

Aberdeen School District No. 5

## **Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting**

(Not official minutes)

February 18, 2025

Director Jessica Jurasin convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Central Park Elementary School. In attendance were Annica Mizin, Suzy Ritter and President Jennifer Durney (remotely), along with Student Representative Harnoor Jandu, Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom and 22 patrons and staff. Director Jeremy Wright was excused.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

- The minutes from the regular meeting on Feb. 4, 2025;
- January payroll vouchers totaling \$4,067,968.69;
- General Fund vouchers totaling \$910,356.67; ASB Fund vouchers totaling \$15,878.93, and Capital Projects Fund vouchers totaling \$89,798.43, and
- A trip request for Aberdeen High School students and fifth grade students to travel to YMCA Camp Bishop for Outdoor School on May 11-16, 2025.

### **Comments from the Board**

Directors Jessica Jurasin and Suzy Ritter provided an update on the work of the Legislative Advocacy Committee, which met on Feb. 11, and shared the final information sheet of legislative priorities that was developed based on the board's adopted priorities.

### **Comments from Student Representative**

Student Representative Harnoor Jandu provided a report on various activities and programs taking place at Aberdeen High School.

### **Presentations**

1. Sportsmanship Presentation – Representatives from the South Sound Football Officiating Association presented sportsmanship scholarships to AHS football players Blane Espinoza and Alex Mendoza while the team sportsmanship award was presented to Coach Todd Bridge who accepted on behalf of the Aberdeen High School football team.
2. Seismic School Planning Update – Andrew Twyman and Manuel Saldivar-Aguirre of the ESD 112 Construction Services Group provided an update on the phased work taking place under the Seismic School Safety Planning grant program. The Harbor Learning Center has begun pre-design work on a new school and property site evaluations are under way for a new junior high school and elementary school off Basich Boulevard and a new elementary school out of the inundation zone in South Aberdeen.
3. Central Park Annual Report – Principal Ruth Erwin-Svoboda presented the 2024-2025 annual report and school improvement plan for Central Park Elementary School.

### **Superintendents' Reports**

Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom provided reports on the following:

- Professional Development – Superintendent Traci Sandstrom reported that the professional development day for staff on Feb. 18 featured Kelvin Oliver from Leaving the Village who provided professional development on accountability and the science of changing behavior.
- Student Focus Groups. Superintendent Sandstrom reported on the work taking place to meet with secondary students in focus groups to hear their thoughts on a variety of topics regarding their instruction and other school experiences.
- Seismic Update. Superintendent Green reported on the site visits that took place with staff from the Harbor Learning Center as plans progress for the new school, as well as a tour of the proposed South Aberdeen site.

### **Fiscal Status Report**

Executive Director of Business and Operations Elyssa Louderback presented the Fiscal Status Report for January. With 41.67 percent of the fiscal year elapsed, the district has received 37.92 percent of budgeted revenue and is at 41.21 percent of budgeted expenditures. Under enrollment, the report showed the final count for February was 4.76 average annual FTE above budget. Director Louderback said the budget implications are being watched carefully this year.

### **Enrollment Update**

Director Louderback presented a report on enrollment trends showing a declining enrollment this year that has the district just 4.76 average annual FTE above budget. Current elementary enrollment of 1,208.16 FTE is 79.75 less than 2020-2021 (COVID year). Enrollment of 697.55 at the middle school is 79.80 less than 2020-21. High school enrollment is up 83.95 since 2020-2021. Overall, K-12 enrollment is down 75.60 FTE since 2020-2021. Director Louderback reported she is developing a recommendation to budget for enrollment of 3,020 next year, which is a 1 percent reduction (about 70 fewer students). The board concurred.

### **Construction Services Group**

The board approved a contract with ESD 112 for the Construction Services Group to continue as consultants and construction managers in the Seismic School Safety Grant Program.

### **WGU Agreement**

The board approved an agreement with Western Governors University to allow the placement of student teachers in the district for their clinical experience work.

### **Special Education RFP**

The board approved the list of vendors to provide special education services as needed in 2025-2026 when posted positions go unfilled.

### **Lakeview Speech Therapy**

The board approved an agreement with Lakeview Speech Therapy to place Kerry Hannon Bender in the district as a speech language pathologist (virtual).

### **Next Meeting**

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Director Jurasin announced that the next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

**Personnel Report**

Following an executive session, the board approved the Personnel Report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.