

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA

DATE: March 18, 2026  
District Library  
7 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL  
The meeting is called to order at 7 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
  - Approve the minutes of the previous meetings held in February.
  - Approve bills and payroll as presented.
5. High School Student of the Month: Becca Browning.  
Sister Kylie Matthews and Leif Miller
- 5.1 Steam Club Presenters:  
Benjamin Belmonte, Hudson Malott, Tripp Albers, Rozlynn Lund, Greenlee Workman, Braxlynn Workman, Kotori Nosaka
- 5.2 Astoria E-Sports Rocket League team is the IHSEA 1A State Champion. They played on March 17, in DuPage at Midwest Battle Grounds. Congratulations to Cooper Davis, Jasper Lyttaker, Kohlston Clark, Curtis Taylor, Landen Bradfield.
- 5.3 Astoria E-Sports Valorant Team are the Small School IHSEA (1A/2A) Champs! Congratulations to Nolan, Jasper, Cooper, Kohlston, Landen and Curtis.
6. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS
7. OLD BUSINESS
8. NEW BUSINESS
  - 8.1 Assignment of Board Member Committees
9. SUPERINTENDENT/ HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT
  - 8.1 Discussion of Bus Bids
  - 8.2 Summer Maintenance/Work Plans/Health Life Safety Work
  - 8.3 Live Google Calendar on the website
  - 8.4 Discussion of Auditing Bids
  - 8.5 Discussion of grounds maintenance (mowing, weedeating, etc)
  - 8.6 Discussion of the District Office Transformation Project Grant

8.7 Request for a School Nurse by a parent

10. ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

11. ASSISTANT ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

12. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of the following:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.
- Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules.
- Selection of a person to fill a public officer or the discipline, performance or removal of an occupant of a public office when the public body is given power to remove the occupant.
- Evidence or testimony before a quasi-adjudicative body.
- Purchase or lease of real property.
- Setting of price for sale or lease of property.
- Sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts.
- Security procedures, school building safety and security, emergency security, procedures if actual danger exists to the safety of employees, students, staff or public property.
- Student disciplinary cases.
- Special education placement and other matters relating to individual students.
- Pending, Probable or imminent litigation.
- Establishment of reserves, settlement of claims, and communication with insurer.
- Self-evaluation, practices and procedures of professional ethics when meeting with a statewide association.
- Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21).
- Discussion of closed meeting minutes.

13. ACTION ITEMS:

- 13.1 Recommend approval of hiring Vicki Phillips as FY 27 Superintendent of Astoria CUSD #1 for 120 days as allowed by TRS rules.
- 13.2 Recommend approval of hiring Adeline Ogden as FY 27 Kindergarten teacher.
- 13.3 Recommend approval of hiring Courtney Wherley as FY 27 Director of Technology
- 13.4 Recommend approval of hiring Josh Kendrick as part time custodian.
- 13.5 Recommend approving employment in 2026-2027 second year non-tenured licensed staff as listed: Devin Boehme
- 13.6 Recommend approving employment in 2026-2027 third year non-tenured licensed staff as listed: Brianna Havens and Ty Otto
- 13.7 Recommend approving employment and tenure in 2026-2027 fourth year licensed staff as listed: Braden Wherley, Michele Koopman , and Eric Hannaman
- 13.8 Recommend approving employment in 2026-2027 of Wes Carithers, Ag Teacher & FFA Advisor, and Stephanie Carithers, Academic Advisor & Student Health Coordinator
- 13.9 Recommend approving employment of administrative team for 2026-2027 school year.
- 13.10 Recommend accepting letter of resignation of Carri Bridges.
- 13.11 Recommend accepting letter of retirement from Lisa Heaton.
- 13.12 Recommend accepting letter of retirement from Dave Crouse, Principal.
- 13.13 Recommendation of approval of the purchase of buses
- 13.14 Recommendation of approval for contracting auditor services
- 13.15 Recommend the approval of the After Prom Committee to use buses for the After Prom transportation.
- 13.16 Recommendation of approval of 8th Grade Promotion for May 14, 2026
- 14.0 OTHER ITEMS

## 15.0 ADJOURNMENT