

Auburn Public Schools
School District #29 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Board of Education Meeting Room APS Central Office
1713 J St
Auburn, NE 68305

Grant Brueggemann: Present
Janny Crotty: Present
Eli Davidson: Present
Ryan Jones: Present
Beth Kernes Krause: Present
Laura Osborne: Present

1. Call to Order
called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Announce Open Meeting Act Posting and Location

4. Consent Agenda

At this time, any Board member may request that any item in the consent agenda be removed from the consent agenda and be considered and voted on separately.

4.1. Minutes of March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting

Section 79-805 of Nebraska Statutes calls for the District to publish in a legal newspaper a "concise summary" of the proceedings of the Board of Education. Section 84-1413 of Nebraska Revised Statutes calls for the District to maintain official minutes that contain "the substance of all matters discussed." Therefore, for each board meeting a concise summary of the minutes is published in the Auburn Newspapers and a detailed set of minutes is maintained in the superintendent's office. A copy of the official minutes is attached to the board agenda for each regular meeting and special meeting.

The official minutes may make references to attachments. These attachments are reproduced with the minutes attached to the board agenda only if such attachments are different from those presented at the meeting. The attachments, however, are in the record of official minutes maintained at the superintendent's office.

4.2. Agenda **

According to the Open Meeting Laws, the Board of Education may add to the agenda only those items of an emergency nature [see, Section 84-1411(1) of Nebraska Revised Statutes].

The order of agenda items may be changed so arrive at the beginning of the meeting.

The Board may enter into closed session at any time to discuss any matter for which a closed session is lawful.

The Board may take action on any item listed on the agenda.

The agenda for the meeting needs to be approved before the board can address the discussion and/or action items.

4.3. Approve Claims for the Month

4.4. Approve Financial Reports for the Month

"I move that the consent agenda be approved as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Ryan Jones.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Excuse Absent Board Members (If Necessary)

6. Student Presentation - Outdoor Classroom

7. Recognition of Visitors*

The Board President may limit the time allotted to each individual or topic. A five-minute limit will apply for each speaker, unless otherwise specified, and no speaker may transfer their remaining time to any other speaker. According to Nebraska State Statute 84-1412, all speakers must identify himself or herself, including an address and the name of any organization represented by such person, unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the individual. Speakers are expected to address the Board when making presentations. If a group of patrons is presenting a single issue, the board requests that a spokesperson be appointed to address the Board, however, anyone may talk within the stated time limit. Speakers who feel a need to give more information than can be presented in that time frame may submit written materials for distribution to the Superintendent; such materials should be provided at least 24 hours before the meeting is to begin.

The Board of Education may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations regarding the conduct of persons attending its meetings and regarding their privilege to speak.

7.1. General Comments - If a group of patrons is presenting a single issue, the board requests that a spokesperson be appointed to address the Board. However, anyone may talk within the stated time limits.

8. Budget, Finance & Claims Committee

8.1. Core Services Letter (ESU 4)

"I move to approve the core services letter with ESU 4 for 2025-2026 as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.2. Summer School Rate

"I move to accept the summer school rate of a \$100.00 deposit that is refunded upon the successful completion of the program," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.3. Copier Contract

"I move to approve the copier proposal with Capital Business as presented," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.4. Chromebooks

"I move to approve the purchase of new chrome books not to exceed 8,000.00," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.5. Computer Lab

"I move to approve the purchase of computers for the computer lab, not to exceed \$20,000.00," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Janny Crotty.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.6. Security Mapping

I move to approve the expenditure of \$14505.00 for the purpose of creating security maps of all the District locations. This amount is reimbursable by a grant through the Nebraska Department of Education," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

8.7. Budget, Finance & Claims Committee Report (Discuss only)

9. Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee

9.1. Building, Grounds & Transportation Report (Discuss Only)

10. Human Resources & Planning Committee

10.1. Superintendent Contract 2025-2026

"I move to accept the 2025-2026 Superintendent Contract with David Patton as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Beth Kernes Krause.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.2. 2025-2026 Administrator's Contracts

"I move to approve the 2025-2026 Administrator Contract for Scott Siegel as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

"I move to approve the 2025-2026 Administrator Contract for Bristol Wenzl as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

"I move to approve the 2025-2026 Administrator Contract for Samantha Wehenkel as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

"I move to approve the 2025-2026 Administrator Contract for Jason Palmer as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

"I move to approve the 2025-2026 Administrator Contract for Reva Siegel as presented," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Beth Kernes Krause.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.3. Mikaela Sons Resignation

"I move to approve the resignation of Mikaela Sons as the Elementary Music Teacher at the end of the 2024/2025 school year," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.4. Skye Grafton Resignation

"I move to approve the resignation of Skye Grafton as Secondary Life Skills Teacher at the end of 2024/2025 school year," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.5. Kaitlyn Moore School Psychologist Contract

"I move to approve the School Psychologist Contract with Kaitlyn Moore for the 2025/2026 school year," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.6. April Joy Elementary Teacher Contract

"I move to approve the contract with April Joy for an Elementary Teacher beginning the 2025/2026 school year," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.7. Victoria Jacox Elementary Teacher Contract

"I move to accept the contract for Victoria Jacox as Elementary Teacher beginning the 2025-2026 school year," Passed with a motion by Beth Kernes Krause and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.8. April Dickerson Life Skills Teacher Contract

"I move to approve the contract for secondary life skills teacher to April Dickerson for the 2025-2026 school year," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.9. Special Education ELL Teacher

"I move to approve an additional FTE for a special education ELL teacher starting the 2025-2026," Passed with a motion by Ryan Jones and a second by Grant Brueggemann.

Grant Brueggemann: Yea, Janny Crotty: Yea, Eli Davidson: Yea, Ryan Jones: Yea, Beth Kernes Krause: Yea, Laura Osborne: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10.10. Human Resources & Planning Committee Report (Discuss only)

11. Policy, Curriculum & Americanism Committee

11.1. Policy, Curriculum, & Americanism Committee Report (Discuss only)

12. Administration Report

Written and/or discuss only.

12.1. Samantha Wehenkel

April 14th Board Notes:

*PreACT and ACT testing is complete. We had all juniors show up the day of the testing! The results came in at the end of last week, we had two students score a perfect score of 36.

*NSCAS science will be taken tomorrow and will complete the Spring NSCAS testing. I hope to have everyone's tests made up and close out of testing by the end of this week.

*We will conduct our Spring IPG math walkthrough next Wednesday with ESU 4

*There is a rule 3 public hearing (HAL) on Tuesday, April 29th, that will be interesting to hear the changes they plan to make so we can finalize our updated HAL program.

* We were awarded the FAMS grant (Food Allergy Management) and a team will gather on Wednesday to go over FAMS and how we are going to incorporate that into Auburn Public Schools

12.2. Reva Siegel

Student Meetings

- **36 student meetings over the last month**
- **2 students newly qualified; 1 birth to 3 & 1 K-12**

Upcoming

- **Early Childhood Resource Fair on April 30th from 4:30-7:00 at ESU 4**
 - https://www.canva.com/design/DAGi2G-pVOK/nYzKtRMN4EVtNwyI2AUqDQ/edit?utm_content=DAGi2G-pVOK&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton
- **Preparations for next year**
 - **We have met with special education teachers about caseloads and service needs for next year**
 - **Next years' teachers are attending IEP meetings to meet with families and give their input.**

12.3. Bristol Wenzl

- **Approximately 35 families attended the Title I Annual Meeting/Family Engagement Night on March 24th**
 - **A huge thank you to Lisa Nelson, Amanda Dammast, Jennifer Anderson, and Laura Flies for being the planning committee for the stations.**
 - **The Dr. Seuss stations were amazing and the kids loved them.**
 - **Thank you to the AHS mentoring students that volunteered to read and help run the stations.**

- Grades 3-5 concerts were on Monday, March 31st.
 - Thank you to Mikaela Sons and the students for all of the hard work. Both concerts were very well attended and the kids did awesome!
- 54 kindergarteners are currently enrolled for the 25/26 school year - Parent Info Night was Tuesday, April 1st.
 - The Kindergarten visit will be morning of May 2nd.
- Approximately 40 preschoolers are currently enrolled for the 25/26 school year - Parent information Night is April 24th at 6:00 pm in the Calvert lunchroom.
- 25/26 K-5 class lists are drafted and transition meetings have been scheduled for the end of April.
- The Elementary Golden Sower Quiz Bowl is at PSC on Friday, May 2nd.
 - 8 - 3rd grade students participating
 - 2 - 4th grade students participating
 - 2 - 5th grade students participating

12.4. Scott Siegel

Board Report

4.14.25

- Students are passing 96.5% of all courses this semester.
 - Behavior data is trending better than prior years.
 - Attendance continues to be a an area of focus.
 - Attendance Pilot Program
 - Support from UNL and UNK
 - Funding from NDE to support this pilot
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- Speech Night was 3.10.25
 - Assessment: All-Junior ACT & All-Sophomore Pre-ACT will take place 3.25.25
 - Results are coming in and while we can't fully share these, we are very pleased with the performance.
 - Prom. 4.5.25. - Special thanks to Mrs. Rohrs, Mrs. Lambert, custodial and maintenance staff, and the many others that helped out.
 - Last Day for Seniors is Friday May 2nd
 - Commencement: Sunday May 11th

- Musical Performances next week: 4.23, 4.26, and 4.27.
- FBLA's Mentorship Program with Calvert was presented at the State Leadership Conference. They earned a 1st place finish in their category.

Enrollment Update (Unchanged from Last Month)

High School → 263
 Middle School → 191
 Total 6-12 → 454

12.5. Jason Palmer

April Board of Education Report (Monday, April 14th, 2025)

Submitted by Jason Palmer Monday, April 14th, 2025

- **Speech**
 - **Had another excellent season!**
 - **The team finished as the District Runner-Up at the B-1 District at Columbus Scotus.**
 - **The Bulldogs had six entries at the State Speech Championships in Kearney, including 10 students.**
 - **Congratulations to Jack Hayes who earned 6th Place in Class B in Informative Speaking!**
- **Esports**
 - **Esports had an outstanding spring season.**
 - **Congratulations to the Fortnite team who qualified for the state competition and competed on Saturday, April 5th earning 4th Place.**
 - **The Fortnite team included: Cuyler Aue, Colton Boomgaarn, Gatlin Gerking, and Jonathan Housley.**
 - **The Rocket League competed this past Saturday at Doane University. The team earned 3rd Place.**
 - **The Rocket League team included: Cuyler Aue, Wyatt Beard, Layton Kendall, and Ethan Pemberton.**
- **Spring Sports**
 - **Baseball, boys golf, girls soccer, and track and field are in the middle of their seasons.**
 - **Each team is improving and you can really see improvement in individuals and how they are continuing to get better.**
 - **Baseball districts are scheduled for May 8th - May 10th. Location TBA.**
 - **Boys golf districts will be on either May 19th or May 20th. Location TBA.**
 - **Girls soccer districts take place from May 3rd - May 8th. Location TBA.**
 - **Track & Field districts will be at Waverly High School on Tuesday, May 13th.**

- **FBLA / FFA State Conventions have taken place over the past two weeks.**
 - **This was a valuable experience for the students who attended both state conventions.**
 - **FBLA qualified 14 for the National FBLA contest and has another State Officer for next year - Jaidyn Glathar (State Reporter)**
- **NSAA summer guidelines begin on Tuesday, May 27th, 2025.**

12.6. David Patton

-Water use

-Climate Survey

-Assessment Scores

-Mapping Grant

13. Miscellaneous

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is at .

A. Thank you notes & correspondence

13.1. Thank You Notes

13.2. Upcoming Meetings

14. Executive Session (Discuss Legal Matters, Personnel and Negotiations)

The Board may enter into closed session at any time to discuss any matter for which a closed session is lawful and appropriate.

We have legal matters that need to be handled in closed session.

Before the Board can enter closed session, a motion must be made in agreement with Statute 84-1410 by the Board to discuss topics such as personnel, negotiations, and legal matters.

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.

President

Superintendent