

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board

Public Hearing: 6:50 pm held at Astoria School Library
Review the Waiver Request for Section 2-3.4g of the School Code 105ILCS

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:50 pm by Board President Tim Stevens. Board Members Present: Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, Stevens. Member Absent: Prather. Others in attendance: Vicki Phillips, Interim Superintendent; Ashley Davis, Bookkeeper; Casey Welscher, Elementary Principal; Monica Stutsman, Jr/Sr High School Principal; Tessa Kollmann, Dean of Students; Staci McCombs, Teacher; Luke Mathieu, Teacher; Adeline Ogden, Teacher.

Review of the requested waiver of Section 2-3.5 of the School Code 105ILCS was presented and explained the need for this waiver is based on the overage of administrative costs from the 2024-2025 school year to 2025-2026 school year of 5% as required by statute. This is a common occurrence when school district administrators are in the process of retirement and are provided a 6% salary increase in their final year(s) of employment which then causes overall expenses to go beyond the 5% cap.

No public comment or questions were asked or offered.

Public Hearing closed at 6:59 pm by motion from Cameron and second from Musson, passed unanimously.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the district library by Board President, Tim Stevens

Members present:	Cameron, France, Musson, Skiles, Stevens, Easley
Members absent:	Prather
Administrators present:	Interim Supt/HS Principal Vicki Phillips Principal Casey Welscher Principal Monica Stutsman Dean of Students Tessa Kollmann
Staff present:	Bookkeeper Ashley Davis

Teacher Staci McCombs
Teacher Luke Mathieu
Teacher Adeline Ogde

Community members present: none

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 July, bills and payroll as presented. France, Musson, Skiles, Cameron, Stevens and Easley voted aye. Prather absent. Motion Passed

No audience to visitors.

Old Business:

Second Reading of Press Plus Issue 122

New Business:

Review of the Tentative FY27 Budget was not available for review.

Interim Superintendent Report given by Mrs. Phillips highlighted new requirements for Bus Driver permits and changes to the food service program at the school for the 26-27 school year. She noted her appreciation for every staff members' hard work and positive attitude as we started a new school year with many changes.

Principal Monica Stutsman and Principal Casey Welscher also gave Principal reports regarding the number of students enrolled to start the school year and thanked everyone for their hard work getting the first day off the ground with success!

The Motion by Skiles seconded by Musson, to go into closed session at 7:38 p.m. for the following purposes: Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. France, Musson, Skiles, Cameron, Easley and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Musson, to adjourn the closed session at 8:10 p.m. Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, Stevens, and Cameron voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Skiles to approve the resignations of LeAnn Vincent, paraprofessional, Megan Trone, paraprofessional, Michele Koopman, Jr. High Teacher and all coaching. Musson, Skiles, Cameron, Stevens, France, Easley voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Easley to approve the employment for the following: Dulcie Burrows As Computer Literacy Teacher, Megan Trone, Jessica Vice, LeAnne Vincent, Jocelyn Mosher all as paraprofessionals and Daisy Ratcliff & Hannah Lane (one position/shared) as After School Program Coordinators. Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, Cameron, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson seconded by Stevens to approve a Contract with Mike Simpson for 118 guaranteed days of substitute teaching during the 2026027 school year. Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, Stevens and Cameron voted aye.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Skiles to authorize an Activity Account for the FLEA Club . Musson, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Easley, seconded by Stevens for approval of the After School Program for employee's children only at no cost to the employee until one hour after school dismissal for the 26-27 school year. Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Cameron to approve switching Technology School District Credit Card from Bobette Massaglia to Courtney Wherley, Director of Technology. Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Skiles to approve updated student handbook. Musson, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, France and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed,

Motion by Stevens, seconded by France to approve Press Policy #122. France, Musson, Skiles, Cameron, Easley, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by France to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. Stevens, Easley, Cameron, Musson, France, Skiles voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 19 at 7 p.m.