

Aberdeen School District No. 5
Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting
(Not official minutes)
September 3, 2024

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2024, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. In attendance were Jessica Jurasin, Annica Mizin, Suzy Ritter and Jeremy Wright, along with Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom, and 25 patrons and staff.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

- The minutes from the regular meeting on August 20.

Comments from the Public

Written public comment from Andrew Workman was accepted into the record.

Presentation: Safety Protocols and Procedures

Mike Pauley, the district's maintenance and custodial services manager, presented information about new, simplified safety protocols and procedures for drills and emergencies.

The Standard Response Protocol introduces five simple words to use in various situations or emergencies: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter. Mr. Pauley said communication and training are being rolled out this fall. Using simple words with a common meaning throughout the district will better inform staff, students and parents about the type of situation under way. The term "modified lockdown" is being eliminated as it creates confusion and unnecessary alarm.

A video was shared illustrating the various terms and clarifying that a "lockdown" will only be used in very specific and severe circumstances, he said.

The report is posted on the [district website](#). And, you can watch an informational [video here](#).

Back to School

Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom reported on the start of the new school year on Aug. 28. They were able to visit all the schools and most classrooms. Class sizes are being monitored, some adjustments have been made with more adjustments likely after the first official enrollment count on Friday, Sept. 6.

Seismic Update

Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom provided an update on the seismic planning process for future school construction projects. The district has entered Phase 2 of the state process that could see up to four new schools built on sites out of the tsunami inundation zone.

The superintendents shared that the district-owned property adjacent to the high school parking lot is under consideration for one of the new sites.

GEARUP Grant

Superintendent Lynn Green announced that the district will receive another federal GEARUP grant to support students in planning for career and college readiness. The next seven-year cycle is expanded into a school-wide model and will include all students in grades 7-12 instead of just one class. The larger allocation is expected to include funding for five new staff members in the program, she said.

New Business

Migrant Nurse Case Manager

Renewal of the five-year agreement with the Washington Migrant Education Program to provide school nurse support services for migrant students was approved.

True North at Miller Junior High School

An agreement with True North at Capital Region ESD 113 to provide student assistance programming at Miller Junior High School was approved.

Behavioral Health Resources

An agreement with BHR authorizing the agency to provide services to its clients during school hours in 2024-2025 was approved.

Lakeview Speech Therapy

An agreement with Lakeview Speech Therapy, LLC, to provide speech language pathology services for the 2024-2025 school year and placing Karen Clifton as a speech language pathologist and Kelley Kautzman as a SLP assistant was approved.

ProCare Therapy

An agreement with ProCare Therapy to provide special education and therapy services in 2024-2025 and to place Katy Maguire as an occupational therapist was approved.

Surplus Equipment

The August list of materials and equipment that are no longer needed for an educational purpose were declared surplus.

Next Meeting

President Durney announced that the next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

Personnel Report

Following an executive session, the Board approved the Personnel Report as amended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.