

Appleton Area School District

Board of Education Meeting (Monday, January 13, 2025)

Generated by Kayla Malott on Wednesday, January 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by President Kay Eggert at the Scullen Leadership Center, 131 E. Washington Street, Suite 1A, Appleton, Wisconsin.

1. Meeting Opening

A. Roll Call

Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

2. Approval of Agenda (GC-2: Governing Commitments)

A. Board Member Request to Remove Consent Agenda Item(s) for Separate Consideration

None

B. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Board Agenda as presented.

Motion by Nick Ross, second by Kristine Sauter

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

3. Special Presentation

A. Student School Board Representative Report

Student School Board Representative, Aubrey Detert, gave an update on events and activities at Appleton West High School.

B. Drawing of Lots for Ballot Order for the April 1, 2025, AASD School Board Member Spring Election

School Board Representative, Aubrey Detert, drew the lots for ballot order in the upcoming 2025 AASD School Board Member Spring Election.

Ballot order is as follows:

1. Pheng Thao
2. Oliver Zornow
3. Christina (Christy) Codner

C. 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report (Audit) Presentation

Executive Director of Finance, Holly Burr, and Leah Lasecki of Clifton Larson Allen LLP presented the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report (Audit) Presentation.

4. Public Input (GC-3.3: Initiate and maintain effective communication with the citizens.)

A. Public Input

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education during Public Input regarding the Repurposing of Columbus Elementary:

1. Oliver Zornow (Appleton, WI)
2. Christina Codner (Appleton, WI)
3. Amy Sanders (Appleton, WI)
4. Julie Filapek (Appleton, WI)

5. Board Development (GC-2.2: The Board will assure that its members are provided with training and professional support necessary to govern effectively.)

A. None

6. Information for Board Decision Preparation (OE-8.4: Assure that the Board has adequate information from a variety of internal and external viewpoints to assure informed Board decisions.)

A. Business Services Update(s): AP Check Register-December 2024; Gifts/Donations and Grants to the District (September-December 2024)

Executive Director of Finance, Holly Burr, presented the Business Services items for consideration.

B. School/Student Services Update(s): ELA 12th grade Materials Purchase(1260/1270), Technology & Engineering Materials Adoption and Standards; 8th grade Art & Exploratory Music Electives; Middle Level CTE Encore Courses

Assistant Superintendent, Mark McQuade, presented the School/Student Services items for consideration

C. Personnel Services Update(s): Professional Educator New Hire(s), Contract Change(s), and Resignation(s); Administrative Resignation(s); Internship(s)

Chief Human Resources Officer, Julie King, presented the Personnel Services items for consideration.

7. Board's Consent Agenda (GC-2.4: The Board will use a consent agenda as a means to expedite the disposition of routine matters and dispose of other items of business it chooses not to discuss.)

Motion to approve the Board's Consent Agenda as presented.

Consent Items Approved:

A. Board Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2024

Motion by James Bacon, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

8. Superintendent's Consent Agenda (OE-8.10: Provide for the Board adequate information about all administrative actions and decisions that are delegated to the Superintendent but required by law to be approved by the Board.)

Motion to approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda as presented.

Consent Items Approved:

A. Gifts/Donations and Grants to the District (September-December 2024)

B. ELA 12th grade Materials Purchase (1260/1270)

C. Technology & Engineering Materials Adoption and Standards

D. 8th grade Art & Exploratory Music Electives

E. Middle-Level CTE Encore Course Electives

F. Professional Educator New Hire(s)

G. Professional Educator Contract Change(s)

H. Professional Educator Resignation(s)

I. Administrator Resignation(s)

J. Internship(s)

Motion by Kay Eggert, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

9. Reports (OE-8.2: Provide for the Board, in a timely manner, information about trends, facts and other information relevant to the Board's work.)

A. Business Services Report:

None

B. School/Student Services Report: Spanish 4 (2610) World Language Materials Review

Assistant Superintendent Mark McQuade and Director of ELA/SS Kelly Leopold presented and reported on the Spanish 4 (2610) World Language Materials Review. This item will come back as an item for consideration at the next Board Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2025.

C. Personnel Services Report:

None

10. Board Business

A. WASB Resolutions

Board Member, Nick Ross, is the Board's Delegate for the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Convention which takes place in Milwaukee during the State Education Convention starting on Wednesday, January 22, 2025. The Board and Leadership Team discussed the 12 proposed resolutions and they are as follows:

Resolution #1- All in favor

Resolution #2- All members are in favor; however, with a request for Board Member Nick Ross to seek clarification at the convention regarding the meaning behind the words "rigorous training."

Resolution #3- All members are in favor; however, with a request for Board Member Nick Ross to seek clarification at the convention regarding the source of funding.

Resolution #4- All in favor

Resolution #5- All in favor

Resolution #6- All in favor

Resolution #7- All members are in favor; however, the board requests that Board Member Nick Ross seek clarification at the convention regarding an example of this in practice.

Resolution #8- Rejected by all

Resolution #9- All in favor

Resolution #10- All members are in favor; however, the board requests that Board Member Nick Ross seek clarification at the convention.

Resolution #11- Rejected by all

Resolution #12- All in favor

B. Policy Adoption: Policy 166-Board Member Electronic Communication

Members of the Board Policy Committee presented and discussed the potential adoption of Policy 166- Board Member Electronic Communication. This item will come back as an item for consideration at the next Board Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2025.

C. AP Check Register-December 2024

Motion to approve AP Check Register-December 2024 as presented.

Motion by James Bacon, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

Abstain: Edward Ruffolo

D. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration

Motion to approve Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration as presented.

Motion by Edward Ruffolo, second by Pheng Thao.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

E. Monitoring Report: OE-12 Facilities

Motion to approve Monitoring Report: OE-12 Facilities as presented.

Motion by Jason Kolpack, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

F. Results Monitoring: R2.1.1 English Language Art

Motion to approve Results Monitoring: R2.1.1 English Language Art as presented.

Motion by Pheng Thao, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

G. Results Monitoring: R2.1.2 Mathematics

Motion to approve Results Monitoring: R2.1.2 Mathematics as presented.

Motion by Pheng Thao, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

H. Repurposing of Columbus Elementary

Members of the Board further discussed the Repurposing of Columbus Elementary.

Motion to approve the Repurposing of Columbus Elementary School as presented.

Motion by Edward Ruffolo, second by Kay Eggert.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Edward Ruffolo, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

No: Kristine Sauter, James Bacon

I. Attendance Boundary Changes by Potential Repurposing of Columbus Elementary

Due to the approval of item H regarding the repurposing of Columbus Elementary, Superintendent Greg Hartjes, and Assistant Superintendent Nan Bunnaw addressed the proposed attendance boundary changes for Columbus Elementary. This item may come back as an item for consideration at the next Board Meeting scheduled for January 27, 2025.

J. Consent Agenda Item(s) Removed for Separate Consideration

None

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11. Items of Information

A. 2025 Wisconsin State Education Convention, January 22-24, 2025

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12. Future Meetings

A. Board Meeting: Monday, January 27, 2025, 6:00PM

B. Board Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2025, 6:00PM

C. Board Work Session: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 7:30AM

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13. Adjourn

A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Kristine Sauter, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: Kay Eggert, Kristine Sauter, Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

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Board President Signature:_____