

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, Stevens
Members absent:	Prather
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Dr. Tori Lindeman JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Assistant Principal Casey Welscher Secretary Ashley Davis
Community members present:	Courtney Wherley, Catharine Reavley

The hearing began with the pledge of allegiance.

Superintendent Lindeman presented the FY26 budget.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 6:54 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, Stevens
Members absent:	Prather
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Dr. Tori Lindeman JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Assistant Principal Casey Welscher Secretary Ashley Davis
Community members present:	Courtney Wherley, Catharine Reavley, Wes Carithers, Georgia Parker, Bryan Parker, Jaron Bollinger, Gracie Welch, Bobby Welch, Jaxson Batterton, Silas Thiner

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Cameron, to approve the consent agenda items (minutes of the previous meeting held in August, bills and payroll as presented, destruction of all audio recordings and minutes of closed session meetings prior to 12/31/2023-Board Policy 2:220). Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Bryan Parker, son of Gale and Georgia Parker, was recognized as the High School Student of the Month. Bryan talked about the activities he has been involved in.

Wes Carithers and the FFA members requested permission to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 28-30.

Casey Welscher updated the board on the students' MAP testing results. She also talked to the board about updating the school's acceleration policy.

We received a FOIA from Kimia Hamidi of The Data Branch. The requested information has been submitted.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Skiles, to approve the FY26 budget. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to approve Press Policy 119-5 Year PRESS Policy Reviews: 1:10, 1:20, 1:20-AP, 1:30, 2:10, 2:120-E1, 2:120- E2, 2:125-E3, 2:130, 2:200-AP, 2:220-E4, 2:220-E7, 2:220-E9, 2:240, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 3:30, 3:30-E, 3:70-AP, 4:15-E1, 4:15-E2, 4:15-E3, 4:50, 4:55, 4:120-AP, 4:170-AP5, 4:180-AP2, 4:180-AP3, 5:125-E, 5:170-AP1, 5:170-AP2, 5:170-AP3, 5:170-E1, 5:190-E2, 5:190-E3, 5:240-AP, 6:120-AP4, 6:190-AP, 6:235-E5, 6:250-AP, 7:40, 7:90, 7:130, 7:140, 7:140-E, 7:240-AP2, E1, 7:300, 8:80, 8:95-E2, 8:11. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed

Motion by Easley, seconded by Cameron, to allow FFA members to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 28-30. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Musson, to approve electrical work repairs and upgrades to the current 3PH service (near the baseball field) from Accu-Air for all materials and prevailing wage labor cost of \$19,050. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal report from Mr. Crouse included:

- The junior high football and cross country teams are in full swing. Cross country sectional will be in Liberty.
- Lisa Heaton received the Teacher of the Month award from Country Financial-Steve Butler.
- Miles of Smiles, the traveling dental program, will be here in October.
- Lindy Schenk had the new sign for the front of our building delivered today. It looks incredible!

The Principal/Superintendent report from Dr. Lindeman included:

- The vape detector and damage to the locker room have been reduced greatly. The Astoria Police Department came and completed a report for the vandalism.

- We are working with the energy group to re-evaluate the energy programs to change/lower the rates for the district. We are hoping to have the energy costs reduced by ending the current locked rate contract with Engie.
- We have investigated the Spoon River CEO program that Mr. Cameron brought to my attention. We believe it would be a good program to apply for, and I will move forward with that process.
- We have completed one fire drill with the Astoria Fire Department, one bus drill, and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we have the law enforcement drill with the Astoria Police Department officer.
- With the newly built score table in the gym having a large flat display area, we would like to investigate selling advertising on the two sections directly behind the table.
- We applied for an energy program project with Ameren for energy kits. The kits have energy efficient items like bulbs, a shower head, foam seal kits, etc. All staff and high school and junior high students will receive a kit.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Musson, to go into closed session at 7:39 p.m. for the following purposes:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees
- Special education placement and other matters relating to individual students

Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Musson, to convene into closed session at 7:41 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Skiles, to adjourn the closed session at 9:20 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Easley, to approve the minutes of the closed session. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Stevens, to hire JD Wilson as the high school head track coach. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Easley, seconded by France, to hire Hannah Gould as the junior high girls' basketball coach. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Stevens, to hire Georgia Parker as the high school assistant play director. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:24 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.