ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board.

Wednesday, April 15th, 2026

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

Members present:	Cameron, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens
Members absent:	Easley
Administrators present:	Interim Supt/HS Principal Vicki Phillips JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Assistant Principal Casey Welscher Secretary Ashley Davis
Community members present:	Monica Stutsman, Candice Burton, Robert Burton, Blaize Burton, Clinton Belville, Staci McCombs, Tessa Egleton, Kelsey Dean, Mandy Friedrich, Courtney Wherley, Colbi Osborne, Janee Seitz, Michele Koopman

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

No additions or deletions

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

Blaize Burton, son of, Robert Burton was recognized as the High School Student of the Month. Blaize talked about the activities he is involved in at AHS and his future plans.

No audience to visitors.

Old Business:
April 25th- Baseball dedication ceremony and Prom
Plumbing concerns and work per Laverdiere bid provided.

New Business:
Allergy Action Plan

The Principal/Superintendent report from Vicki Phillips included:

- Solar Power- Next steps will be and on-site review by Eagle Point Solar
- Pertussis Notification
- Summer work list is being complied

- Concerns about a bus driver for the practice bus for next year (26-27)
- Currently utilizing services from the Regional Office of Education for teacher coaching to improve classroom management and instruction of targeted teachers as determined by the teacher evaluation process
- Two new school buses have been ordered with expected delivery in August
- School Board Convention 2026- early bird registration discount
- High School award ceremony
- Local churches & Lions club have graciously taken over the Backpack program for our students.

The Principal report from Mr. Crouse included:

- IAR testing is completed for 3rd-5th grade
- PTO sponsored Staff appreciation week is May 4th- 8th.
- May 7th- Courageous Smiles Track Meet
- May 14th- 8th Grade Promotion
- May 18th- 2:00 dismissal
- May 19th- Last day of School

The Assistant Principal report from Mrs. Welscher included:

- I've attended a Pre-k for all conference.
- Been working with Kate Mallory with the ROE for the leap program.

The Motion by Cameron seconded by Musson, to go into closed session at 7:25 p.m. for the following purposes: Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed

Motion by Musson, seconded by Skiles, to adjourn the closed session at 9:34 p.m France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens and Cameron voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather to approve the approve employment for the following: Rhonda Briney as School Nurse, Phillip Scrogum as Grounds Maintenance, Katie Lowry as Elementary Education Teacher, Colbi Osborne as Elementary Secretary, Tessa Egleton as Dean of Students. Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, France and Musson voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Prather, to accept the resignation of Melinda DeWees as Paraprofessional and Heather Malott as Elementary Secretary. Prather, Skiles, Cameron, France, Musson, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens seconded by Cameron to approve Ginoli & Company Ltd for auditing services for FY 26 & 27. Skiles, Cameron, France, Musson, Prather and Stevens voted aye.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Skiles to approve the bid for plumbing work by Lavidere as provided. Musson, Prather, Skiles, Cameron, France, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Musson to approve the provided Allergy Action Plan for use immediately. Prather, Skiles, Cameron, France, Musson and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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Motion by Cameron, seconded by Skiles to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m. France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens, and Cameron voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, May 20th, at 7 p.m.