

School Board Meeting
Monday, August 17, 2026 6:30 PM Central

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

Jen Burgos: Absent
Roland Hill: Absent
Cindi Hills: Present
Rev. Dawn Houser: Present
Brian Leitingner: Present
Holly Mindrum: Present
Kassie Peterson: Present
Present: 5, Absent: 2.

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)

Amend motion to approve the agenda with the addition of "8.A9." MOU Inventory Manager added to consent agenda. This motion, made by Rev. Dawn Houser and seconded by Holly Mindrum, Passed.

7. Old Business:

8. New business:

8.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.

8.A.1. Approve the following School Board Meeting Minutes:
July 20, 2026 School Board Meeting

8.A.2. Approve financials for the month of July, 2026:

- Office receipts in the amount of \$185,926.00.
- Report of expenditures, including \$881,525.37 for bills and \$761,934.35 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Donations in the amount of \$8,642.30.
- Wire transfers in the amount of \$1,800,000.00.
- Employee reimbursements.

SP Goal 12

8.A.3. Approve Resignations

8.A.3.a. Erin Duerkop- Kitchen Rippleside

8.A.3.b. Heather Kampf - Rippleside Paraprofessional

8.A.3.c. Tom Bruss - Para Bus Rider

8.A.4. Approve Hirings:

8.A.4.a. Jared McCoy- Special Education Teacher

8.A.5. Consider and approve extracurricular positions

8.A.5.a. Jincey Eklund- Volunteer Volleyball 2026-27 season

8.A.5.b. Kayla Schlosser - Volunteer Volleyball 2026-27 season

8.A.6. Appoint Business Manager Amber Kulig to sign on all bank accounts.

SP Goal 12

8.A.7. Authorize Amber Kulig to stop payments on checks for all district accounts.

SP Goal 12

8.A.8. Approve September 2026 Lane Changes

8.A.8.a. Kris Long - BA15 to BA 30

8.A.8.b. Jeri Forbord- BA15 to MA

8.A.8.c. Michaela Monson BA30 to BA45

8.A.8.d. Adam Carlson BA45 to BA60

8.A.8.e. Ben Schwarz MA45 to MA60

8.A.8.f. Marie Waschek - MA 45-MA60

8.A.9. Amended: MOU Inventory Manager

8.B. Consider and approve 2026-2027 Handbooks

SP Goal - all

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Handbooks as presented. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Kassie Peterson, Passed.

8.C. Discussion Items:

8.C.1. Consider and approve Copier Renewal - MARCO

SP Goal 8

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

8.C.2. Consider and approve Prime Food Vendor 2026-27 season

SP Goal 8

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

8.C.3. Consider and approve 4th Grade proposal

SP Goal 1-3

Motion to approve the 4th grade proposal as presented. This motion, made by Rev. Dawn Houser and seconded by Holly Mindrum, Passed.

8.C.4. Consider and approve International 77 Passenger Bus Purchase

SP Goal 8

Motion to approve the International 77 passenger bus purchase as presented. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Rev. Dawn Houser, Passed.

9. Administrative reports:

9.A. Board Members Reports:

9.B. Committee Reports:

9.C. Principal's Report:

Ms Leah Olk, Rippleside Elementary School

Ms. DeMars, Aitkin High School

SP Goal 10

9.D. Community Education - Nedra Henline- Kid Klub Handbook

SP Goal 10

9.E. Superintendent's report:

9.E.1. Enrollment Update — no updates from Summer. Will update in September

9.E.2. Other:

9.F. Upcoming meetings:

Finance & Facilities Meeting -Sept 1, 2026 AHS Media Center 3:45pm-4:45pm

Policy Meeting - September 16- District Office -5pm-6pm

School Board Meeting: September 21, 2026 AHS Media Center- 6:30 pm

Special School Board Meeting: Nov 6, 2026 - Approve Canvassing Results- 7:30 AM

10. Other:

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:32 pm. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

Recorded by Amber Kulig

Kassie Peterson

Dated: 8/17/26