**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Aurora City Schools Board of Education was held on May 18, 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**

The Quiz Bowl Team spoke to the Board about qualifying for State and now National competition which takes place this coming weekend.

**26-117**
Recognize Excellence
RESOLVED THAT
the Aurora Board of Education is proud to recognize Brian Hagen for Excellence in Classified Service for 2025-26

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

**26-118**
Recognize Excellence
RESOLVED THAT
the Aurora Board of Education is proud to recognize Steve Horvath for Excellence in Excellence in Teach Service for 2025-26

Moved by: Dr. Schneider

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

**Acknowledgement of Visitors and Hearing of Public - none**

**26-119**
Approval of Minutes
RESOLVED THAT
The Aurora Board of Education approved the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2026.

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

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

**Superintendent Report**

Dr. Milcetich discussed a Capital Improvement Plan

- Ensure the timely repair and replacement of aging infrastructure.
- Provide a level of certainty for residents, businesses and developers regarding the location and timing of public investments.
- Identify the most economical means of financing capital improvements.
- Provide an opportunity for public input.
- Eliminate unanticipated, poorly planned, or unnecessary capital expenditures.
- Eliminate sharp increases in tax rates, user fees and debt levels to cover unexpected capital improvements.
- Ensure that patterns of growth and development are consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- Balance desired public improvements with the community's financial resources.

**Assistant Superintendent Reports**

As has become an annual tradition during testing season, it is important to emphasize that the ACSD team remains confident in the approach of upholding the district's strategic vision of nurturing learning-roots and implementing the design specs with fidelity to help Greenmen Nation continue to grow and thrive. While these standardized tests are a limited measure of holistic student development, they are a required obligation that demands a significant commitment of time, energy and focus from our kids, colleagues and community. As has been emphasized throughout the school year, exceptional outcomes on such assessments are a byproduct of a higher purpose of focusing on the whole-child (the learner) while embracing and embodying 'The Green Standard!'

**The Scope of the Undertaking**

To provide a clear picture of the tests involved and the immense scope of this undertaking, efforts begin in late March and early April:

- *Gifted Testing*: Gifted Coordinator Becky Quinn coordinated CoGAT/Iowa testing for our 2nd and 5th-grade students to meet state-gifted testing requirements.
- *English Language Learners:* Stacie Levey and Liz Flannery conducted Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA) testing for all district students eligible for EL Services to gauge progress and determine if students are ready to exit those services.
- *Alternative Assessments:* Director of Pupil Services Mike Maglionico and 6-12 Special Services Coordinator Victor Torres collaborated with our Special Education

staff to conduct alternative state tests for eligible students, a group that typically represents less than 1% of the ACSD student-population.

In April, the district shifted gears to the End-of-Course (EOC) Testing windows for grades 3-11 across Leighton Elementary School, Harmon Middle School and Aurora High School. These mandated tests cover multiple subject areas as defined by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce.

**Record-Breaking Advanced Placement (AP) Testing**

Turning the calendar to May, a major focus at the high school moves to Advanced Placement (AP) testing. This year is particularly noteworthy as we have reached another new milestone in our district's history. With AP testing wrapping up last week (besides make-up tests), AHS had 467 students take a record-breaking 1,050 AP exams (surpassing the prior record set in 2025).

This massive undertaking is being expertly lead by AHS Counselors Ashley Gentile and April Nenadal. The coordination and planning required to facilitate over a thousand exams in a two-week window is immense, requiring dedicated physical spaces and the utilization of substitute-proctors to allow our staff to fulfill their primary duties while providing an optimal testing experience for our learners. Moreover, the maintenance staff led by Harry Holt and Mike McGlothlin do a wonderful job making sure that the physical spaces are well-prepared each and every day of the testing window.

**Treasurer Report**

1. **General Fund Financial Report**

   For the month of April, expenditures exceeded revenues by approximately $135,752, which is typical for this point in the fiscal year following the March property tax settlement cycle. Despite the monthly operating loss, the General Fund cash balance increased to $24,363,514.63 through April. Through April, total revenues are 4.5% greater than the prior year, while expenditures are 2.1% greater than the prior year, continuing a favorable trend in overall financial performance.

   **Revenues**

   April revenues totaled $3,853,925, which is $775,551 higher than April 2025. The increase was primarily attributable to the receipt of a refund of prior year expenditures from Portage County for a Real Estate Appraisal (REA) Fund reimbursement. This was a one-time occurrence that we do not project will be received again throughout the life of our current forecast. Year-to-date revenues through April totaled $52,316,695, representing an increase of $2,255,616 (4.5%) compared to the prior year. The largest favorable variances include increased real estate tax collections and higher refund of prior year expenditures. Revenue collections remain favorable compared to forecast assumptions, with revenues currently trending approximately $1.11 million favorable to forecast.

**Expenditures**

April expenditures totaled $3,989,677, which was approximately $284,631 lower than April 2025. Monthly variances were impacted by a decrease in other expenditures and salary and benefits. Year-to-date expenditures through April totaled $42,588,135, which is $875,744 (2.1%) higher than the prior year. The largest expenditure increase from prior year continues to be health insurance costs. Expenditures continue to track closely with forecast assumptions and are currently trending approximately $183,463 favorable to forecast.

2. **Bank Reconciliation Report for April**

The district's total cash balance for all funds at the end of April was $26,689,980.19, with the General Fund balance totaling $24,363,514.63. Compared to the prior year, revenues are higher by approximately $2.26 million, expenditures are higher by approximately $875,744, and cash balances are higher by approximately $2.14 million. The current five-year forecast analysis projects a FY26 year-end cash balance of approximately $16.07 million, representing a net favorable variance to forecast. Current financial trends continue to indicate no significant change to the district's long-term financial outlook.

**26-120**

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:

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|---|---|
| General Fund | Dated: 4/30/26 |
| Student Activity Fund | Dated: 4/30/26 |
| Categorical Funds | Dated: 4/30/26 |
| Investments | Dated: 4/30/26 |
| Debts | Dated: 4/30/26 |

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,
Dr. Schneider, Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Fuller
No: None: Motion carried

**26-121**

Approve Introductory 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:

**Emily Norris 100% FTE**
CES/MES Librarian K-2

Effective: August 13, 2026
Amount: K-2 Library Asst., Step 3
Fund: General

**Santina Barnes 38% FTE**
CES Paraprofessional

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

**Alyssa Kostal 50% FTE**
HMS Cafeteria

Effective: May 12, 2026
Amount: Shrt hr Cafe, Step 5
Fund: General

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

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

**26-122**

Approve Position change of Classified Staff Member

RESOLVED THAT

The Aurora Board of Education approves the position change for the following staff member ***effective April 28, 2026***

| | **OLD** | **New** |
|---|---|---|
| **Morgan McLaughlin** | Paraeducator | MD Paraeducator |

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

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

**26-123**
Expiration of Supplemental Contracts (District/Non-District Personnel)
RESOLVED THAT
Moved by: Mr. Acomb Seconded by: Dr. Schneider
Roll Call Vote:
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 of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria, and paid from the General Fund unless otherwise noted.

**District Personnel**

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|---|---|
| **Maria Witmer** | AHS Prom Paraeducator Amount: Hrly Rate |
| **Natalie Brasiel** | HMS 6th grade Camp Overnight Amt: 150.00/night |
| **Marie Karakostas** | HMS Math Club Amount: 2% |
| **Christopher Reisner** | HMS Media Center AM/PM Amount: $19.38/hr |

Moved by: Mr. Acomb Seconded by: Dr. Schneider
Yes: Mrs. Klich, Mrs. Mehallis, Dr. Schneider, Mr. Acomb, Mrs. Fuller
No: None: Motion carried

**26-124**
Award Summer Supplemental Contracts
RESOLVED THAT
the Aurora Board of Education awards **summer supplemental contracts** 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.

**K-Camp Summer 2026** **Amount: $48.50/hr**

Bridget Kirby

**AHS Summer School Teachers 2026: Amount: $48.50/hr**

Megan Watt

**ESY Paraeducators 2026** **Amount: Paraeducator Hrly Rate/Para Rate**

Sabrina Hickman
Maggie Keyes

Moved by: Mr. Acomb Seconded by: Dr. Schneider

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

**26-125**
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:

**Jerry Gordon Jr.** Effective: May 14, 2026
LES Paraeducator

**Destiny Cobbin** Effective: May 20, 2026
Bus Driver

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

**26-126**
Award Teachers One-Year Limited Contract
RESOLVED THAT
the Aurora Board of Education awards one-year limited **teaching contracts** to the following for the **2026-27** school year at the rate indicated paid from the General Fund and contingent upon proper certification and full and complete compliance with all State of Ohio and Aurora Board of Education employment eligibility criteria:

**Jay Aaron** 100% FTE Salary: BA, Step 3
AHS English Teacher

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

**26-127**
Adjust the Contract Days of Building Level Secretaries, Library Assistants, Media Center Clerk, and Transportation Dispatcher

RESOLVED THAT
the Aurora Board of Education shall adjust **contract days** for building level secretaries, library assistants, media center clerk, and transportation dispatcher effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

| Number of Days | Position/Employee |
|---|---|
| **193** | Pre-K thru 2 Library Asst: *Emily Norris* |
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| **203** | HMS Library: *Mary Beckstrom* |
| | AHS Media: *Stephanie Wervey* |
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| **210** | LES Attendance Secretary: *Mariah George* |
| | Special Services Secretary: *Lindsay Verdova* |
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| **220** | MES Building Secretary: *Erin Toler* |
| | LES Building Secretary: *Halston Garza-Pratt* |
| | HMS Building Secretary: *Brooke Howell* |
| | HMS Attendance Secretary: *Cindy Tejada* |
| | AHS Attendance Secretary: *Michelle Lukasik* |
| | Transportation Dispatcher: *Tammie Crissman* |
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| **225** | CES Building Secretary: *Jenny Kerchenski* |
| | AHS Guidance Secretary: *Michelle Sweet* |
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| **260** | AHS Building Secretary: *Laurie Krizansky* |
| | Athletics Secretary: *Linda Dengate* |
| | Operations/AHS Guidance: *Lisa Haney* |

Moved by: Mr. Acomb

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

**26-128**
Approve the Graduating Class of 2026
WHEREAS the High School Principal has certified that the members of the High School graduation by the State of Ohio including passing all examinations on or before the date set for graduation; and

WHEREAS the High School Principal has certified that the members of the graduating class have or will have completed all requirements set forth for high school graduation by the Board of Education on or before the date set for graduation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the students who continue to meet all requirements for graduation as set forth by the State of Ohio and Board of Education shall be so graduated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under the provisions of ORC 3313.61, the Board President, Treasurer, Superintendent and High School Principal shall sign the diplomas;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to pay for the diplomas out of the general fund.

Board Item: Pam asked that the June & July Board Meetings start at 6 instead of 7. The rest of the Board agreed.

**26-129**
The meeting ended at 8:00 pm

Moved by: Mrs. Klich

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

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Treasurer

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Board President