

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Schools Board of Education
was held on April 27, 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.

Special Reports/Recognitions

26-072

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**:

Emily Tomaro Aurora High School

Xavier Board Aurora High School

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mrs. Fuller

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller,

Mrs. Mehallis, Mr. Acomb, Dr. Schneider

No: None: Motion carried

Acknowledgement of Visitors and Hearing of Public - none

26-073

Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED THAT

The Aurora Board of Education approved the minutes of the regular meeting of March 30, 2026.

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Mr. Acomb

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Mehallis,

Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Klich, Mr. Acomb

No: None: Motion carried

Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Reports

26-074

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: 3/31/26
Student Activity Fund	Dated: 3/31/26
Categorical Funds	Dated: 3/31/26
Investments	Dated: 3/31/26
Debts	Dated: 3/31/26

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. Mehallis

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

Absent: Mr. Acomb

No: None: Motion carried

26-075

Approve the Gifts and Contributions

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:

Aurora School Foundation teacher donations

Gretchen Jessel \$1200 for innovative equipment District

Stacey Barnes \$3500 learn to ride a bike

Jen Yonally \$800 flexible learning center

Lisa VanRaepenbusch at Leighton School was granted \$1500 & \$2000 for Leighton Amplifier and Hands on Work Station

Jennifer Kinkoph – Leighton \$3755 to support cross curricular education on computer science

Lindsay VanFossen \$705 Book club students will participate in America Battle of Books & \$2000 for Outdoor amplifier

Mary Beckstrom & Erin Killeen \$625 for a local writer to speak at Harmon School

Karen Sunderhaft & Corrine Mack \$485 for STEM project – Hamon School

\$2985 for Harmon School to enhance student pride

\$2300 Aurora High Art Dept. A Student Creative Press

Vfinancial donated \$2000 to ASF for the Leighton Amphitheater

Rotary club donated \$5000.00 to ASF for the Leighton Amphitheater

VFW donated \$1000 to ASF for Leighton Amphitheater

AEPTO donated \$2000 to ASF for Leighton Amphitheater

\$8100.00 was donated to the Aurora Special Ed Department thru donations made in Cindy Keckan's name

\$300 from Harmon High PTO to AHS for Earth Day

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Mehallis, Dr. Schneider,

Abstain: Mrs. Fuller

Absent: Mr. Acomb

No: None: Motion carried

26-076

Accept Resignations/Retirements

RESOLVED THAT

the Aurora Board of Education accepts the **resignations/retirements** of the following staff members and/or positions.

Gretchen Jessel

CES PE /Adaptive PE Teacher

Retirement effective June 1, 2026

Twenty-six years of service to the district

Barbara Kudley
CES/MES Library

Retirement effective June 1, 2026
Twenty-five years of service to the district

Pamela Altman
CES Speech Language Pathologist

Retirement effective June 1, 2026
Twenty-one years of service to the district

Lori Kachur
MES Paraeducator

Retirement effective June 1, 2026
Seven years of service to the district

Joel Lewis
Bus Driver

Resignation effective March 10, 2026

Laurie Krizansky
AHS Media Center

Resignation effective April 30, 2026

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller,

Abstain: Dr. Schneider

Absent: Mr. Acomb

No: None: Motion carried

26-077

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:

Austin Nupp
Brenna Horvath
Emma Baker
Brandon Witmer
John LoGalbo
Natalie Lipnos

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis,

Mrs. Klich

Absent: Mr. Acomb

None: Motion carried

26-078

Award New Administrator Contracts

RESOLVED THAT

The Aurora Board of Education approves the New Administrator contract as follows:

Jeff Woolard
Director of FMO

3-Year Limited Contract
August 1, 2026 thru July 31, 2029

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis,

Mrs. Klich

Absent: Mr. Acomb
None: Motion carried

26-079

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:

Santina Barnes 63% FTE
Bus Driver

Effective: March 30, 2026
Amount: Bus Driver, Step 14
Fund: General

Anna Johnson 38% FTE
CES Paraprofessional

Effective: March 9, 2026
Amount: Paraprofessional, Step 6
Fund: General

Laurie Krizansky 100%FTE
AHS Building Secretary

Effective: May 1, 2026
Amount: Building Secretary, Step 8
Fund: General

William Sommers 63% FTE
Bus Driver

Effective: March 30, 2026
Amount: Bus Driver, Step 1
Fund: General

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis,
Mrs. Klich
Absent: Mr. Acomb
None: Motion carried

26-080

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:

Theresa Szachury
MES Head Cafe

Effective: March 13, 2026

Joel Merino
Network Operations Manager

Effective: March 16, 2026

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider
Roll Call Vote:
Yes: Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis,
Mrs. Klich
Absent: Mr. Acomb
None: Motion carried

26-081

Award Supplemental Contracts (District/Non-District Personnel)

RESOLVED THAT

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

the Aurora Board of Education approves the employment of licensed **substitute teachers** for the **2026-27** 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:

Substitute Contract for 2026-27:

Alexander, Maxwell	Frey, Michelle	Patrick, Thomas
Armbrrecht, Kimberly	Fromwiller, Alayna	Perales, Ana
Baker, Emma	Gojdics, Taylor	Peterson, Chelsea
Benavente, Carolyn	Goza, Denise	Phillips, Tristan
Bender, Grace	Gurnack, Jeannine	Pickett, Melissa
Bianco, Heather	Haney, Robert	Posante, Courtney
Bowers, Roger	Heffernan, Sandra	Price, Alexis
Brancazio, Anthony	Horvath, Brenna	Robinson, Mitchell
Bruder, Margaret	Janoso, Donna	Sanchez, Melissa
Bryant, Elizabeth	Jenkins, Michelle	Sender, Joan
Burick, Taylor	Keller, Melanie	Sprague, Karen
Calcei, Candice	Keyes, Maggie	Stackpole, Nicholas
Cardaman, Kenneth	Koning, Cesira	Stroh, Dylan
Colosetti, Jean	Kraizel, Stephen	Sundheim, Darlene
Custodio, Quinlan	Lucal, June	Thakkar, Zankhanaben
Dolezal, Judith	Lunardi, Emma	Thoma-Huff, Joan
Dolph, Genevieve	Mace, Chelsea	Timonere, Rita
Doran, Kelsie	Milner, Abigail	Tipton-Whittaker, Aliyah
Ella, Julianne	Neha, Fnu	Vickers, Allyson
Fitzgerald, Ruth	New, Krista	Walko, Trevor
Frankmann, Angela	Nichols, Jennifer	Witmer, Brandon
Frankmann, Paul	Nupp, Austin	Wright, Dennis

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Klich

Absent: Mr. Acomb

None: Motion carried

26-085

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.

Chris Destefano

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Klich

Absent: Mr. Acomb

None: Motion carried

26-086

Award Supplemental Contracts (Non 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.

Robert Harrison AHS Girls Soccer Head Coach Amount: (12%) \$6,117.96

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Klich

Absent: Mr. Acomb

None: Motion carried

26-087

Approving Memorandum of Understanding with AEA

WHEREAS, the Aurora City School District Board of Education (“Board”) and the Aurora Education Association (“AEA”) are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the AEA have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) to address certain matters relating to retiring employee’s insurance premium costs by including that the Board shall pay the employer share for both single and family health, dental, and vision insurance benefit plans for the remainder of the term of the Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

WEHREAS, the Board has reviewed the MOU and desires to approve its terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Aurora City School District Board of Education that:

1. The Board hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the AEA
2. The Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to implement the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding.
3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this thirtieth day of March, 2026.

Moved by: Dr. Schneider

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Schneider

Absent: Mr. Acomb

None: Motion carried

26-088

Approve Changes to Policies EFD Misbranded Foods, JEB Kdg. Entrance Age and EBDE Procurement and Administration of Overdose Reversal Drugs

of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria, and paid from the General Fund unless otherwise noted.

Moved by: Mrs. Fuller

Seconded by: Ms. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis Mrs. Fuller, Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Klich

Absent: Mr. Acomb

No: None: Motion carried

26-089

Accept and Award Bids

WHEREAS, bids were solicited by advertisement for the replacement of a packaged chiller air-handler unit, as required by law, received and publicly opened on March 9, 2026, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Erie Affiliates	\$321,945.00
Cline Mechanical, Inc	\$348,000.00
Flickinger Piping Co. Inc	\$354,245.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Aurora City School District awards the bid for replacement of a packaged chiller air-handler unit to Erie Affiliates at a cost of \$321,945.00.

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Klich, Dr. Schneider

Mrs. Fuller

Absent: Mr. Acomb

No: None: Motion carried

Discussion Item: Board will review changes to Policy EDEC Artificial Intelligence

26-090

The Board went into Executive Session to Consider the Purchase of Property for Public Purposes at 7:51pm

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Mrs. Klich

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Klich,

Mrs. Mehallis, Mrs. Fuller

Absent: Mr. Acomb

No: None: Motion carried

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:14pm

26-091

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Moved by: Mrs. Mehallis

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller

Mrs. Mehallis, Dr. Schneider

Absent: Mr. Acomb

No: None: Motion Carried

Treasurer

Board President