

Aberdeen School District No. 5

Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting

(Not official minutes)

September 15, 2026

Vice President Suzy Ritter convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. In attendance were Directors Mardi Emard-Colburn, Jeanne Marll and Annica Mizin, along with Co-Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom, and 15 patrons and staff. President Jennifer Durney and student representatives Leticia Alvarenga and Kassandra Kumarasinghe were excused. A work-study for the purpose of discussing a book on math instruction and fluency began at 5 p.m.

The meeting began with the flag salute.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included:

1. The minutes from the regular meeting on September 1, 2026,
2. The payroll vouchers totaling \$4,629,960.47 for August 2026,
3. General Fund vouchers totaling \$1,744,440.17, ASB Fund vouchers totaling \$12,163.24, Capital Projects Fund vouchers totaling \$397,947.84, a Transportation Vehicle Fund voucher in the amount of \$171,414.36 and Private Purpose Trust Fund vouchers totaling 414,903.00, and
4. A gift to the district of \$4,000 for Snug Harbor from the Abel-Weatherwax Foundation and the Paige Hounsely fund at the Grays Harbor Community Foundation.

Comments from the Board

Director Mizin commented that she is figuring out how the high school operates now that she's a parent of a student at AHS and it's been positive. Director Emard-Colburn commented that two of her students took part in the Loggers Playday parade and it was very nice to see the large number of students from Aberdeen participating.

Superintendent Reports

1. Seismic Safe Schools and Capital Projects – Manny Saldivar-Aguirre of the ESD 112 Construction Services Group provided an update on the capital projects that took place over the summer. He noted that the roof for the new outcrop for the shop at Aberdeen High School should be complete this week.
 - a. The Board approved an agreement with TCF Architecture for an additional fee to cover updating the design documents for the new Harbor Learning Center to accommodate the findings in the geo-tech soils report.
2. School Board Trainings – Superintendent Sandstrom shared information about three required trainings for Board members – open public meetings, tribal consultation and education equity.
3. Student Representatives – The superintendents and Board discussed the selection process for new student representatives that will begin later this month.

4. Board Work-study – The superintendents discussed the upcoming Board work-study scheduled for 9-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26. The focus will be technology and its role in a high quality education in the Aberdeen School District.

Financial Services

1. Executive Director of Business and Operations Elyssa Louderback presented the Fiscal Status Report for August.

New Business

Garley Park Easement Extension

The Board approved a five-year extension to the easement allowing the City of Aberdeen to operate Garley Park on district-owned property in South Aberdeen.

Juvenile Court Truancy Agreement

The Board approved renewal of the agreement with Grays Harbor Juvenile Court to operate the truancy intervention and community engagement program in 2026-2027.

Aberdeen-Hoquiam Transportation Co-op

The Board approved renewal of the agreement with the Hoquiam School District to operate the transportation cooperative.

YMCA of Grays Harbor Swim Contract

The Board approved a contract with the YMCA of Grays Harbor for use of the swimming facility for therapy, the swim team, the elementary swim program and preschool family nights in 2026-2027.

YMCA Data Sharing Agreement

The Board approved a data sharing agreement with the YMCA of Grays Harbor for the swim programs in 2026-2027.

Surplus Bus

The Board declared as surplus a 2009 International Special Needs Bus with 149,000 miles as recommended by the Transportation Department.

Next Meeting

Vice President Ritter announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. A work-study for the purpose of discussing a book on math instruction and fluency will begin at 5 p.m.

Personnel Report

Following an executive session, the Board approved the following personnel matters:

- Personnel Report,
- 2026-2029 Aberdeen Education Association Agreement
- 2026-2027 PSE Letter of Agreement
- 2026-2027 PSE Salary Schedule Revision

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.