MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 408
April 27, 2026

The regular meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Sheilia McLaughlin, President, at 7 p.m. in the James P Fugate Building. All board members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The flag salute was led by Sheilia McLaughlin.

DIRECTORS

Resolution No. 1426— School Construction and Replacement Bonds

It was moved by Laura Theimer, seconded by Valerie Gonzales and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1426—School Construction and Replacement Bonds as presented.

Resolution No. 1426—School Construction and Replacement Bonds, requests the King County Manager of Records and Elections and the Pierce County Auditor to call and conduct an election on November 3, 2026, to submit to the voters of the Auburn School District Proposition 1 titled "School Construction and Replacement Bonds." The proposition would authorize the district to construct and equip a new Middle School #5, replace, and equip Cascade Middle School and Alpac Elementary School to issue $491,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds. presentation

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Spicciati gave an update on the district. He recognized Cascade Middle School on being recognized for their outstanding work with AVID. He recently attended the TAP Variety show; the students and staff did an amazing job. The recent YES to Change training was the best one yet. He spoke about the annual Muckleshoot Tribal Consultation, sharing how we support our Native American students. He has met with the Mayors of Algona and Pacific to discuss the need to replace Alpac Elementary and garner their support. He finished by thanking Dennis Grad for 42 years of service and wished him a great retirement.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative items were discussed; Representative Stearns is coming to tour Auburn High School and Representative Taylor is meeting with Dr. Spicciati and President McLaughlin this week.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Laura Theimer, seconded by Valerie Gonzales and carried to approve the consent agenda items:

Personnel Report

Personnel report was presented.

Vouchers

Vouchers were presented for review. The vouchers are attached to and made a part of these official minutes. A copy of the vouchers is on file in the business office.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 13, 2026, were forwarded to the board.

Student Requests for Travel

a. A change has been made to a previously approved trip of twenty-seven Auburn High School students to travel to Tacoma, Washington, April 16-18, 2026. Carey Rockey, Auburn High School Assistant Principal, will now be a chaperone instead of Krista Parsons, Auburn High School CTE teacher. The purpose of this trip is to compete in the Washington Career & Technical Sports Medicine Association State competition. Lodging will be at the Marriott Tacoma, meals will be at local restaurants, and travel will be by school bus. All expenses will be paid by ASB and district funds. No additional substitutes will be needed.

b. Four Auburn High School students request permission to travel to Centralia, Washington, Monday, May 18-19, 2026. The purpose of this trip is to participate in the state-wide youth prevention exhibition. Lodging will be at the Great Wolf Lodge, meals will be at local restaurants, and travel will be by district bus. All expenses will be paid by grant funds. Brandee Jackson, Auburn High School Prevention Specialist requests permission to accompany the students as chaperones. No substitutes will be needed.

c. Twenty Auburn Riverside High School students request permission to travel to Richland, Washington, Thursday, May 21 - 23, 2026. The purpose of this trip is to compete in the WIAA state 4A Fastpitch Tournament. Lodging will be at the La Quinta, meals will be at local restaurants, and travel will be by district bus. All expenses will be paid by district funds. Bryce Strand, Matt Muxen, Glen Walker, and Jennifer Jones, Auburn Riverside High School Fastpitch

coaches, request permission to accompany the students as chaperones. Four substitutes will be needed for two days.

d. One Auburn High School student requests permission to travel to Atlanta, Georgia, Monday, June 1-5, 2026. The purpose of this trip is to compete in the Skills USA National Championships. Lodging will be at the W Atlanta downtown, meals will be at local restaurants, and travel will be by airplane and rental car. All expenses will be paid by district and ASB funds. Kurt Edwards, Auburn High School CTE teacher requests permission to accompany the student as a chaperone. One substitute will be needed for five days.

Staff Requests for Travel

a. Adam Ladage, Director of Student Learning, Kat Sherer, Rainier Middle School Dean of Students, Kennedy Kniss, Denton Thorbeck, Kaylee On, and Patricia Gojetia, Rainier Middle School Teachers, Laura Guenther, Cascade Middle School Principal, Corrie Agnew, Marie Dalton, Alexis Smith, and Andrew Allen, Cascade Middle School teachers, Steve Lewis, Olympic Middle School Principal, Heidi Morris, Olympic Middle School Assistant Principal, Adam Greve, Octavio DeLa Cruz, Mark Butler, and Dominic Gleason, Olympic Middle School teachers, request permission to travel to San Diego, California, Sunday, June 28- July 1, 2026. The purpose of this trip is to attend the AVID Summer Institute SD1. Lodging will be at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, meals will be at local restaurants, and travel will be by airplane and uber. All expenses will be paid by grant funds. No substitutes will be needed.

b. Adam Ladage, Director of Student Learning, Jon Aarstad, Auburn High School Principal, and Frank Ramirez, Auburn Mountainview High School Principal, request permission to travel to San Diego, California, Sunday, August 2-5, 2026. The purpose of this trip is to attend the AVID Summer Institute SD2. Lodging will be at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, meals will be at local restaurants, and travel will be by airplane and uber. All expenses will be paid by grant funds. No substitutes will be needed.

c. A change has been made to a previously approved staff trip request to travel to Cambridge, Massachusetts, Sunday, July 19-24, 2026. Robin Pratt, Coordinator for Native American Education Programs will no longer attend and Ryan Foster, Associate Superintendent - Principal Leadership and School Programs will attend in her place. The purpose of this trip is to attend the Harvard Family Engagement Training. Lodging will be at the Sheridan Commander Hotel, meals will be at local restaurants, and travel will be by airplane. All expenses will be paid by grant funds. No substitutes will be needed.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Cascade Middle School is a Nationally Recognized Demonstration School for AVID

Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning, Heidi Harris, introduced Director of Student Learning, Adam Ladage, and Cascade Middle School Principal, Laura Guenther, who introduced her staff Corrie Agnew, Kevin Olson and Marie Dalton along with students Sama Noori, Madina Roufi, Ella Badger, Delila Burnett and Kadmiel Dogbe who will present Cascade's journey to becoming an AVID National Demonstration School.

This program aligns with the Auburn School District Strategic Plan; Foundation 1: Culturally Responsive & Inclusive Practices for Teaching, Support & Leadership and Foundation 4: Innovative Systems & Structures. AVID Presentation

Business & Operations Equity and Action Report

Cindi Blansfield, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations, introduced the Business & Operations Equity and Action Team. They present how their six departments are advancing inclusion and belonging work. This presentation highlights Foundation 1: Culturally Responsive & Inclusive Practices for Teaching, Support & Leadership (Priorities 1 & 2); Foundation 3: Skilled, Diverse Staff that Represents the Community (Priority 1).

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Authorization for Award of Contract – 2026 Portable Classrooms Electrical

It was moved by Laura Theimer, seconded by Shelly Combs and carried to award the contract for the 2026 Portable Classrooms Electrical project to the low responsive bidder, Scott's Electric Services, LLC, for their Total Bid of $308,150.00, plus sales tax.

Authorization to Accept Selection of Design-Build Contractor for the "Multi-Facility Improvement Program" and Begin Contract Negotiations of the Design-Build Contract

It was moved by Arlista Holman, seconded by Valerie Gonzales and carried to award the Design Build contract for initial preconstruction services for the "Multi-Facility Improvements" Program to the Skanska /TCF Architecture Design-Build team.

FINANCE

Resolution No. 1427- Adjustment of Property Tax Levy

It was moved by Arlista Holman, seconded by Valerie Gonzales and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1427- adjustment of property tax levy, correcting the error by Pierce County from the voter-approved November 2025 Capital Levy over 3 consecutive years.

Resolution No. 1425 – Unlimited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds 2026

It was moved by Arlista Holman, seconded by Valerie Gonzales and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1425- unlimited tax general obligation refunding bonds 2026 authorizing the bond refunding. This resolution also establishes board approved savings thresholds for the eligible bond refunding. current bond refunding

Financial Statements for March 2026

Financial statements for March 2026 are attached for review.

Adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Alan Spicciati, Secretary
Board of Directors

Sheilia McLaughlin, President
Board of Directors