

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Schools Board of Education of January 23, 2023

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

All Board Members were present.

Acknowledgement of Visitors and Hearing of Public

Recognize Excellence

James Montaquila of the Portage County Retired Teachers Association presented \$500 grants for innovative classroom or School-wide projects to:

- Jennifer Bindus – Leighton elementary School
- Nick Kukarola – Aurora High School
- Karen Sunderhaft and Laurie Schoefield-Carter – Harmon Middle School
- Jen Yonally – Miller Elementary School

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding school safety and bullying at Aurora High School.

Gayle Zdanowicz – 165 Deerfield Lane, Aurora

Jeff Austin – 115 Royal Oak Dr., Aurora

23-024

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Special Meeting of December 5, 2022, and the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2022, were approved

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Conner,
Mr. Acomb, Mr. Zayas,

No: None: motion carried

Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Reports

Mr. Roberto reported that January is School Board Appreciation Month and took the opportunity to thank the Board for their service. The Aurora City School District is able to provide an environment where “kids come first” because of the leadership from the Aurora School Board. The Aurora City School District Staff and Community are all appreciative of the Board’s leadership and thank them for it. Mr. Roberto shared cards and notes from District students and showed a short video from the Craddock Elementary School staff and students thanking the Board.

*Mr. Roberto introduced the architectural team that is being recommending to the Board to perform a Master Facilities Study. **thendesign architecture (tda)** rose to the top over seven other architectural firms after three rounds of interviews which also included school tours to local high schools and elementary schools which were recently designed by the various firms. Mr. Roberto and the evaluation team were impressed with tda’s experience in building educational facilities and with their vision for schools. Mr. Roberto stated that he feels that the Board will be impressed with tda’s professionalism and strong communication skills throughout this long journey we are in the process of starting. He introduced Chris Smith who is the Principal in Charge of the project and his team to the Board.*

Mr. Roberto shared the following tentative timeline regarding the Master Facilities Study:

January 2023 - Architectural Firm Selection Process

-January Board Meeting 2023- Discussion and potential approval of recommended Architectural Firm based on the selection process held in January

February & March 2023- Architectural Firm Basic Designs

March 20, 2023 - March Board Meeting

-Review of basic building cost and approval for next steps.

April 2023 - Staff, Parent, & Community Meetings at the Conference Center

-Hold a series of meetings for various stakeholders to determine which type of building we should build by sharing two designs with estimated costs.

Wednesday April 5, 2023 - Sharing Basic Designs & Staff Input

Harmon & AHS 2:45- 3:45 p.m. and

Miller, Craddock, Leighton 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Sharing Basic Designs & Input from Stakeholders 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 12, 2023 - Parent Input

Wednesday April 19, 2023 - Parent & Community Input

April 24, 2023 - April Board Meeting

-Review input from the community and potentially approve recommendation for the basic type of school to be constructed

-If passed, then approve the next steps of working with an Architectural firm to begin preliminary designs for a new building.

May 2023 - Construction Committee

-Formation of a Construction Committee composed of administrators, classified & certified staff, parents of that particular building, potentially students, and community members. This group will serve as a sounding board and liaison to the community for the development, design, and building of the new school.

Treasurer's Report/Recommendations

For the month of December, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$4,120,028. This decreases the general fund cash balance to \$11,013,410 after the sixth month of the fiscal year. For the month of December, revenues were 2.94% greater than projected while expenditures were 1.49% greater than projected.

On the revenue side, all of the categories continue to be within the anticipated projected amounts and within normal variances.

On the expenditure side, Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits expenditures include \$86,772 in workers' compensation premium payments. Last year, workers' compensation premium payments totaled \$70,376. Also, December was a three pay month increasing the Personnel Services costs. Purchased Services includes the second half payment of the District's property insurance in the amount of \$57,927. Other Objects includes the second half payment of the District's liability insurance in the amount of \$33,025.

Thus far for the fiscal year, revenues are \$9,685 greater than projected and expenditures are \$142,105 greater than projected. Overall, this results in an unfavorable variance of \$132,420 after the sixth month of the fiscal year.

The total cash balance for all funds is \$12,907,589.57 with the general fund having a cash balance of \$11,013,410.43. This overall cash balance is \$4,053,721.35 less than that at the end of November which can be accounted for by:

- The \$4,120,028 excess of expenditures over revenues in the general fund

The Appropriation Amendment resolution is based on a recommendation from the State Auditors to advance funds to those funds which have a negative cash balance during the course of the fiscal year. As this is an advance to the Federal Title III LEP Fund, the funds will be paid back to the general fund.

23-025

Approve Financial Statements and Reports

WHEREAS the financial statements and reports (including revenues, disbursements, and balances) for the funds herein specified have been presented to the members of the Board at least two days prior to the meeting:

General Fund	Dated: 12/31/22
Student Activity Fund	Dated: 12/31/22
Categorical Funds	Dated: 12/31/22
Investments	Dated: 12/31/22
Debts	Dated: 12/31/22

WHEREAS the members of the Board have had an opportunity to inquire about any revenue, disbursement, balance, or report;

WHEREAS the public may review such documents in the treasurer's office and the annual financial statements and reports are part of the permanent records of this school district; and

WHEREAS disbursements are prohibited by statute from exceeding the amount appropriated by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED under the provisions of ORC 3313.18 and ORC 3313.47, the financial statements and reports are approved as presented insofar as the disbursements are legal expenditures within the appropriated amounts.

Moved by: Mrs. Conner

Seconded by: Mr. Sabulsky

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb, Mr. Zayas,
Mrs. Conner, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

23-026

Approve Appropriation Amendments (Transfers and Advances)

WHEREAS funds must be formally appropriated into items ("accounts") by the Board before funds are permitted to be expended; and

WHEREAS when an appropriations item ("account") has insufficient funds to meet future expenditures an advance/transfer of funds is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of ORC 5705.40, the appropriations measure heretofore adopted is hereby amended as set forth below or on the attachment;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the amended appropriations measure shall be prepared and distributed by the treasurer in such form as the auditor of state prescribes.

ADVANCES:

Advance from:

Amount:	Fund SCC:
\$7,000.00	001-0000

Advance to:

Amount:	Fund SCC:
\$7,000.00	551-9223

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

Seconded by: Mr. Zayas

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Conner, Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Mehallis,
Mr. Acomb, Mr. Zayas

No: None: motion carried

23-027

Accept Gift and Contributions

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education accept the following donations and in so doing hereby acknowledges the positive and supportive activities of those listed:

Anonymous Donation	\$25,000.00
The Penza Family Donated an Adapted Stroller & Firefly Scout a Ride worth	\$ 3,300.00

Moved by: Mrs. Conner

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Conner, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Mehallis,
Mr. Zayas, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

23-028

Accept Resignations

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education accepts the **resignation/retirement** of the following staff members and/or positions.

Derek Kohanski

Resignation of Head Boys Tennis Coach Contract

Kyla Courtad

Resignation effective January 20, 2023

MES Paraprofessional

Four years of service to the district

George Snider

Retirement effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year.

AHS Social Studies

Twenty-four years of service to the district

Edward Safko

Retirement effective February 28, 2023

HMS Custodian

Eleven years of service to the district

Miquel Carvallo

Resignation effective February 3, 2023

AHS Paraeducator

Three years of service to the District

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mr. Zayas

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Zayas, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb
Mrs. Conner, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

23-029

Employ Licensed Substitute Teachers for the 2022-23 School Year

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approves the employment of licensed **substitute teacher** for the **2022-23** school year as follows, pending proper licensing and contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria:

Ryleigh Butler

Kevin Roberts

Katherine Synnestvedt

Alan Krontz

Jessica Lesak

Daniel Sperling

Moved by: Mr. Zayas

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Acomb Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Zayas,
Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Mehallis

No: None: motion carried

23-030

Employ Support Staff Substitutes for the 2022-23 School Year

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approves the employment of the following in Board approved **support staff substitute positions** (bus driver, custodian/maintenance, secretary, paraprofessional, cafeteria/courier, media clerk, health/instructional assistant) for the **2022-23** school year effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, on an as needed as assigned basis contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria.

Cindy Tejada
Linda Dengate
Lauren Donoho

Moved by: Mr. Zayas

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Acomb, Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Zayas,
Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Mehallis

No: None: motion carried

23-031

Approve Introductory Appointment of Support Staff

the Aurora Board of Education appoints the following **support staff member** as indicated for an introductory period of 100 work days' contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria:

Heather Giel
AHS Paraeducator

Effective: February 1, 2023
Amount: Paraeducator, Step 2
Fund: General

Andrea Hazel
Bus Driver

Effective: January 9, 2023
Amount: Bus Driver, Step 1
Fund: General

Andrea Hazel
MES Paraprofessional

Effective: January 23, 2023
Amount: Paraprofessional, Step 1
Fund: General

Moved by: Mr. Zayas

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Acomb, Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Zayas,
Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Mehallis

No: None: motion carried

23-032

Award Supplemental (District Personnel)

the Aurora Board of Education awards **supplemental/pupil activity contracts** to district personnel for **2022-23** school year as follows, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria, and paid from the General Fund unless otherwise indicated:

Mason Smith AHS Pep Band Co-advisor Amount: Intramural Rate/hr

Moved by: Mr. Zayas

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Acomb, Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Zayas,
Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Mehallis

No: None: motion carried

Jacki Duffy
CES Cafeteria

Effective: January 15, 2023
Amount: Shrt Hr Cafe, EL1
Fund: General

Melanie Reger
HMS Paraeducator

Effective: January 15, 2023
Amount: Paraeducator, EL6
Fund: General

Lindsay Siebold
CES Paraeducator

Effective: January 15, 2023
Amount: Paraeducator, EL1
Fund: General

Mackenzie Ullrich
LES Paraeducator

Effective: January 15, 2023
Amount: Paraeducator, EL1
Fund: General

Michelle Blaser
HMS Paraeducator

Effective: January 15, 2023
Amount: Paraeducator, EL3
Fund: General

Adelaide Schweichert
MES Paraeducator

Effective: January 15, 2023
Amount: Paraeducator, EL1
Fund: General

Rebecca Miller
HMS Custodian

Effective: December 10, 2022
Amount: Custodian I, EL2
Fund: General

Tanner O'Brien
General Laborer

Effective: January 25, 2023
Amount: Laborer, EL12
Fund: General

Moved by: Mr. Zayas

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mr. Acomb, Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Zayas,
Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Mehallis
No: None: motion carried

23-037

Award Supplemental/Pupil Activity Contracts (Non-district Personnel)

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education awards **supplemental/pupil activity contracts** to non-district personnel for **2022-23** school year as follows, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria, and paid from the General Fund unless otherwise indicated:

Vince Cannata

AHS Boys Head Tennis Coach

Amount: 8%

Moved by: Mr. Zayas

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mr. Acomb Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Zayas,
Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Mehallis
No: None: motion carried

23-038

Ratify Agreement Between the Aurora Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education adopts and ratifies the **Master Agreement** between the Aurora Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (**OAPSE**) Local #713, negotiated according to provisions of O.R.C. 4417, et. seq., as presented for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Moved by: Mr. Zayas

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mr. Acomb, Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Zayas,

Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Mehallis

No: None: motion carried

23-039

Approve Summer Academy Fees

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approve the following fees for the 2023 Summer Academy.

Health, Physical Education - June 5th – June 23rd \$150.00 per session

Personal Finance and Physical Education - July 3rd – July 21st \$150.00 per session

In Person Virtual Learning Credit Recovery Core Curriculum Courses - \$100 per session (Sessions I and II June 5th – June 23rd) (Sessions III and VI July 3rd – July 21) Times for each session are 8:00am–11:00am and 12pm-3:00 pm

Moved by: Mrs. Conner

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb, Mr. Zayas,

Mrs. Conner, Mr. Sabulsky

No: None: motion carried

23-040

Establish Student Fees

AURORA HIGH SCHOOL

Supply Fee for all high school students \$10.00

Course

Fee

Accounting I & II \$35.00

American Sign Language \$36.00

All Sciences \$15.00

AP Art \$70.00

AP Economics \$25.00

AP French \$28.00

AP Human Geography \$25.00

AP Psychology \$25.00

AP Spanish \$50.00

AP US Govt., AP Comp Govt. & AP US History \$25.00

Art I \$30.00

Art II \$40.00

Art II \$45.00

Art IV \$50.00

Computer Art, Design/Digital Art 1 & Digital Art \$20.00 \$40.00 –Advanced 3D Art

Computer Graphics \$30.00

French & Spanish I, II & III \$10.00 \$50.00-Honors Spanish IV

GRIT \$ 5.00

Innovative Design & Progressive Manufacturing \$20.00

PE Uniform \$15.00

Photography I & II \$30.00

Pottery & Sculpture I & II/3D Art I & II	\$40.00
Sr. Caps & Gowns	\$29.00
Chromebooks grades 6-12	\$28.00

*Student Parking Pass \$35.00

** The Aurora School Board of Education will pay 1/3 of the cost of the AP Tests.

*** Harmon Sports participation fee:

7th & 8th grade \$50.00 (fee covers all sports that student participates in)

****High School Sports/Marching Band participation fee:

\$100.00 (fee covers all sports/marching band that student participates in)

KINDERGARTEN FEE	\$2500.00
PRE-SCHOOL	\$2000.00
GRADES 1 - 8	\$35.00

Fees can be paid on line through the website or by credit card on the phone or in person at the Board Office

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Conner, Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Mehallis,
Mr. Acomb, Mr. Zayas

No: None: motion carried

23-041

Approve Cost of 6th Grade Camp

RESOLVED THAT

The Aurora Board of Education approve the increased cost of 6th grade camp from \$175.00 to \$225.00

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

Seconded by: Mrs. Conner

Yes: Mrs. Conner, Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Sabulsky,
Mr. Acomb, Mr. Zayas

No: None: motion carried

23-042

Approve Pre-Bond Services Agreement

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is necessary to obtain the services of a qualified design professional for the purposes of master planning to meet the current and future usages of the District's facilities, and

WHEREAS, qualifications and proposals were received by the Aurora City School District to provide the design professional services for the project in accordance with ORC 153.65 through 71, and

WHEREAS, these qualifications and proposals were reviewed and analyzed with the determination that the most qualified firm for the project is ThenDesign Architecture, Ltd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Aurora City School District approve the agreement (as presented) with ThenDesign Architecture, Ltd. to provide professional design services for the purposes of master planning to meet the current and future usages of the District's facilities.

Moved by: Mr. Sabulsky

Seconded by: Mr. Zayas

Yes: Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Conner,
Mr. Sabulsky, Mr. Zayas

No: None: motion carried

Discussion Items

There were no discussion items.

Board Items

Mrs. Mehallis recognized George Snider who is retiring from the District at the end of the school year with 24 years of service.

Mrs. Mehallis congratulated Mike Maglionico and the entire Special Education Department for their near perfect report on the Special Education Profile for this year which was recently posted by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE)

23-043

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Moved by: Mr. Zayas

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb
Roll Mrs. Conner, Mr. Acomb, Mr. Zayas,
Mr. Sabulsky, Mrs. Mehallis
No: None: motion carried

Board President

Treasurer