

Aberdeen School District No. 5

Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting

(Not official minutes)

March 3, 2026

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. In attendance were Vice President Suzy Ritter, Directors Mardi Emard-Colburn, Jeanne Marll and Annica Mizin, along with Student Representatives Kassandra Kumarasinghe and Leticia Alvarenga, Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom and 15 patrons and staff.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting on February 17, 2026, and
2. Overnight and Out-of-State Trip Requests for
 - a. The AVID class at Aberdeen High School to travel to Eastern Washington to visit several colleges on March 11-13, and
 - b. FBLA at Aberdeen High School to travel to Spokane to take part in the state conference on April 21-24.

Student Representatives

Student Representatives Kassandra Kumarasinghe and Leticia Alvarenga provided updates on activities and events at the Harbor Learning Center and Aberdeen High School.

Comments from the Public

Jerry Salstrom, retired district administrator, announced a town hall that Harbor Strong is hosting for parents on March 4 – “Hidden in Plain Sight.”

Winter Athletics Report

Athletics Director Doug Farmer presented an overview about the 2025-26 winter athletics season for sports throughout the district.

Old Business

Policy 5010 Discrimination-Free Workplace

The Board adopted an update to Policy 5010 – Discrimination-Free Workplace, as revised.

Superintendent Reports

1. New Clubs – The Board approved the formation of two new ASB clubs – Club America at Aberdeen High School and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Miller Junior High School.

2. Budget Update – Superintendent Sandstrom presented an update on budget planning for 2026-2027. She noted the district is planning for a 2 percent reduction in enrollment. The Board set 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, for a budget workshop to be conducted via Zoom for discussion on the benchmarks and priorities being used to build the budget. A link to the meeting will be available to the public.
3. Seismic Safe Schools and Capital Projects – Superintendent Green provided a brief update on the seismic and other capital projects taking place in the district. She noted the district’s team met with officials at the City of Aberdeen to begin discussions on infrastructure, particularly road access to the undeveloped site off Lomax Street.
4. Legislative Update – Superintendent Sandstrom provided an update on education-related bills and proposals that are currently under consideration in the Legislature. She noted estimated financial impacts should be more clear after adjournment scheduled for March 12.
5. Portrait of a Graduate – Superintendent Green provided an update on the work taking place to implement the mission, vision, values and goals embedded in the Portrait of a Graduate. She noted that the Board will take part during the workshop on March 7.
6. Special Olympics – Superintendent Sandstrom announced that the district waived the facility use fee for a fundraiser to benefit Special Olympics.

New Business

Resolution 2026-01 WIAA Authority

The Board adopted Resolution 2026-01 delegating authority for the governance of athletics to the Washington Interscholastic Athletics Association.

Special Education Contracted Services

The Board approved the list of vendors selected to provide contracted special education services when needed in 2026-2027.

EWU Affiliation Agreement

The Board approved an agreement with Eastern Washington University designating Miller Junior High School as a field experience site for a staff member who is working toward an administrative credential.

2026-2027 New Market Agreement

The Board approved renewal of the interdistrict agreement with the New Market Skills Center at Tumwater for 2026-2027.

Bates Technical Agreement

The Board approved renewal of the inter-local agreement with Bates Technical College for 2026-2027.

Special Services Placement

The Board approved an agreement with Soliant Health, LLC, to place Jenny Hasson in the district as an occupational therapist.

2026 E-Rate

The Board approved the results and recommendation of the E-Rate bid and authorized a contract with Tommy TQL for network wireless access point equipment in the amount of \$62,801.50.

Surplus Vehicles

The Board approved a recommendation to declare surplus three vehicles no longer needed in the automotive program at Aberdeen High School.

Next Meeting

President Durney announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, at Robert Gray Elementary School. A winter workshop will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 7, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School and a budget workshop will take place via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24.

Personnel Report

Following an executive session, the Board approved the Personnel Report

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.