

ASTORIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the board.

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

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

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, Lindy Schenk, Staci McCombs, Emily Miller, Josh Miller, Jackson Miller, Pam Carlock, Chris Carlock, Madalyn Carlock, Kynley Mitchell, Emaleigh Abernathy, Kenleigh Batterton, Olivia Dawson, Taylor Schisler, Xander Thiner, Jaxson Batterton, Bryan Parker, Gracie Welch, Kiera Stambaugh, Jerzi Clark

Motion by Skiles, seconded by Cameron, to approve the consent agenda items (minutes of the previous meeting held in September, bills and payroll as presented, destruction of all audio recordings and minutes of closed session meetings prior to 1/31/2024-Board Policy 2:220) except for the treasurer's report. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Jackson Miller, son of Emily and Josh Miller, was recognized as the High School Student of the Month. Jackson talked about the activities he has been involved in and his future plans.

The NHS 2025 Induction Ceremony was held at 6:00 p.m. There were 11 new inductees. The members were introduced at the board meeting.

A presentation was given by East Coast Renewable Energy on the Illinois Shines State Program for Solar. Superintendent Lindeman will reach out to other schools who have signed up and get their opinions.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to approve the Revised Risk Management Plan as presented. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to approve the School Improvement Plan as presented. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) Protocol as presented. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to approve the Crisis Management. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by France, to approve the Revised Risk Management Plan as presented. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, second by France to approve updated PRESS Policy: Nondiscrimination Coordinator/ Title IX: Dr. Tori Lindeman and Complaint Managers: Dr. Tori Lindeman and Mr. Dave Crouse throughout all press policies: 7:180; 7:20., 5:20, 5:10, 2:265, 2:260, and 7:255 Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, second by Prather to approve 2025 Resolutions Committee: Approve Stevens as delegate and France as alternate at convention. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Old Business:

A review of Board Policy 8:25 was completed. The cost of the space for the gym signs would be \$1500 to any business interested in advertising behind the score table. It would be first come first rent. Other locations in the gym will be reviewed for rental space as well.

Musson proposed a renaming of the high school gym: a committee will be formed of Musson, Easley and Cameron.

The Principal report from Mr. Crouse included:

- Cross country – went to state. One student placed. Kailyn Chenoweth
- Junior High attended the Career SPARKS on a field trip to provide a broad range of career focused information.
- House Sorting occurred on October 9th. It was a wonderful event and will now include HS students.
- The “Blurb” has been provided with each of the elementary and Jr. High teachers sharing the news of their classroom.

The Principal/Superintendent report from Dr. Lindeman included:

- Completed the purchase of the new sign for the HS to match the one completed for the Elementary and Junior HS. The cost is approximately \$3,000.
- Attended the tax levy workshop, we may hold a Truth in Taxation hearing in November as we are estimating going over the 5%.
- Was nominated for the Horace Mann League Membership by IASA Executive Director, Dr. Brent Clark. Was accepted and will joining the organization and begin to participate in meeting etc in December.

- Repairs to the 3-Phase electrical are about ½ complete. Next week the Ameren crew will work overnight to shut off the power to the entire building and work for 2-3 hours. They will then restore power and not interrupt the school day. Justen Woods with Accu-air has been very responsive and helpful through the process.
- SDS system updates have been moving along well. We have the first wave of staff doing their timecards electronically. By the end of next pay period, we will have all other non-certified personnel on this system.
- October 24th, 2025, is Principal Day. Congratulations to Mr. Crouse in his final year in this role.
- Mr. Crouse and I worked with the ROE to secure a RSAC Scholarship to have 4 staff members attend the conference in December. The funds cover hotel, admission, mileage and cost of substitutes. It was for \$1500.

Motion by Easley, seconded by Skiles, to go into closed session at 8:09 p.m. for the following purposes:

- Appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees
- Sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contract

Cameron, Prather, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Cameron, seconded by Prather, to adjourn the closed session at 9:32 p.m. Cameron, Easley, Prather, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Motion by Musson, seconded by Easley, to accept the resignation of Phillip Scrogum as Director of Maintenance and bus driver. Cameron, Easley, France, Prather, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by Prather, to hire Ketra Branson as Board Treasurer. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Prather, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Skiles, to hire Will Belville as a student worker for the study program. Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Stevens, seconded by France to approve non-renewal of the auditing firm of Ginoli & Company Ltd for FY26 and beyond. Prather, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, second by Cameron to approve posting an RFP (request for proposal) for auditing firms for FY26. Prather, Cameron, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Prather, seconded by Easley, to hire Olliebea Crossman as HS Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach. Cameron, Prather, Easley, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

Motion by Musson, seconded by Cameron, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:37 p.m. Cameron, Easley, Prather, France, Musson, Skiles, and Stevens voted aye. Motion passed.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.