

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board.

Wednesday, July 15th, 2026

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

Members present: Cameron, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens, Easley

Members absent: France

Administrators present: Interim Superintendent Vicki Phillips
Elementary Principal Casey Welscher

Staff members present: Andrew Crossman, OllieBea Crossman, Tessa Kollmann,
Ashley Davis

Community members present: None

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

Additions or deletions-

recommend hiring: Brooke VanGilder as Special Education Teacher grade 6-12
McKinley Kendrick as Paraprofessional

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Prather, to approve the consent agenda items (minutes of the previous meeting held in June, bills and payroll as presented. Easley, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens, and Cameron voted aye. Motion Passed

No audience to visitors.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- First reading of Pres Policy 122
- Resolution Establishing School District Website & Social Media Posting Parameters
- Authorize a new Activity Account for the FLEA- Future Leaders & Educators of Astoria

Interim Superintendent Report:

- Health Insurance Premiums will raise approximately 16.7% for this coming school year.
- Starting with the September paychecks, partial year employees can choose a 12-month pay period instead of being paid only during the school year.
- Starting with the 26/27 school year, Astoria staff will have the ability to utilize the Frontline System for requesting a substitute for on a school day as needed.
- PowerSchool has new features that are being added to the parent portion of the software.
- The after-practice bus was discussed. Mrs. Phillips is in contact with ISBE regarding the requirements of the person who drives the after-practice bus.
- A detailed Maintenance & Transportation report was shared with all in attendance.

Elementary Principal Report by Ms. Welsher

- A big thank you to the Maintenance Staff.
- Shared information about the District Improvement Plan
- Presented the revised student attendance policy.

No closed session was necessary.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather to approve the approve employment for the following: Luke Mathiew as 4th Grade Teacher, Brooke VanGilder as Part Time Special Ed Teacher/Paraprofessional, Brooke Watson as Paraprofessional, McKinley Kendric as Paraprofessional, Daisy Ratcliff as Paraprofessional, Bobbette Massaglia as Part-Time Librarian, and OllieBea Crossman as Co-Athletic Director.

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

Motion by Easley seconded by Cameron to Approve turning off public comments on social media posts.

Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley and Stevens voted aye.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Musson for acceptance of the milk bid from Kimbro Dairy. Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Easley, seconded by Skiles for approval of Superintendent and Principal contracts for 26-27 SY. Cameron, Easley, Musson, Prather and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Stevens to approve Student Handbook. Easley, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens, and Cameron voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron for approving 4.25% raise for all not covered under teacher contract plus a differential (one time only) to raise cooks and paraprofessionals to \$17.64/hr. Cameron, Easley, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Easley, seconded by Prather to approve Employee Handbook. Easley, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens, and Cameron voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Skiles to approve ISBE Consolidated Grant Application. Easley, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens, and Cameron voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Easley to accept the resignation of Devin Boehme as 4th Grade Teacher. Madison Gale as Special Education teacher. Easley, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens, and Cameron voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather to approve fiscal year 2027 Board Meeting Dates. Easley, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens, and Cameron voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Musson to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m. France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 15th, at 7 p.m.