

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Schools Board of Education
was held on February 23, 2026.**

Call to Order:

The meeting was held at the Kohanski Conference Center 119 W. Pioneer Trail and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

All Board members were present.

Special Reports/Recognitions

26-051

Recognize Excellence

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education is proud to recognize and congratulate the following students for being selected by Rotary International of Aurora as **Students of the Month**:

Elakia Vadivelan Aurora High School

Preston Duncan Aurora High School

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller,

Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Schneider

No: None: Motion carried

Acknowledgement of Visitors and Hearing of Public

Rachel Reight and Lou Hagenbugh?? Spoke on a new 501? They have started regarding Kdg tuition.

26-052

Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED THAT

The Aurora Board of Education approved the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 6, 2026 and the regular meeting of January 27, 2026 which was held on February 2, 2026 due to inclement weather.

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Mehallis,

Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich

No: None: Motion carried

Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Reports

Treasurer's Report/Recommendations

.26-053

Approve Financial Statements and Reports

WHEREAS the financial statements and reports (including revenues, disbursements, and balances) for the funds herein specified have been presented to the members of the Board at least two days prior to the meeting:

General Fund	Dated: 1/31/26
Student Activity Fund	Dated: 1/31/26
Categorical Funds	Dated: 1/31/26
Investments	Dated: 1/31/26
Debts	Dated: 1/31/26

WHEREAS the members of the Board have had an opportunity to inquire about any revenue, disbursement, balance, or report;

WHEREAS the public may review such documents in the treasurer's office and the annual financial statements and reports are part of the permanent records of this school district; and

WHEREAS disbursements are prohibited by statute from exceeding the amount appropriated by the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED under the provisions of ORC 3313.18 and ORC 3313.47, the financial statements and reports are approved as presented insofar as the disbursements are legal expenditures within the appropriated amounts.

Moved by: Mrs. Fuller

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb,

Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

26-054

Approve the Financial Forecast

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approve the financial forecast update due February 28, 2026

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mrs. Fuller

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis,

Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich,

No: None: Motion carried

26-055

Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1st, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Portage County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Aurora City School District, Portage County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

FUND	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to Be Levied	
			Inside Limit	Outside Limit
	Column I	Column II	III	IV
General Fund	\$6,678,599	\$37,017,216	5.60	81.58
Bond Retirement Fund		1,264,163		1.06

Permanent Improvement Fund		867,588		1.50
TOTAL	\$6,678,599	\$39,148,968	5.60	84.14

SCHEDULE B

**LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT
LEVIES**

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
Current expense levy authorized by voters before 1976 for continuing years.	38.00	\$6,320,163
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 4, 2003, for continuing years.	8.85	5,767,493
Current expense levy authorized by voters on May 6, 2025, for not to exceed 5 years.	5.61	3,918,427
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 2, 2021, for not to exceed 5 years.	7.33	5,226,884
Current expense levy authorized by voters on March 4, 2008, for continuing years.	4.09	2,916,502
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 6, 2012, for continuing years.	5.90	4,216,075
Current expense levy authorized by voters on May 2, 2017, for continuing years.	5.90	4,325,837
Current expense levy authorized by voters on November 7, 2023, for continuing years.	5.90	4,325,837
Bond Retirement Levy authorized by voters on March 4, 2008, for not to exceed 28 years.	1.06	1,264,163
Permanent Improvement Levy authorized by voters on March 19, 2024, for not to exceed 5 years.	1.50	867,588

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Acomb,

Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Mehallis

No: None: Motion carried

26-056

The Board went into Executive Session to Discuss the Compensation of a Public Employee

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mrs. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Mehallis,

Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

The Board Came out of Executive Session at 8:41

26-057

Accept Gifts and Contributions (ORC 3313.

RESOLVED THAT

The Aurora Board of education accept the following donations and in so doing hereby acknowledges the positive and supportive activities of those listed.

Walmart donated 80 Notebooks, 1 Keurig and 100 Keurig Pods to aurora High School

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mrs. Mehallis

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Mehallis,

Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

26-058

Accept Resignations

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education accepts the **resignation/retirement** of the following staff members and/or positions.

Laurie Berger

AHS Building Secretary

Retirement effective May 1, 2026

Eighteen years of service to the school district

Omar Shoats-Jackson

CES Paraprofessional

Resignation Paraprofessional position only

Effective February 2, 2026

Karen Baker

AHS English Teacher

Retirement effective June 1, 2026

Twelve years of service to the school district

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

26-059

Employ Support Staff Substitutes for the 2025-26 School Year

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approves the employment of the following in Board approved **support staff substitute positions** (bus driver, custodian/maintenance, secretary, paraprofessional, cafeteria/courier, media clerk, paraeducator) for the **2025-26** school year effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on an as needed as assigned basis contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria.

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Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis
Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller
No: None: Motion carried

26-060

Approve Reclassification of Licensed Staff Members

RESOLVED THAT

Name	From	To
Smerkar, Julia	BA+10	BA+20
Janosik, Amanda	MA	MA+10
Jessel, Gretchen	MA+20	PhD
Pawlowski, Jackie	BA	BA+10

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis
Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller
No: None: Motion carried

26-061

Approve Stipend

The Aurora Board of Education approves a Summer Robotics Club stipend for Rebecca Quinn in the amount of \$25.00 per student enrolled (not to exceed \$600.00).

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis
Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller
No: None: Motion carried

26-062

Approve Introductory Appointment of Support Staff

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education appoints the following **support staff member** as indicated for an introductory period of 100 work days' contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria:

Robin Quaranto 31% FTE
CES Cafe

Effective: February 2, 2026
Amount: Shrt Hr Cafe, Step 5
Fund: General

Carol Odom 38% FTE
CES Paraprofessional

Effective: February 5, 2026
Amount: Paraprofessional, Step 4
Fund: General

Leah Dowell 31% FTE
CES Paraprofessional

Effective: February 11, 2026
Amount: Paraprofessional, Step 3
Fund: General

Revised Start Date

Joel Lewis 63% FTE
Bus Driver

Effective: March 2, 2026
Amount: Bus Driver, Step 6
Fund: General

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller
No: None: Motion carried

26-063

Award Supplemental Contracts (District Personnel/Non District Personnel))

the Aurora Board of Education awards **supplemental contracts** to district personnel for the **2025-26** school year as follows, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria, and paid from General Fund unless otherwise noted.

District Personnel

Eric Johannisson HMS Saturday School Supervisor Amount \$24.96/hour

Non-District Personnel

Jeff Fejes AHS Softball Assistant Coach Amount: (9%) \$4,476.60

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

26-064

Employ Support Staff

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education employs as indicated the following support staff members having successfully completed a 100-work day introductory period, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria:

Sara Burnett
AHS Paraeducator

Effective: February 18, 2026

Shannon Tack
LES Paraeducator

Effective: February 20, 2026

Audra D'Amato
Bus Paraprofessional

Effective: February 25, 2026

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

26-065

Employ Licensed Substitute Teachers for the 2025-26 School Year

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education approves the employment of licensed **substitute teachers** for the **2025-26** school year as follows, pending proper licensing and contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria:

Thomas Timonere
Aliyah Tipton
Emma Lunardi

Alexis Price
Kimberly Armbrecht
Jennifer Nichols
Kelsie Doran

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

26-066

Employ Building Substitute Teachers for 2025-26

RESOLVED THAT

The Aurora Board of Education will employ **Alexis Price**, as a building substitute teacher at Leighton Elementary School, effective for the tentative dates of **February 17, 2026, - April 26, 2026**. This is contingent upon proper certification and full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria. In consideration of the above service, said Board of Education agrees to pay said teacher the daily substitute rate for the guaranteed days per diem.

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

26-067

Award Supplemental Contracts (District Personnel)

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education awards **supplemental contracts** to district personnel for the **2026-27** school year as follows, contingent upon full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria, and paid from the General Fund unless otherwise noted.

Tim Baczkowski

AHS Girls Golf Head Coach Amount: (8%) \$4,078.64

Noah Goodman

AHS Girls Golf Assistant Coach Amount: (6%) \$3,058.98

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

26-068

Approve Agreement

RESOLVED THAT

The Aurora Board of Education approves the agreement regarding a settlement with an AEA employee.

Moved by: Mrs. Schneider

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis

Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

26-069

Authorize Membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association

RESOLVED THAT

The Aurora Board of Education authorize membership of the Aurora City Schools in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2026-27 school year.

Moved by: Mrs. Fuller

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Klich,
Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Acomb

No: None: Motion carried

26-070

Approve SPARCC for Internet Use

The Aurora Board of Education approves SPARCC for the District Internet Services

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb,
Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

No: None: Motion carried

Discussion Items - None

Board Items - Mrs. Mehallis told the Board about the opportunity to purchase land in front of Leighton School. No decision was made.

25-049

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

Seconded by: Mrs. Schneider

Roll call Vote:

Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Acomb
Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Schneider

No: None: Motion Carried

Treasurer

Board President