

School Board Meeting
Monday, November 18, 2024 6:30 PM Central

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

Jen Burgos: Present
Roland Hill: Present
Cindi Hills: Absent
Rev. Dawn Houser: Present
Brian Leitinger: Present
Holly Mindrum: Present
Kassie Peterson: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Call meeting to order by the vice 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

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Jen Burgos and seconded by Holly Mindrum, Passed.

6. Scheduled presentations: (Max. 10 Minutes)

6.A. Holiday Toy Drive - Natalie Crowther

6.B. Student Council Reports

SP Goal 10

Student council members from Rippleside and Aitkin High School gave updates.

6.C. School Goals and MCA Data - Kathy Christy

6.C.1. 2024 MCA Trends

7. New business:

7.A. Approve consent agenda items as follows:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

7.A.1. Approve the following School Board Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2024

7.A.2. Approve the following School Board Minutes: November 6, 2024

7.A.3. Approve the following School Board Minutes: November 15, 2024

7.A.4. Approve financials for the month of October, 2024:

- Office receipts in the amount of \$1,891,201.55
- Report of expenditures, including \$556,142.34 for bills and \$1,102,673.76 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Donations in the amount of \$27,555.76
- Wire transfers in the amount of \$1,587,268.69
- Employee reimbursements.

7.A.5. Approve the Trust in Us 2025 contract

7.A.6. Bemidji State University Memorandum of Agreement

7.A.7. Seniority Lists

7.A.7.a. Teachers Seniority List 2024-25

7.A.7.b. Bus Driver Seniority List 2024-25

7.A.7.c. Custodian/Cleaner Seniority List 2024-25

7.A.7.d. ECFE Seniority List 2024-25

7.A.7.e. Education Support Staff Seniority List 2024-25

7.A.8. Consider and approve 2024-25 Extra Curricular Assignments

7.A.8.a. Irma Boerhave - Jr. Sr. Prom Co-Chair Advisor 2024-25 Season

7.A.8.b. Michaela Monson - Jr. Sr Prom Co-Chair Advisor 2024-25 Season

7.A.8.c. Jason Oestreich - JV Wrestling Coach 2024-25 Season

7.A.9. Approve Hirings:

7.A.9.a. Clara Pawlak -Para Professional 2024-25 school year - Rippleside Elementary

7.A.9.b. Carrie Herrera - Para Professional 2024-25 school year - Rippleside Elementary

7.A.9.c. Heather Lovsness- Bus Driver 2024-25 school year

7.A.9.d. James Darsnek - Bus Driver 2024-25 school year

7.A.9.e. Deb Olson, Food Service Cook, November 11, 2024, Aitkin High School

7.A.10. Approve Resignations

7.A.10.a. Jason Oestreich - Jr High Wrestling Coach 2024-25 season

7.A.10.b. Irma Boerhave- Jr.Sr Prom Advisor 2024-25 Season

7.A.10.c. Casandra Ambuehl- Para Professional

7.A.11. Approve Youth Service Gants

DARE - \$500

9th Grade Field Trip - \$1000

1st Grade Students connecting - \$955

Concert Choir Trip - \$1000

Rippleside Student Council Mission - \$1000

Middle School Student Council - Holiday Service Learning Project- \$102

7.A.12. Approve Sub/Casual 2024-2025 School Year Pay Rates

7.B. Discussion Items:

8. Administrative reports:

8.A. Board Members Reports:

8.B. Committee Reports:

8.B.1. Policy Committee Meeting, November 13, 2024 - 1st Reading

8.B.1.a. Policy 201 - Legal Status of the School Board

8.B.1.b. Policy 202 - School Board Officers

8.B.1.c. Policy 203 - Operation of the School Board-Governing Rules

8.B.1.d. Policy 203.1 - School Board Procedures-Rules of Order

8.B.1.e. Policy 203.2 - Order of the Regular School Board Meeting

8.B.1.f. Policy 203.5 - School Board Agenda

8.B.1.g. Policy 203.6 - Consent Agenda

8.B.1.h. Policy 203.7 - School Board Compensation

8.B.2. Safety Committee Meeting, November 12, 2024

8.C. Principal's Report:

Mr. Dokken, Rippleside Elementary School

Ms. DeMars, Aitkin High School

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8.D. Community Education - Lara Parkin
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8.E. Superintendent's report:

8.E.1. Enrollment Update

8.E.2. School Board Self-Evaluation

8.E.3. Other:

8.F. Upcoming meetings:

November 27, 2024-Personnel Committee Meeting, 3:45 AHS Media Center

December 3, 2024-Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting, 3:45 AHS Media Center

December 11, 2024-Policy Committee Meeting, 3:45 District Office

December 16, 2024-Truth in Taxation/School Board Meeting, 6:00 AHS Media Center

December 19, 2024-Ag Committee Meeting, 3:45, Ag Room

9. Other:

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger,
Passed.

Recorded by Heather Hipp

Brian Leitinger, Clerk

Dated: 12/16/24