

Aberdeen School District No. 5
Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting
(Not official minutes)
April 21, 2026

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at the Harbor Learning Center. 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 13 patrons and staff.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

Public Hearing

The Board conducted a public hearing on a proposed extension to the General Fund budget in the amount of \$1,334,656.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

1. The minutes from the regular meeting on March 17, 2026, and the budget work-study on March 24;
2. March payroll vouchers totaling \$4,449,8984.53;
3. General Fund vouchers totaling \$1,177,578.20, ASB Fund vouchers totaling \$27,991.17, and Capital Projects Fund vouchers totaling \$390,023.54;
4. Overnight and Out-of-State Trip Requests for
 - a. The chamber choir and Goldenaires at Aberdeen High School to travel to Columbia Basin College to perform and compete on April 24-25,
 - b. The FFA at Aberdeen High School to travel to the Livestock Evaluation Career Development State Contest in Spokane on April 28-29,
 - c. The FFA at Aberdeen High School to travel to the State FFA Convention and Expo in Pullman on May 13-17,
 - d. The elementary schools and Aberdeen High School camp counselors to travel to YMCA Camp Bishop for Outdoor School on May 10-15, and
 - e. The choir and band at Aberdeen High School to travel to the WMEA All-State Music Conference in Tacoma on May 28-30;
5. The annual distribution from the Marian J. Weatherwax Fund from the Grays Harbor Community Foundation in the amount of \$73,500, and
6. The annual letter from the Grays Harbor County Juvenile Court about facility availability for 2026-2027.

Comments from the Board

President Jennifer Durney and Director Emard-Colburn discussed how rewarding it was to participate in Aberdeen Rotary Business Week at the high school.

The Board discussed the successful SkillsUSA teams at Aberdeen High School and Miller Junior High School, which came away from the state competition with eight gold medals. The annual SkillsUSA Barbecue to raise funds for the national competition will take place on Wednesday, May 13, in the Commons at Aberdeen High School.

Student Representatives

Student Representative Leticia Alvarenga provided updates on student activities and events taking place in the district. She also shared how valuable and rewarding the Business Week experience was for her and fellow students.

Harbor Learning Center Annual Report

Principal Lisa Griebel presented the annual reports and school improvement plans for the Harbor Learning Center (Harbor Junior/Senior High School, Grays Harbor Academy and Harbor Open Doors).

Old Business

Policy 2106 Program Compliance

The Board adopted an update to Policy 2106 Program Compliance.

Policy 2108 Learning Assistance Program

The Board adopted a new policy, Policy 2108 Learning Assistance Program (LAP), that incorporates the ongoing requirements of RCW 28A.300.139.

Superintendent Reports

1. Budget Update – Superintendent Green provided an update on planning for the 2026-2027 budget. She reported that every effort is being made to plan for declining enrollment through attrition (not filling vacancies) and various reductions.
2. Seismic Safe Schools and Capital Projects – Following a presentation from Manuel Saldivar Aguirre of the ESD 112 Construction Services Group and James Mill of TCF Architecture, the Board approved the following:
 - a. The completed Design Development Phase for the Harbor Learning Center,
 - b. A proposal from Haley & Aldrich to conduct additional environmental and geotechnical studies at the new Harbor Learning Center site, and
 - c. A contract with Hermanson through KCDA not to exceed \$483,000 to procure and install the dust collection system and fire detection/suppression systems at Aberdeen High School.
3. Community Survey Update – The Board set 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, as the date for a work-study to review results of a community survey.
4. Portrait of a Graduate – Superintendent Sandstrom provided an update on the various initiatives taking place in the district that align with the Portrait of a Graduate, including introduction of a secure, education compliant AI platform that is available to students and staff this spring as a pilot and slated to be implemented in the fall.

5. WSSDA Model Policy Process – Superintendent Green discussed WSSDA’s announcement that it is changing the model policy process to include more feedback from school boards during the development phase.

Financial Services

Executive Director of Business and Operations Elyssa Louderback presented the Fiscal Status Report for March. With 58.3 percent of the fiscal year elapsed, the district has received 53.82 percent of budgeted revenue and incurred 57.66 percent of budgeted expenditures.

Resolution 2026-04 General Fund Budget Extension

The Board approved an extension to the General Fund budget to \$64,606,403, which is an increase of \$1,334,656.

New Business

Aberdeen Fire Department Skills Center Contract 2026

The Board approved renewal of an agreement with the Aberdeen Fire Department to provide instruction in the summer fire science class at the Twin Harbors Skills Center.

WestEd MOU 2026-2027

The Board approved a contract with WestEd for the Integrated Statistics and Quantitative Reasoning (ISQR) math course at the Harbor Learning Center.

Personal Services Contract / Kargbo

The Board approved renewal of the contract with Lindsey Kargbo to serve as the nursing director in the Professional Medical Careers program for the Twin Harbors Skills Center in 2026-2027.

Personal Services Contract / Leithold

The Board approved an extension of the current contract with Molly Leithold for completion of research and reporting in the ECEAP preschool due to changes in state filing timelines.

Next Meeting

President Durney announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. A workshop to review and discuss results of a community survey will precede the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Personnel Report

Following an executive session, the Board approved the Personnel Report

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.