

Aberdeen School District No. 5

Summary of School Board of Directors Meeting

(Not official minutes)

October 20, 2026

President Jennifer Durney convened the regular meeting of the Aberdeen School District Board of Directors at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, 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 Representative Kassandra Kumarasinghe and 14 patrons and staff. Representative Leticia Alvarenga was excused.

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 October 6, 2026,
2. September payroll vouchers totaling \$4,631,346.71,
3. General Fund vouchers totaling \$685,085.41, ASB Fund vouchers totaling \$420,550.77, Capital Projects Fund vouchers totaling \$137,019.48 and Private Purpose Trust Fund vouchers totaling \$4,250.00, and
4. Trip requests from the Advanced Choirs at Aberdeen High School to travel to Oahu, Hawaii, to perform and take part in educational and recreational activities on April 5-9, 2027, and for the Goldenaires to travel to Columbia Basin College in Pasco to participate in Jazz Unlimited on April 30 to May 1, 2027.

Comments from the Board

Director Mizin shared that she was able to attend a home volleyball game which included a powerful and moving performance of the national anthem by AHS students Gabriella Abruscato and Dylan Brown.

Comments from Student Representatives

Student Representative Kumarasinghe reported that she was able to participate in the student focus group session that took place at the Harbor Learning Center.

Comments from the Public

President Durney reported that the Board had received a packet of material from Jerry Salstrom sharing information about the educational purposes for technology, artificial intelligence and devices.

Aberdeen High School Annual Report

Principal Aaron Roiko along with Vice Principal Rachel Wenzel and MTSS Coach Sal Abruscato presented the annual report and school improvement plan for Aberdeen High School.

Superintendent Reports

1. Seismic Safe Schools and Capital Projects – Superintendent Sandstrom provided an update on planning for a new elementary school in South Aberdeen and shared renderings of the proposed school.
2. Student Focus Groups – Superintendents Green and Sandstrom shared information about the focus group they conducted with students at the Harbor Learning Center.
3. Device Surveys – Superintendents Green and Sandstrom provide an update on the staff/student survey that was developed in follow-up to the Board's work-study in September exploring how devices are used for instruction.

Financial Services

Fiscal Status Report

Executive Director of Business and Operations Elyssa Louderback presented the Fiscal Status Report for September. With 8.33 percent of the fiscal year elapsed the district has received 6.52 percent of budgeted revenue and incurred 8.35 percent of expenses.

New Business

School Improvement Plans

The Board approved the annual report to OSPI outlining the school improvement plans throughout the district.

Elma Lanes

The Board approved renewal of the agreement with Elma Lanes Inc. allowing the district's bowling team to use the facility in 2026-2027.

Surplus

The Board declared as surplus an inventory of supplies and equipment that are no longer needed for an educational purpose.

Next Meeting

President Durney announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 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.