

Auburn Public Schools
School District #29 Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 13, 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 September 8, 2025 Budget Hearing, Tax Hearing, and Regular Board of Education 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 Grant Brueggemann 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

Student Council presented their mission to the Board.

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. Farm Lease with Jared Kreifels

"I move to approve the cash rent farm lease agreement with Jared Kreifels 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

8.2. City Burn Pit Agreement

"I move to approve the city burn pit agreement with the City of Auburn 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

8.3. Purchase of 2021 Chrysler Pacifica and two ride on scooters

" I move to approve the purchase of a 2021 Chrysler Pacifica and two ride on scooters in the amount of \$34,500.00,"

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. Gates Proposal for Calvert Elementary

"I move to approve the gate proposal at Calvert Elementary from American Fence Company not to exceed the amount of \$6993.67," 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

8.5. Culvert Fence Proposal for Secondary Campus

"I move to approve the Culvert Fence Proposal for the Secondary campus with American Fence Company not to exceed \$6,101.24 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

8.6. Diesel Fuel RFP Release

"I move to release the RFP for Diesel Fuel Bids," 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

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

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

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

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

10.1. Rule 10 Assurance Statement - Discuss Only

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

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

11.1. Policy No. 3132- Internal Controls

"I move to adopt policy number 3132 Internal Controls 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

11.2. Policy No. 5006- Option Enrollment Capacity Resolution

"I move to adopt policy number 5006 Option Enrollment Capacity Resolution 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

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

12. Administration Report

Written and/or discuss only.

12.1. Samantha Wehenkel

October 13, 2025, Board Notes:

*We have received our official letter from NDE that we have passed all of Rule 10.

*This year will be the first year the National and State ACT testing will look different. If students choose to take the national ACT test, they will not have to take the science and writing section of the test. However, the state testing will remain the same with science and writing. When they score the state test, they will take the science and writing scores out. Therefore, this will leave the overall ACT scores down compared to years past.

*I am getting ready to submit the year 2 plan for the CLSD grant and complete the preschool report.

*We have a busy in-service day for most teachers on Friday

12.2. Reva Siegel

- **3 new students qualified for special education this month**
- **Preschool teachers and early childhood staff are working on finalizing GOLD assessment data**
- **Recently I have been working with each building on problem-solving individual student needs**
- **Still looking for additional paraprofessional support for students due to our increased enrollment new students who moved in and staffing changes**
- **Upcoming:**
 - **Indicator 13 (Transition) Self-Assessment Data due by October 16th**
 - **SPEDFRS (Financial Report) due by October 31st**

12.3. Bristol Wenzl

- Fire Prevention - visits to the firehall Oct. 6th/7th
- Annual PTO Clothing Drive Oct. 28th
- 2nd grade field trip to Roca Berry Farm - Oct. 16th
- 4th grade with visit BPW on Oct. 22nd for Energy Fest
- Preschool pumpkin patch visit Oct. 27th am class (rescheduled date) / 14th pm class
- NED presentation on resiliency - Oct. 9th
 - Kickoff RRW - changing format this year due to other activities in Oct.
 - Mrs. Reeves will be pushing into classrooms to do lessons
 - Additional activities and dressup days in January
- Calvert/AHS mentoring preparation is underway - hoping to start end of this month
- Preparing/scheduling PT conferences for Oct. 23rd
- Book Fair and Grandparents Day Lunch week of November 10th

- Bulldog Beginnings is visiting Good Sam again this year. Those visits have been scheduled.
- Evacuation Drill scheduled at court house on Oct. 30th
- Annual PTO Trunk or Treat will be on Friday, Oct. 31st at 1:30 pm around the court house
- 5th grade is helping unload the truck for BackPack Program again this year
- Formal observations have started for the first semester

12.4. Scott Siegel

Board of Education Report

10.13.25

- Homecoming Week was a success. Thank you to Student Council, and our Cheer Team for their efforts and thank you to students and staff for ensuring the week was successful.
- Teacher Goal Meetings
- Teacher Formal Observations
- Overall, it has been a successful 1st quarter of school.
 - Approximately 97% of all semester grades are in passing status.
 - 84% of all course grades are in the A+ to B- range
 - Attendance continues to be a priority area, with a discussion around tardies set for Friday's PD Day. We are 1 of 3 schools in Nebraska partnering with UNO/UNK staff on an attendance improvement initiative.
 - Current HS Chronic Absenteeism Rate: 24%
 - Current MS Chronic Absenteeism Rate: 11%

Enrollment

Middle School

6th - 68 (+1)

7th - 80

8th - 65

Middle School Total: 213 (+1)

High School

9th - 53

10th - 77 (-3)

11th - 63

12th - 71 (+1)

High School Total: 264 (-2)

6-12 Total: 477 (-1)

12.5. Jason Palmer

October Board of Education Report (Monday, October 13th, 2025)

Submitted by Jason Palmer - Friday, October 10th, 2025

The fall sports seasons are beginning to wind down.

Softball: This past Tuesday, the team finished as subdistrict runner-up to Guardian Angels CC in the C-9 Subdistrict in Auburn. The team earned a wildcard and will compete in the district final against Kearney Catholic on Saturday, October 11th.

Cross Country: The JH and HS girls both won the ECNC meet held at Tecumseh on Thursday, October 9th. The JH boys finished 3rd. The JH teams will compete at the State meet on Saturday, October 11th. Districts for varsity runners will take place at the Cass County Fairgrounds on Wednesday, October 15th.

Girls Golf: Charlotte Dickerson finished in 6th Place at the district meet this past Monday. Charlotte will compete at the Class C State Golf Championships in North Platte on Monday, October 13th and Tuesday, October 14th.

Football: Defeated Falls City on Homecoming. The team played on Friday, October 10th at Fairbury. The team will host their final home game this coming Friday.

Volleyball: Will compete in the ECNC tournament this upcoming week. They will begin play against Mead on Monday, October 13th at JCC.

The marching band had their first competition in Palmyra on October 8th. The band earned an Excellent rating. The band is in action on Saturday, October 11th at Bennington.

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

Unified Bowling will have their first competition on Monday, November 3rd.

JH Volleyball finishes their season this upcoming week with a home tournament on Saturday, October 18th.

JH Football had a home win against Conestoga on Thursday, October 9th. The team has had a good season and will play their final game on Tuesday, October 14th at Falls City.

12.6. David Patton

-Bond Committee planning

-Facility needs - air handlers, network

-ACT

-Nov. 10th

-Beau Thomas

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

November 10, 2025 at 5:30pm

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1713 J street

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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 6:15 pm.

President

Superintendent