

School Board Meeting  
Monday, September 15, 2025 5:00 PM Central

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

Jen Burgos: Absent  
Roland Hill: Absent  
Cindi Hills: Absent  
Rev. Dawn Houser: Present  
Brian Leitinger: Present  
Holly Mindrum: Present  
Kassie Peterson: Present  
Present: 4, Absent: 3.

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)

6.A. Student Council Reports  
*SP Goal 10*

6.B. Jennifer Johnson/ Taylor Meeks: Choir/Band Disney Trip - Summer 2026

7. New business:

7.A. Approve consent agenda items as follows:

7.A.1. Approve the following School Board Meeting Minutes: August 18, 2025

7.A.2. Approve financials for the month of August , 2025:

- Office receipts in the amount of \$2,293,043.61.
- Report of expenditures, including \$537,699.01 for bills and \$792,788.98 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Donations in the amount of \$14,834.12.
- Wire transfers in the amount of 1,300,000.00.
- Employee reimbursements.

### 7.A.3. Approve Resignations

7.A.3.a. Craig Larson - Special Education Teacher - High School

7.A.3.b. Clara Pawlak - Para Professional - Rippleside

7.A.3.c. Sharaya Pearson - Jr. High Basketball Coach

7.A.3.d. Steven Kinzer - Jr. High Basketball Coach

7.A.3.e. Levi Perrine - One Act Play

7.A.3.f. Amber Sinchak - Bus Driver

### 7.A.4. Approve Hirings:

7.A.4.a. Olivia Lamke - 2025-26 Bus Rider/Paraprofessional

7.A.4.b. Raychel Alcox - 2025-26 Bus Rider/Paraprofessional

7.A.4.c. Joshua Voller - Alt School Science Teacher

### 7.A.5. Bus Driver/Mechanic Agreement 2025-2027

### 7.A.6. Custodial Agreement 2025-2027

### 7.A.7. Approval of virtual speech contract 2025-26 school year

### 7.A.8. Consider and approve extra curricular activities

7.A.8.a. Honor Society Advisor- Meredith Sander

7.A.8.b. Jr/Sr Prom Co-Chair Advisor - Michaela Monson

7.A.8.c. BPA Head - Scott Miller

7.A.8.d. Knowledge Bowl - Jason May

7.A.8.e. Assistant Knowledge Bowl - Sean Smith

7.A.8.f. Math League Advisor - Kerry Hopperstad

7.A.8.g. Math League Advisor - Chancy Nordick

7.A.8.h. Peer Helpers - Co-Adviosr - Secondary - Dustin Richters

7.A.8.i. Sr. Class Advisor - Scott Miller

7.A.8.j. Peer Helpers Co-Advisor - Lindsey Cline

7.A.8.k. Student Council Advisor - Middle School - Samantha Croatt

7.A.8.l. Student Council Advisor Sr.High - Amanda Steffens

7.A.8.m. Annual Co-Advisor - Brianna Tetrick

7.A.8.n. Annual Co-Advisor - Garrett Tetrick

7.A.8.o. Math Masters Elementary - Grade 5 - Julie Asmus

7.A.8.p. Math Masters Elementary - Grade 6 - Julie Asmus

7.A.8.q. Continuing Education Chairperson - Brenda Besch

7.A.8.r. International Club Advisor - Irma Boerhave

#### 7.B. Discussion Items:

7.B.1. Discussion of Commissioner's Review and Comment for Proposed Referendum

- Summary of the proposed projects to be funded
- Summary of the Commissioner's Review and Comment
- The Commissioner's Review and Comment has been published
- Questions from Board or the public

7.B.2. Ehlers - Matthew Hammer — Tax refund options for residents

7.B.3. Resolution appointing election judges for November 4, 2025 Special Election

7.B.4. Approve the proposed 2025 Payable 2026 Levy at MAXIMUM.

7.B.5. Approve to set Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m. in the AHS Media Center.

7.B.6. MOU - School Nurse

7.B.7. School Resource Officer - City of Aitkin

7.B.8. Long Term Math Sub - Paul Grams

#### 8. Administrative reports:

8.A. Board Members Reports:

8.B. Committee Reports:

8.B.1. Ag Meeting, August 11, 2025

8.B.2. Personnel Committee Meeting, September 3, 2025

8.C. Principal's Report:

Mr. Dokken, Rippleside Elementary School

Ms. DeMars, Aitkin High School

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8.D. Community Education - Nedra Henline

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8.E. Superintendent's report:

8.E.1. Enrollment Update

8.E.2. Referendum update

Meetings Attended: Waukenabo Township meeting, Quarterbacks Club, Wrestling Club  
Scheduled: Lions September 16th, various meetings scheduled for September 23rd and 24th.

8.E.3. School Start

8.E.4. Bus driver shortage/route elimination

8.E.5. State of the Range meeting in Virginia September 17th.

8.E.6. Other:

8.F. Upcoming meetings:

September 23, 2025 Safety Committee Meeting, 3:45, District Office

September 24, 2025 Personnel Committee Meeting, 3:45 AHS Media Center

October 20, 2025 School Board Meeting, 6:30 Palisade Community Center

9. Other:

10. Adjourn