

School Board Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026 6:30 PM Central

Aitkin Public Schools - Media Center
306 Second Street NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

Jen Burgos: Present
Roland Hill: Present
Cindi Hills: Present
Rev. Dawn Houser: Present
Brian Leitinger: Present
Holly Mindrum: Present
Kassie Peterson: Present
Present: 7.

1. Call meeting to order by the chairperson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. *Comments from visitors

4.A.

- Comments from visitors must be in relation to Aitkin Public Schools and/or to agenda items.
- We recommend that you sign up at the comment table if you wish to speak. You will be called up in order as listed on the sign-up sheet. When you come forward to comment, please be seated at the comment table facing the Board Members. State your name prior to your comment. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes.
- The Board will not engage in any discussion or debate during this comment session. The Board will take the information and find answers as appropriate.
- As part of Board protocol, it is unacceptable for any speaker to slander or engage in character assassination at a public board meeting.

5. Approval of agenda - revise or remove as needed

6. Scheduled presentations: (Max. 10 Minutes)

6.A. Student Council Reports
SP Goal 10

6.B. ICS - Jeff Schiltz & Nathan Norton- referendum update and next steps

7. Old Business:

7.A. Approve the following policies:

7.A.1. Policy 306 - Administrator Code of Ethics

7.A.2. Policy 606 - Textbook and Instructional Materials

7.A.3. Policy 712 - Video Recording other than on Busses

7.A.4. Policy 722 Public Data and Data Subject Request

8. New business:

8.A. Approve consent agenda items as follows:

8.A.1. Approve the following School Board Meeting Minutes: Feb 9, 2026, Feb 24, 2026, March 10, 2026

8.A.2. Approve financials for the month of February 2026:

- Office receipts in the amount of \$1,492,839.58.
- Report of expenditures, including \$569,630.79 for bills and \$1,029,935.77 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Donations in the amount of \$6,694.00.
- Wire transfers in the amount of \$1,400,000.00.
- Employee reimbursements.

8.A.3. Approve Resignations

8.A.3.a. Tia Doble - Para Professional Rippleside Elementary

8.A.3.b. Jennifer Giza - Boys Jr High Tennis Coach

8.A.3.c. Rosemarie Bestudio- High School Special Ed

8.A.3.d. Justice Brezinsky - Assistant Dance Coach

8.A.3.e. Andy Dokken - Rippleside Principal- Separation Agreement

8.A.4. Approve Hirings:

8.A.4.a. Abrielle A. Iniguez - Children's Center Para

8.A.4.b. Matthew Diana - Bus rider

8.A.4.c. Jackson Cline - RES fulltime Para

8.A.4.d. Paul Karelis - Interim Elementary Principal

8.A.5. Consider and approve extracurricular assignments

8.A.5.a. Ryan Fowlds- Softball Jr. High Coach- 26 Season

8.A.5.b. Mike Statz - Golf (girls) Assistant Coach — 26 Season

8.A.6. Approve Youth Service Grant

8.A.7. Approve March Lane Change

8.A.7.a. Adam Carlson - MA30 to MA 45

8.B. Discussion Items:

8.B.1. Co-op Girls Tennis with Crosby Ironton School District

8.B.2. Discussion of Commissioner's Review and Comment for Proposed Referendum

- Summary of the proposed projects to be funded
- Summary of the Commissioner's Review and Comment
- The Commissioner's Review and Comment has been published
- Questions from Board or the public

8.B.3. Resolution appointing election judges for the April 14, 2026 Special Election

8.B.4. Committee Assignments

8.B.5. 2026 iPad Refresh

9. Administrative reports:

9.A. Board Members Reports:

9.B. Committee Reports:

9.B.1. Policy Committee Meeting, March 11, 2026 - 1st Reading

9.B.1.a. Policy 510.4 Scholastic Eligibility

9.B.1.b. Policy 625 NEW - Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence

9.C. Principal's Report:

Rippleside Elementary School

Ms. DeMars, Aitkin High School

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9.D. Community Education - Nedra Henline

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9.E. Superintendent's report:

9.E.1. Enrollment Update

9.E.2. Superintendent Search progress

9.E.2.a. Lee Warne - 2nd round interview questions

9.E.2.b. Lee Warne- MSBA Superintendent Candidate interview selection

9.E.3. Other:

9.F. Upcoming meetings:

School Board Special Meeting- March 24, 2026@ 4:00 PM 1st round of Interviews- AHS Media Center

School Board Special Meeting — March 25, 2026 @ 4:00 PM 1st round of Interviews- AHS Media Center

School Board Special Meeting - March 26, 2026 @5:00PM- 2nd round of interviews- AHS Media Center- Selection of lone finalist

School Board Meeting: April 20, 2026- 6:30 PM- AHS Media Center

Policy Meeting — May 13, 2026 @ 3:45 PM, District Office

10. Other:

11. Adjourn