

Aberdeen School District No. 5
Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting
(Not official minutes)
January 20, 2026

Director Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at Central Park Elementary School. In attendance were Directors Jeanne Marll and Mardi Emard-Colburn, along with Student Representatives Kassandra Kumarasinghe and Leticia Alvarenga, Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom and 17 patrons and staff. Directors Annica Mizin and Suzy Ritter were excused.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

1. Minutes from the rescheduled regular meeting on December 19, 2025;
2. Payroll vouchers totaling \$5,094,225.74;
3. General Fund vouchers totaling \$610,414.78, ASB Fund vouchers totaling \$17,847.86, Capital Projects Fund vouchers totaling \$492,044.86;
4. A gift to the district from Sierra Pacific Industries which donated two units of eight-foot 2x4s valued at \$680.00 to the construction program at Aberdeen High School, and
5. An overnight trip requests for the Cheer team at Aberdeen High School to travel to Battleground to take part in a tournament on Feb. 6-8.

Comments from the Board

The Board and co-superintendents discussed local and state priorities for education that emerged during the Legislative Conference that took place in Seattle on Jan. 9-10.

Student Representatives

Student Representative Kassandra Kumarasinghe offered a report on the upcoming spirit week that the Harbor Learning Center is planning during the week of Valentine's Day. Student Representative Leticia Alvarenga added that she appreciated the time that she was able to spend at the Harbor Learning Center and that school pride runs deep.

Goldberg Award presented to Weyerhaeuser

The Board presented the Jane F. Goldberg Distinguished Service Award to the Weyerhaeuser company and to Weyerhaeuser employees Kyle Williams and Brenda Schumacher for their extraordinary, ongoing support of Aberdeen schools.

Central Park Annual Report

Principal Ruth Erwin-Svoboda presented the annual report and school improvement plan for Central Park Elementary School.

Old Business

The Board adopted a new policy – Policy 2023 Digital Citizenship.

Superintendent Reports

1. School Board Recognition – Following the reading of a proclamation from Gov. Bob Ferguson, Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom presented certificates of appreciation to the board of directors and student representatives in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.
2. School Safety – The superintendents shared information about enhanced safety and education measures that have taken place in the wake of three school threats in December and January that disrupted the learning environment. The threats were found to be not credible, but the superintendents stressed that all threats are taken seriously. They noted that information was shared with students about the felony ramifications of making a threat, even if there is no intent to carry it out.
3. Legislative Update – The superintendents provided an update on legislation under consideration that will have a local impact, specifically likely reductions in funding for the Seismic Safe Schools Program and Transitional Kindergarten, and federal reductions in Title I and Title II funding for rural, low income schools and bilingual programs.
4. Seismic Safe Schools and Capital Projects – Superintendent Green provided an update on planning for a new Harbor Learning Center and Superintendent Sandstrom provided an update on planning for a new elementary in South Aberdeen.
5. Title I Policy Procedures – Superintendent Traci Sandstrom and Programs Administrator Jamie Stotler discussed updated procedures for Policy 4130 – Title I Parent Involvement.
6. Portrait of a Graduate – The superintendents provided an update on the work taking place in the district to implement the mission, vision, values and goals embedded in the Portrait of a Graduate.
7. Student Library Cards – Superintendent Sandstrom shared information about a cooperative program with the Timberland Regional Library that will allow students with library cards to order books from the Timberland Library that will be delivered to the library at Aberdeen High School.
8. Board Email Accounts – Superintendent Sandstrom informed the board about the need to migrate board email accounts to multi-factor authentication for security purposes.

Financial Services

Fiscal Status Report

Executive Director of Business and Operations Elyssa Louderback presented the Fiscal Status Report for December. With 33.3 percent of the fiscal year elapsed, the district has received 30.36 percent of budgeted revenue and incurred 33.17 percent of expenditures.

New Business

Personal Services Contract

An extension of the contract with Molly Leithold for consultant services in the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP preschool) was approved.

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Next Meeting

President Durney announced that the next regular meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 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.