

Auburn Public Schools
School District #29 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 18, 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

President Osborne 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 July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting and July 28, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

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 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

5. Excuse Absent Board Members (If Necessary)

6. Student Presentation

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 (Kernes Krause*, Crotty, Brueggemann)

8.1. End of Budget (Discuss Only)

8.2. Notice of Bid Request for Farm Lease

"I move to start accepting bids for a cash lease of 80 acres of land owned by the DIstrict," 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. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

"I move to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement 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

8.4. Joint Public Hearing Report

"I move to approve to hold a Joint Public Hearing, with a date to be determined by the County Assessor," 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. Budget, Finance & Claims Committee Report (Discuss only)

9. Building, Grounds & Transportation Committee (Jones*, Osborne, Davidson)

9.1. Thank you (Discuss Only)

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

10. Human Resources & Planning Committee (Jones*, Brueggemann, Davidson)

10.1. Collective Bargaining Agreement AEA

"I move the Board recognize the Auburn Education Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for 2026-2027 contract 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

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

11. Policy, Curriculum & Americanism Committee (Kernes Krause*, Osborne, Crotty)

11.1. 2025-2026 Illness Protocol

"I move to approve the 2025-2026 Illness Protocols 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

11.2. Option Enrollment (Discuss Only)

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

12. Administration Report

Written and/or discuss only.

12.1. Samantha Wehenkel

*New Teacher days were great! We had great conversations and the teachers were very eager to get the year started.

*We will have our Rule 10 Compliance check on Sept. 10th. I have started work on that and hope to have everything completed within the next 2 weeks.

*We have been chosen for NAEP testing with our 8th graders. We have not been given a date yet, but we know it will be between Jan.-March.

*Back to school with teachers has been a really nice transition. I have received many thanks for the amount of work time teachers were given this year.

*We will begin our process of science and social studies adoption during our upcoming in-services.

*We currently have a waiting list for DOGS

*We were awarded the CLSD grant for early childhood, so we will start to spend funds for that grant with our birth-preschool programs.

12.2. Reva Siegel

- **12 new enrollments with IEPs**
- **Beginning of year meeting with special education staff**
 - **Went over new changes to SRS**
 - **Handed out Policies and Procedures document that we will go over throughout the year**
- **Determinations**
 - **"Meets Requirements"**
 - **Areas of Focus: Chronic Absenteeism, ELA & Math Assessments for proficiency and gap in proficiency, and preschool outcomes**

12.3. Bristol Wenzl

- **Teacher inservice sessions went well**
 - **Set the foundation for the year and discussed our goals for moving forward**
 - **Reviewed previous goals**
 - **Discussed new goals**
 - **25 new students moving into Calvert over the summer in addition to students joining preschool and kindergarten**
 - **Open House - Preschool through 5th grade; 465 students**
 - **Pk - 83% (some that did not come, have been met with for**
 - **K - 95%**
 - **1 - 88%**
 - **2 - 91%**
 - **3 - 95%**
 - **4 - 90%**
 - **5 - 78%**
 - **Pk-5 - 88%**
 - **Last year's numbers**
 - **Pk - 91%**
 - **K - 84%**
 - **1 - 93%**
 - **2 - 89%**

- 3 - 90%
- 4 - 85%
- 5 - 85%
- Pk-5 - 88%
- First day - Great to have kids back in the building!
 - Got together and debriefed after
 - Completed class meetings
- Thank you to the maintenance staff for all their hard work this summer. The building looks amazing and this team has been so responsive and helpful to work with.
- Thank you to the teachers for the time they spent coming in to get their classrooms ready for kids. They look awesome and so welcoming!

12.4. Scott Siegel

Board of Education Report

8.18.25 Welcome Back Assembly 8.15.25

We used this time to recognize returning students for their academic and activity achievements from 2024-25.

- Students that earned all "A" grades in middle school for the year
- High school students returning with 4.00 GPAs
- High ACT Scores
- Activities
 - State competition placers
 - State qualifying teams
 - National qualifiers
 - New school records
 - All-state honorees
 - Other notable performances

The message was that we have amazing students and staff at AMS/AHS. They continue to do great things each and every day.

Enrollment

Middle School
6th - 68
7th - 80
8th - 68

Middle School Total: 216

High School
9th - 53
10th - 82
11th - 64
12th - 71

High School Total: 270

6-12 Total: 486

12.5. Jason Palmer

August Board of Education Report (Monday, August 18th, 2025)

Submitted by Jason Palmer - Wednesday, August 13th, 2025

Official fall practices started this past Monday (8/11) for high schools across Nebraska.

Coaches have reported the following for participation numbers:

Cross Country - 17 total (9 girls / 8 boys)

Football - 40

Golf - 6

Softball - 23

Volleyball - 20

We will know more about participation numbers for JH sports in the coming week.

Band - 43

Play Production - 28

First contest dates for each are as follows:

Cross Country - Home invite on 8/29

Football - Scrimmage on 8/22; 1st Game at Mount Michael Benedictine on 8/29

Golf - Tuesday 8/26 @ Plattsmouth

Softball - Jamboree (exhibition) vs Ralston (8/15); 1st regular season game at Malcolm on 8/21.

Volleyball - Jamboree (exhibition) vs Sacred Heart on 8/21; first match on 8/28 at Louisville.

The marching band will have their first competition in Palmyra on October 8th.

Play Production has their first competition on November 1st at Schuyler.

Unified Bowling will begin practice later this fall.

Bound / rSchoolToday Update: Bound is still working on transitioning our schedules from our current platform to this platform. When Bound is completing the process, we will continue to use rSchoolToday for our activity calendar and for scheduling.

Live streaming for APS events will be on Hudl TV this year.

12.6. David Patton

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

September 9, 2025 Tax

September 9, 2025 Budget

September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting

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 6:06 pm.

President

Superintendent