

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

The Public Hearing on our E-Learning Plan was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens
Members absent:	Cameron
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Phillip Scrogum

Superintendent Willett presented our E-learning Plan for a three-year waiver.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Skiles, to adjourn the hearing. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens
Members absent:	Cameron
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Don Willett JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Phillip Scrogum

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Correction to the agenda: 11.5 Recommend a 4.25% raise for all support staff for the 2025-26 school year.

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

Aiden Parks, son of Wes and Mandy Stambaugh, is the May High School Student of the Month. He was not able to attend.

A letter of thanks from Pete Egleton was read to the board.

A letter from Gracie Welch, junior class president, was read to the board. The letter concerned a proposal to have designated senior parking spaces.

Motion by Prather, seconded by France, to approve the Consolidated District Plan for the 2025-26 school year. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Easley, seconded by Musson, to approve renewal with Unland Companies for building, vehicle, and liability insurance for the 2025-26 school year. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Skiles, to approve an increase to breakfast price by 10 cents to \$1.40 and lunch prices by 10 cents for the 2025-26 school year. K-5 = \$2.85; 6-12 = \$3.10; Adults = \$3.30. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The first reading of the following Press Policies was held: 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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to update CD 7820 at a 3.75% rate until 11/27/2027 with Ipava State Bank. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed

Motion by Prather, seconded by France, to approve the E-Learning Plan for the 2025-26 through 2027-28 school years for Astoria schools. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- The eighth-grade boys won the Track State Title for the second consecutive year. A great accomplishment for the junior high track team.
- We wrapped up the school year and are getting ready for next year.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Mr. Willett included:

- Budget update: As a guideline, each month is worth 8.33% of the total budget. At 10 months into our fiscal year, our guideline is 83.33%. As of April 30, our Ed Fund is 77.39%; Building Fund is 81.26%; and Transportation Fund is 67.46%. Our overall budget is at 79.25%. As a reference, 1% of our total budget is nearly \$60,000.
- Our landscape design class has completed the project at the entry of the high school under Mr. Carithers' guidance. It has been a nice addition and will add some nice greenery and color to the front of the high school.
- Congratulations to our junior high boys' track team on winning the Eighth Grade 2A state track meet this year. The South Fulton COOP has earned back-to-back state championships. Congratulations to the athletes and Coach Gorsuch, Coach Crouse, and Coach Foglesong.
- Our baseball season has wrapped up. The softball team won their first regional game and play tonight at Glasford against the Tigers. We are also looking at some exciting possibilities for our high school boys' and girls' track teams. Their sectional is Thursday, and the State meet is next week. Good luck to all our athletes!
- Our bass fishing team made it out of the regional and fish tomorrow in the sectional at Lake Springfield. We are hoping they qualify for the state fishing tournament that will be held at Lake Shelbyville on June 6. Good luck to our fishermen!
- The COOP board meeting will be held at the VIT school library on Wednesday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m.
- The next board meeting is Wednesday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion was held on having senior parking spaces.

The board and baseball coaches and team would like to thank Onken Incorporated for donating the large metal “S” and “F” for the baseball dugout.

An update was given on the ag classroom door project.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to go into closed session at 7:31 p.m. for the following purpose:

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

All members voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to convene into closed session at 7:32 p.m. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Easley, to adjourn the closed session at 7:44 p.m. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to accept the resignation from Jared Trone from his maintenance director position, effective June 30, 2025. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Easley, to hire Phillip Scrogum as maintenance director. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by France, seconded by Skiles, to hire Devin Boehme as a fourth-grade teacher for the 2025-26 school year. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Prather, to hire Lisa Heaton as a fifth-grade teacher for the 2025-26 school year. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Easley, to approve a 4.25% raise for all support staff for the 2025-26 school year. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m. Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m.