Play Production has their first competition on Saturday, November 1st at Schuyler.**

**Unified Bowling will have their first competition on Monday, November 3rd.**

**JH Volleyball has their first competition on Tuesday, September 9th vs Beatrice.**

**JH Football won their first 'B' team game against Sabetha on Thursday, September 4th. JH football will be back in action on Tuesday, September 9th vs Louisville.**

12.6. David Patton

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

**October Board of Education Meeting**

Monday, October 13, 2025 5:30 PM

1713 J Street APS Central Office

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 6:20 pm.

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President

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Superintendent