

Appleton Area School District

Board of Education Meeting (Monday, March 31, 2025)

Generated by Kayla Malott on Tuesday, April 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Treasurer Edward Ruffolo at the Scullen Leadership Center, 131 E. Washington Street, Suite 1A, Appleton, Wisconsin.

1. Meeting Opening

A. Roll Call

Members Present: Kristine Sauter (Virtually), Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

Members Absent: Kay Eggert

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 Pheng Thao, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: 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, Olivia Feng, gave an update on events and activities at Appleton North High School.

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

A. Public Input

The following individual addressed the Board of Education during Public Input:

1. **Oliver Zornow (Appleton, WI)**- Public Education funding

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):

None

B. School/Student Services Update(s):

None

C. Personnel Services Update(s): Professional Educator New Hire(s), Contract Change(s), Rescinding of Retirement, and Resignation(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 March 10, 2025
- B. Expulsion Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2025
- C. Expulsion Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2025

Motion by James Bacon, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: 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. Professional Educator New Hire(s)
- B. Professional Educator Contract Change(s)
- C. Professional Educator Rescinding of Retirement
- D. Professional Educator Resignation(s)

Motion by Jason Kolpack, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Aye: 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: Columbus/Edison Transition Update

Assistant Superintendent, Nan Bunnaw presented the Columbus/Edison Transition updates.

C. Personnel Services Report:

None

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10. Board Business

A. Updates: OE-12 Facilities

Executive Director of Operations, Ray Przekurat, and Director of Facilities, Joe Sargent, presented the updates from OE-12 Facilities.

B. Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$25,000,000 G.O. Promissory Notes, Series 2025

Motion to approve the Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$25,000,000 G.O. Promissory Notes, Series 2025 as presented.

Motion by Nick Ross, second by Jason Kolpack.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

C. Policy Update: Policy 151- Adoption, Revision, Maintenance & Dissemination of Board Policies (Board Policy Development)

Motion to approve Policy Update: Policy 151- Adoption, Revision, Maintenance & Dissemination of Board Policies (Board Policy Development) as presented.

Motion by Pheng Thao, second by James Bacon.

Aye: Edward Ruffolo, James Bacon, Pheng Thao, Jason Kolpack, Nick Ross

Not Present at Vote: Kristine Sauter

D. Policy Update: Policy 154- School Board Advocacy

Motion to approve Policy Update: Policy 154- School Board Advocacy as presented.

Motion by Pheng Thao, second by Kristine Sauter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

E. Monitoring Report: OE-7 Asset Protection

Motion to approve the Monitoring Report: OE-7 Asset Protection as presented.

Motion by Jason Kolpack, second by Edward Ruffolo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

None

11. Items of Information

A. BoardDocs transition to Granicus Peak

We are currently in the process of transitioning to a new system for managing Board meetings. This will be our final meeting utilizing the BoardDocs system. Beginning tomorrow, April 1, 2025, we will launch a new platform called Granicus Peak, that will be accessible through our district website, under Board of Education. This system will provide a streamlined experience where you can view live meeting videos, access future agendas, and review meeting minutes—all in one location.

12. Future Meetings

- A. Board of Canvassing: Monday, April 7, 2025, 11:00AM
- B. Board Work Session: Monday, April 14, 2025 4:00PM
- C. Board Meeting: Monday, April 14, 2025 6:00PM
- D. Board Work Session: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 7:30AM

13. Adjourn

A. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11PM.

Motion by Nick Ross, second by James Bacon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

Board President Signature: _____