

Appleton Area School District

Board of Education Meeting (Monday, January 27, 2025)

Generated by Kayla Malott on Tuesday, January 28, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 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

3. Special Presentation

A. Student School Board Representative Report

Student School Board Representative, Anthony Lindenstruth, gave an update on events and activities at Appleton East High School.

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 Edison Attendance Boundaries :

1. Oliver Zornow (Appleton, WI)
2. Christy Codner (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. 2025 Wisconsin State Education Convention Recap

Board members and Leadership staff who attended the 2025 Wisconsin State Education Convention shared their key takeaways and insights from the event.

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):

None

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

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

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

A. Board Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2025

Motion by Jason Kolpack, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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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. Spanish 4 (2610) World Language Materials Review

B. Professional Educator New Hire(s)

C. Professional Educator Contract Change(s)

D. Professional Educator Resignation(s)

E. Administrative Resignation(s)

F. Administrative Hire(s)

G. Administrative Contract(s)

Motion by Pheng Thao, second by Jason Kolpack.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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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:

None

C. Personnel Services Report:

None

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10. Board Business

A. Space Availability for the 2025-26 Open Enrollment Application Period

Superintendent Greg Hartjes, Assistant Superintendent Ebony Grice, and Executive Director of Special Education Amy Steiner presented and discussed space availability for the 2025-26 open enrollment application period. Effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, all grade levels at the elementary, middle, and high school levels will be open for open enrollment, as space is available. However, following Board policy, it is recommended that all special education programs and related services be closed due to limited space, with the exception of Special Physical Education and Physical Therapy, which will remain open for enrollment.

Motion to approve the Space Availability for the 2025-26 Open Enrollment Application Period as presented.

Motion by James Bacon, second by Jason Kolpack.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

Motion to approve Policy Adoption: Policy 166-Board Member Electronic Communication as presented.

Motion by Nick Ross, second by Pheng Thao.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Monitoring Report: OE-5 Financial Planning

Motion to approve Monitoring Report: OE-5 Financial Planning as presented.

Motion by Edward Ruffolo, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

D. Edison Elementary School Attendance Boundaries

Superintendent Greg Hartjes and Assistant Superintendent Nan Bunnaw presented and reviewed the proposed attendance boundaries for Edison Elementary School. Effective beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, the updated Edison Elementary School attendance boundaries will include:

1. The entire Columbus Elementary School attendance area.
2. The portion of the Franklin Elementary School attendance area located south of Wisconsin Avenue (indicated by the green square)
3. The section of the Dunlap Elementary School attendance area situated east of Richmond Street (represented by the red rectangle)

Motion to approve the Edison Elementary School Attendance Boundaries as presented.

Motion by Edward Ruffolo, second by Jason Kolpack.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

None

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11. Items of Information

A. None

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12. Future Meetings

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

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

C. Board Meeting: Monday, February 24, 2025 6:00PM

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13. Adjourn

A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43PM.

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

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Board President Signature: _____