

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board.

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

The Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the District Library.

Members present:	Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, Stevens
Members absent:	None
Administrators present:	Supt/HS Principal Dr. Tori Lindeman JH/Elementary Principal Dave Crouse Assistant Principal Casey Welscher Secretary Tammie McCormick
Community members present:	Courtney Wherley, Tessa Eggleton, Mandy Friedrich

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Skiles, to approve the consent agenda items (minutes of the previous meetings held in July, bills and payroll as presented, destruction of all audio recordings and minutes of closed session meetings prior to 08/20/2023-Board Policy 2:220). Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Casey Welscher updated the board on her activities. Students have been taking the MAP test this week. We have several new students. They are working on dividing the students into ninth hour interventions.

A thank you from St. Jude was read for the use of our facilities.

A retirement letter from Board Treasurer Kim Prather was read.

An update was given on the vape system.

Dr. Lindeman discussed the purchase of a used bus.

A quote from Accu-Air for changing out the electrical service was discussed.

The board discussed using an electronic copy of the board packets instead of a paper copy.

The first reading of PRESS 119 was held. Five Year PRESS Policy Reviews: 1:10, 1:20, 1:20-AP, 1:30, 2:10, 2:120-E1, 2:120-E2, 2:125-E3, 2:130, 2:200-AP, 2:220-E4, 2:220-E7, 2:220-E9, 2:240, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 3:30, 3:30-E, 3:70-AP, 4:15-E1, 4:15-E2, 4:15-E3, 4:50, 4:55, 4:120-AP, 4:170-AP5, 4:180-AP2, 4:180-AP3, 5:125-E, 5:170-AP1, 5:170-AP2, 5:170-AP3, 5:170-E1, 5:190-E2, 5:190-E3, 5:240-AP, 6:120-AP4, 6:190-AP, 6:235-E5, 6:250-AP, 7:40, 7:90, 7:130, 7:140, 7:140-E, 7:240-AP2, E1, 7:300, 8:80, 8:95-E2, 8:110. PRESS Policy Updates: 2:80, 4:175-AP1, 4:180, 7:280-E2, 7:325, 8:30-AP

Dr. Lindeman presented the tentative budget to the board with discussion related to the expected funding deficits from both State and Federal sources.

The Grow-Your-Own Board of Education Award proposal was reviewed.

Discussion was held on which account the cheerleading participation fees should be deposited to..

The board decided to join the Astoria Chamber of Commerce.

The Principal Report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Pre-k through eighth grade has 11 new students. Five of those are kindergarten students.
- Pre-k has 36 students; kindergarten has 21; first has 12; second has 12; third has 18; fourth has 27; fifth has 25; sixth has 13; seventh has 11 and eighth has 21. The total for pre-k-fifth is 141; junior high total is 45.
- Elementary/junior high MAP testing started today.
- Vision and hearing screenings will be held on Monday, August 25, and Tuesday, August 26.
- Elementary pictures are on Wednesday, August 27, and junior high pictures are on Thursday, August 28.
- Cross country and junior high football are in full swing! Cross country's first meet is this Thursday in Lewistown.

The Principal/Superintendent Report from Dr. Lindeman included:

- The PTO Back to School Bash was a wonderful event and well attended. The weather held out until the end of the evening. The Pie in the Face contest winners were Austin Cameron, Lindy Schenk, and Barry Beck.
- Meet the Rebels will be held at VIT on August 22, beginning at 5:45 p.m. with high school volleyball and ending at 7:30 p.m. with a high school football scrimmage and introductions. Apparel will be available for purchase. Concessions will be open. There will be a bake sale silent auction.
- P.E.R.A. Committee met on August 11. Discussion related to future evaluations was discussed. We also accepted the change to remove student growth component from the teacher and administrative evaluations per the PA 104-0022, effective July 1, 2025.
- Lindy Schenk's grant update: The grant she wrote included a new sign for the front of the elementary building side of the school. The artist rendering has been provided. We anticipate it will be installed sometime this late fall.

- I was invited to attend the Astoria Lion's Club on August 10. I enjoyed the coffee and donuts with the Lions that were in attendance. I was asked to give a brief introduction of myself and background. It was a nice opportunity to meet more community members.
- August 13 and 14 were the first days back for our teachers and support staff. We conducted meetings and welcome back discussions. Staff completed annual training requirements and prepared their classrooms. We ate lunch as a staff. The meal was prepared by Hamm's Meat Market, and they generously donated a cobbler for the staff. Better Banks provided each staff member a beverage of choice from Maddie's on the 14th. We had Meet-the-Teacher night from 6-7:00 p.m. on the 13th. It was very well attended. We had a welcome display for student to get a photo, and the fire department was in attendance passing out pencils and greeting students. Freshman orientation followed from 7-8:00 p.m. A big thank you to Mrs. Carithers and Ms. Welscher for their hard work and efforts at orientation.
- Special thanks to Courtney Wherley who spent several additional hours of her recent days assisting me in preparation for this busy week. Her time, skills, and support are greatly appreciated.
- The first day of school was discussed. The year has is off to a great start.

There was no closed session.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to accept the resignation of Board Treasurer Kim Prather, effective September 30, 2025, with regrets. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Easley, seconded by Musson, to approve Derek Prather as a volunteer junior high football coach. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Prather voted present. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Skiles, to approve Chad Hammond as a volunteer junior high football coach. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Musson, to approve Merissa Riadi as an assistant coach for junior high cross country and high school cross country. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:37 p.m. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The annual school budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 p.m.