

**Advisory Committee on Efficiency (ACE)
Meeting Minutes
December 8th, 2025
Location: Holbrook Middle School Cafeteria**

Members Present: *Linda Graban, Heather Grass, Amy Hart, Trish Eldridge, Chip Haskell, Brenda DeRoche, Bernadene Brownell, Karen Quimby, Jake Burtchell, James Spencer, Jade Oakman, Julianna Prentiss, David McCluskey, Becca Jordan,*
Absent members: *Audra Leland, Thomas Smith, Krista Vining Means,*

Others Present: Scott Walton, RSU 63 School Board Chair, Sheila Caldwell RSU #63 Interim Superintendent

Call Meeting to Order

Chip Haskell, ACE committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, followed by the flag salute

10/27/2025 minutes approval

Motion by to approve minutes by Karen Quimby with a second by Linda Graban

Discussion: None

Vote: 13 Yes, 0 No, Motion Passed - 1 abstained vote

Sub-Committees

Survey- no update

Vote to send minutes to the school board

Transportation Sub Committee-

Vote to move Transportation Subcommittee information to the school board for review- by Karen Quimby, second by Linda Graban

Discussion- Greater savings if Eddington was closed vs Holden - approx. of \$11,000 difference between closing Eddington vs Holden on transportation savings- should we wait for more information from the transportation committee...

Motion to move Information as is to the school board by Linda Graban second Heather Grass

Vote- Yes- 4 No- 9 -abstained 1

Motion to add the information that was presented by Sheila Caldwell with the percentages, routes and information provided by Zach last year.

Vote yes- 12 vote no- 2 - motion passed

Operational Cost Sub Committee-

Waiting to set up meeting with everyone for the operational and then with Sheila- projection of January to present to the ACE Committee and then to the School Board in February

Facilities Sub Committee-

Waiting on 1 quote for Eddington School, have received 3 quotes so far for the boilers/hvac. Possibly adding a water filtration system to the school- would be a separate cost
All 3 schools new floor plans are being worked on- a lot of work has gone into this Meeting next week with a plan to be ready to present by February

Student Related Costs-

Motion to Submit information as is to the school board first, Karen Quimby Second, Linda Graban

Discussion - low student population- high teacher to student ratio

Special services, high cost largely driven by student cost, transportation etc.

Student costs wouldn't be the driving factor of closing a school because of the individual costs for special education vs regular education and the costs of kids that get sent outside of the district to

Vote to break down information to ratios including a separate data of regular instruction classroom vs including special education

Motion by Karen Quimby with a second by Linda Quimby Vote yes, 10 no 4 motion passed

Next Meeting Date

January 26th 2026 5:30pm Eddington Elementary School

February 23rd 2026 5:30pm Holbrook Middle School

March 23rd 2026 at 5:30pm Holden Elementary School

April 27th 2026 at 5:30pm Eddington School - final dissolution due

Adjournment 6:55pm

Motion Karen Quimby Second Jade Oakman

ACCEPTED: March 23, 2026