

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens
Members absent:	None
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Special Ed Coordinator/Dean of Students Casey Welscher Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Dr. Tori Lindeman

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda: 10.2 Triple I Conference in Chicago; 10.3 Special presentation

Motion by Prather, seconded by Cameron, to approve the consent agenda items (minutes, bills, payroll) as presented. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Casey Welscher updated the board on her activities. She has been organizing the math manipulatives; training new staff; attended a special education conference last week; worked on reimbursement reporting; interviewed candidates for paraprofessional positions.

Thank you cards were read from Vicki Mummert and Max Hopping.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve a school credit card for Dr. Tori Lindeman with a limit of \$20,000. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve discontinuing Don Willett access to Better Banks and Ipava State Bank school accounts on June 30, 2025. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to approve Dr. Tori Lindeman access to Better Banks and Ipava State Bank school accounts starting July 1, 2025. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Prather, to approve the following Press Policies: 2:260; 2:265; 4:15; 4:80; 5:10; 5:20; 5:60; 5:60-E1; 5:60-E2; 5:100; 6:150; 6:235 (recommend not to update); 7:10; 7:20; 7:60; 7:70; 7:180; 7:185; 7:190; 7:200; 7:210; 7:250; 7:270; 7:310; 7:315; 7:340; 7:255. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Easley, to approve the Annual Serious Safety Hazard Resolution. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed

Motion by Prather, seconded by Skiles, to approve milk prices from Kimbro Dairy. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Musson, to approve Dr. Lindeman and up to three board members to attend the Triple I Conference in Chicago on November 20-23. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- We are getting ready for the next school year.
- There will be two sections of fourth and fifth grades.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At 11 months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 91.63%. As of May 30, our Ed Fund is 86.01%; Building Fund is 87.22%; and Transportation Fund is 75.62%. Our overall budget is at 86.59%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$60,000.
- At our Central Illinois Educator health insurance meeting today, it was decided to go out for bids on our health insurance policy for the next year. Currently, we have Blue Cross Blue Shield. Their offer to renew was too high, so it will be opened to Aetna, United Health Care, Signa, and BCBS to see what company can provide a competitive policy that will work for our insurance consortium. We can expect a rather stout increase in our premiums starting in October.
- I would like to thank the Astoria School Board for the opportunity to be a part of this school district for the last 12 years. It has been my professional privilege to serve as your superintendent and high school principal. It truly has been a privilege. I would also like to thank the entire Astoria school family, past and present, for their support and willingness to do what is best for our students. We all have a very important job working with our kids to assist them in becoming productive, self-sustaining, well-adjusted and contributing people in our society. As we know, they are our future. The Astoria community has been such a blessing to work with over the years. They understand the importance of their school in this community. I appreciate all the support and assistance I have received over the years. I would like to thank Mr. Crouse for all he has done to make my job easier. He has been a sounding board, idea guy, a change agent, and too many more things to list. What I have always respected about him is that he has always made our students the focus of his/our decision making. Enjoy your last year, as it will go by so quickly. Finally, I would like to thank my family for their love and support over all the years. Without them, my dreams would not have come true. I look forward to being able to spend more time with them in the very near future.
- The next board meeting is Wednesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m.

An update was given on the ag door project.

Discussion was held on the Triple I Conference in Chicago. This conference is an annual training and networking event for school boards, superintendents, and business officials. Board approved up to 3 board members and the superintendent to attend the conference this November in Chicago.

The board recognized and thanked Mr. Willett for his many years of service to the school district.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Prather, to go into closed session at 6:42 p.m. for the following purpose:

Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

All members voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Prather, to convene into closed session at 6:42 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Skiles, to adjourn the closed session at 7:02 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:02 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m.