

Aberdeen School District No. 5

Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting

(Not official minutes)

October 6, 2026

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. In attendance were Directors Mardi Emard-Colburn, Jeanne Marll, Annica Mizin and Vice President Suzy Ritter, along with Co-Superintendents Lynn Green and Traci Sandstrom, Student Representatives Leticia Alvarenga and Kassandra Kumarasinghe and 16 patrons and staff.

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 15, 2026, and
2. A trip request for GEAR UP students at Aberdeen High School to travel to Washington State University in Pullman on Nov. 6-7 to explore college opportunities.

Comments from the Board

President Durney read a statement mourning the loss of a student at Miller Junior High School on Sept. 28. She expressed gratitude for staff that came together in support of students and asked everyone to keep the student's family in their thoughts.

President Durney commented that the Board's work-study on Sept. 26, which explored the proper role of social media, technology and devices in education, was very worthwhile.

Comments from Student Representatives

Student Representative Kumarasinghe announced that the girls' volleyball team at Aberdeen High School is currently undefeated, and she commented that the AVID trip to colleges and universities in Eastern Washington was both enjoyable and extremely informative.

Student Representative Alvarenga also commented on the AVID trip as a great opportunity for students to glimpse their future, especially for students who have not spent time away from home. She also commented that the high school is gearing up for Homecoming with Spirit Week.

Comment from the Public

Jerry Salstrom of Aberdeen, retired principal, complimented the Board on its dive into math instruction and the role of technology in education. He urged a closer look at screen time by age level with a focus on how screen time is used.

Superintendent Reports

1. Seismic Safe Schools and Capital Projects – Superintendent Sandstrom provided an update on the seismic safe schools projects and capital projects taking place in the district. She noted that the staff at Stevens Elementary School is discussing what

classrooms should look like in a new elementary school and that the summer capital projects are complete with the exception of some delays at Miller Junior High School.

2. Community Survey – Superintendent Sandstrom discussed plans for a community survey and noted that parents will be given the opportunity to take the survey during conferences later this month.
3. Board Trainings – Superintendent Sandstrom noted that the new, required training on equity in education will be available to Board members during the annual WSSDA Conference in November.
4. Work-study Follow-up – Superintendent Green reviewed next steps following the Sept. 26 work-study on technology, which will include surveys of staff and students.
5. Student Focus Groups – Superintendent Green discussed the upcoming student focus groups with the first meeting planned at the Harbor Learning Center.
6. Student Representatives – Superintendent Green noted that applications from students seeking appointment as student representatives on the Board close this week and two directors are needed to serve on the interview committee.
7. Great Shakeout – Superintendent Sandstrom noted that the district will be taking part in the countywide Great Shakeout the morning of Thursday, Oct. 15. All schools will be evacuated to higher ground.

New Business

Food Service Meal Prices

The Board approved a 25-cent increase in the price of adult meals at school cafeterias. The new prices for adults will be \$4 for breakfast and \$5.25 for lunch.

Emergency Preparedness Pilot

The Board approved an agreement with Grays Harbor County Public Health to implement an Emergency Preparedness Youth Pilot Program in 2026-2027 as part of the Criminal Justice class at the Twin Harbors Skills Center.

After-School Program Art Classes

The Board approved an agreement with Grays Harbor College to provide art instruction in the After School program in 2026-2027.

Catholic Community Services

The Board approved an agreement with Catholic Community Services to provide counseling and peer services to eligible students at school in 2026-2027.

Bicycle Program

The Board approved an agreement with ESD 113 to continue the bicycle education program in PE classes in the district.

Skyward Support

The Board approved an agreement with ESD 113 for Skyward support in 2026-2027 through the Capital Region Information Services Center (CRISC).

LPN Services

The Board approved an agreement with ESD 113 to provide licensed practical nurses in the district in 2026-2027 when needed as substitutes for regular staff.

AMN Healthcare Agreement

The Board approved an agreement with AMN Healthcare to provide personnel for special education services in 2026-2027, and also placing Mary Beth Broussard as an occupational therapist in the district for 2026-2027.

Soliant Health, LLC

The Board approved an agreement with Soliant Health, LLC, to provide personnel for special education services in 2026-2027, and also placing Lindsay Maffai as an occupational therapist in the district for 2026-2027.

Next Meeting

President Durney announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School. A work-study for the purpose of continued discussion of a book on math instruction and fluency will begin at 5 p.m.

Personnel Report

Following an executive session, the Board approved the Personnel Report.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.